



Freestyle Sports Committee Meeting Minutes

May 10-12, 2012
Park City Marriott
1895 Sidwinder Drive, Park City, UT

Committee Membership:

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| Chairman | Chris "Seedog" Seemann – Present |
| B.O.D. Representative | Glenn Eddy – Present |
| Past Chair | Andy Wise – Present |
| Mogul Subcommittee Chair | Chris Marchetti – Present |
| Aerial Subcommittee Chair | Tim Preston – Present |
| Skicross Subcommittee Chair | Mike Jaquet – Proxy Abbi Nyberg |
| Rules & Officials Subcommittee Chair | Andy Hayes – Present |
| Halfpipe / Slopestyle Subcommittee Chair | Tom Yaps – Present |
| FIS Representative | Jay Simson – Present |
| Divisional Representative- Rocky | Craig Mathews – Present |
| Divisional Representative- Northern | Mike Papke – Present |
| Freestyle Program Director | Todd Schirman – Present |
| Freeskiing Program Director | Jeremy Forster – Present Saturday |
| At – Large | Konrad Rotermund – Present |
| At – Large | Jeff Lange – Present |
| Athlete Representative | Jen Hudak – Proxy David Wise |
| Athlete Representative | Justin Peterson – Present Saturday |
| Athlete Representative | Ethan Fortney - Absent |
| Athlete B.O.D. Representative | Landon Gardner – Present |

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012

1. Welcome (Call to order at 2:10 pm) Seedog
2. Agenda Review and Approval Seedog
Motion 1: Simson moved, Rotermund 2nd; approved by acclimation
3. Approval of the May 2011 Minutes Seedog
<http://ussa.org/ussa/freestylefreeskiing-sport-committee-meeting-minutes>
Motion 2: Rotermund moved, Wise 2nd; approved by acclimation
4. Review of sub-committee members Seedog
5. Executive Committee Report Seedog
Reviewed agenda and made sure each proposal was in the correct subcommittee.
6. Staff Reports - Addendum A Schirman, Pearson, Nyberg
7. USSA updates / membership / education - Addendum B Barnes

8. Elections Seedog

Motion 3: Chair Nominees: Chris 'Seedog' Seemann

Passed by acclamation

Motion 4: At-Large Nominees: Jeff Lange

Passed by acclamation

9. FIS Report Simson

Procedurally there are a few things on quotas, room/board costs, tie break cleaning up etc- all in the short summary that you probably saw but I will forward it after this email.

Rules: The two biggest issues were going to 5 overall judges in aerials and adopting new language on carving. There are some clean ups there as well but nothing from either of the working groups has been sent out yet.

Scott Lounsbury was confirmed for Worlds as the USA judge. FIS will be posting meeting updates on www.fissski.com

10. Adjournment Thursday at 3:40 p.m. Seedog

Continued to 8:00 am Saturday May 12, 2012

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

11. Reconvene from Thursday May 10, 2012 Seedog

Call to order at 8:13 am

12. USSA Board of Directors' Report Eddy

Since last year's FFSC meeting the USSA Board of Directors had met twice. Once last May and again in October. During May meeting, the majority of time was spent on the reports of the athletic department, marketing and financial. Of particular interest in the marketing report was the impact of the new Freeskiing brand and the new sponsors such as NorthFace that were now on board. The financial reports for USSA are available for review on the USSA website.

The only freestyle motion was to approve the new discipline-based structure of the FFSC. That motion was approved unanimously.

The October meeting consisted primarily of updates on the finances of USSA, some housekeeping items and the approval of the new dues structure for 2012-13 year.

13. Sub-committee Reports / Proposal review

All motions brought to the table were motions that were passed in each subcommittee.

Motions have been re-numbered from the agenda to the minutes.

Motions failed in subcommittee (see Addendum C).

Executive Committee Minutes/Proposals – Seedog

Reviewed full agenda and moved proposal below to Executive. Reviewed members of each individual subcommittee and which positions were up for election on the FFSC.

David Wise moved, Yaps 2nd

| Proposal Number: | Executive 1 (formerly Aerials 16, Moguls 3, Freeskiing 8) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Description: | Jr. Nationals Criteria order page 61-62 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Discussion/Reason: | All event skiers are named from the initial posting, that criteria should be represented as # 3 with the rest to follow. |
| Pass/ Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

Aerial Committee Minutes/Proposals – Preston

Seedog proposed to vote all proposals as one consent agenda. Andy Wise moved, Rotermund 2nd. All proposals passed unanimously.

Aerials 1 Minutes/Discussion:

Ed Albert Commented on defining what the Young Guns Program is. The proposal was amended to read the young guns program is a stepping stone to the development program. There was discussion pertaining to the administration and costs to the proposal. Nick Preston expressed concern about running a free camp. Todd Schirman clarified that the moguls Young Guns program pays for their camp. A recommendation was made to include the J2's. The proposal was amended to reflect the overall concept, and remove the language pertinent to the administrative aspects to the program, and the criteria.

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 1 |
| Description: | AERIAL YOUNG GUNS PROGRAM |
| Current Rule: | N/A |
| Proposed Change: | <p>The Aerial Young Guns Program is the stepping stone to the Aerial Development program.</p> <p>The purpose of the Young Guns Aerial Program is to expose young freestyle skiing athletes to aerial skiing in its traditional form. Young Guns athletes will be given instruction on acrobatic basics.</p> <p>Young Guns Criteria and administrative aspects will be actioned by the committee at a later time.</p> <p>The young guns program will be selected objectively from the Junior National Championships starting in 2013.</p> |
| Discussion/Reason: | <p>Recommendation to include J2, J3, J4.</p> <p>The Top three placed male and female athletes from the J4 and J3 age groups, from the Junior Nationals aerial competition will be named to the Aerials Young Guns team.</p> <p>Each year the Young Guns team will be renewed under the same criteria.</p> <p>If an athlete does not accept their spot it will go to the next athlete on the junior nationals result list consistent with the criteria.</p> <p>The Young Guns will be invited to a 3-5 day training camp in the offseason.</p> <p>The camp will include complimentary coaching and facility use. The camp will be coached by a US Ski Team coach, as well as an Aerial Level 3 or above certified club coach.</p> <p>The Young Guns Program is the stepping stone to the development program.</p> <p>The purpose of the Young Guns Aerial Program is to expose young athletes to aerial skiing in its traditional form. Young Guns athletes will be given instruction on acrobatic basics.</p> |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | The camp will teach athletes sound acrobatic fundamentals, which can be applied o all disciplines of freestyle skiing. |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | <p>Young Guns camps may be hosted at various facilities, including those outside of UOP/Lake Placid. Waterville Valley has volunteered to host the inaugural camp.</p> <p>The coaches of the athletes will also be invited, creating a coaches education component to the Young Guns program.</p> |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

Aerials 2 Minutes/Discussion:

Motion tabled in subcommittee. Chris Haslock pointed out that the proposed changes could greatly favor upright rotational maneuvers. The committee agreed that we should revisit the proposal. Wes Preston suggested we limit the rotation size in section 2 rewrite, to 540 degrees or less. This will be voted on and submitted to the FFSC in June. See Addendum E

Aerials 3 Minutes/Discussion:

The committee agreed that a neutral jump is a crucial skill to master at the youngest ages of competitors, and that adding in a neutral description to the comp guide will encourage the utilization of the skill in competition. Tim Preston commented on the importance of coaches encouraging young kids to compete this skill in their first contests, and that judges must be proficient at scoring it accordingly.

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 3 |
| Description: | Addition of a Neutral upright description in section 6005/6006.1.1. Jump code "N". |
| Current Rule: | There is no Neutral jump indicated in the Comp Guide, yet it is in the scoring system. |
| Proposed Change: | <p>Insert the Neutral description in section 6005.1, and jump code with dd in section 6006.1</p> <p>Jump description - A Neutral is a straight pop (Often referred to as a "T Set") jump. No trick is performed. A well executed Neutral will include the following characteristics: The athlete pops off of the jump creating increased height of trajectory, the athletes body is fully extended and straight, skis are matched at a 90 degree angle to the body, the athlete is well balanced and controlled in the air, the arms are extended out to the side of the body, facing slightly down the hill in a slight V position.</p> <p>A neutral may not be combined with any other tricks. It must stand alone as a single maneuver.</p> |
| Discussion/Reason: | <p>A neutral is the most important skill for an athlete to learn. Athletes should get credit for performing a well executed pop. Not only should this be displayed in the rule book, but coaches should encourage young athletes that are new to the sport to perform this skill in competitions. This is especially important in Junior Competitions, where athletes are currently receiving no credit for a "neutral jump". An increase in the proficiency of this skill at a young age will lead to greater success throughout the competitive career.</p> |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | A separate proposal will be submitted to the mogul committee. |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | No Impact |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | No Impact |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | Judges must be educated on scoring a Neutral correctly. They must utilize jump code "N" when necessary. |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | No Impact |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

Aerials 4 Minutes/Discussion:

Dick Stone commented on the original discussion that went into creating the neutral degree of difficulty (DD) in the scoring system. They did not want athletes accumulating points for multiple neutrals in one jump, or combining a neutral with other tricks. We added in a clause to proposal 3, stating that a neutral must stand alone and amended 4 to how it reflects now.

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 4 |
| Description: | Increase the degree of difficulty for a Neutral in Aerial scoring. |
| Current Rule: | N = -.1 – (Not reflected in the rule book, just winfree) |
| Proposed Change: | N = .06 |
| Discussion/Reason: | The current degree of difficulty does not reflect the difficulty of a neutral, or its importance. A neutral should have a slightly lower degree of difficulty than a Zudnik, or Tuck. The current degree of difficulty takes the value of the maneuver below the base dd. Increasing the degree of difficulty for a Neutral jump will incentivize a proficient takeoff. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | A separate proposal will be submitted to the mogul committee to promote the importance of a neutral in moguls. |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | Judges must be educated on scoring a Neutral correctly. They must utilize jump code “N” when necessary. |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

Aerials 5 Minutes/Discussion:

Last year a rule was created to allow athletes to perform an aerial maneuver without indicating the name of the trick they will be performing. Tim Preston stated that this rule change has made the judging more difficult, and does not jibe with the current scoring system. Whether or not this rule achieved its intended purpose of reducing the time it takes to judge an aerial event is questionable. Matt Chojnacki stated that part of the essence of acrobatics is performing an intended skill.

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 5 |
| Description: | A competitor <u>must</u> announce their jump. |
| Current Rule: | Section 4008.2 – A competitor <u>should</u> announce their jump and perform two different aerial jumps. |
| Proposed Change: | Section 4008.2 A competitor <u>must</u> announce their jump and perform two different aerial jumps. |
| Discussion/Reason: | If a competitor does not call their jump, the accuracy of the judging is jeopardized. It also creates more discussion on the judges stand, and lengthens the time it takes to judge each jump. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | No Impact |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | No Impact |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | Judges must be versed on the rule change. It will lead to more accurate judging |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

Aerials 6 Minutes/Discussion:

Chris Haslock and Nick Preston noted that this rule was voted in last year and should be housekeeping.

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 6 - Housekeeping |
| Description: | The Judges will score the trick they see, regardless of flight plan execution. |
| Current Rule: | Section 6004.2.1.1 - If the number of planned maneuvers is not fulfilled (somersaults, twists, 360's, upright positions) resulting in too many, or not enough maneuvers, the competitor receives no score (DNF). |
| Proposed Change: | Section 6004.2.1.1 - If the number of planned maneuvers is not fulfilled (somersaults, twists, 360's, upright positions) resulting in too many, or not enough maneuvers, the judges will provide a score and jump code for the maneuver they witnessed. They will receive a DNF if the unplanned maneuver is a repeat of their second maneuver. |
| Discussion/Reason: | A DNF is too harsh a consequence for performing an unplanned maneuver at the regional level. Regional and development level athletes should be rewarded for whichever trick they perform. It is in the best interest of the athlete to execute a planned maneuver, for judging accuracy purposes, but an unplanned maneuver should still be scored |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | No Impact |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | No Impact |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | Judges must be versed on the rule change. It will lead to more accurate judging |
| Pass/Fail: | No Vote |

Aerials 7 Minutes/Discussion:

Wes Preston noted that a tuck and pike are widely used in acrobatics as basic skills. This should be reflected in our aerial comp guide section. Sharlee Holland agreed that it is important to have this reflected in the rule book.

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 7 |
| Description: | This proposal is to add a Tuck as a legitimate upright maneuver in aerial competition. Added to the DD chart under "Uprights". |
| Current Rule: | 6006.1.1 A Tuck is not recognized as an upright maneuver. |
| Proposed Change: | 6006.1.1 The proposal is to allow a Tuck as an upright maneuver in aerial competitions. The jump code for an upright Tuck would be (Tk). The DD would be 0.08. |
| Discussion/Reason: | 1. A Tuck is a position performed in invert maneuvers. We should allow the position to be competed as an upright maneuver. 2. A Tuck offers another option for beginner athletes needing to compete basic tricks. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | This proposal has no impact on other events. |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | Events would be safer, in theory, because athletes could work on basics for longer while still being scored well in competition. |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | The scoring program and the rulebook would have to be updated to include the (Tk) jump code with a 0.08 difficulty. |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | Judges would have to know another jump code. |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | Both (T) and (K) are already taken for jump codes. A Tuck's jump code would be different because of the upper case "T" followed by a lower case "k" (Tk). |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

Aerials 8 Minutes/Discussion:

The discussion was similar to the Aerials Discussion. Dick Stone and Ed Albert commented on making sure the coding does not have unintended consequences.

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 8 |
| Description: | 6006.1.1 - This proposal is to eliminate a Zudnik (Z) and replace it with a Pike (Pk). |
| Current Rule: | 6006.1.1 - There is currently no upright trick called a Pike. A Zudnik (Z) 0.07 DD is essentially a Pike. |
| Proposed Change: | The proposal is to change the name of a Zudnik (Z) to a Pike. The jump code for a Pike would be (Pk). The DD would be 0.08. |
| Discussion/Reason: | <p>1. Nobody really does Zudniks anymore. Many freestyle skiers don't even know what a Zudnik is. A Pike is the common term used for this trick in most acrobatic sports. Changing a Zudnik to a Pike may encourage athletes and coaches use the trick as a progression.</p> <p>2. A Pike is a position performed in inverts. We should allow the position to be competed as an upright maneuver.</p> |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | This proposal has no impact on other events. |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | Events would be safer, in theory, because athletes could work on basics for longer while still being scored well in competition. |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | The scoring program would have to be updated to include the jump code (Pk) with a DD of 0.08. The description in the rulebook for a Zudnik can be used for a Pike. The trick name, jump code and DD need to be changed in the rule book. |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | Judges would have to know another jump code. |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | Both (P) and (K) are already taken for jump codes. A Pike's jump code would be different because of the upper case "P" followed by a lower case "k" (Pk). |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

Aerials 9 Minutes/Discussion:

Dick Stone and Ed Albert Commented on making sure the coding does not have unintended consequences. The committee agreed on the concept of the proposal.

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 9 |
| Description: | This proposal is to eliminate a Position (P) from inverts and separate it into Tuck (Tk), Pike (Pk). Tuck and Pike will carry the same inverted DD as Position (P) did. Any other maneuver from the non-rotational upright category can be added to an invert with the same DD as Tuck or Pike. Tuck and Pike will be considered different tricks. For example Lay-Tuck and Lay-Pike will be different tricks. |
| Current Rule: | A Position (P) is the name for a group of inverted tricks including Tuck, Pike, Puck and Free position. Position (P) carries a DD of -0.05 when performed in a backwards flipping invert. Position (P) carries a DD of -0.10 when performed in a front or side flipping invert. Any other maneuver from the non-rotational upright category can be added to an invert adding its normal upright DD. |
| Proposed Change: | The proposal is to eliminate a Position (P) and separate it into Tuck (Tk) and Pike (Pk). Tuck, Pike or any other maneuver from the non-rotational upright category will carry a -0.05 DD when performed in a backwards flipping invert. Tuck, Pike or any other maneuver from the non-rotational upright category will carry a -0.10 DD when performed in a front or side flipping invert. |
| Discussion/Reason: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aerialists are sometimes required to perform more than two different tricks due to new competition formats. Differentiating a Tuck (Tk) and a Pike (Pk) offers more trick options within an athlete's skill level. 2. Jump codes for Tuck (Tk) and Pike (Pk) will make more sense on result lists. These jump codes will give a better recap of the event than a Position (P). 3. An Iron Cross performed in a back flip is easier than a Back Pike. A Back Flip Iron Cross should not receive more DD than a Back Pike 3. Puck and Free Position are not legitimate tricks. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | This proposal has no impact on other events. |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | Events would be safer, in theory, because athletes could work on basics for longer while still being scored well in competition. |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | The scoring program and the rulebook would have to be updated by replacing Position (P) with Tuck (Tk) and Pike (Pk). |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | Judges would have to know another jump code. |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | Both (T) and (K) are already taken for jump codes. A Tuck's jump code will be different because of the upper case "T" followed by a lower case "k" (Tk). A Pike's jump code would be different because of the upper case "P" followed by a lower case "k" (Pk). A lower case (p) following a twist code means that the twisting flip was performed with a Position (Pike, Tuck, Puck or Free). Positions are usually done in half twists. This is currently coded (Hp). This twist with Position (p) jump code can remain unchanged. |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

Aerials 10 Failed in Subcommittee

Wes Preston questioned the theory of having a cross and a grab combined to create a mute grab degree of difficulty. Chris Haslock and Nick Preston spoke against the motion saying that a mute grab should be the combination of two degrees of difficulty proposal failed in subcommittee.

Aerials 11 Minutes/Discussion:

No discussion

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 11 |
| Description: | The proposal is to change the description of a Mute Grab in the rulebook. |
| Current Rule: | Section 6005.2.1 The current description reads: Mute Grab – This jump is a 360 with Iron Cross with a hand grab of the ski or foot. The Iron Cross with grab should be held for at least 180° of rotation. |
| Proposed Change: | The new description shall read: Mute Grab - A Mute Grab is a when the skier's hand grabs across the front to the outside edge of the opposite ski. A Mute Grab is usually done with skis crossed as in an Iron Cross. The ski that is crossed over the top is grabbed in front of the binding's toe piece. The fingers reach over the top-sheet of the ski and hook the outside edge. |
| Discussion/Reason: | The current description of a Mute Grab is wrong in the rulebook. It is currently described as a 360. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | None. |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | None. |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | The rulebook will have to be updated with this new description. |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | None. |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | Only the Mute Grab description will be affected. |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

Aerials 12 Minutes/Discussion:

Motion was tabled in subcommittee, Wes Preston stated that there are many different kinds of grabs and that they should all have different codes. Kendal Johnson posed the question how many different codes will we have? The list could potentially go on forever, and this could potentially cause judges to have jump coding problems. **See Addendum E

Aerials 13 Minutes/Discussion:

Wes Preston stated that spinning two different directions should be acknowledged as two different tricks, as opposed to a potential repeat. Chris Haslock Suggested the proposal be amended to state that judges should indicate twist direction. The proposal was amended and the committee agreed on the value to indicating twist direction.

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 13 |
| Description: | The proposal is to recognize right and left-side spin/twist directions as different tricks in competition. A (r) for right would be used to begin the second jump code if the spin direction is different. |
| Current Rule: | 6006.2.2 - Spin/twist direction is not taken into consideration. |
| Proposed Change: | The proposal is to recognize right and left-side spin/twist directions as different tricks in competition. A (r) for right would be used to begin the second jump code if the spin direction is different. For example, a 2 nd jump with a different spin direction could be coded u3G for unnatural 360 with a grab . |
| Discussion/Reason: | To recognize unnatural spins will make aerial scoring more legitimate as a Big Air scoring system. This rule will earn aerial scoring more respect from the freeskiing community and possibly attract more competitors in to aerial competitions. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | This proposal will have no impact on other events. |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | This rule will appeal to freeskiers and may attract more participants to competitions. |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | The rulebook and the scoring system will have to be updated. Judging scorecards will have to be altered to include two check boxes marked L and R to keep track of spin direction. |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | Athletes will notify judges about spin directions on both competition jumps if either jump will be unnatural. Judges would have two check boxes marked L and R to keep track of spin direction. A (u) for Unnatural would be used to begin the second jump code if the spin direction is different. |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | None. |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

Aerials 14 Minutes/ Discussion:

Wes Preston stated that off axis DD should align with inverted DD, to consistently reflect the number of flips/twists someone is doing.

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 14 |
| Description: | The proposal is to increase the DD bonus for triple off-axis spins to 0.80. |
| Current Rule: | 6006.1.2 -The triple off-axis bonus is currently 0.60. A Triple Cork 1440 (the most difficult trick in freeskiing) has a DD of 3.22. A Lay-Tuck-Full has a DD of 3.50. |
| Proposed Change: | The proposal is to increase the triple off-axis bonus to 0.80. A Triple Cork 1440 will have a DD of 3.42. With a grab, Triple Cork 1080 will have a DD of 3.55. |
| Discussion/Reason: | Triple off-axis DD's are undervalued. This proposal will make them comparable to aerial tricks with the same number of rotations. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | This proposal will have no impact on other events. |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | This rule will appeal to freeskiers and may attract more participants to competitions. |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | The rulebook and the scoring system will have to be updated. |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | This proposal has no impact on judges or officials. |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | None. |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

Aerials 15 Minutes/Discussion:

Same discussion as Aerials 14, Seedog noted that athletes performing off axis tricks may have an advantage at events where there is no triple kicker. The aerial committee still agreed that the DD change creates a fair playing field.

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 15 |
| Description: | The proposal is to increase the DD bonus for double off-axis spins to 0.45. |
| Current Rule: | Section 6006.1.2 The double off-axis bonus is 0.40. A Double cork 1080 has a DD of 2.74. A Lay-Full has a DD of 2.90. |
| Proposed Change: | The proposal is to increase the double off-axis bonus to 0.45. A Double Cork 1080 will be 2.79. With a grab, Double Cork 1080 will have a DD of 2.92. |
| Discussion/Reason: | Double off-axis DD's are undervalued. This proposal will make them comparable to aerial tricks with the same number of rotations. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | This proposal will have no impact on other events. |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | This rule will appeal to freeskiers and may attract more participants to competitions. |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | The rulebook and the scoring system will have to be updated. |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | This proposal has no impact on judges or officials. |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | None. |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

Aerials 16 Minutes/Discussion:

Moved to the Executive Committee report

Aerials 17 Minutes/Discussion:

The rule does not affect the aerials criteria much.

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 17 |
| Description: | Page 65 |
| Current Rule: | <p>U.S. Freestyle Championships (p 65)</p> <p>The U.S. Freestyle Championships are the final event of the season. This competition combines the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and the top divisional skiers from around the country in moguls, aerials, halfpipe and dual moguls. Moguls and dual moguls are considered two separate disciplines; a bye to U.S. Freestyle Championships in moguls does not guarantee a bye in dual moguls or vice versa. The Divisions Cup will be awarded at U.S. Freestyle Championships and will include U.S. Team members. This event is a FIS event and will follow FIS age requirements.</p> <p>Quotas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All USFST A, B, and C Team 2. Any athlete currently ranked in the top 10 of either Women's or men's FIS World Cup halfpipe standings. 3. The FIS NorAm champion per gender per discipline in aerials, moguls, halfpipe and dual moguls on the FIS Freestyle NorAm final standings. 4. The highest ranked U.S. athlete per gender from the FIS Freestyle NorAm final standings in moguls, halfpipe and aerials. 5. Any U.S. athlete per gender who is ranked within the top five in the FIS Freestyle NorAm final standings in moguls, halfpipe, aerials and dual moguls. 6. The current year's Junior National champions per gender per discipline in moguls, halfpipe, aerials and dual moguls. 7. The top 37 athletes in moguls and dual moguls from the FFSP list #4 per gender per discipline in addition to the athletes listed in points 1-5 above. Divisions will also be allotted one spot per gender, per discipline in moguls and dual moguls to be used at the divisions' discretion. 8. The top 21 athletes in aerials from the FFSP list #4 per gender in addition to the athletes listed in points 1-5 above. Divisions will also be allotted one spot per gender in aerials to be used at the divisions' discretion. 9. The top 30 athletes in halfpipe from #4 FFSP list per gender in addition to the athletes list in points 1-5 above. Divisions will also be allotted one spot per gender in halfpipe to be used at the divisions' discretion. 10. If an athlete does not qualify via the previous criteria and competed at every NorAm event in that discipline, then they would qualify for a spot in that discipline at U.S. Championships. 11. In halfpipe in addition to the above criteria invitations will be given to the top twelve U.S. finishers per gender in halfpipe at the Winter X Games and/or the Aspen Open, as well as, any U.S. skier ranked in the top 5, per gender on the USSA Revolution Tour ranking list. 12. Five athletes per gender in moguls, aerials, halfpipe and dual moguls will be named as alternates to compete in the U.S. Freestyle Championships. These alternates are to be named off FFSP list #4. These alternates are to be named after the Junior Olympics and will represent the next five names on the FFSP list per gender, and per discipline. No more than five alternates will be entered into the event |

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| | <p>even if greater than five athletes decline their spots. Alternates must be placed into the event prior to the time of the draw for the event in which they are named as alternates. All alternates must be registered and paid prior to entry into the event.</p> <p>13. International quotas as outlined by USSA and FIS</p> |
| <p>Proposed Change:</p> | <p>U.S. Freestyle Championships (p 65)</p> <p>The U.S. Freestyle Championships are the final event of the season. This competition combines the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and the top divisional skiers from around the country in moguls, aerials, halfpipe and dual moguls. Moguls and dual moguls are considered two separate disciplines; a bye to U.S. Freestyle Championships in moguls does not guarantee a bye in dual moguls or vice versa. Athletes invited in moguls or dual moguls will be granted starts in both moguls and dual moguls. The Divisions Cup will be awarded at U.S. Freestyle Championships and will include U.S. Team members. This event is a FIS event and will follow FIS age requirements.</p> <p>Quotas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All USFST A, B, and C Team 2. Any athlete currently ranked in the top 10 of either Women's or men's FIS World Cup halfpipe standings. 3. The FIS NorAm champion per gender per discipline in aerials, moguls, halfpipe and dual moguls on the FIS Freestyle NorAm final standings. 4. The highest ranked U.S. athlete per gender from the FIS Freestyle NorAm final standings in moguls, halfpipe and aerials. 5. Any U.S. athlete per gender who is ranked within the top five in the FIS Freestyle NorAm final standings in moguls, halfpipe, aerials and dual moguls. 6. The current year's Junior National champions per gender per discipline in moguls, halfpipe, aerials and dual moguls. 7. The top 37 athletes in moguls and dual moguls from the FFSP list #4 per gender per discipline in addition to the athletes listed in points 1-5 above. Divisions will also be allotted one spot per gender, per discipline in moguls and dual moguls to be used at the divisions' discretion. 8. The top 21 athletes in aerials from the FFSP list #4 per gender in addition to the athletes listed in points 1-5 above. Divisions will also be allotted one spot per gender in aerials to be used at the divisions' discretion. 9. The top 30 athletes in halfpipe from #4 FFSP list per gender in addition to the athletes list in points 1-5 above. Divisions will also be allotted one spot per gender in halfpipe to be used at the divisions' discretion. 10. If an athlete does not qualify via the previous criteria and competed at every NorAm event in that discipline, then they would qualify for a spot in that discipline at U.S. Championships. 11. In halfpipe in addition to the above criteria invitations will be given to the top twelve U.S. finishers per gender in halfpipe at the Winter X Games and/or the Aspen Open, as well as, any U.S. skier ranked in the top 5, per gender on the USSA Revolution Tour ranking list. 12. Five athletes per gender in moguls, aerials, halfpipe and dual moguls will be named as alternates to compete in the U.S. Freestyle Championships. These alternates are to be named off FFSP list #4. These alternates are to be named after the Junior Olympics and will represent the next five names on the FFSP list per gender, and per |

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| Discussion/Reason: | <p>To simplify the invitation process for individual athletes and programs.</p> <p>Overall Ranked athletes on FFSP not including alternates: 2012- Men MO 55, Men DM 53, WO MO 48, WO DM 54 2011- Men MO 52, Men DM 51, WO MO 49, WO DM 49 2010- Men MO 50, Men DM 40, WO MO 52, WO DM 47</p> |
| Passed/Failed | Passed Unanimously |

FFSC Discussion Topic USFST Team Criteria –

The Committee was highly receptive to this idea. Nick Preston suggested that the aerialists are held to a criteria based on their score rather than their place points. Todd Schirman accepted to amend this to reflect a score-based criteria for aerials.

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| Team Criteria Change: | 2012-13 – Suggested Aerials is changed to - the top two scores out of three events |
| Description: | 3 events with 1 drop for U.S. World Cup starts. |
| Current Team Criteria: | 5. Top two athletes per gender in moguls and top one per gender in aerials chosen by adding place points from both 2011 U.S. Selection Events may be granted starts in 2011-12 U.S. World Cup competitions, up to the maximum quota allowed by the FIS. No World Cup starts will be earned based on U.S. Selection Events dual mogul results. |
| Proposed Change for discussion: | 5. Top two Athletes per gender in Moguls and top one Athlete per gender in aerials chosen by adding the top two place points out of three events . The three qualifying events : Nationals Single Moguls/ Aerials, Selections Single Moguls/Aerials #1, Selections Single Moguls/Aerials #2. These athletes may be granted 2012-13 World Cup Starts up the maximum quota allowed by FIS. |
| Discussion/Reason: | Added value to U.S. Nationals; creates incentive for athletes after success at U.S nationals for World Cup starts. |

Ski Cross Committee Minutes/Proposals – Nyberg

Old Business

- Discussion of current committee goals
 - Good Momentum in Far West, East and Rocky with a number of kids competing
 - Great season on the Hole Shot Tour with huge increase in numbers
 - Telluride World Cup to include SX
 - Continue to build relationships with USA SX and work together developing grassroots and elite level programs

Seedog proposed to vote all proposals as one consent agenda. Lange moved, Rotermund 2nd. All proposals passed unanimously.

New Business

Ski Cross 1 - Chairman/Co-Chairman Nominees: Brett Buckles/Zach Crist

Ski Cross 2 - Athlete Rep Nominees: Joe Swennson

Ski Cross 3 – Name a National Champion

Ski Cross 4 – Include Ski Cross as a discipline at Regional Alpine Events

Ski Cross 5 – Form a separate Ski Cross NorAm Committee

Moguls Committee Minutes/Proposals – Marchetti

Old Business

Reviewed committee agenda written in the fall 2011

Reviewed meeting minutes from the three season meetings thru 2011-12

Reviewed votes from all prior meetings, mainly discussing Coaches Education, Young Guns Criteria, Regional working groups

Motions:

Moguls 1 Failed in Subcommittee

Moguls 2 Minutes/Discussion:

Pearson explained wanting the criteria to mirror U.S. Selection Events and take out HP criteria. Concept is to simplify the criteria. Matthews moved, Eddy 2nd

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| Proposal Number: | Moguls 2 |
| Description: | Page 65 |
| Current Rule: | <p>U.S. Freestyle Championships (p 65)</p> <p>The U.S. Freestyle Championships are the final event of the season. This competition combines the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and the top divisional skiers from around the country in moguls, aerials, halfpipe and dual moguls. Moguls and dual moguls are considered two separate disciplines; a bye to U.S. Freestyle Championships in moguls does not guarantee a bye in dual moguls or vice versa. The Divisions Cup will be awarded at U.S. Freestyle Championships and will include U.S. Team members. This event is a FIS event and will follow FIS age requirements.</p> <p>Quotas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All USFST A, B, and C Team2. Any athlete currently ranked in the top 10 of either Women's or men's FIS World Cup halfpipe standings.3. The FIS NorAm champion per gender per discipline in aerials, moguls, halfpipe and dual moguls on the FIS Freestyle NorAm final standings.4. The highest ranked U.S. athlete per gender from the FIS Freestyle NorAm final standings in moguls, halfpipe and aerials.5. Any U.S. athlete per gender who is ranked within the top five in the FIS Freestyle NorAm final standings in moguls, halfpipe, aerials and dual moguls.6. The current year's Junior National champions per gender per discipline in moguls, halfpipe, aerials and dual moguls.7. The top 37 athletes in moguls and dual moguls from the FFSP list #4 per gender per discipline in addition to the athletes listed in points 1-5 above. Divisions will also be allotted one spot per gender, per discipline in moguls and dual moguls to be used at the divisions' discretion.8. The top 21 athletes in aerials from the FFSP list #4 per gender in addition to the athletes listed in points 1-5 above. Divisions will also be allotted one spot per gender in aerials to be used at the divisions' discretion.9. The top 30 athletes in halfpipe from #4 FFSP list per gender in addition to the athletes list in points 1-5 above. Divisions will also be allotted one spot per gender in halfpipe to be used at the divisions' discretion.10. If an athlete does not qualify via the previous criteria and competed at every NorAm event in that discipline, then they would qualify for a spot in that discipline at U.S. Championships.11. In halfpipe in addition to the above criteria invitations will be given to the top twelve U.S. finishers per gender in halfpipe at the Winter X Games and/or the Aspen Open, as well as, any U.S. skier ranked in the top 5, per gender on the USSA Revolution Tour ranking list.12. Five athletes per gender in moguls, aerials, halfpipe and dual moguls will be named as alternates to compete in the U.S. Freestyle |

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| | <p>Championships. These alternates are to be named off FFSP list #4. These alternates are to be named after the Junior Olympics and will represent the next five names on the FFSP list per gender, and per discipline. No more than five alternates will be entered into the event even if greater than five athletes decline their spots. Alternates must be placed into the event prior to the time of the draw for the event in which they are named as alternates. All alternates must be registered and paid prior to entry into the event.</p> <p>13. International quotas as outlined by USSA and FIS</p> |
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| Amendment: | <p>Added: Moguls and dual moguls are considered two separate disciplines; a bye to U.S. Freestyle Championships in moguls does not guarantee a bye in dual moguls or vice versa. Athletes invited in moguls or dual moguls will be granted starts in both moguls and dual moguls.</p> <p>Added: Divisions must notify USSA Freestyle office of their allocations <u>24 hours after</u> FFSP List # 4 becomes valid.</p> |
| Discussion/Reason: | <p>To simplify the invitation process for individual athletes and programs.</p> <p>Overall Ranked athletes on FFSP not including alternates: 2012- Men MO 55, Men DM 53, WO MO 48, WO DM 54 2011- Men MO 52, Men DM 51, WO MO 49, WO DM 49 2010- Men MO 50, Men DM 40, WO MO 52, WO DM 47</p> |
| Passed/Failed | Passed Unanimously |

Schirman moved, Wise 2nd to change motion 2 above to take out criteria 4. Discussion was against motion. Community felt that if criteria would be removed it would lessen the value of the NorAm tour which would impact the organizers heavily. Shirman withdrew his motion.

Moguls 3 Minutes/Discussion:

Moved to the Executive Committee report

Moguls 4 Minutes/Discussion:

Hayes moved, Wise 2nd

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| Proposal Number: | MOGULS 4 |
| Description: | Increase the degree of difficulty for a Neutral. |
| Current Rule: | N = .370 |
| Proposed Change: | N = .510 |
| Discussion/Reason: | The current degree of difficulty does not reflect the difficulty of a neutral, or its importance. A neutral (commonly referred to as a T-Set) should be widely utilized as a scored maneuver in Junior, B, and Devo level events. The degree of difficulty for a neutral should be only slightly lower than a twister, which is currently set at .570. |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | Judges must be educated on scoring a Neutral correctly. They must utilize jump code "N" when necessary. |
| Passed/Failed | Passed Unanimously |

Moguls 5 Failed in Subcommittee

Moguls 6 Minutes/Discussion:

Conversation was that the verbiage needs to be "should" verse "will be". Amendment happened in subcommittee to reflect.

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| Proposal Number: | Moguls 6 |
| Description: | Adjust Juniors Mogul Competition day training time. |
| Current Rule: | Junior Nationals/Format (p 60): Rule 3066.5 page 94. The rule mandates a minimum of 1 hour of training on comp days. |
| Proposed Change: | For Junior Nationals Mogul and Dual Mogul competition days, the official time allotment for each of women's and men's training times will be 45 minutes. |

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| Amendment: | For Junior Nationals Mogul and Dual Mogul competition days, the official time allotment for each of women's and men's training times <u>should</u> be 45 minutes. |
| Discussion/Reason: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juniors Moguls runs too long in the day. This proposal shortens the day by ½ hour. • Juniors need to split Women's/Men's training, which has lengthened the day by 1 hr. • Proposal allows for course prep times and allows more time for injury, weather. • Junior Mogul skiers have 2 official training days prior to comp day. • Duals skiers have had plenty of training by duals day. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | None |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | Easier to schedule and hold team leader meetings. More time for course maintenance, and other course issues, (weather, visibility, timing) More time for the course crew to get their closing up work done. |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | None. |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | A shorter day means sharper and happier judges. |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | Rule 3066.5. Page 94 - This rule mandates a minimum of 1 hour of training on mogul competition days. |
| Passed/Failed | Passed Unanimously |

Moguls 7 Minutes/Discussion Failed in FFSC:

Discussion in FFSC, motion FAILED knowing that the Executive Committee would entertain petitions for starts in NorAm events and Development Group.

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| Proposal Number: | Moguls 7 |
| Description: | Development Group Criteria pg.66 |
| Current Rule: | After the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2012, based on the final NorAm Grand Prix standings for the 2011-12 season the top five men and women in moguls/dual moguls and the top two men women in aerials, will be named to the USSA freestyle development group. This will |

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| | <p>guarantee these athletes' starts on the NorAm tour. All freestyle development group athletes must participate in the U.S. Selection Events. If a freestyle development group athlete is injured and unable to compete in U.S. Selection Events, the athlete must provide medical documentation stating they are unable to compete. Once medically cleared to compete, they would retain their NorAm start. An athlete who is named to the freestyle development group has until June 1, 2012 to accept their spot in the USSA freestyle development group. Once the USSA office has been notified that an athlete is retiring or the deadline has passed with no acceptance, the next athlete on the NorAm Grand Prix standings will be added to the freestyle development group.</p> |
| Proposed Change: | <p>After the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team is named in May, based on the final NorAm Grand Prix standings for the season the top five men and women in moguls/dual moguls and the top two men and women, will be named to the USSA freestyle development group. This will guarantee these athletes' starts on the NorAm tour. All freestyle development group athletes must participate in the U.S. Selection Events. If a freestyle Development Group athlete is injured and unable to compete in U.S. Selection Events, the athlete must provide medical documentation stating they are unable to compete. Once medically cleared to compete, they would retain their NorAm start. An athlete who is named to the freestyle Development Group has until June 1 to accept their spot in the USSA freestyle Development Group. An injured athlete who was on the current years' development group and is injured and not able to compete in 50 percent of the NorAm tour will maintain Development Group status for one additional competition season. This injury shall meet the criteria as defined by the U.S. Ski Team, injury clause criteria. Once the USSA office has been notified that an athlete is retiring or the deadline has passed with no acceptance, the next athlete on the NorAm Grand Prix standings will be added to the freestyle Development Group.</p> |
| Discussion/Reason: | <p>So that if a development group athlete, due to injury, an unforeseen circumstance, or cannot compete at U.S. Selection Events due to injury they will not end up in Regional events. With injury discretion, all D Group athletes will be able to compete in NorAms with guaranteed starts for one full season if they are injured and cannot compete in a full NorAm tour and or selection events. We want to keep our best non US Ski Team athletes at the NorAm level. Injury discretion exists at all levels of USSA and U.S. Ski Team except development group.</p> |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | <p>This would potentially take away from the number of regional athletes who can qualify for NorAm from the selection event in a given year.</p> |
| Pass/Fail: | <p>5-7-4 Failed</p> |

Moguls 8 Minutes/Discussion:

Significant discussion as to which events should be used for NorAm starts, the amount of drops as well as the amount of dual events that would be required to ski. Proposal will become effective starting 2013-14 season. Matthews moved, Peterson 2nd.

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| Proposal Number: | Moguls 8 |
| Description: | Change selection criteria for NorAm starts. NorAm starts will be granted based on a 3 out of 5 procedure with two drops, this will be based on place points. Results must include at least one singles and one duals event in either U.S. National Championships and/or U.S. Selection Events. You do not need to compete in all events, an event not skied can be used as a drop. If a duals event is cancelled and switched for a singles event, you may use three single events to meet criteria. |
| Current Rule: | NorAm starts are granted from U.S. Selection Events; pg. 64 |
| Proposed Change: | Include U.S. National Championships into U.S. Selection Events criteria for NorAms |
| Amendment: | NorAm starts will be granted based on best 2 singles events and best duals event from U.S. National Championships, Junior World Championships (only if dates conflict with US Championships) and U.S. Freestyle selections using place points. If there is not at least 2 duals events, the best 3 singles events may be used. Ties will be broken by best finish, then second best finish, then third best finish. In the event that a tie still exists, the tie will be broken by the best finish from U.S. Selections event, and then ties will be broken by the most current FFSP#5. |
| Discussion/Reason: | Extend the criteria for NorAm athlete selection process. Increase the importance and value of U.S. National Championships |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | no |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | no |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | Keep two spread sheets instead of one |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | no |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | no |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

During the meeting, the FFSC Committee clarified that all development group athletes must start in all three (3) events at U.S. Selection Events. That has always been the intention of the rule, it just has not been followed in the past.

Freeskiing Committee Minutes/Proposals – Yaps

Seedog proposed to vote proposals 1-5 as one consent agenda. Andy Wise moved, Rotermund 2nd. All proposals passed unanimously.

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| Proposal Number: | Freeskiing 1 |
| Description: | Required only for Moguls/Aerials |
| Current Rule: | 3033.6.2 Judges will be separated on the judges' stand by a minimum of one meter and a partition, if practical. There will be no discussion between the judges concerning the competitors' scores (except by the head judge). |
| Proposed Change: | 3033.6.2 Mogul and Aerial Judges will be separated on the judges' stand by a minimum of one meter and a partition, if practical. There will be no discussion between the judges concerning the competitors' scores (except by the head judge). |
| Discussion/Reason: | Halfpipe and Slopestyle Judges should be encouraged to discuss and keep an open dialogue on the judges' stand. |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

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| Proposal Number: | Freeskiing 2 |
| Description: | Page 60 format |
| Current Rule: | In halfpipe and slopestyle in qualifications the athletes will be split into heats of up to 40 skiers, using all available ranking lists (FFSP, AFP, USASA, Rev Tour, etc.); the athletes will be seeded into heats as evenly as possible then randomized |
| Proposed Change: | Halfpipe and Slopestyle format – see section 4603 and 4703. |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

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| Proposal Number: | Freeskiing 3 |
| Description: | Page 61 formats |
| Current Rule: | Each heat will have two (2) qualification runs. |
| Proposed Change: | Each heat should have two (2) qualification runs, <u>with the best run of the two counting.</u> |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

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| Proposal Number: | Freeskiing 4 |
| Description: | Page 61 formats |
| Current Rule: | Slopestyle at Junior Nationals should be run as a slopestyle event with multiple features. |
| Proposed Change: | Slopestyle at Junior Nationals should be run as a slopestyle event with multiple features. |
| Discussion/Reason: | Strike, slopestyle is discussed in the 4700 section. |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

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| Proposal Number: | Freeskiing 5 |
| Description: | Sections 4100,4600, 6150, 6600 |
| Proposed Change: | See attached documents with proposed section changes. |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

4600 Halfpipe

4601 Definition

The halfpipe is a channel constructed in the snow. Skiers perform their run in the halfpipe. A panel of judges will evaluate the performance based upon overall impression.

~~-stressing execution, difficulty, amplitude and overall.~~

4602 The Halfpipe Site

4602.1 The halfpipe site must conform to specifications as outlined in the competition course specifications. See appendix C.

4602.2. The halfpipe must be finished and ready for training at least one day prior to the start of competition and must be available for training on the day of the event.

4602.3 ~~The drop in area shall give the competitors the opportunity to enter the halfpipe with speed. The access ramp to the drop in cannot be used as springboard. All USSA halfpipes must be within the approved specifications and must have a grooming machine specifically designed for halfpipe preparation.~~

4602.4 The lips (tops of each wall) of the halfpipe must be clearly marked with color. Ideally, transitions lines are dyed as well.

4603 Competition Procedure of Halfpipe

4603.1 Best of Two Runs

All competitors will be given two runs; the best of two scores will be used for the results.

4603.2 Halfpipe Qualifications

4603.3 Use of Heats in Halfpipe Competition

USSA recommends the use of heats in the halfpipe qualification. Competitors can be run in heats of 20-30. For example: a field of 60 men would be split into two groups, 30 men in each heat. The most current FFSP list should be used to seed the athletes evenly into the heats as fairly as possible. They would be given a 30 min practice and then take their scored runs.

Heat 1, 30 men – Practice, then two scored runs, best score counts

Heat 2, 30 men – Practice, then two scored runs, best score counts

The heat format can be set up for 20-30 competitors and the practice session should be held before each heat and only for those competitors. Practice times can be adjusted to fit schedule and number of athletes. The heat format allows the judges to focus on only one heat at the time.

Finals – a set number of athletes from each heat and the next best set of athletes overall will advance to the finals. For example: 6 men from each heat, plus the next 4 best overall men will advance to finals for a 16 man finals field.

4603.4 Once a competitor has started his run, he is not allowed to re-start. In extenuating circumstances, the Jury may grant a re-start.

4604 Competitor Training

4604.1 Competitor should be given at least 30 minutes of training prior to the start of competition, see 3066.

4604.2 Competitors are not required to train.

4604.3 There shall be no specific start order during training.

4604.4 Training times will be communicated by the competition committee during the team captains'/riders meeting.

4605 Start/Finish Area

4605.1 The start area shall permit the competitor to safely drop into the pipe. The start area shall be set following the guidelines as outline in 3043.

4605.2 The finish area must be big and level to allow the rider to come to a safe and complete stop after the last possible hit.

4605.3 The site must be equipped with a public address system according to rule 3041.4

4606 Judges Stand

4606.1 The minimum size of the judging area must be 8 m by 2 m. The judges viewing area should be constructed to provide ample room for the appropriate number of judges.

4606.2 The judges' area should be fenced or protected from competitors and spectators.

4607 Special Procedures: Halfpipe

4607.1 Loss of Ski(s) and Stops

If a competitor loses a ski before he may finish on one ski. The competitor will be judged according to their performance. If the competitor does not continue the run and fails to put their ski back on in a 10 second time limit, they will be judged up to that point. If a competitor loses both skis, they will be judged up to that point. If a competitor stops in the halfpipe for more than 10 seconds, the competitor will be scored up to that point. The competitor should exit the pipe as soon as possible.

4608 Helmets

Helmets manufactured for ski sports are required for all competitors. See art. 3036.4.1

4650 Halfpipe/Slopestyle Scoring and Judging Criteria

4651 Scoring

4651.1 When judging Halfpipe events, only maneuvers performed in the halfpipe will be scored.

4651.2 Each judge may award up to 100 points for an averaged total of up to 100 points for each run. Scores are used to rank the athletes, relative to the level of competition at each event.

A run that scores 65 at one event may score 75 at another event. The score is just a tool to organize the rankings and may vary based on the range and anchor score set for the day.

4651.3 The scorecard shall be used to record the score given by the judge

4651.4 A memory board shall be used by each judge to make all necessary notations depicting each competitor's run.

4651.5 If a competitor lands out of the halfpipe, they have ten seconds to reenter before they are disqualified.

4651.6 Each competitor's scores must be posted after each run.

4652 Judging Format

4652.1 3-6 judges can be used at USSA Halfpipe and Slopestyle events

4652.2 The head judge or an experienced judge will call out the tricks for the whole judging panel to hear.

4652.3 Judges for Halfpipe and Slopestyle competitions are allowed to discuss runs for the purpose of comparing runs and ranking them accordingly. Actual scores should not be discussed during the event.

4652.3 The head judge must let a judge be heard if they have something to address, and will mediate discussions among judges.

4652.4 "Split panel" The head judge will intervene if the judging panel disagrees on an important ranking. After comparisons of the runs takes place the head judge may require a vote where the majority rules, in this case the minority may be required to adjust their score to fit the ranking of the majority.

4653 Judging Criteria

4653.1 Overall Impression

The judges will score the run by evaluating the overall impression criteria, including the execution, difficulty, variety, amplitude, combinations and progression of the run and the routine attempted.

4653.2 Overall Impression Criteria below should be used to evaluate the athletes' runs:

4653.2.1 Execution:

Execution encompasses many things: takeoff, landing, grabs, air, control, breaks in form, hand drags and crashes. It is important to recognize a well executed run as well as a poorly

executed run and know how to score each appropriately. When determining execution each judge should ask themselves the following questions:

- How clean were the takeoffs? Always set clean, or were rushed and started prematurely?
- How long were the grabs held for?
- Did they maintain control in the air, or were there arm swings or flailing?
- Did they slide the rails cleanly to the end? Or did they come off early?
- How clean were the landings? Any hand drags or butt checks?

4653.2.2 Difficulty:

It is important to estimate the difficulty of a trick. Consider the following when determining difficulty:

- Amount of rotation
- Direction of rotation (left/right, natural/unnatural)
- Direction of movement (switch/forward)
- Different grabs can make a trick considerably more difficult especially in greater rotations
- Axis of the trick: upright, off-axis, inverted, flat-spin/rodeo, double-cork
- Creative lines and transfers can definitely make a run more difficult

4653.2.3 Amplitude:

This measures the energy of the run that is shown by the height of each maneuver off the terrain features. Bigger amplitude can accentuate a clean, well-executed trick and leave a strong impression. Take note of the level of amplitude throughout the run. Consistent high amplitude all the way down the pipe should be rewarded. Maintained amplitude requires excellent takeoffs, landings, line and travel through the flat bottom.

4653.2.4 Variety:

A good run has a variety of tricks, grabs and axis'. Variety shows that the competitor has a complete repertoire of tricks. Look for the following in a run with good variety:

- Multiple directions of movement (forward and switch)
- Multiple directions of rotations (right-side and left-side)
- Multiple axis': upright, off-axis, inverted, flat-spin/rodeo, double-cork
- Multiple grabs: no one wants to see the same grab on every trick. Award a variety of grabs.
- PIPE: down the pipe spins and alley-oop spins (up the pipe spins)

4653.2.5 Combinations:

Combinations are multiple tricks linked together. It is more difficult to do hard tricks back-to-back, increasing the risk and therefore the difficulty of the run. Solid combinations can add to the positive impression of a run and should be rewarded. There should be NO reverts. If a trick is landed switch the competitor should continue switch into the next feature. A revert shows a break in flow and an inability to link multiple tricks. Tricks should flow from one to another.

4653.2.6 Progression:

In order to recognize progression a judge must have a current knowledge of competitive Freeskiing. New and progressive tricks keep our sport moving forward and should be rewarded. Arguably, progressive tricks can still be rewarded without perfect execution. The following elements of a run that fall under the progression criteria:

- New and uncommon tricks
- New or more technical axis' or rotations
- New, uncommon or difficult grabs

- New variations of existing tricks or grabs
- Creativity (grabs, line, use of the course)

4654 Scoring procedures

4654.1 Practice Judging: Judges must observe training and practice judging at the event.

4653.2 Set The Range: After identifying an average run and an average score during practice, judges should start discussing scores for other runs witnessed throughout the rest of practice.

4654.3 As a guideline scores can be broken down into the following ranges:

Crash Score: 1-40 points.

- 1-10 points is a crash at the start of the course
- 10-20 points is a crash on the first half of the course
- 20-30 points is a crash on an otherwise solid run
- 30-40 points is a crash at the end of an excellent run

Below Average: 40-55 points.

- Low degree of difficulty
- Poor execution and missed grabs
- Major deductions: Hand drag, butt check, etc.

Average: 55-70 points.

- Represents the level of the majority of the field
- Watch practice and note average runs. Use the average to set the range for your scores

Above Average/Good: 70-85 points.

- Good execution
- No deductions or insecurities
- A solid trick flow and a few good combinations
- Many difficult tricks

Excellent: 85-95 points

- Perfect execution
- Many difficult tricks linked together consecutively
- A variety of tricks, grabs and axis'
- A score higher than 95 states that it was one of the greatest runs ever landed in competition.

4654.4 Tie-breaking

Ties will be broken first by the next highest scoring run. Then if there is still a tie a judge-by-judge comparison should be used, see 3045.4.1. In case this does not break the tie, the highest total scored run will determine the winner. If the tie cannot be broken by this procedure, both competitors will receive the same placing.

4700 Slopestyle

4701 Definition

Competitions shall consist of multiple features found in a terrain park. The skier performs their run using these terrain features. A panel of judges will evaluate the performance based upon overall impression.

4702 The Slopestyle Site

4702.1 The slopestyle course shall fall within the specifications as outlined in the competition course specifications. See Appendix A.

4702.2 The slopestyle course must be finished and ready for training at least one day prior to the start of competition and must be available for training on the day of the event.

~~The access ramp to the drop in cannot be used as springboard. All USSA halfpipes must be within the approved specifications and must have a grooming machine specifically designed for halfpipe preparation.~~ 4702.3 _ Each feature on the course must be clearly marked with dye.

4703 Competition Procedure of Slopestyle

4703.1 Best of Two Runs

All competitors will be given two runs; the best of two scores will be used for the results.

4703.2 Slopestyle Qualifications

4703.3 Use of Heats in Slopestyle Competition

USSA recommends the use of heats in the slopestyle qualification. Competitors can be run in heats of 20-30. For example: a field of 60 men would be split into two groups, 30 men in each heat. The most current FFSP list should be used to seed the athletes evenly into the heats as fairly as possible. They would be given a 30 min practice and then take their scored run.

Heat 1, 30 men – Practice, then two scored runs, best score counts

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The heat format can be set up for 20-30 competitors and the practice session should be held before each heat and only for those competitors. Practice times can be adjusted to fit schedule and number of athletes. The heat format allows the judges to focus on only one heat at the time.

Finals – a set number of athletes from each heat and the next best set of athletes overall will advance to the finals. For example: 6 men from each heat, plus the next 4 best overall men will advance to finals for a 16 man finals field.

4703.4 Once a competitor has started his run, he is not allowed to re-start. In extenuating circumstances, the Jury may grant a re-start.

4704 Competitor Training

4704.1 Competitor should be given at least 30 minutes of training prior to the competition, see 3066.

4704.2 Competitors are not required to train.

4704.3 There shall be no specific start order during training.

4704.4 Training times will be communicated by the competition committee during the team captains'/riders meeting.

4705 Start/Finish Area

4705.1 The start area shall set following the guidelines as outline in 3043. The in-run allows the skier to have the correct speed for the performance.

4705.2 The Finish Area for the competition must be satisfactorily large enough to allow the skier to stop.

4705.3 The site must be equipped with a public address system according to rule 3041.4

4706 Judges Stand

4706.1 If possible, the judges' stand should be in a location that allows them to see the entire course. Judges panel may be split between the features if needed. The jury will set the placement of the judges. Content of the course must be considered in the process. Visibility, and the appropriate weighting, of each of the features needs to be carefully planned when selecting the judges stand location (s).

4706.2 The judges' area should be fenced or protected from competitors and spectators.

4707 Special Procedures: Slopestyle

4705.1 Loss of Ski(s) and Stops

If a competitor loses a ski he/she may finish on one ski. The competitor will be judged according to their performance. If the competitor does not continue the run and fails to put their ski back on within the 10 second time limit, they will be judged up to that point. If a competitor loses both skis, they will be judged up to that point. If a competitor stops in the slopestyle for more than 10 seconds, the competitor will be scored up to that point. The competitor should exit the pipe as soon as possible.

4708 Helmets

Helmets manufactured for ski sports are required for all competitors. See art. 3036.4.1

Freeskiing 6 Minutes/Discussion:

Motion is housekeeping, no vote took place.

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| Proposal Number: | Freeskiing 6 - Housekeeping |
| Description: | Page 93- 3060.2.4 |
| Current Rule: | In the Halfpipe..... |
| Proposed Change: | Halfpipe listed as title, similar to the other disciplines |
| Discussion/Reason: | Housekeeping, no need for vote |
| Pass/Fail: | No Vote |

Freeskiing 7 Minutes/Discussion:

Motion tabled in subcommittee, a Working Group was developed to include to all regional reps, Chris Haslock, Tom Yaps, Andy Hayes, Abbi Nyberg, David Wise. Working Group will finalize a proposal for submission to the FFSC.

Proposal – Update the current Freeskiing Points and Rankings Procedures to better reflect the current state of Freeskiing events. With the transition to the AFP Judges model, the results are based on athletes rank amongst the field rather than score received at the event. The points list would be based on a place-points scale. The revision to the point list will also alleviate one region awarding more points at events and having a disproportionate number of athletes ranked high in the USSA points list. This also matches how the FIS is currently scores events. Addendum F

Freeskiing 8 Minutes/Discussion:

Moved to the Executive Committee report.

Rules & Officials Committee Minutes/Proposals – Hayes

During the FIS TD seminar in Calgary in October a meeting was held that made changes to the makeup of the R&O subcommittee. These changes consisted of the addition of Mark DePeters as the Aerial subcommittee R&O representative as well as Gary Wright as the Ski Cross representative. Don Ramirez was nominated in the new position of Director of Domestic Training on the R&O. In turn Tai Robinson was nominated to fill Don's spot as judge on the R&O.

Old Business-

- a. Review of our goals and objectives document – Ed Albert – see attachment
- b. R&O SOP bylaws document – Don Ramirez

The document was reviewed by the committee and additions suggestion and correction in several key sections. Edits will be done by a small working group of Ed Albert, Andy Hayes Don Ramirez and Thom Schaefer. It will then be redistributed to the R&O committee for feedback.

Proposals for additional info on Judges training requirements, election information and TD requirements for Snowboard/Freestyle combined events. Konrad stated that FIS has no move to push from FIS to have judges that judge both Snowboard and Freestyle.

Discipline specific TD license level – Ed Albert – Working on a document for requirements that include definition of the license, the competition level required and the responsibilities

TD reports, this year's new system for submission/review/storage and recap of the year – Andy Hayes reminded all TD's that the TD report can be down loaded from Winfree and finalized and distributed easily. USSA freestyle staff agreed to set up a Drop Box for filing TD reports and other helpful documents. Ed is taking over this duty

Judges video for domestic training – Thom Schaefer and Don Ramirez.

A request was made for video showing all levels of training to be compiled by Thom and Don.

TD training, both domestic and participation at the North American TD seminar – Ed Albert

We plan on having a bigger part in the FIS TD seminar.

5. Action Items / Proposals

a. Proposal to adopt the FIS rules for judging section 6000 with changes for domestic use.

Aerial section deferred to Aerial Subcommittee.

This will be brought up at the FFSC meeting and a small working group will be named that includes each Subcommittee Chair.

b. Discuss new FIS rules and should we incorporate. Many examples here event formats, tie break rules, and the new DNF to name a few

None of the new rules seemed to apply to USSA rules.

R & O 1 Minutes/Discussion:

This motion was withdrawn as written and a second proposal was submitted under new business in subcommittee, which failed. This is still a controversial issue and the USSA interpretation is outlined below after all motions.

R & O 2 Minutes/Discussion:

This motion is housekeeping and no need for a vote.

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| Proposal Number: | R & O 2 – Housekeeping |
| Description: | Page 80 – 3032.1 |
| Current Rule: | Jury consists of the following |
| Proposed Change: | Skicross, TD, Chief of Comp and finish ref. |
| Discussion/Reason: | Referee is part of the jury in Skicross (no head judge) |
| Pass/Fail: | No Vote |

R & O 3 Minutes/Discussion:

Amendment happened in subcommittee. Matthews moved, Rotermund 2nd

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| Proposal Number: | R & O 3 |
| Description: | Page 104 – 4505.1 |
| Current Rule: | 2 to 4 skiers per heat |
| Proposed Change: | 2 to 6 skiers per heat |
| Amendment: | 2 to 6 per heat |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously |

R & O 4 Minutes/Discussion:

Matthews moved; Rotermund 2nd

| Proposal Number: | R & O 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Discussion/Reason: | Have JWC be worth the same as US Championships. The point value has been low the last few years. The Eastern B meets are non scored and the current rule is for the division only not National FFSP List. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed Unanimously | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

R & O 5 Minutes/Discussion (formerly New Business 1):

Motion amended in subcommittee. Hayes moved, Rotermund 2nd

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| Proposal Number: | R & O 5 |
| Description: | Cannot always apply a portion of rule 4304 |
| Current Rule: | 4304 States: "the competitor shall be judged from the time the run is started until he crosses the finish line" |
| Proposed Change: | Remove this statement from rule 4304 |
| Discussion/Reason: | At many mogul venues the top 3 or 4 turns can not be observed by the Judges. Judges cannot be expected to judge what they cannot see. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | None |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | None |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | None |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | For Judges this removes the conflict of the rule. |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | None—Interesting that this particular rule is only in the Dual section and not in the mogul section. |
| Pass/Fail: | Passed 9 - 0 - 7 |

R & O 6 Minutes/Discussion (formerly New Business 2):

Motion was withdrawn in subcommittee

R & O 7 Failed in Subcommittee (DNF Rule formerly New Business 3)

During FFSC meeting, in reference to the interpretation to rule 3058.2 (R & O 1 and 7) All agreed that a competitor can regain a gate, but they only have 10 seconds to regain the gate. All agreed that skiing around a gate and back into the course or out of the course will be a DNF. Define the gate line as the horizontal line between each pair of control gates.

14. Old business Seedog

15. New business Seedog

Lange submitted a letter to the committee after the meetings adjourned (**Addendum D**).

16. Adjournment Seedog

Simson moved, Wise (D) 2nd 10:34 am

ADDENDUM A – STAFF REPORTS

2011-2012 FFSP List Schedule

Dates will be published after review from Divisional Chairs and all FIS events finalized, located in Competition Guide and posted to: <http://freestyle.usskiteam.com/freestyle/rules-and-regulations>

Rev Tour/Grand Prix/Hole Shot Cross Tour

Dates and location TBD, updates will be located on <http://usfreeskiing.com/events/all/freeskiing>

Division Championships

Requesting that the event be on or before March 8-10, 2013 weekend

Marriott Jr. Championships/USSA Freestyle Junior Nationals

TBD

U.S. Championships

U.S National Championships will be held March 29-31, 2012 at Heavenly Resort Moguls, Aerials and Dual Moguls

U.S. Selections & NorAm Update – Konrad Rotermund

Events will not be confirmed until the week of June 4, 2012.

Petition to Start

The "Petition to Start" form is now available on the website. Deadlines will be posted on the site for Selection Events, Jr. Nationals and National Championships.

<http://freestyle.usskiteam.com/freestyle/advancement>

2012- 2013 Competition Guide Timeline

May 31, 2012- Divisional Chairs will receive the Comp Guide for editing.

July 16, 2012- All final edits to Cheryl, no more changes! (All divisional sections must be complete at this time or the Comp Guide will remain the same as 2011-2012 version of the guide.)

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Halfpipe: Andy Woods; awoods@ussa.org

Slopestyle: Evan Raps; eraps@ussa.org

Skicross: Abbi Nyberg; anyberg@ussa.org

U.S. Team Staff Report – Todd Schirman

New Staff: Matt Saunders – Aerials Coach

FIS CALENDAR

| Date | Day | Site | NAT | MO | AE | SX | HP | SS | Remarks |
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| December 12 | | | | | | | | | |
| 01.-03. | Mon | Nakiska | CAN | | | X | | | Pre - WC |
| 16.-23.* | Wed.- | Steamboat | USA | XXX* | | | | | *FIS Race |
| 18.-22. | Sat.* | Springs* | * | | XX | | | | |
| | Thu.-Fri. | Utah Olympic Park | USA | | | | | | |
| January 13 | | | | | | | | | |
| 11.-13. | Fri-Sun. | TBD? | USA | | | | ? | ? | NF-PnP |
| 12.-14- | Sat.-Mon. | Copper Mountain | USA | | | XX | | | |
| February 13 | | | | | | | | | |
| 05.-09 | Thu.-Sat. | Utah Olympic Park | USA | | XX X | | | | |
| 08.-10. | Mon.-Tue. | Beaver Valley | CAN | | | XX | | | |
| 07.-10. | Sat.-Sun. | Telluride | USA | XX | | | | | MO/DM |
| 12.-14. | Tue.-Thr | Killington | USA | | | XX | | | |
| 14.-17. | Sat.-Sun. | Apex | CAN | XX | | | | | MO/DM |
| 17.-19. | Sun.-Tue. | Squaw Valley | USA | | | XX | | | |
| 19.-22. | Thu.-Fri. | Val St. Come | CAN | | XX | | | | |
| 21.-24. | Sat.-Sun. | Val St. Come | CAN | XX | | | | | MO/DM |
| 21.-24. | Fri-Sat. | Aspen? | USA | | | | ? | ? | Aspen Open |
| March 13 | | | | | | | | | |
| 01.-02 | Fri.-Sat. | Stratton | USA | XX | | | | | MO/DM |
| 08.-09. | Fri.-Sun | Panorama | CAN | | | XX | | | |
| 10.-13. | Mon.-Thu. | TBD? | USA | | | | ? | ? | Rev Tour |
| 15.-17. | Fri.-Sun. | Big White | CAN | | | XX | | | |
| 22.-24. | Fri.-Sun. | Mt. Hood Meadows | USA | | | XX | | | |

U.S. Aerial Team Staff Report – Todd Ossian

The US Aerial Team as well as our Development Program had a productive and successful season.

The National Team was awarded with 4 World Cup podiums this season. Scotty Bahrke had his first career World Cup win in Kreichberg, Austria. Dylan Ferguson had two World Cup podiums with a 2nd place finish in Deer Valley and a 3rd place finish in Kreichberg. Dylan improved his World Cup ranking from 17th in 2011 to 4th in 2012. On the ladies side, Emily Cooked achieved a 2nd place finish at the World Cup in Mont Gabriel, but then was unfortunately sidelined with a series of minor injuries. Ashley Caldwell was also sidelined with an ACL tear at the US Selection events in December. Despite Ashley's injury she had an amazing fall camp finding a ton of success with her first career triple somersaults.

Our Development Program had an amazing season. Our Aerial Development Programs (East and West) achieved our goal of increasing NorAm podiums from 6 in 2011 to 31 NorAm podiums in 2012. For the second season in a row we captured NorAm Grand Prix titles for both men and ladies. We have had 7 athletes perform their first triple somersaults on snow over the last two seasons and expect these athletes to be very competitive on the World Cup next winter.

After a strong recruiting effort last summer, we look to prove to be even stronger this year. We have 25 new recruits committed to our Talent ID camp in Park City this June and expect to have 15 athletes attending our Eastern Talent ID camp in Lake Placid.

US Moguls Team Staff Report- Scott Rawles

This year was an excellent year as Hannah Kearney was the World Cup Mogul Grand Prix Champion and also won the Overall Freestyle World Cup. She set an all time F.I.S. record with 16 straight World Cup victories. We had 4 women in the top ten in moguls (Kearney 1, McPhie 4, Outtrim 8, Oakley 9) and 3 men in the top ten in moguls (Deneen 2 (3 victories), Cota 3, Wilson, Brad 7) Sho Kashima also posted the first podium finishes of his career before he had a season ending injury. Brad Wilson and K.C. Oakley were the F.I.S. Moguls Rookies of the year. We had a total of 28 World Cup podiums for the year. The U.S. Team was also awarded the F.I.S. Nations Cup for Moguls.

At Junior World Championships the U.S. Junior Worlds Mogul Team brought home 3 medals including 2 Golds (Brad Wilson, Moguls) (Ali Kariotis Dual Moguls) and one silver medal (Anna Park, Moguls). These results, along with the rest of the mogul results, contributed to the U.S. bringing home the Marc Hodler Trophy for the top Nation at Junior World Championships.

The team size has slightly decreased and all attempts are being made to reduce overall spending in an effort to provide all A, B and C Team members with the coaching necessary to reach their full individual potential. The development group has been invited to participate at the first U.S. team camp of the prep period at the end of May and will have increased access to national team resources. We will also be doing a second camp this season with a 13-16 year old group called the Young Guns that will take place the first week of June. All of these athletes' coaches will also be invited to this camp.

As always, the coaching staff appreciates all of the volunteer support and the appreciable work performed by program director, Todd Schirman and by program manager, Cheryl Pearson. We are not content to rely on our past successes, and are looking forward to the next challenges in the next two years leading up to the Winter Olympics in Sochi. This year we are going to back to Chile after a two year hiatus for our August summer mogul camp and will continue to focus on our main camps in Zermatt, Wolf Creek and Ruka leading in to the competition season. We have added two new athletes to the "C" team this season and look forward to adding depth to an already deep squad. We are also looking forward to added days at the UOP as they will have their earliest opening ever at the start of May.

U.S. Slopestyle Team Staff Report- Evan Raps

This winter marked the inaugural season for the U.S. Freeskiing Slopestyle Team. Slopestyle was a rapid and last minute addition to the 2014 Olympic program. Perhaps this was surprising, given to the long struggle halfpipe had gone through to gain Olympic status. Despite the numerous challenges inherent in creating a national team in a matter of months, US Freeskiing Slopestyle embraced its new role within the USSA framework and was able to recruit the best athletes in the sport to fill out the roster. U.S. athletes went on to enjoy unparalleled success this past season, taking more than 60% of all podium spots in major international competitions.

This season was also a learning experience for all of us, as high-level organized, coached slopestyle teams have never existed before. It did take some time for the athletes to “buy in” to the idea of a slopestyle team, especially since most on the roster already had earned X Games medals and other equivalent accomplishments without a coach or teammates. This posed a significant challenge to me as team coach, but I knew we had to step up as an organization if we wanted to earn the respect of skiers like Tom Wallisch, Bobby Brown, and Sammy Carlson, to name a few. In my eyes, the breakthrough occurred in January when we were able to hold our first official team camp and provide private jumps with sled laps to our riders. In just a few hours the athletes got as many jump laps as they would normally in a full day of park skiing, and more importantly they were able to develop and maintain a rhythm that fostered fun and safe progression. At the end of that camp, most of the team told me it was their best week of park skiing ever.

The team’s results as a whole this year were impressive to say the least, but some of the individual performances demand mention. Tom Wallisch had the most dominant competition season in Freeskiing history, all the time making it look effortless. Up to the point where he clinched the overall AFP Slopestyle Championship, Tom won every event he entered, with the exception of two 2nd place finishes at Dew Tour Finals and Euro X Games. Tom also won the Dew Cup and Male Athlete of the Year for the Dew Tour and was recently voted the #1 ESPN Action Sports Athlete, beating Kelly Slater and Travis Pastrana in the final rounds.

Bobby Brown won 2 X Games Gold medals – Big Air in Aspen and Slopestyle in Tignes. Bobby also earned 2nd at Killington Dew Tour and 3rd at Dew Tour Finals, leaving him 3rd overall for the year in the Dew Tour standings.

Gus Kenworthy ended his season with a bang with consecutive wins at JOI, the Dumont Cup, and APF World Championships and was also crowned the AFP Overall World Champion for the 2nd year in a row.

Devin Logan continued her rise to the top with 2nd place finishes at Killington Dew Tour, X Games, and the Mammoth Grand Prix and a 3rd place at Dew Tour Finals. She ended up 2nd overall in the Dew Cup Slopestyle rankings and 3rd in the final AFP Slopestyle points list. Like her teammate Gus, Devin won the AFP Overall World Title for the 2nd year running. In a side note Devin won the Dew Cup for halfpipe this year and was on the podium in most pipe events as well.

Freestyle Nominations

A Team (5 Female, 7 Male)

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| Ashley Caldwell | aerials | Scotty Bahrke | aerials |
| Emily Cook | aerials | Jeremy Cota | moguls |
| Hannah Kearney | moguls | Patrick Deneen | moguls |
| Heather McPhie | moguls | Dylan Ferguson | aerials |
| Eliza Outtrim | moguls | Sho Kashima | moguls |
| KC Oakley | Moguls | Brad Wilson | moguls |
| | | Bryon Wilson | moguls |

B Team (2 Female, 1 Male)

Heidi Kloser moguls
 Brittany Loweree moguls

Joe Discoe moguls

C Team (6 Female, 12 Male)

Madison Gorelik aerials
 Ali Kariotis moguls
 Allison Lee aerials
 Kiley McKinnon aerials
 Madison Olsen aerials
 Mikaela Matthews moguls

Nevin Brown aerials
 Mac Bohannon aerials
 Alex Bowen aerials
 Shane Cordeau moguls
 David DiGravio moguls
 Ryan Dyer moguls
 Hans Gardner aerials
 Jonathon Lillis aerials
 Mike Rossi aerials
 Cody Tempel moguls
 Dylan Walczyk moguls
 Bryan Zemba moguls

Freeskiing Nominations**Pro Team Men Ski Halfpipe**

Dumont, Simon
 Wise, David
 Yater-Wallace, Torin
 Kenworthy, Gus
 Perkins, Tucker
 Adams, Duncan
 Barrymore, Tai

Women Ski Halfpipe

Logan, Devin
 Hudak, Jen
 Sigourney, Brita
 Bowman, Maddie

Pro Team Men Ski Slopestyle

Carlson, Sammy
 Schlopy, Alex
 Wallisch, Tom
 Brown, Bobby
 Kenworthy, Gus
 Christiansen, Joss
 Geopper, Nick

Women Ski Slopestyle

Herman, Keri
 Battersby, Ashley
 Logan, Devin
 Eliassen, Grete
 Olenick, Meg

Elite Aerial Development Program Athletes Eric Loughran, JJ Boyczuk, Nicholas Novak, Tommy Coe, Jack Langford, Hannah Langford, Morgan Northrop

Development Group Moguls Alison DiGravio, Sophia Swartz, Lane Stoltzner, Anna Park, Kelsey Albert; Nick Keating, Scott Nelson, Reed Snyderman, Troy Tully, Brandon Goldenberg

Development Group Aerials Sara Swenson, Amanda Johanson; Eric Loughran, JJ Boyczuk

Young Guns J2: Kendall Marshall, Kealey Zaumseil, Keaton McCargo, Bruce Perry, Hunter Bailey, Casey Andringa, Trevor Semmens; **J3:** Anna Park, Kaitlin Harrell, Taryn Baker, Morgan Schild

Previous Year: Lynn Hickman, Holden Largay

Project Gold: 49 Halfpipe and Slopestyle athletes invited to camp in Mammoth May 14-21, 2012

ADDENDUM B – MEMBERSHIP REPORT

KEY ISSUES

Safe Sport – Child Protection

- Mandatory Fast Start Coaching Course added to USSA coach memberships where applicable. Required for coaches without certifications.
- All members to sign off on the USSA's child protection policy similar to the USSA concussion policy.

Fast Start Coaching Course

- Mandatory for all non-certified member coaches
- Approximately one hour to complete
- Must answer questions correctly before moving on (prompted to update answer)
- Content:
 - Coaching responsibilities
 - Athlete safety
 - USSA Training Systems
 - Teaching sport skills
 - Coaching at competition
 - Communication
- Idea is to encourage movement to sport-specific training at Level 100 (financial incentive, club opportunities)

2012-13 USSA & FIS Registration Fees

- Athlete memberships – increase \$10 (exception alpine masters)
- Jumping and Nordic Combined FIS Registration Fees – \$65
- No change to coach or official membership fees

Primary Medical Insurance Requirement

- Accepted policies:
 - Primary medical/health insurance
 - Military insurance – Tricare / Medicare / Medicaid

Web / Online Registration Enhancements

- **Membership gateway**
 - Online registration link
 - Applications and FIS forms
 - Member Benefits
 - General membership information – FAQ's, Background Screening, etc.
- **Global Rescue Integration** – online registration
- **Automated member info email upon registration**
 - Includes member card within 3 hours of registration
 - Exception coaches/officials on pending status
- **Portal page status notice for coaches/officials**
 - Background Screening status indicator
 - Fast Start Coaching course status indicator

Alpine Athlete Membership Structure - Key Changes

- Alpine competitor – 12 and over
- Alpine non-scored student – 14 and over
- Alpine youth – 13 and under
- Alpine FIS eligibility – 16 and over

ADDENDUM C - MOTIONS THAT FAILED OR TABLED IN SUBCOMMITTEE

Aerials 10: Failed

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 10 |
| Description: | The proposal is to eliminate the Iron Cross (X) bonus received in aerials for crossing your skis in a grab. |
| Current Rule: | DD for a Grab (G) is 0.13. DD for an Iron Cross (X) is 0.12. A grab with skis crossed, such as a Mute Grab, is coded (XG) and receives a 0.25 DD for the Grab (G) plus the Iron Cross (X). |
| Proposed Change: | The proposal is to eliminate the bonus for an X in a Grab and give all grabs the same DD. A crossed ski grab is no longer coded (XG). This code would mean a double position with an Iron Cross then a Grab. |
| Discussion/Reason: | 0.25 is too high a DD for a Mute or Tail Grab. Having parallel skis is just as hard as crossing them. It is simpler and more fair to make the DD the same for all grabs. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | This proposal will not impact other events. |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | It simplifies scoring. Results will be more accurate. |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | The rulebook would have to be updated. The description of a Mute Grab should be changed. Some jump code examples referring to Iron Cross Grab should be changed. We should be careful about using the term Iron Cross Grab unless we are talking a double position. |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | Judges would have to be informed that a crossed ski grab is no longer coded (XG). This code would mean a double position with an Iron Cross then a Grab. |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | None |

Aerials 12: Tabled

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 12 |
| Description: | The proposal is to differentiate between different kinds of grabs, and make all grabs equal in DD. |
| Current Rule: | A Grab without skis crossed is a (G) with a DD of 0.13. A Grab with skis crossed is an (XG) with a DD of 0.25. A Japan Air (J) has a DD of 0.10. I assume a Japan air is in reference to the grab, but a Japan Grab is usually coded as a (G). |
| Proposed Change: | The proposal is to code a Mute Grab as (mG), Safety Grab as (sG), Japan Grab as (jG), Tail Grab as (tG). All these grabs would be considered different tricks and have a DD of 0.13. Any other grab could be coded by adding any other lower case letter in front of a (G). (G) would always be accompanied by a preceding lower case letter. Japan Air (J) would be eliminated. |
| Discussion/Reason: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Different grabs make a trick look and feel different. Most coaches want their athletes to learn a trick with different grabs. 2. The current rule is a common reason for receiving a DNF. 3. These new jump codes make more sense. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | This proposal has no effect on other events. |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | Athletes will be happier because they won't DNF as much. |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | The scoring system and rulebook will have to be updated to include new jump codes. |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | Judges will have to know at least these 4 different types of grabs. I think they already do. |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | The jump codes (XG) and (J) would no longer exist. |

Moguls 1: Failed

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| Proposal Number: | Moguls 1 |
| Description: | Eliminate US Selections and institute a new selection process for the following year's NorAm. |
| Current Rule: | <p>US. Selection Events (p 64):</p> <p>Selection events, typically held in December each year. They are used to qualify skiers to the aerial C team of the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team, may earn starts in the U.S. World Cups, and starts in NorAm competitions. Moguls may earn U.S. World Cup starts only and starts in NorAm competitions. For the 2011 U.S. Selection Events, athletes invited in moguls or dual moguls will be granted starts in both moguls and dual moguls. This event is a FIS event and will follow FIS age requirements.</p> |

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| | <p>Selection/Quotas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All USFST A, B and C Team. 2. All athletes who competed in the prior season's U.S. Freestyle Championships. 3. All athletes who are ranked in the top 45 in moguls, top 45 in dual moguls and top 30 in aerials, on the final FFSP of the previous season that are not qualified via criteria 1 and 2. 4. All athletes that finished in the top 10 in moguls, top eight in dual moguls and top 10 in aerials in the prior season Junior Olympics that are not qualified via criteria 1, 2 and 3. No alternates will be taken from Junior Olympics. 5. If by virtue of criteria 1, 2, 3 and 4, a division does not have an athlete competing in a discipline in each gender, then that division will be granted a spot in that discipline and that gender to use as it wishes. If the spot remains unused it will then be lost. 6. There will be five alternates per gender per discipline. These alternates are to be named off the final FFSP list of the previous season and will represent the next five names on the FFSP list per gender and per discipline that have not already qualified for the event. Alternates will be placed into the events in the order they are named and will be notified immediately. The alternates will only compete if any of the skiers qualified via criteria 2 and 3, don't accept their spots or get injured. 7. International Quotas as outlined by USSA and FIS. 8. Additional athletes may qualify to compete at the U.S. Selection Events in aerials by having a minimum of two different inverted jumps qualified. <p>North American Tour selection (p 65): U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and Development Group Athletes will have first priority. For moguls/dual moguls and aerials, the balance of athletes to fill the U.S. quota will be determined from the U.S. Selection Event by adding the place points from all events (two mogul events and the dual mogul event or two aerial events). The remaining quota spots will be filled by using the most recent FFSP list for each discipline.</p> |
| <p>Proposed Change:</p> | <p>US. Selection Events Noram (p 64): Selection events, typically held in December each year. They are used to qualify skiers to the aerial C team of the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team, may earn starts in the U.S. World Cups, and starts in NorAm competitions. Moguls may earn U.S. World Cup starts only and starts in NorAm competitions. For the 2011 U.S. Selection Events, athletes invited in moguls or dual moguls will be granted starts in both moguls and dual moguls. This event is a FIS event and will follow FIS age requirements.</p> <p>Selection/Quotas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All USFST A, B and C Team. 2. All athletes who competed in the prior season's U.S. Freestyle Championships. 3. All athletes who are ranked in the top 45 in moguls, top |

~~45 in dual moguls and top 30 in aerials, on the final FFSP of the previous season that are not qualified via criteria 1 and 2.~~

- ~~4. All athletes that finished in the top 10 in moguls, top eight in dual moguls and top 10 in aerials in the prior season Junior Olympics that are not qualified via criteria 1, 2 and 3. No alternates will be taken from Junior Olympics.~~
- ~~5. If by virtue of criteria 1, 2, 3 and 4, a division does not have an athlete competing in a discipline in each gender, then that division will be granted a spot in that discipline and that gender to use as it wishes. If the spot remains unused it will then be lost.~~
- ~~6. There will be five alternates per gender per discipline. These alternates are to be named off the final FFSP list of the previous season and will represent the next five names on the FFSP list per gender and per discipline that have not already qualified for the event. Alternates will be placed into the events in the order they are named and will be notified immediately. The alternates will only compete if any of the skiers qualified via criteria 2 and 3, don't accept their spots or get injured.~~
- ~~7. International Quotas as outlined by USSA and FIS.~~
- ~~8. Additional athletes may qualify to compete at the U.S. Selection Events in aerials by having a minimum of two different inverted jumps qualified.~~

North American Tour selection (p65):

U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and Development Group Athletes will have first priority. ~~For moguls/dual moguls and aerials, the balance of athletes to fill the U.S. quota will be determined from the U.S. Selection Event by adding the place points from all events (two mogul events and the dual mogul event or two aerial events).~~ For moguls/dual moguls, the balance of athletes to fill the U.S. quota will be taken from:

1. All USFST A, B and C Team and D-Group athletes.
2. Athletes that qualify under injury clause, up to maximum allowable by FIS.
3. The top 10 ranked U.S. skiers from the previous years NorAm Grand Prix standings not on the current season USFST up to maximum allowable by FIS.
4. Any athletes that are part of the Young Guns that do not qualify under 1 and 2 and have not been able to compete at nationals because of FIS age requirements but are FIS age for the current NorAm competitions, up to maximum allowable by FIS.
5. The top skiers by adding place points (that are not already qualified by criteria 1 or 2) from the mogul and dual mogul events from the previous season's National Championship up to maximum allowable by FIS.
6. If for any reason criteria 1-3 does not fulfill the NORAM quota, any unused spots will be filled by the current FFSP up to maximum allowable by FIS.

For Aerials, the balance of athletes to fill the U.S. quota will be taken from:

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All USFST A, B and C Team and D-Group athletes. 2. Athletes that qualify under injury clause, up to maximum allowable by FIS. 3. The top 10 ranked U.S. skiers from the previous year's NorAm Grand Prix standings not on the current season USFST up to maximum allowable by FIS. 4. All athletes who competed in the prior season's National Championship up to maximum allowable by FIS. 5. If for any reason criteria 1-3 does not fulfil the NorAm quota, any unused spots will be filled by athletes that have a minimum of two different inverted jumps qualified up to maximum allowable by FIS. <p>Intention of competing in the next years NorAm tour must be accepted by August 1, by athletes or coaches, of the current season to allow the list to become valid. The remaining quota spots will be filled by using the most recent FFSP list for each discipline.</p> |
| Discussion/Reason: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing development allows for inconsistent skiers to have a good week and then make either the NorAm Tour or World Cup starts whereas a skier who is going to excel on the NorAm Tour and World Cup Tour must have consistency over an extended period of time. • The current process does not reward consistency and commitment by an athlete to improvement, competing, and the NorAm tour. • This selection process would allow the NorAm starts to be based on a skier skiing consistently for the season. • Divisional skiers have the opportunity to make the NorAm Tour. • Skier safety is the number one priority and we are putting our skiers at risk when they are asked to perform at such a high level when they have had minimal training prior to the event in December. Many have not even skied a full course. • Limited number of available venues to host this event. This puts added strain on the few clubs/mountains that can host this event. • Financial strain on both Divisional Clubs and skiers that have to make last minute travel arrangements due to NorAm list coming out one month prior to first NorAm. • Inability for skiers to prepare for the upcoming season so they can peak at necessary times throughout the season based on schedule. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | Aerials. Rename of U.S. Selections event. |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | Loss of income from event for event organizer, but this could be remedied by having an additional Invitational event in January. |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | None. |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | None. |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | The method of selecting World Cup starts determined from U.S. Selections would have to change. |

Moguls 5: Failed

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| Proposal Number: | Moguls 5 |
| Description: | Adjust Juniors Mogul Finals #'s to 16/16 |
| Current Rule: | Junior Nationals/Format (p 60):In Moguls the top 20 (men and women) will move on to finals. |
| Proposed Change: | In Moguls the top 16 (men and women) will move on to finals. |
| Discussion/Reason: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Juniors Moguls runs too long in the day. While this only saves 15 minutes, it will help.• With the above proposal, together we have shortened the day by 45 minutes.• A 16/16 final is consistent with other finals formats |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | None |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | Same benefits as above |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | None. |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | Fewer runs, shorter days, we'll all be happier people. |
| Impacts / Conflicts Rules: | Junior Nationals/Format (p 60) |

Freeskiing 7: Tabled

Working Group completely revising concept that was proposed during FFSC

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| Proposal Number: | Freeskiing 7 |
| Description: | Freeskiing points and ranking adjustment |
| Current Rule: | |
| Proposed Change: | See below |
| Discussion/Reason: | |

R & O 1: Failed

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| Proposal Number: | R & O 1 |
| Description: | Better define DNF in Moguls and Duals for crossing behind a control gate |
| Current Rule: | 3058.2 For skiing out of the course boundaries in Moguls and Ski Cross, which includes not crossing through the gate line or the finish line. In Dual Moguls, crossing the middle line of the course. |

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| | A competitor shall be deemed to have crossed the middle line if both feet cross the line. Except in the case of rule 6205.1 and 6605.1. |
| Proposed Change: | 3058.2 For skiing out of the course boundaries in Moguls and Ski Cross, which includes not crossing through the gate line (<u>the line from the control gate to the fence</u>) or the finish line. In Dual Moguls, crossing the middle line of the course. A competitor shall be deemed to have crossed the middle line if both feet cross the line. Except in the case of rule 6205.1 and 6605.1. |
| Discussion/Reason: | We have several incidences a year where an athlete get behind a control gate then hikes back up around to keep from getting a DNF. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | None |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | None |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | None |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | Judges need to be able to make this call from the judges stand |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | No conflict, just clarification |

R & O 7: Failed

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| Proposal Number: | R & O 7 (formerly New Business 3) |
| Description: | DNF - 3058.1 - |
| Current Rule: | For skiing out of the course boundaries in Moguls and Skier Cross, which includes not crossing the gate line or finish line. In Dual moguls crossing the middle of the course. A competitor shall be deemed to have crossed the middle line if both feet cross the line. <u>Except in the case of rule 6205.1 and 6605.1</u> |
| Proposed Change: | For skiing out of the course boundaries in Moguls and Skier Cross, which includes not crossing the gate line or finish line. <u>In Moguls and Dual Moguls the gate line is the horizontal line between the inside of 2 equating control gates. A skier may be outside the control gates and still be able to cross the gate line.</u> In Dual moguls crossing the middle of the course. A competitor shall be deemed to have crossed the middle line if both feet cross the line. <u>Except in the case of rule 6205.1 and 6605.1</u> |
| Discussion/Reason: | (Clarification) Officials were giving DNF for athletes going outside the vertical line of the outside of the control gates and either hiking to go through the “gate line” or turning to make it back into the gate line. – If they were believed to go below a control gate on the outside they were not given an equal option across the board to keep getting scored. |

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| Impacts on other Disciplines: | none |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | none |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | none |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | To reading the rules |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | none |

ADDENDUM D - JEFF LANGE'S LETTER TO THE FFSC

15 May 2012

Dear FFSC,

Returning home from our recently concluded meetings, I realized that I neglected one important subject that I wanted to bring to the attention to the Committee. I am hoping to make up for that omission with this note.

In the time between our recent meeting and the previous spring meeting, we lost two members of our own US Freestyle/Freeski community, and I wanted to remember those two individuals and to pay respect to their passing. I refer to Jeret "Speedy" Peterson, and to Kevin Wightman.

Speedy is certainly known to all of you, and I am sure that we all were stunned by the news last year. While I was not fortunate to know him as well as many of you, I was a great fan and admirer. I was lucky enough to have been one of two presenters of his silver medal at the Vancouver Olympics, and I made reference to that occasion last spring when I was presented with the Westhaven Award. I cited that moment as perhaps the pinnacle of my career as a technical delegate, having had the opportunity in a very small way to be part of the program that gave him the forum to achieve so much. A few months later I heard the tragic news, and the painful lesson that sometimes we can never do enough was clear.

Kevin might not be as well known to some of you, but he had no less an impact on the world of Freestyle. First as a World Cup competitor, and later as a Squaw Valley freestyle coach and long time member of the US Freestyle Committee, Kevin gave enormous time and energy to the sport that he loved so much. While you may not know him, I bet most of you have seen him ski – Kevin was one of the featured ski doubles in that notorious movie "Hot Dog"! When we lost Kevin last January, we lost an individual to whom we owe a great deal for his many contributions to the development of Freestyle.

It is not possible to write this without also recognizing that this has been an unbelievably tragic year for our sport overall, as we also lost two incredible international athletes, Sarah Burke and Nick Zoricic, both of Canada.

I reflect often on these great people. Beyond just missing them, their loss motivates me strongly to redouble efforts to be a better Freestyle official, and maybe a better friend as well. I am sure that you all feel the same. Let us remember them by doing our best for our sport, and for our sport's people.

Jeff Lange

ADDENDUM E – TABLED AERIAL MOTIONS

Motions tabled during the meeting. Committees discussed and proposed new motions to the FFSC in July and passed by FFSC.

Aerials 2 Minutes/Discussion:

Aerials 2 was tabled. Chris Haslock pointed out that the proposed change could greatly favor upright rotational maneuvers. The committee agreed that we should revisit the proposal. We Preston suggested we limit the rotation size in section 2 rewrite, to 540 degrees or less. This will be voted on and submitted to the FFSC in June.

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| Proposal Number: | Aerials 2 - Tabled |
| Description: | Rewrite of section 6008.1 – Repeat Rule |
| Current Rule: | <p>A competitor shall be required to perform two different aerial jumps. If two jumps are the same, only the first jump counts.</p> <p>6008.1 Two jumps are different if any of the following are true: 1) <u>They have a different orientation to the axis of the spin. (Off axis versus horizontal axis versus vertical axis).</u> 2) They have a different number of half rotations or half twists (horizontal or off axis) 3) They have a different take-off or landing direction (-) 4) They have a different direction of rotation (b, f, s.) 5) They have different upright components, or the components are in a different order. For non-rotational upright jumps <u>only</u> 6) An inverted component in one differs by at least a full twist from the corresponding inverted component in the other</p> <p>6008.2 The following are considered equivalent components: a) All grabs b) Spread Eagle(S), Kosak(K), Zudnick(Z) c) Back Scratcher (Y), Mule Kick(M), Iron Cross(X) Note: Positions (p) are upright components when included with a rotation</p> <p>6008.3 Special Provisions for Single Somersaults A Layout is different from a flip with position.</p> |
| Proposed Change: | <p>A competitor shall be required to perform two different aerial jumps. If two jumps are the same, only the first jump counts.</p> <p>6008.1 Two jumps are different if any of the following are true: 1) They have a different orientation to the axis of the spin. (Off axis versus horizontal axis versus vertical axis). Or contain a rotational difference of 180 or more. 2) For off axis, inverted and upright jumps with a single flip, 360 rotation, or less. a)The jump code is different. 3) For off axis, and inverted jumps with greater than a single flip, or a rotation greater than 360. a) They have a different take-off or landing direction (-)</p> |

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| | b) They have a different direction of rotation (b, f, s,r) c)They have a different number of half rotations or half twists (horizontal or off axis) |
| Discussion/Reason: | The more tricks an athlete is allowed to perform, the more extensive the developmental progression. We want to encourage many small steps in trick progression, rather than a few large steps. As the degree of difficulty increases, it is more acceptable to reward variation. |
| Pass/Fail: | 14-0-4 |

Aerials 12 Minutes/Discussion:

Motion was tabled in subcommittee, Wes Preston stated that there are many different kinds of grabs and that they should all have different codes. Kendal Johnson posed the question how many different codes will we have? The list could potentially go on forever, and this could potentially cause judges to have jump coding problems.

| Proposal Number: | Aerials 12 – Tabled | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Description: | <p>The proposal is to code all grabs performed with one hand as (G) and all Grabs with 2 hands as (2G). A 2-hand Grab will be defined as: <i>A 2-Hand Grab (2G) is when both hands grab a ski or skis at the same time.</i></p> <p>(G) will keep its current DD of 0.13. (2G) will have a DD of 0.18. This proposal would eliminate the need for a Japan Air in the scoring system and rulebook. A Japan Grab will be coded as (G) along with all other single-hand grabs</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current Rule: | <p>A Grab (G) has a DD of 0.13 and is listed under “Uprights” in section 6006.11. A grab with 2 hands is not recognized as a more difficult trick. A Grab (G) is sometimes preceded by another upright code to denote the body position during the grab. The most common example of this is a crossed-ski grab coded (XG) and receives the DD for a (G) plus the DD for an (X). A double position, Iron Cross to a Grab, is also coded as (XG) and receives the same DD.</p> <p>Degree of Difficulty Chart and Multipliers Calculation of Degree of Difficulty Base Degree of Difficulty (DD) for Jumps=1.50 Any possible combination of the below offered tricks may be combined to form a maneuver in a single jump with the consequent DD to be added the base.</p> <p>6006.1.1 Uprights (may be added to any following categories) DD</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Code</th> <th>DD</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Kosak</td> <td>0.12</td> <td>K</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mule Kick</td> <td>0.12</td> <td>M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spread Eagle</td> <td>0.10</td> <td>S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Daffy</td> <td>0.12</td> <td>D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zudnik</td> <td>0.07</td> <td>Z</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Twister</td> <td>0.10</td> <td>T</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Back Scratcher</td> <td>0.12</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Iron Cross or Leg Cross/Uncross</td> <td>0.12</td> <td>X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Japan Air</td> <td>0.10</td> <td>J</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grab</td> <td>0.13</td> <td>G</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Code | DD | | Kosak | 0.12 | K | Mule Kick | 0.12 | M | Spread Eagle | 0.10 | S | Daffy | 0.12 | D | Zudnik | 0.07 | Z | Twister | 0.10 | T | Back Scratcher | 0.12 | Y | Iron Cross or Leg Cross/Uncross | 0.12 | X | Japan Air | 0.10 | J | Grab | 0.13 | G |
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| Back Scratcher | 0.12 | Y | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iron Cross or Leg Cross/Uncross | 0.12 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Switch (each time, only one per takeoff and/or landing) 0.10 - | |
| | 6006.1.2 Rotations | |
| | 6006.1.3 Somersaults | |
| | 6006.2 Difficulty Charts (Examples) | DD |
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| | 6006.2.2 RotationalJumps | |
| | - Bio spin 1080-Mute Grab-Safety Grab | 2.92 |
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| Proposed Change: | <p>The proposal is to code all grabs performed with one hand as (G) and all Grabs with 2 hands as (2G). (G) will keep its current DD of 0.13. (2G) will have a DD of 0.18. This proposal would eliminate the need for a Japan Air in the scoring system and rulebook. A Japan Grab will be coded as (G) along with all other single-hand grabs. A Mute or Tail Grab will now be coded as (G) with a DD of 0.13 instead of (XG) with a DD of 0.25. (XG) would be the jump code for the double upright maneuver, Iron Cross to a Grab.</p> <p>Degree of Difficulty Chart and Multipliers Calculation of Degree of Difficulty Base Degree of Difficulty (DD) for Jumps=1.50 Any possible combination of the below offered tricks may be combined to form a maneuver in a single jump with the consequent DD to be added the base.</p> <p>6006.1.1 Uprights (may be added to any following categories) DD</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Code</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kosak</td> <td>0.12</td> <td>K</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mule Kick</td> <td>0.12</td> <td>M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spread Eagle</td> <td>0.10</td> <td>S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Daffy</td> <td>0.12</td> <td>D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zudnik</td> <td>0.07</td> <td>Z</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Twister</td> <td>0.10</td> <td>T</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Back Scratcher</td> <td>0.12</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Iron Cross or Leg Cross/Uncross</td> <td>0.12</td> <td>X</td> </tr> </table> <p>Japan Air would be erased</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Grab</td> <td>0.13</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2-Hand Grab</td> <td>0.18</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2G</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Switch (each time, only one per takeoff and/or landing) 0.10 -</p> <p>6006.1.2 Rotations</p> <p>6006.1.3 Somersaults</p> <p>6006.2 Difficulty Charts (Examples) DD</p> <p>Code</p> <p>6006.2.2 RotationalJumps</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>- Bio spin 1080-Mute Grab-Safety Grab</td> <td>2.80</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>10oGG</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Cork 720-Truck Driver</td> <td>2.44</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7o2G</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>The highlighted Bio spin 1080 jump code and difficulty example would be the only example that would need to be changed. The X is taken out of the code and the DD for the (X) is taken out because Mute Grab will be coded as (G) instead of (XG). Any example referring to Iron Cross – Grab (XG) will denote a double position. The Cork 720 jump code and difficulty example could be added as a 2-Hand Grab example.</p> | Code | | | Kosak | 0.12 | K | Mule Kick | 0.12 | M | Spread Eagle | 0.10 | S | Daffy | 0.12 | D | Zudnik | 0.07 | Z | Twister | 0.10 | T | Back Scratcher | 0.12 | Y | Iron Cross or Leg Cross/Uncross | 0.12 | X | Grab | 0.13 | | 2-Hand Grab | 0.18 | | 2G | | | - Bio spin 1080-Mute Grab-Safety Grab | 2.80 | | 10oGG | | | - Cork 720-Truck Driver | 2.44 | | 7o2G | | |
| Code | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kosak | 0.12 | K | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mule Kick | 0.12 | M | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spread Eagle | 0.10 | S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Daffy | 0.12 | D | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zudnik | 0.07 | Z | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Twister | 0.10 | T | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Back Scratcher | 0.12 | Y | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iron Cross or Leg Cross/Uncross | 0.12 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grab | 0.13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2-Hand Grab | 0.18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Bio spin 1080-Mute Grab-Safety Grab | 2.80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10oGG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Cork 720-Truck Driver | 2.44 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7o2G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Discussion/Reason: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coding all single-hand grabs as (G) would give athletes more freedom of choice with grabs without having to inform the judges of the exact body position. It would make calling and coding jumps simple. 2. Most athletes and coaches would agree that a grab with 2 hands is more difficult and deserves a higher DD than a grab with one hand. 3. The current practice of sometimes adding a grab (G) to another upright jump code to denote a grab position, as in (JG) for Japan Grab, is not clearly described in the rulebook and is not consistently used by judges, coaches, and athletes. This practice inaccurately inflates the DD of certain grabs depending on how they are called. This practice is also not consistent with other tricks from the same "Uprights" category. A Kosak is a mix of a Spread and a Zudnik, but does not receive DD for both tricks. |
| Impacts on other Disciplines: | Coding all single-hand grabs as G would be consistent with Moguls' jump codes. |
| Impacts on Event Organizers: | Starters and scorers will have an easier time coding jumps. |
| Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff: | The scoring system and rulebook will have to be updated. |
| Impacts to Judges / Officials: | Judges will have to recognize grabs performed with two hands. All single-hand grabs should be easier to code as (G). |
| Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules: | The jump code (J) would no longer exist. A Mute or Tail Grab will now be coded as (G) with a DD of 0.13 instead of (XG) with a DD of 0.25. (XG) would be the jump code for the double upright maneuver: Iron Cross to a Grab. |
| Pass/Fail: | 14-0-4 Passed |

ADDENDUM F – TABLED FREESKIING MOTIONS

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| Proposal Number: | Freeskiing 7 |
| Description: | Freeskiing Points and Rankings List |
| Current Rule: | Current points list procedures |
| Proposed Change: | <p>1. The USSA Freeskiing National Ranking List is based on a “place-points” scale using a curve. This simply means that for every scored competition sanctioned through USSA, points are awarded from 1st place to last place using a 650 point curve. See calculations below.</p> <p>2. The exact calculation of the points awarded to each finish place is determined by the competition level.</p> |
| Discussion/Reason: | See below |
| Pass/Fail: | 12-2-4 Passed |

Freeskiing Points and Rankings

Proposal to adjust the USSA Freeskiing National Ranking List based on a “place-points” scale using a curve. This simply means that for every scored competition sanctioned through USSA, points are awarded from 1st place to last place using a 650 point curve. See calculations below. The exact calculation of the points awarded to each finish place is determined by the competition level.

Competition Levels

Platinum Level Competitions: Scale 1000 fixed

Olympic Winter Games, World Championships, World Cup

Gold Level Competitions: Scale 900 fixed

NorAm's, Grand Prix, Jr. World Championships

Silver Level Competitions: Scale 800 fixed

Revolution Tour, Jr. Nationals, Europa Cups

Bronze Level Competitions: Scale 700 fixed

Divisional Events

Use curve based system for competition/meet place points, with a 650 point range, to determine national points list rankings for finishes in a given competition/meet. E.g. If a meet is valued 700 points, the floor would be 50 points. First place earns 700 and last place earns 50, regardless of number of competitors.

All places between earn an equally representative portion between those values. Likewise, if a meet is valued 1000 points, the floor would be 350 points.

First place earns 1000 and last place earns 350, regardless of number of competitors.

Examples:

Event with 20 skiers, assuming a meet value of 700 (as determined by meet value ranking). Floor is 650 less.

Place

- 1 earns 700.00 points
- 2 earns 665.79 points
- 3 earns 631.58 points
- 4 earns 597.37 points
- 5 earns 563.16 points....

650 Curve Calculation Explanation*Example for Silver Level (Rev Tour)*

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| Meet Value: | 800 points |
| Curve Range: | 650 points |
| Floor: | points (as calculated by meet value of 800 – curve range of 650 = 150 floor) |
| # of competitors in competition: | 52 |
| Meet value separation by place: | 12.75 (as calculated by curve range of 650 divided by # of competitors in competition 52 - 1 to allow last place to land at 150 = 12.75 value separation per place, descending from 1 st place) |
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Notes:

1. DNS will not count in total for number of competitors
2. DNF will count in total number of competitors
3. If more than one DNF or any ties for last place, all last place competitors will earn the meet floor value.

Table Example

| | Silver | | | | |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | 800.00 | 17 | 596.08 | 35 | 366.67 |
| Pos. | | 18 | 583.33 | 36 | 353.92 |
| 1 | 800.00 | 19 | 570.59 | 37 | 341.18 |
| 2 | 787.25 | 20 | 557.84 | 38 | 328.43 |
| 3 | 774.51 | 21 | 545.10 | 39 | 315.69 |
| 4 | 761.76 | 22 | 532.35 | 40 | 302.94 |
| 5 | 749.02 | 23 | 519.61 | 41 | 290.20 |
| 6 | 736.27 | 24 | 506.86 | 42 | 277.45 |
| 7 | 723.53 | 25 | 494.12 | 43 | 264.71 |
| 8 | 710.78 | 26 | 481.37 | 44 | 251.96 |
| 9 | 698.04 | 27 | 468.63 | 45 | 239.22 |
| 10 | 685.29 | 28 | 455.88 | 46 | 226.47 |
| 11 | 672.55 | 29 | 443.14 | 47 | 213.73 |
| 12 | 659.80 | 30 | 430.39 | 48 | 200.98 |
| 13 | 647.06 | 31 | 417.65 | 49 | 188.24 |
| 14 | 634.31 | 32 | 404.90 | 50 | 175.49 |
| 15 | 621.57 | 33 | 392.16 | 51 | 162.75 |
| 16 | 608.82 | 34 | 379.41 | 52 | 150.00 |

Example for Bronze Level (Divisional Meet)

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| Meet Value: | 700 points |
| Curve Range: | 650 points |
| Floor: | 50 points (as calculated by meet value of 700 – curve range of 650 = 50 floor) |
| # of competitors in competition: | 36 |
| Meet value separation by place: | 18.57 (as calculated by curve range of 650 divided by # of competitors in competition 36-1 to allow last place to land at 50 = 18.57 value separation per place, descending from 1 st place) |
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Notes:

1. DNS will not count in total for number of competitors
2. DNF will count in total number of competitors
3. If more than one DNF or ties for last place, all last place competitors will earn the meet floor value.

Table Example

| | Bronze |
|-------------|---------------|
| Pos. | 700.00 |
| 1 | 700.00 |
| 2 | 681.43 |
| 3 | 662.86 |
| 4 | 644.29 |
| 5 | 625.71 |
| 6 | 607.14 |
| 7 | 588.57 |
| 8 | 570.00 |
| 9 | 551.43 |
| 10 | 532.86 |
| 11 | 514.29 |
| 12 | 495.71 |
| 13 | 477.14 |
| 14 | 458.57 |
| 15 | 440.00 |
| 16 | 421.43 |
| 17 | 402.86 |
| 18 | 384.29 |
| 19 | 365.71 |
| 20 | 347.14 |
| 21 | 328.57 |
| 22 | 310.00 |
| 23 | 291.43 |
| 24 | 272.86 |
| 25 | 254.29 |

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| 26 | 235.71 |
| 27 | 217.14 |
| 28 | 198.57 |
| 29 | 180.00 |
| 30 | 161.43 |
| 31 | 142.86 |
| 32 | 124.29 |
| 33 | 105.71 |
| 34 | 87.14 |
| 35 | 68.57 |
| 36 | 50.00 |

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| Proposal Number: | Freeskiing 7+ |
| Description: | Freeskiing Points and Rankings List – adjust Junior Nationals Criteria |
| Current Rule: | |
| Proposed Change: | <p>Max Field Size 80</p> <p>40 spots - Division Allocations (5 per Division). Divisions to notify USSA of allocations at least one week prior to point list close date.</p> <p>12 spots - USASA invites top 3 in each applicable age class.</p> <p>Remaining spots to be filled from the USSA points list.</p> |
| Discussion/Reason: | Adjust the Junior Nationals Criteria in order to give each Division guaranteed spots, in case the points list does not work as intended. |
| Pass/Fail: | 14-0-4 Passed |