

FREESTYLE/FREESKIING SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

USSA Congress
Park City Marriott
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Committee Membership:

Chairman	Chris "Seedog" Seemann – Present
B.O.D. Representative	Glenn Eddy – Present
Past Chair	Andy Wise – Absent
Mogul Subcommittee Chair	Chris Marchetti – Present
Aerial Subcommittee Chair	Tim Preston – Present
Skicross Subcommittee Chair	Zach Crist–proxy Abbi Nyberg
Rules & Officials Subcommittee Chair	Andy Hayes – Present
Halfpipe / Slopestyle Subcommittee Chair	Tom Yaps – Present Friday
FIS Representative	Jay Simson – Present
Divisional Representative- Rocky	Dave Lawson – 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 – Absent
Athlete Representative	Justin Peterson – Present Saturday
Athlete Representative	Ethan Fortney - Absent
Athlete B.O.D. Representative	Landon Gardner – Present

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2013

1. Welcome (Call to order at 8:36 a.m. MST) Seedog
2. Agenda Review and Approval Seedog
Motion 1: Simson moved, Rotermund 2nd, approved by acclamation
3. Approval of the May 2012 Minutes Seedog
<http://ussa.org/ussa/freestylefreeskiing-sport-committee-meeting-minutes>
Motion 2: Simson moved, Eddy 2nd, approved by acclamation
4. Review of subcommittee members Seedog
Reviewed FFSC seats up for election
5. Executive Committee Report Seedog
Reviewed agenda and made sure all proposals were in the correct subcommittees.
Crossover proposals stayed in executive committee.
6. Staff Reports - **Addendum A** Schirman, Forster, Pearson, Nyberg
7. USSA updates / membership - **Addendum B** Pearson/Barnes/Ehlers
8. FIS Report - **Addendum C** Simson
9. Adjourn 9:50 a.m. MST Seedog
Continue at 11:00 am Saturday May 18, 2013

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013

- 10. Reconvene from Friday May 17, 2013 Seedog
Call to order at 11:00 a.m. MST

- 11. USSA Board of Directors' Report - **Addendum D** Eddy

- 12. Subcommittee Reports / Proposal review FFSC to vote on Motions

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 E**)

Executive Committee Minutes/Proposals – Seedog

The executive committee reviewed and approved the 2013 FFSC agenda as presented.

The executive committee next reviewed 6 proposals and 3 recommendations, following is the executive committee direction on these items.

Executive 1 Minutes/Discussion: Exclude foreign athletes from the US Nationals invite list. – moved to moguls subcommittee proposal 9

The executive committee recommends this proposal be pushed back through the Mogul Committee for further discussions with the aerial quota to remain as currently written in the comp guide. Executive committee further reminds the Mogul committee that Nationals is an FIS event and foreign athletes must be allowed to compete. The Executive is also supporting discussions pertaining to field sizes at National Championships being too large and may be jeopardizing the caliber of the National Champs. Possible solutions; no alternates, reduce field to 40 or less per gender plus division allocations, a single mogul / DM invite lists.

Executive 2 Minutes/Discussion: Junior Combined Champion Format Change

The Executive Committee will be bringing this proposal to the FFSC for discussion and hopeful approval. The Executive Committee intends to amend this proposal to support a Junior Nationals Freeskiing combined award made up of HP, SS and Big Air. Junior Nationals would also have a combined Freestyle award made up of MO and DM. Inverted Aerials would be separated from the combined based on the large number of gymnasts and trampoline athletes participating.

This new combined format will require a Big Air points list to be created. This was passed then re-visited in the Aerials Subcommittee. That committee made an amendment to this rule.
Konrad called, Glenn 2nd

Proposal Number:	Executive 2
Description:	Junior Combined Champion Format Change
Current Rule:	Junior National Criteria, page 64, item #5. Each division will conduct combined at its divisional championships. The combined junior champion will be added to Junior Nationals above the current quota. Combined is defined as moguls, aerials and halfpipe. The athlete will compete in each of the three disciplines at Junior Nationals and be added

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	above the current quota.
Proposed Change:	To create two separate Junior National Combined Champions, one for Freeskiing and one for Freestyle. See A & B below for specific descriptions. A: Each division will conduct combined at its divisional championships. The combined junior champion will be added to Junior Nationals above the current quota. Junior National Freeskiing combined champion to be defined as slopestyle, halfpipe, and big air. The athlete will compete in each of the three disciplines at Junior Nationals and be added above the current quota. B. Each division will conduct combined at its divisional championships. The combined junior champion will be added to Junior Nationals above the current quota. Junior National Freestyle combined champion to be defined as moguls, dual moguls, and aerials. The athlete will compete in each of the three disciplines at Junior Nationals and be added above the current quota.
Amendment:	A: Stay the same as above B: Moguls/Dual Moguls Freestyle Combined
Discussion/Reason:	Freeskiing and Freestyle athletes have been separated and should have their own combined champion that would be reflected on the disciplines in their chosen sports.
Impacts on other Disciplines:	Divisional championships will need to include a big air that can coincide with an aerial or slopestyle contest that is following AFP format, which includes no calling of trick, and best of 2 jumps. Same trick can be repeated.
Impacts on Event Organizers:	Each division will need to host a divisional championship to reflect the disciplines in freeskiing and freestyle as recommended.
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	Big Air could have its own points list created. It's currently sitting under slopestyle.
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	Should have no current impact.
Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules:	n/a
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimous

Executive 3 Minutes/Discussion: Clarifying Divisional Selection Criteria & National Criteria & 4 Divisional Championship Requirement

The Executive Committee will bring this proposal to the FFSC for review and hopeful approval. It is the position of the Executive committee that divisions may not implement rules that conflict with any rules that are approved by the FFSC.

In response to current Mogul trends, the executive committee would like the Mogul Committee to address the process of Mogul athletes competing in all NorAm events and automatically qualifying for Nationals. Is this process undermining divisional Mogul Events, are the NorAm fields also too large?

Konrad moved, Tim Preston 2nd

Proposal Number:	Executive 3
Description:	Clarifying Divisional Selection Criteria & National Criteria
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	Add the following to the introduction section for Quotas for Junior Nationals and Nationals: "Divisions may not add to or change requirements for the quota spots described in this section with the exception of those spots designated as divisional allocations."
Discussion/Reason:	Several divisions have created rules which claim to override the quota rules described in the comp guide. For example, Intermountain division rules state that the Junior Nationals and Nationals selection rules will be applied only after an athlete has met the Intermountain requirements for competing in the division. First, there are already spots specifically designated as divisional quota spots that can be filled by any criteria the division chooses. Second, there is no rule in the comp guide allowing divisions to override the selection criteria for the national level spots to the events. Third, if divisions were allowed to add criteria to the national level spots it would create an unequal qualifying process for athletes depending on what division they were in which would violate the obligation of the FFSC to treat all athletes fairly. Fourth, allowing that type of inequality would simply result in athletes changing their divisional registration to those divisions that did not impose additional requirements.
Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules:	Would clarify those divisional rules claiming to override the FFSC selection rules for national level spots to Junior Nationals and Nationals are invalid and cannot be enforced.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

Executive 4 Minutes:

Konrad moved, Jay 2nd

Proposal Number:	Executive 4
Description:	Divisional Championship Requirement
Current Rule:	Athletes who do not meet divisional requirements will not be included on List 4 in moguls and dual moguls. A list of athletes who do not meet the requirements will be provided to USSA by the Divisional Chairs. (FSP rule 10 – comp guide page 16)
Proposed Change:	Athletes who do not compete in their divisional championship will not be included on List 4 in moguls and dual moguls. A list of athletes who do not meet that requirement will be provided to USSA by the Divisional Chairs. (FSP rule 10 – comp guide page 16)
Discussion/Reason:	In 2009 USSA Competition Services department requested that the FFSC change the process by which the requirement to ski in divisional championships was enforced (see the attached minutes from the May 2009 meeting). Rather than have USSA figure out who did not compete, they wanted the divisional chairs to give them a list of whom to remove from List 4. That proposal was given to the Membership Subcommittee to draft – the proposal used the term "divisional requirements" to refer to the long-standing FSP rule requiring that athletes ski in their divisional championships. There was no indication in the proposal or the minutes that there was any

	intention to expand the divisional championship requirement to anything additional. The somewhat ambiguous wording has apparently since that time been interpreted by certain divisions as allowing them to impose requirements on their athletes beyond competing in the divisional championships. Changing the wording of the rule will clarify that the divisions cannot add additional FSP list requirements that would create unequal treatment of athletes from division to division. National points must treat all athletes equally regardless of division.
Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules:	Corrects language in the existing rule
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

Executive 5 Minutes/Discussion: Unfortunately for our FFSC Sports, the need to create a parent code of Conduct has become necessary.

Konrad moved, Mike Papke 2nd

Proposal Number:	Executive 5
Description:	Unfortunately for our FFSC Sports, the need to create a parent code of Conduct has become necessary.
Current Rule:	This Proposal is an educational piece and is proposed to be added to Chapter 1 page 10 of the comp guide under the current Parents heading
Proposed Change:	<p style="text-align: center;">USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Parent Code of Conduct</p> <p>USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing has established the following policies for parents to help guide successful competition and training for all participants. The USSA is fortunate to have many highly-experienced, professional coaches and officials working to help develop our skiers into better athletes and to deliver fair and enjoyable events. The behavior of parents during training and competition has significant influence on the experience of their children and others while participating in sport. Following is a parent code of conduct that was developed as a standard to emphasize the USSA's commitment to making everyone's involvement a positive experience.</p> <p>As a parent of a USSA Freestyle / Freeskiing athlete, I will abide by the following guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the event is for youth, not parents. 2. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of his/her performance. 3. I will emphasize that skill development and training hard will benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize competition results in the younger age groups. 4. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of all participants ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to succeed.

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	<p>5. I will abide by all rules of skier safety, including those local rules set forth by individual ski areas and event organizers while at USSA supported events. This includes rules pertaining to access to the venue.</p> <p>6. I will conduct myself in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.</p> <p>7. I will treat all coaches, employees, officials, volunteers, other skiers and parents with courtesy and respect. Abusive language towards coaches, athletes, parents, officials, volunteers, ski area personnel, or my own children will not be permitted or tolerated.</p> <p>8. I will refrain from coaching my child or other athletes during events and training, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.</p> <p>9. I will respect the coaches, judges and officials and their authority and responsibilities during an event. I understand that during competitions, questions or concerns regarding decisions made by officials are directed to a member of our coaching staff. Parents address officials via the coaching staff only.</p> <p>10. I will use proper channels of communication that are both professional and courteous, this will be key to any well-run organization. All parents should direct any comments or questions in a professional manner to their child's coach. That coach is their first line of support. If questions or comments go unanswered, then the club program director or division chairperson will be the parents' secondary line of support.</p> <p>These guidelines are not meant to restrict the parent's access to enjoy and be involved in events. We encourage open communication among parents, athletes and coaches with an understanding of the appropriate place and time. We encourage parents to be active at events through volunteering and participating on organizing committees. With parent support, USSA events can provide rewarding and enjoyable experiences for all involved.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	The above parent code helps to define the proper role of parents in our sports. This type of code has existed in most other sports for quite some time.
Impacts on other Disciplines:	None
Impacts on Event Organizers:	Gives them a document to educate parents if an issue arises
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	None
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	Gives them a document to educate parents if an issue arises
Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules:	None
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

Executive 6 Minutes/Discussion: Streamline the Comp Guide to make it a more useable tool. This proposal is to reformat the comp guide.

The Executive Committee will bring this proposal to the FFSC for review and, hopefully, approval.
Konrad moved, Tim 2nd

Proposal Number:	Executive 6
Description:	Streamline the Comp Guide to make it a more useable tool. This proposal is to reformat the comp guide.
Current Rule:	Currently there is an entire chapter (Pages 23 – 60) dedicated to the Divisional Programs
Proposed Change:	Delete Chapter 3, Divisional Programs in its entirety. Enhance page 6 with more detailed Divisional contact information including the Divisions web site, Facebook, etc.
Discussion/Reason:	The Divisions section in the comp guide contains a lot of redundancy and duplicate information for the most part. Having the Comp guide provide a link to each division, allows for better content management and accuracy by the divisions themselves. I believe this change would provide better and more accurate information for our Divisions.
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	Will reduce USSA staff time required to compile this section of the comp guide
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	I believe it will make the comp guide a more useable technical tool.
Pass/Fail:	For 12, Against 1, Abstain 1, Passed

New Business:

Executive 7: Minutes/Discussion: Konrad moved, Tim 2nd

Proposal Number:	Executive 7
Description:	Add a past chair position to the Mogul Subcommittee
Current Rule:	Does not currently exist
Proposed Change:	Add a past chair position to the Mogul Subcommittee
Discussion/Reason:	As the Subcommittee chairs begin to rotate, it is important to the continuity of the committee and the sharing of historical information to add these past chairs to the subcommittee as voting members
Pass/Fail:	10 For, 1 Abstain, Passed

USFST Recommendation 1 - Young Guns Moguls Criteria

This recommendation has been implemented by the Ski Team, this item is informational.

USFST Recommendation 2 - Young Guns Aerial Criteria

This recommendation has been implemented by the Ski Team, this item is informational.

USFST Recommendation 3 - Development Team Criteria, now aerial proposal 3

The executive committee recommends this proposal be pushed back through the aerial subcommittee for further discussions and possible language changes.

FFSC Elections Review

The final discussion point in the Executive Committee meeting was to review the elections process due at this meeting.

All of the Subcommittee Chairs are up for Election this year. Nominations for subcommittee chairs must come from a member of that subcommittee to be eligible for election by the FFSC.

The two divisional FFSC reps are up for rotation. The 8 division chairs will nominate the next divisional reps for approval by the FFSC.

Athlete Reps, At Large reps will be nominated for election by a voting member of the FFSC, with the exception of the USSA BOD athlete rep, whose election follows a separate criterion.

Freeskiing Committee Minutes/Proposals – Nyberg reported

Committee Membership Review:

John Kimble – East Representative by acclamation
Tony Lodico – Rocky Representative by acclamation
Tony Bushi – Intermountain Representative by acclamation
Tom Yaps – reelected as the Chairman by acclamation

Committee Reports:

Jeremy Forster reviewed the Olympic selection process.

Region Rep reports

Martin Sundquist – Central saw a growing number of athletes at a younger age. There are no halfpipe events in the central region; they focus on slopestyle, big air and aerials.

Skinner – Rocky had a tough year hosting USSA events. More kids are doing USASA events.

USASA/USSA Discussion

Discussion was held regarding the USASA/USSA event pipeline. Suggestions were made on how to approve the current situation. The Sport Committee will continue to work on this issue through the summer to find a solution to improve the pipeline and how the pipeline is communicated to the members.

Freeskiing 1 Minutes/Discussion:

Elana Chase motion to include USASA Overall Champion into the Jr Nationals criteria. Motion approved by acclamation. Alternate language proposed to open alternates up to top 100 Men and 50 Women from the USSA points list.

Todd moved, Papke 2nd

Proposal Number:	Freeskiing 1															
Description:	Junior Nationals Halfpipe/Slopestyle criteria															
Current Rule:	<p>For the halfpipe and slopestyle events, each division will receive an allocation of 5 spots per discipline, per gender. Divisions must notify USSA Freestyle office of allocation selections by Feb. 20, 2013.</p> <p>For halfpipe and slopestyle events, top finishers from each of the following age classes at the most recent USASA Nationals shall be invited to USSA Junior Nationals according to the following quota:</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Age Class</th> <th>Men</th> <th>Women</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>10-12 years old</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13-15 years old</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16-18 years old</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Open*</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Athletes who are not eligible for USSA Junior Nationals by virtue of their age are not included in the Open ranking.</p> <p>Remaining spots to be filled from the FFSP, list #3 up to max field size of 80 men and women</p>	Age Class	Men	Women	10-12 years old	3	3	13-15 years old	3	3	16-18 years old	3	3	Open*	3	3
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Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously															

Freeskiing 2 Minutes/Discussion:

Addition of Big Air approved.

Jeremy moved, Todd 2nd

Proposal Number:	Freeskiing 2
Description:	Create 4800 Big Air rules and Big Air Points List
Current Rule:	none
Proposed Change:	<p>4800 Big Air</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 4801 Definition Competitions shall consist of a jump maneuver performed off of features that can be found in a terrain park or on an Aerials site. The skier performs their run using these jumps. A panel of judges will evaluate the performance based upon overall impression. . 4802 the Big Air Site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 4802.1 The Big Air course shall fall within the specifications as outlined in the competition course specifications. See Appendix A. . 4802.2 The Big Air 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. . 4802.3 Each feature on the course must be clearly marked with dye. <p>4803 competition procedure of Big Air</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 4803.1 Best of Two Runs All competitors will be given two runs; the better of the two scores will be used for the results. . 4803.2 Once a competitor has started his run, he is not allowed to re-start. In extenuating circumstances, the Jury may grant a re-start. . 4803.3 Jump maneuvers do not need to be called. . 4803.4 Jumps may be repeated. <p>4804 competitor training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 4804.1 Competitor should be given at least 30 minutes of training prior to the competition, see 3066. . 4804.2 Minimum 2 training jumps per athlete. . 4804.2 There shall be no specific start order during training. . 4804.3 Training times will be communicated by the competition committee during the team captains'/riders meeting. <p>4805 Start/Finish Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 4805.1 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. . 4805.2 The Finish Area for the competition must be satisfactorily large

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	<p>enough to allow the skier to stop.</p> <p>4806 Judges Stand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 4806.1 If possible, the judges' stand should be in a location that allows them to see the entire course. The jury will set the placement of the judges. . 4806.2 The judges' area should be fenced or protected from competitors and spectators. <p>4807 Special procedures: Big Air</p> <p>4807.1 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.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>Big Air is a valid event contested at X-Games and throughout the AFP Tour. It will be best to choose athletes to compete at Junior Nationals in Big Air from its own points list.</p> <p>I recommend that Big Air be run alongside of Aerials competitions and vice versa just like we did at Junior Nationals this season, 2 jumps Aerials with 2 different jumps counting that are called followed by the Big Air with 2 jumps overall impression best one counts.</p>
Impacts on other Disciplines:	<p>Could help boost numbers for Aerials events and if they are run as a double event with one entry fee people can choose to do one or the other but would be encouraged to do both.</p>
Impacts on Event Organizers:	<p>I recommend a \$10 increase to run as a double event with Aerials this allows \$8 towards the head taxes and \$2 towards sanction fees. A second set of paperwork would be required for the Big Air event but the judges can judge both in a single day with one single day pay rate.</p> <p>At large events like Junior Nationals it may be best to run Big Air on its own day/evening (under the lights).</p>
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	<p>Another points list would be required to be set up and run. It would be another set of results to input in the system.</p>
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	<p>Judging 2 more rounds in each competition if run alongside an Aerials event.</p>
Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules:	<p>The 4650 Judging/Scoring section would just need to add Big Air to the events that the overall impression system is used.</p> <p>Appendix A would also need to be modified to include Big Air course specification/recommendations.</p>
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

Freeskiing 3 Minutes/Discussion:

Retracted in subcommittee

Ski Cross Committee Minutes/Proposals – Nyberg

Committee Membership Review:

Joe Swensson – voted by acclamation as Athlete Representative
Langley McNeal – voted by acclamation as Intermountain Representative
James Tautkus – voted by acclamation as the Coaches Representative
Jeff Lange – voted by acclamation as PNSA Representative

Updated Committee Membership:

Zach Christ- Chair
Casey Puckett- USCA Rep
Joe Swensson- Athlete Rep
Daron Rahlves- At Large
Eduardo Guzman- At Large
Langley McNeal- Intermountain
James Tautkus- Coaches Rep
Brett Buckles- Rocky
Abbi Nyberg- U.S. Freeskiing Staff
Tyler Shepherd- Coaches Rep
Gary Wright- Officials Rep
Jeff Lange- PNSA

Representative Reports:

Coaches' Representative: James Tautkus

In Mammoth's opening season as an official SX Team we had great success. Strong results at the Canyons with three podiums and strong presence at NorAm, WC, and WJC events. The program to begin with has a fire started by John Teller followed by strong younger talents that have made the decision to cross over from alpine full time. We travel with four athletes: Tyler Wallasch, Nico Monforte, Madeline Riffel, and Shannon Hartmann. But the Mammoth Ski Team has strong showing of talent throughout the program. At a Mammoth USASA event in January we had 130 participants more than half of which came from the Mammoth Ski Team. SX is definitely a presence here at Mammoth with a market for the future.

Mammoth is the best mountain to support SX. It has a lot of resources and they are willing to use them to support their on snow teams. While the mountain is operating the team benefits from a many training environments: Lane space for alpine development, two sx/sbx runs with assorted terrain, large terrain parks to work on jumping, a start arena with a two man drop gate with built up terrain features, and an amazing mountain with natural terrain to crush. When you look at what we are able to get done at home it's easy to see how we are able achieve success.

In terms of progressing the sport in the US if USSA isn't prepared to support any type of program then we'd like for it to endorse Mammoth as the official development program to US Ski Cross. Otherwise I think USSA is making a mistake by not putting some investment into an Olympic Winter Sport. Having been to World Juniors with six athletes this past season and two WC's I can tell you that though our numbers are small our depth is strong. For our group of junior athletes Korea is a tangible goal for them. More experience in Europa Cups, properly established prep periods will be crucial for them. It is important that they get the backing from their country to represent it at the highest level while getting some support to get there and ensure a successful future for the US in the sport.

At the moment our presence on the WC is ensured by two individuals who have shown more success than any other American SX athlete. We are currently under the impression USSA is only supporting one athlete to go to Sochi which is a huge mistake. Joe Swensson has shown his ability to dice with the best and deserves to be there as much as anyone. I find it hard to believe that USSA can't find a place for one

more SX position. It would be a severe tragedy and disappointment if you were not to and we would lose our faith in you as our governing body.

However, with the partnership with USASA the US is doing some very good things on the grass roots side of things. Our youth has the ability to race SX at a young age through USASA and continue on to the FIS level with Rev Tour and the Hole Shot. We are far ahead of Canada in this realm. SX in their country isn't even available until the FIS age (unless you're in the Ontario system where they have implemented SX into their alpine training system). I do believe that we have the tools and the availability to participate in the sport however the incentive to make it to the top level is nearly nonexistent to us. Without the incentive to have support at the top level the attraction to the sport will deplete and thus we'll lose a sport we invented.

At the moment we have two athletes who are completely capable of winning medals and a club program with support and content in the right direction. All of which have come from their decision to make something in this sport. The country will follow if USSA gets behind it. Really the ball is in your court because without support this thing can only get so far and thus we'll be left with wasted talent. Thank you.

Athlete Representative: Joe Swensson

Highlights: John-3rd World Champs, 1st Mégève WC, 5th in Les Contamines
Joe- 3rd in Val Thorens, 4th in Are, 7th in Mégève
Tyler- 2nd ranked junior in the world
Nico- 2nd ranked y.o.b. 95 in the world
Trevor/Brant- 1, 2 in Nor Am Overall Ranking
4 guys in the top 5; 6 women in the top ten in the NorAm Overall

We need to help these athletes make the jump from Nor Am races into the World Cup Scene. Without proper training and coaching it is impossible. USSA wants more depth to our program before staffing it but there is no way to create that without proper development and recruiting. Most of our men skied in several or more World Cups this season with only two making it to the finals. I think we are doing well with what we have in terms of athletes at this point. We should encourage these guys to ski with James Tautkus (the Mammoth coach) as much as possible since he is really the only legitimate ski cross coach in the US right now.

As a whole, USA Ski Cross had a lot of solid results this season with John and I having multiple top ten and podium results. The other guys are showing a lot of potential but without coaching it is very hard to ski at a world-class level. I think there needs to be two main focuses on the upcoming season. The first is finding high quality training opportunities for John and myself so we can be on top of our game for the Olympics. Every other team is fully staffed with multiple coaches, physios, and ski techs. We won't have those resources but if we can get on snow and team up with other world cup skiers then we can make some real progress. Some options are skiing with the Aussies in New Zealand in September and then with the Swiss in Saas Fee, SUI in late October/November. Both of these teams have agreed to take us on. Our domestic camps in Mammoth and Hood in the early summer will also be great opportunities.

The second focus is developing our NorAm level athletes so they can start scoring some world cup points. The majority of these athletes need some serious work on their alpine skills. I think it's necessary to have a giant slalom camp sometime this summer and spend a week only skiing gs. On the men's side, these guys can keep up with anyone in heats but they can't qualify in a world cup. After watching most of them ski on a daily basis throughout the winter it is clear that their biggest obstacle is their ability to turn and their ability to glide. Each individual athlete has their own things to work on but these are two significant obstacles.

USA Ski Cross has a lot of work ahead of us to develop our current athletes. A short-term solution can also be to try to recruit more heavily from the alpine side. The college circuit and alpine Nor Am circuit

are great starting points. There must be some girls and guys out there willing to come try it out but we need to be more active in recruiting and show people that ski cross is a lot of fun and worth giving a shot.

General Requests for Next Season:

Quota- We need to have the same/equal opportunity to qualify for the Olympics as the other freestyle disciplines. I think we would all be satisfied if we have two objective spots rather than one in order for John and myself to both have the chance to qualify. Just having the option for two objective spots is fair because that won't necessarily guarantee us both spots. However, it will allow for us to both qualify objectively and not have to deal with discretionary selections. With only one objective spot either of us could easily be bypassed even if we've both made the criteria.

Transportation Help- It would be great if we can have access to a US Ski Team cargo van for the season or at least rent one from them for a certain periods throughout the winter. I've seen multiple cargo vans sitting at the Movenpick Hotel in Munich that didn't even move the entire season. That would be a huge logistic help for us.

Team Uniforms and Race Suits- We are the only team in the world without team uniforms and race suits. The North Face has spent some time developing suits for us and I don't think it would be a problem for them to make a few extras for our World Cup skiers. They are such a large company and the costs shouldn't be an issue. I know our athletes would be willing to pay for suits as well if that was the case. From what I've gathered speaking to their product manager they just need the go ahead from US Freeskiing and it shouldn't be an issue producing more suits.

Support Team- Coach/Wax Guy/Physio- In a perfect world we would have similar support as other teams but I assume that is still a long ways away for us. We hired Chris last year but that came directly from the athletes pockets and it was a huge expense. One of our biggest disadvantages is not having a coach on hill during a World Cup event. Most of these teams have multiple coaches and can provide feedback to the athletes before a race run as well as analyze training video before a race. Maybe it is a possibility to cover some of James' or Casey's (if he's interested) expenses and they could attend some of the WC races with us.

Continue to work on communication- Communication between athletes and US Freeskiing coordinators needs to improve. We ran into some issues last season where race organizers weren't receiving our entries correctly. They either had too many athletes listed or didn't have us listed at all. Towards the end of the season we started getting things dialed but still ran into issues in Sierra Nevada when they hadn't received our entries for WC Finals by the deadline. They tried to overcharge us but we were able to work it out. Both the athletes and USSA need to work together on this issue.

I've had the opportunity to train at the COE for the past week now and I've noticed the USSA Vision/Mission Statement posted all over the walls...

The vision of the USSA is to make the United States of America the best in the world in Olympic skiing and snowboarding. The Mission of the USSA is to provide strong leadership that establishes and supports athletic excellence in accordance with USSA core values.

I really appreciate what USSA has done for USA Ski Cross so far but if we want to really grow the sport then we need USSA to follow through with their Vision/Mission statement, increase their support, and help us to create the best ski cross team in the world.

USSA Commitment:

- Telluride World Cup, Canyons Grand Prix - \$80k in prize money
- 7 NorAm, 2 FIS events
- Financial support to John Teller 2011-13. Intent to support Joe Swensson in 2013/14

- USOC Elite Athlete Health Insurance
- USOC Basic Grant
- USSA Funding
- COE Access with trainer, Access to GS training at Copper with US Ski Team
- Training with SBX team in Hood and other camp opportunities

Mike Jaquet – Money and focus has been directed at hosting major events. How do we make that work towards funding a team. Four-year planning to affect change going forward. Look at the Nordic Combined team and how they approached USSA with a business plan. Marketing, media and event activation are how the events are sold.

Development:

Challenges to address:

- Address the lack of the pipeline
- Culture shift within alpine coaching staff
- 15-16 age group who leave the sport
- Give young athletes the opportunity to access Skicross events

Solutions:

- Skicross as the 5th Alpine discipline – incorporate Skicross into club programs.
- Create opportunities to encourage coaches to incorporate Skicross training into their club programs.
- Bring ski and snowboard together at all levels. From lower level clubs/events through the national teams, sport synergies.
- Skicross camp with alpine team guys
- USSA support to build facilities at resorts across the country
- Advocacy messaging – best practices, advocates from the sport to be representatives to bring the message to the media.
- Abbi to pull together best practices of clubs involvement across the country

Aerial Committee Minutes/Proposals – Preston

Aerial 1 Minutes/Discussion:

Todd moved, Konrad 2nd

Proposal Number:	Aerial 1 (formerly aerial 2)
Description:	Remove Age Limitations for Aerials, keeping limitations for just moguls and dual moguls
Current Rule:	<p>3070.2 Age Limitations for Jumps</p> <p>The following age limitations apply for aerial maneuvers in national competitions in moguls and dual moguls competitions. A competitor may not perform more than a single inverted maneuver.</p> <p>Age category</p> <p>Highest Acceptable Jumps</p> <p>Junior 4 and younger</p> <p>Single inverts/1080 rotation (13 and younger is Singles)</p> <p>Junior 2-3</p> <p>Double inverts/all rotations (14 to do Doubles)</p> <p>Junior 1/Seniors</p> <p>Triple inverts (17 to do triples)</p>

Proposal Number:	Aerial 1 (formerly aerial 2)
Proposed Change:	3070.2 Age Limitations for inverted maneuvers in Moguls and Dual Moguls competitions The following age limitations apply for aerial maneuvers in national competitions. In moguls and dual moguls competitions a competitor may not perform more than a single inverted maneuver. Age category Highest Acceptable Jumps Junior 4 and younger Single inverts/1080 rotation (13 and younger is Singles) Junior 2-3 Double inverts/all rotations (14 to do Doubles) Junior 1/Seniors Triple inverts (17 to do triples)
Discussion/Reason:	Remove the word "Aerial Skiing" from 3070.2 (keep for moguls and dual moguls) We have the most strict qualification process in the world. The consensus across the board for international coaches is discretion as to ability level should govern age limitations.
Pass/Fail:	Passed Unanimously

Aerial 2 Minutes:

Todd Moved, Mike 2nd

Proposal Number:	Aerial 2 (new from subcommittee)
Description:	Change Aerials Points and Rankings
Current Rule:	Pg. 15 #2 Comp guide – The aerial points list is the average of a competitor's best two scores regardless of what event those scores occur in, excluding water ramp competitions.
Proposed Change:	The aerial points list is the average of a competitor's best four single jump scores regardless of what USSA or FIS event those scores occur in, excluding water ramp competitions.
Discussion/Reason:	To make the points list more accurate to the new competition formats that use single jump scoring
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

Aerial 3 Minutes:

Konrad moved, Todd 2nd

Proposal Number:	Aerial 3 (formerly Exec USFST recommendation 3)
Description:	Development Group Criteria
Current Rule:	There is no current development team criterion.

Proposed Change:	The top 4 men and women on the points list, not currently named to the US team or EADP will be nominated for the aerials development group. This group is intended to recognize the best aerialists in the country not currently on the US Team.
Discussion/Reason:	The intention is to re-structure the aerials pipeline. The EADP program was originally intended to be a talent id program for those new to the sport. Over time it morphed into a true development team. Therefore to clarify the aerials pipeline a Development group will be nominated, and EADP will move back to its original intentions of a more isolated talent id introductory program.
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	USSA will administer limited coaching and facility support to the development team.
Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules:	Remove the previous development group
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

Aerial 4 Minutes/Discussion:

Konrad moved, Todd 2nd Amendment: Change verbiage from "will" to "may". Amendment made to reflect the Freestyle Combined Jr. Champion.

Proposal Number:	Aerial 4 (formerly Exec 2)
Description:	Junior Combined Champion Format Change
Current Rule:	Junior National Criteria, page 64, item #5. Each division will conduct combined at its divisional championships. The combined junior champion will be added to Junior Nationals above the current quota. Combined is defined as moguls, aerials and halfpipe. The athlete will compete in each of the three disciplines at Junior Nationals and be added above the current quota.
Proposed Change:	To create two separate Junior National Combined Champions, one for Freeskiing and one for Freestyle. See A & B below for specific descriptions. A: Each division will conduct combined at its divisional championships. The combined junior champion will be added to Junior Nationals above the current quota. Junior National Freeskiing combined champion to be defined as slopestyle, halfpipe, and big air. The athlete will compete in each of the three disciplines at Junior Nationals and be added above the current quota. A. Each division will conduct combined at its divisional championships. The combined junior champion will be chosen above the current quota. The Junior National Freestyle combined champion will be defined by picking an athlete's best event from each of three categories: Moguls/Dual Moguls, Slopestyle/Halfpipe, and Aerials/Big Air. The athlete will compete in 3-6 events at their discretion, but must have one event from each of the three categories to be considered for combined.
Amendment	To create two separate Junior National Combined Champions, one for Freeskiing and one for Freestyle. See A & B below for specific descriptions. Each division will may conduct <u>a freestyle and/or freeskiing combined</u> at its divisional championships. The <u>freestyle and/or freeskiing combined</u> junior

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	<p>champion will be added to Junior Nationals above the current quota.</p> <p>A. Junior National Freeskiing Combined Champion to be defined as slopestyle, halfpipe, and big air. Athlete will compete in each of the three disciplines at Junior Nationals and be added above the current quota.</p> <p>B. The Junior National Freestyle Combined Champion will be defined by picking an athlete's best event from each of three categories: Moguls/Dual Moguls, Slopestyle/Halfpipe, and Aerials/Big Air during the Jr. Nationals event. The athlete will qualify from FFSP List #3 or the divisional combined champion to compete in 3-6 events at their discretion, but must have one event from each of the three categories to be considered for freestyle combined champion.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	In the spirit of progression and development, athletes should be encouraged to participate in highly diverse freestyle skiing disciplines. This is also in the spirit of long-term Athlete Development and USSA training systems.
Impacts on other Disciplines:	Juniors must offer at least one event from each category.
Impacts on Event Organizers:	Each division will need to host a divisional championship to reflect the disciplines in freeskiing and freestyle as recommended, but ultimately will set their own criteria.
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	Big Air could have its own points list created. It's currently sitting under slopestyle.
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	Should have no current impact.
Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules:	n/a
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

Moguls Committee Minutes/Proposals – Marchetti

Mogul 1 Minutes/Discussion: Failed in subcommittee

Mogul 2 Minutes/Discussion: Failed in subcommittee

Mogul 3 Minutes/Discussion: Failed in subcommittee

Mogul 4 Minutes/Discussion: To make the jump DD between FIS and USSA the same, take to rules and officials subcommittee to look at. Amended in subcommittee to also include non-FIS jumps such as neutral.

View FIS judging handbook: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/disciplines/freestyle/freestyle-skiing-rules/rules.html>
Konrad moved, Justin 2nd

Proposal Number:	Moguls 4
Description:	Make DD for mogul jumps in USSA the same as FIS

Proposal Number:	Moguls 4
Current Rule:	USSA and FIS have different DD for a few jumps, they are the same for most jumps already
Proposed Change:	Having only one jump DD chart, the FIS one. FIS and USSA would become the same
Amended	Amended to also include non-FIS jumps such as a neutral.
Discussion/Reason:	At various events, especially when using win free instead of the new world cup scoring system the DDs get mixed up sometimes making scoring errors. Simplify the system
Impacts on Event Organizers:	This will make it easier for organizers because there will be only one set of DDs now
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	This will make it quicker and easier to review scores with only one set of DDs
Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules:	The USSA DD chart would need to be eliminated
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

Mogul 5 Minutes/Discussion: Withdrawn in subcommittee because divisions can already host a super-final at an event, but will create scoring conflicts. Super-final will be for awards only, points will come from final 1.

Mogul 6 Minutes/Discussion: Clarified motion 6 is a recommendation to USSA. Requesting approved DD chart to be posted on the USSA web site.

Mogul 7 Minutes/Discussion: Subcommittee didn't move motion to discuss

Mogul 8 Minutes/Discussion: Wording for NorAm starts to be interpreted as best two – House Keeping, vote not needed.

Mogul 9 Minutes/Discussion (formerly Executive 1): Nationals qualification to be top 50 U.S. athletes in single moguls and dual moguls will qualify for U.S. nationals.

Dave moved, Marchetti 2nd

Proposal Number:	Mogul 9 – formerly Exec 1
Description:	Exclude foreign athletes from the US Nationals invite list.
Current Rule:	2013 Comp Guide Page 66 Quota 2. All athletes who are ranked in the top 50 in moguls, top 50 in dual moguls and top 30 in aerials from the FFSP List #4 per gender per discipline. 2013 Comp Guide Page 66 Quota 4. ... These alternates are to be named off FFSP List #4 and will represent the next five (5) names on the FFSP List #4 per gender per discipline that have

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	not already qualified via criteria 2 or 3. ...
Proposed Change:	<p>Quota 2 The top 50 US athletes in moguls, top 50 US athletes in dual moguls and top 30 US athletes in aerials from the FFSP List #4 per gender per discipline.</p> <p>Quota 4 ... These alternates are to be named off FFSP List #4 and will represent the next five (5) US athletes on this list per gender per discipline that have not already qualified via criteria 2 or 3. ...</p>
Amendment	<p>2013 Comp Guide Page 66 Quota 2. Top 50 ranked U.S. athletes in moguls and dual moguls and from the FFSP List #4 per gender per discipline.</p> <p>2013 Comp Guide Page 66 Quota 4. ... These alternates are to be named off FFSP List #4 and will represent the next five (5) U.S. names on the FFSP List #4 per gender per discipline that have not etc.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	As stated in the description for this section, the goal of nationals is to combine the USFST and top divisional skiers at the nationals competition. Using the current US nationals invite criteria 2 and 4, we will be reducing the number of US divisional athletes who get invited to nationals as we get additional foreign skiers who are ranked in the top 50 in the USSA points list. To create adequate opportunity for divisional athletes to attend nationals, we need to exclude all foreign competitors from the official invite and alternate lists since they can attend the US Nationals event through Quota 7.
Impacts on Event Organizers:	Need to skip over foreign competitors on FFSP List #4 when creating the US Nationals invite list.
Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules:	Amending current rules
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

We have a new mogul chairperson, Matt Gnoza elected by a vote of 6-3.

Rule & Officials Committee Minutes/Proposals – Hayes

1. Welcome

The R&P Subcommittee held an election for Chairman. Andy Hayes was reelected by acclamation. He started to the committee that this would be his last term as Chairman. Ed Albert was reelected as Head TD by acclamation.

2. Agenda Review and Approval

Review of Committee Membership: No committee change in the last year.

3. Old Business

- a. Review of our goals and objectives document – Ed Albert

Available from Ed Albert

b. R&O Bylaws document – Andy Hayes

Passed unanimously; **Addendum F**

c. R&O Standard Operating Procedures – Thom Schaefer

This is a work in progress that will be priority during the next year.

d. Domestic Judges training report – Bill McNice

Thom Schaefer has received entry level mogul video and he will proceed with Domestic judges' training video for Moguls only, to be available to all divisions by this fall.

e. FIS judges' training report – Bill McNice

The FIS A level judges' clinic will be in Toronto Oct. 31 – Nov. 3. Not confirmed by FIS

f. Discipline specific TD license level – Ed Albert

USSA TD's are event specific.

g. TD reports, this year's new system for submission/review/storage and recap of the year – Andy Hayes

We need to do a better job with instructions and training to get close to 100% of TD reports. These should all be downloaded from Winfree and mailed electronically.

h. Officials training

A discussion was held with Jon Nolting (USSA education manager) about building an online basic course available through the USSA web site, similar to the Fast Start Coaching Course. Andy and Ed will be pursuing it this summer. Our goal is to have online training available for entry level officials by fall.

4. New Business

a. Ski Cross TD training update.

We are waiting to see what happens during the Spring FIS meetings to see what changes are made. In the meantime our TDs need to decide if they want to pursue this discipline or not.

b. Proposals to the FIS R&O Subcommittee. None of these proposals will be brought to FIS this spring or fall because of the Olympics in 2014. We may see lots of changes in the spring of 2014 FIS meetings.

1. Codify SS and HP rules for Judging and add them to the Judges manual
2. Add rules regarding Tie Breakers
3. Add rules regarding Start Procedures for SS and HP.

R&O 1 Minutes/Discussion:

Konrad moved, Todd 2nd

Proposal Number:	R&O 1 – See Addendum F
Description:	R&O Bylaws document
Current Rule:	No current R&O Bylaws
Proposed Change:	See attached Bylaws
Discussion/Reason:	The R&O Subcommittee needs to define and clarify its purpose, membership, operating procedures, roles and responsibilities.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

R&O 2 Minutes/Discussion:

Konrad moved, Todd 2nd

Proposal Number:	R&O 2
Description:	To move the rules for judging Slope and Pipe from 4650 – 4654.4 to 6600 and 6700
Current Rule:	4650 – 4654.4
Proposed Change:	<u>Split these rules in both Slopestyle and Halfpipe and move them with the rest of the rules for judging other disciplines in the 6000 section.</u> <u>Also add rules for judging Big Air.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	As FIS adopts and codifies the AFP rules for judging of these two sports they will be added to the rules for judging section 6000, and this will make it easier to compare and make changes as FIS does the same thing.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

R&O 3 Minutes/Discussion:

Ed Albert suggests combining proposals 3-7 together for a consent agenda. Justin moved, Landon 2nd

Proposal Number:	R&O 3
Description:	Adjust the Tie breaking rules to follow the FIS rules.
Current Rule:	3045.4 Tie Breaking Tie breaking is performed by the chief of scoring. 3045.4.1 Ties in any of the events will be broken by a judge by judge or complete score by complete score comparison. Refer to sections 6009, 6204.5 and 6304.2. If the tie cannot be broken, both competitors will receive the better place and the following place will be unused. Example: 13th place - 28.6 point 14th place - 26.0 point 14th place - 26.0 points 16th place - 24.2 points 17th place - 24.0 points
Proposed Change:	3045.4 Tie Breaking Tie breaking is performed by the chief of scoring. 3045.4.1 <u>Tie breaking is performed by the chief of scoring.</u> Ties in any of the <u>each</u> event will shall be broken by a judge by judge or complete score

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	<p>by complete score comparison. Refer to sections 6009, 6204.5 and 6304.2, using the tie breaking procedure defined for that event. Refer to Judging Manual 6009, 6204.5, 6304.2.1.1, 6304.2.1.2, and 4505.2.2 and 4505.2.3. If the tie cannot be broken, both <u>all tied</u> competitors will <u>shall</u> receive the better place and the following place will be unused.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">13th place - 28.6 point 14th place - 26.0 point 14th place - 26.0 points 16th place - 24.2 points 17th place - 24.0 points</p> <p>3045.4.2 In the event of an unbreakable tie between the qualifiers for the next Phase, the start order for tied competitors shall be the reverse of their Qualifications start order. If a tie exists for the last place on the start list for any phase of a competition after all tie-breaking procedures for that event have been exhausted, all tied competitors shall go forward to that Phase.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Provisional Minutes for the meeting of the FIS Freestyle Skiing Committee 29.05.12 35
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

R&O 4 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	R&O 4
Description:	Clean up Tie Breaker rules for Ski Cross
Current Rule:	<p>4505.2.2 In the Qualification race, if two or more competitors have the same time (tied), then skier that started later in the race, will win the tie.</p> <p>4505.2.3 If two or more competitors, are tied (for women 16th place and men 32nd place / women 24th place and men 48th place) leading into the Final, then a ski off will be held between the two or more competitors, before the start of the ski cross Final competition. The competitor who wins the run will qualify and advance to the Final.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>4505.2.2 In the Qualification race, if two or more competitors have the same time (tied), then the skier that started later in the race, will win the tie.</p> <p>4505.2.3 If two or more competitors, are tied (for women 16th place and men 32nd place / women 24th place and men 48th place) leading into the Final, then a ski off will be held between the two or more competitors, before the start of the ski cross Final competition. The competitor who wins the run will qualify and advance to the Final.</p> <p><u>Ties in Heats before the Final</u> <u>In case of an unbreakable tie in the heats (between the 2nd, and 3rd or 3rd and 4th placed competitors), the competitor with the lowest qualification rank will advance.</u></p> <p><u>Unbreakable Ties in the Final</u> <u>In case of an unbreakable tie in the small final or the big final, they will remain tied.</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	These are the rules currently used by FIS
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

R&O 5 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	R&O 5
Description:	Adjust the tie breaking rule for Aerials to follow the FIS rule change
Current Rule:	<p>6009 Tie Breaking In the case of a tie the highest total scoring jump will determine the winner. (Note: This includes DD factor) If the tie cannot be broken by this procedure, both competitors will receive the same placing.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>6009 Tie Breaking In the case of a tie the highest total scoring jump will determine the winner. (Note: This includes DD factor) If the tie cannot be broken by this procedure, both competitors will receive the same placing.</p> <p>6009 Tie Breaking <u>In Aerials should a tie occur, the scores from all jumps performed in that phase by each tied competitor shall be recalculated without the application of DD, and the resulting values used to break the tie. If any competitors are still tied, the one with the higher Air/Form score shall be ranked higher; if still tied, the competitor with the lower total DD from all jumps in the phase shall be ranked higher; if still tied and the phase consists of more than one jump, the competitor with the lowest single DD of any jump in that phase shall be ranked higher.</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	IF USSA rules are to replicate FIS rules then we need this change.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

R&O 6 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	R&O 6												
Description:	Adjust the tie breaking rule for Moguls to follow the FIS rule change.												
Current Rule:	<p>6204.5 Tie-Breaking Single Moguls Format 6204.5.1 5 Judge Format</p> <p>Tie breaking will be done by a comparison on a complete score by complete score basis, with each line of the calculation shown below being truncated to two decimal places.</p> <p>The complete score for each Turns judge is calculated as follows: Turns score plus one-third of the average (arithmetic mean) of the Air scores plus one-third of the Speed points. The result is then truncated to two decimal places.</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Score 1</td> <td>Score 2</td> <td>Score 3</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>$J1 + (J4 + J5) / 6$</td> <td>$+ J2 + (J4 + J5) / 6$</td> <td>$+ J3 + (J4 + J5) / 6$</td> <td>$+$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(speed points) / 3</td> <td>(speed points) / 3</td> <td>(speed points) / 3</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>In the event of a multiple way tie, the tie shall be broken by adding up the total number of tie break points using a complete score by complete score comparison, pair by pair as described below: The competitor will receive one tie break point for a higher complete score, 0.5 for a tie and 0 for a lower complete score. After comparing each competitor in each tie, the competitor's tie break points will be added together. Competitors will be ranked in order of their total tie break points.</p>	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3		$J1 + (J4 + J5) / 6$	$+ J2 + (J4 + J5) / 6$	$+ J3 + (J4 + J5) / 6$	$+$	(speed points) / 3	(speed points) / 3	(speed points) / 3	
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Discussion/Reason:	IF USSA rules are to replicate FIS rules then we need this change.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

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R&O Housekeeping Proposals:

R&O Housekeeping 1 Minutes/Discussion:

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R&O Housekeeping 2:

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Description:	Delete outdated examples									
Current Rule:	<p>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, <u>the judges will provide a score and jump code for the maneuver they witnessed the competitor receives no score (DNF). They will receive a DNF if the unplanned maneuver is a repeat of their secondary maneuver.</u></p> <p>Example:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Flight Plan:</td> <td>Jump Performed:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuck-Tuck</td> <td>Tuck-Tuck-Tuck</td> <td>DNF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Full-Double Full</td> <td>Full-Full</td> <td>DNF</td> </tr> </table>	Flight Plan:	Jump Performed:		Tuck-Tuck	Tuck-Tuck-Tuck	DNF	Full-Double Full	Full-Full	DNF
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Discussion/Reason:	With the passing of rule 6004.2.1.1 this makes this example incorrect.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

R&O Housekeeping 3:

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping 3 – Aerials
Description:	Delete the definition of Zudnik
Current Rule:	<p>2. Zudnik: A Nordic type jump in which the upper body is bent roughly 90° at the waist by bringing the upper body forward and down and the lower body forward and up. The toes rise up towards and in the vicinity of the competitor's chin. The skis should remain close together and parallel and the head remains upright.</p> <p>1. Uprights (may be added to any following categories) Zudnik 0.07 Z</p>
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Discussion/Reason:	<p>1. Nobody really does Zudniks any more. 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 to 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> <p>This was voted on and passed unanimously at the Spring 2012 meeting</p>
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

R&O Housekeeping 4:

<p>Proposal Number:</p>	<p>Housekeeping 4 - Aerials</p>
<p>Description:</p>	<p>Rewrite of section 6008.1 – Repeat Rule</p>
<p>Current Rule:</p>	<p>6008. Definition of Different Jumps A competitor shall be required to perform two different aerial jumps. If two jumps are the same, only the first jump counts. 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 degrees or more. 2) <u>For off axis, inverted and upright jumps with a single flip, 360 rotation, or less.</u> a) <u>The jump code is different.</u> 3) <u>For off axis, and inverted jumps with greater than a single flip, or rotation greater than 360.</u> a) <u>They have a different take-off or landing direction (-)</u> b) <u>They have different direction of rotation (b, f, s, r)</u> c) <u>They have a different number of half rotations or half twists (horizontal or off 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 only 6) An inverted component in one differs by at least a full twist from the corresponding inverted component in the other 6008.2 The following are considered equivalent components: 1) All grabs 2) Spread Eagle (S), Kosak (K), Zudnick (Z) 3) Back Scratcher (Y), Mule Kick (M), Iron Cross (X) Note: Positions (p) are upright components when included with a rotation 6008.3 Special Provisions for Single Somersaults A Layout is different from a flip with position.</p>
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R&O Housekeeping 5:

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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 (dG). A 2-hand Grab will be defined as:</p> <p><i>A 2-Hand Grab (dG) 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. (dG) 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>																																																																																												
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Proposal Number:	Housekeeping 5 - Aerials
	"Uprights" category. A Kosak is a mix of a Spread and a Zudnik, but does not receive DD for both tricks.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

R&O Housekeeping 6:

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping 6 - Aerials
Description:	Add Lincoln Loop wording to Side Somersault
Current Rule:	6005.12 Side Somersault: A complete rotation around the yawl axis in which a person rotates heels over head
Proposed Change:	6005.12 Side Somersault <u>or (Lincoln) Loop</u> : A complete rotation around the yawl axis in which a person rotates heels over head
Discussion/Reason:	This is a better description of a side Somersault
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

R&O Housekeeping 7:

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping 7 - Aerials			
Description:	Coding direction of spin.			
Current Rule:	6006.1.2	Rotations	DD	Code
		Zero Spin (switch straight air)	0.01	0
		180	0.14	1
		360 (Helicopter)	0.28	3
		540	0.42	5
		720	0.56	7
		900	0.70	9
		1080	0.84	10
		1260	0.98	12
		1440	1.12	14
		1620	1.26	16
		1800	1.40	18
		Off Axis (bonus may follow any of the above rotations)	0.20	
	o	Double Off Axis bonus	0.45	oo
		Triple Off Axis bonus	0.80	ooo
		Right spin direction		r
		Left spin direction		

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Proposed Change:	6006.1.2 Code	Rotations Zero Spin (switch straight air) 180 360 (Helicopter) 540 720 900 1080 1260 1440 1620 1800 Off Axis (bonus may follow any of the above rotations) o Double Off Axis bonus Triple Off Axis bonus Right spin direction Left spin direction	DD 0.01 0.14 0.28 0.42 0.56 0.70 0.84 0.98 1.12 1.26 1.40 0.20 0.45 0.80 r l	0 1 3 5 7 9 10 12 14 16 18 oo ooo
Discussion/Reason:	Only one direction of spin is needed and the l for Left spin direction is already used by a loop.			
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously			

R&O Housekeeping 8:

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping 8 – Aerials			
Description:	Add the negative sign to both DD's for Tuck and Pike.			
Current Rule:	6006.1.3 Code	Somersaults Jump Description I.. (loop/side) Single flip Double flip Triple flip Quad flip Position (Tucked, Piked, Pucked or "free") P Tuck Pike	Back DD 0.55 1.15 1.80 2.50 -0.05 0.05 0.05	Front & Side DD b.. (back)f.. 0.60 1.30 2.10 3.0 -0.10 0.10 0.10 L LL LLL LLLL
Proposed Change:	6006.1.3 Code	Somersaults Jump Description	Back DD	Front & Side DD b.. (back)

	f.. (front) l.. (loop/side) Single flip 0.55 0.60 L Double flip 1.15 1.30 LL Triple flip 1.80 2.10 LLL Quad flip 2.50 3.0 LLLL Tuck -0.05 -0.10 Tk Pike -0.05 -0.10 Pk
Discussion/Reason:	The negative sign was missed last year.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

R&O Housekeeping 9:

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping 9 – Aerials		
Description:	Adding mute grabs to the examples.		
Current Rule:	6006.2 Difficulty Charts (Examples)	DD	Code
	6006.2.1 Upright Jumps		
	Grab	1.63	G
	Twister-Twister	1.70	TT
	Daffy-Mule Kick-Spread	1.84	DMS
	6006.2.2 Rotational Jumps		
	Switch-180-Iron Cross-Grab	1.99	-1XG
	180-Iron Cross-Grab-180-Spread	2.13	1XG1S
	720-Spread	2.16	7S
	1080	2.34	10
	Misty 540	2.22	5o-
	Rodeo 720-Grab	2.39	7oG
	D-Spin 900-Iron Cross-Grab	2.75	9oXG-
	Bio spin 1080-Mute Grab-Safety Grab	2.92	10oXGG
	<u>Cork 720-Truck Driver</u>	<u>2.44</u>	<u>7o2G</u>
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	<u>360-Mute Grab (may have crossed skis or parallel skis)</u>	<u>1.91</u>	<u>3G</u>
	<u>360-Iron Cross-Mute Grab (denotes separation between X and G)</u>		
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Discussion/Reason:	To eliminate any question of DD or code for these two jumps.						
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously						

R&O Housekeeping 10:

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Discussion/Reason:	This all needs to be cleaned up in the USSA rules to properly depict what was passed last spring.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

R&O Housekeeping 11:

Consent agenda for housekeeping proposals 11-13. Justin moved, Tim 2nd

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping 11 - SX
Description:	Start procedures for Ski Cross
Current Rule:	4507.2.1 Start Command Skiers ready, five seconds - Go
Proposed Change:	<p>4507.2.1 Start Command</p> <p>Skiers ready, five seconds – Go <u>The Ski Cross Start Command shall begin with the warning, “We are ready with the next Heat, proceed to the Start Gate”</u></p> <p><u>“Enter the Start Gate” (30 seconds before the start command)</u></p> <p><u>“Skiers Ready!”, then “Attention!” followed by the starter opening the start gate.</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	Currently the rule for Ski Cross start procedure in USSA events is different than the FIS rule. And should be looked at for consistency's sake.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

R&O Housekeeping 12:

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping 12 - SX
Description:	The finish area for Ski Cross
Current Rule:	3044.1.3 The finish area for the moguls event must be a smooth area equal to the width of the course, for at least 30 m from the finish line. The finish line will be 8 m - 10 m wide. The area, 3 m before the timing light, must be smooth in order for the competitor to ski through the electric timing eye.
Proposed Change:	3044.1.3 The finish area for the moguls <u>and Ski Cross</u> events must be a smooth area equal to the width of the course, for at least 30 m from the finish line. The finish line will be 8 m - 10 m wide. The area, 3 m <u>for Moguls and 10m for Ski Cross</u> before the timing light, must be smooth in order for the competitor to ski through the electric timing eye.

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping 12 - SX
Discussion/Reason:	The current rule does not mention Ski Cross and the smooth area before the finish is defined too short.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

R&O Housekeeping 13:

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping 13 – SX
Description:	Protest fee for USSA events
Current Rule:	3050.1 Preconditions for a Protest The jury shall consider no protest unless the written protest has been made within the time limits indicated under 3050.3. The reason for the protest along with a \$20 protest fee must be given to the jury. If the protest is accepted, the protest fee will be reimbursed, if not, the organizing committee will retain the fee.
Proposed Change:	3050.1 Preconditions for a Protest The jury shall consider no protest unless the written protest has been made within the time limits indicated under 3050.3. The reason for the protest along with a \$20 protest fee (<u>\$100 for Ski Cross</u>) must be given to the jury. If the protest is accepted, the protest fee will be reimbursed, if not, the organizing committee will retain the fee.
Discussion/Reason:	The \$20 protest fee was adopted by USSA Freestyle in the past to reduce the burdensome fee and needs to be looked at for its intended uses in Ski Cross.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

R&O Housekeeping 14:

Konrad moved, Justin 2nd

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping 14 – formerly Ski Cross 4
Description:	Course width
Current Rule:	4502.1 General characteristics of the courses. The slope should preferably be of a medium pitch (not flat/not steep-ideally 12°-20°) with varied terrain with an average slope of 15°. The ski cross slope must be a minimum of 30 m wide. The ski cross track width for 4 to 6 skiers shall be no less than 5 m in width. Under certain conditions for short sections (50 m or less) the course width may be a minimum of 20 m. The ideal ski cross course will allow for the construction of all or some of the following terrain features: banks (crescent shaped), double banks, single, double, or triple jumps, rollers, offset rollers – (single, double, triple, etc.), step-up jumps, spines and double spines, pro style jumps, hip jumps, table top jumps, and medium or long GS type turns (when building a feature is not possible). Other terrain features can be built but safety considerations must always be a priority. Gap jumps will not be permitted under any circumstances. The features should be designed so that competitors are attempting

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	to gain speed and not having to break before each one.
Proposed Change:	<p>4502.1 General characteristics of the courses.</p> <p>The slope should preferably be of a medium pitch (not flat/not steep-ideally 12^o-20^o) with varied terrain with an average slope of 15^o. The ski cross slope must <u>should</u> be a minimum of 30 m wide. The ski cross track width for 4 to 6 skiers shall be no less than 5 m in width. Under certain conditions for short sections (50 m or less) the course width may be a minimum of 20 m. The ideal ski cross course will allow for the construction of all or some of the following terrain features: banks (crescent shaped), double banks, single, double, or triple jumps, rollers, offset rollers – (single, double, triple, etc.), step-up jumps, spines and double spines, pro style jumps, hip jumps, table top jumps, and medium or long GS type turns (when building a feature is not possible).</p> <p>Other terrain features can be built but safety considerations must always be a priority. Gap jumps will not be permitted under any circumstances.</p> <p>The features should be designed so that competitors are attempting to gain speed and not having to break before each one.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	The course used in Sun Valley was only 10 to 15 meters wide and seemed to be safe and approved by the Technical Advisor.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

(Note: Pending USSA Board approval.)

New Business:

Justin moved, Konrad 2nd

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping 15 – SX
Description:	Reduce the minimum Vertical drop requirement for Ski Cross
Current Rule:	4501.1.1 Courses for all events must be a minimum of 130 vertical meters to a maximum 250 vertical meters. The same course may be used for, men and women. Average slope should be between 12^o-22^o
Proposed Change:	4501.1.1 Courses for all events must be a minimum of 130 <u>100</u> vertical meters to a maximum 250 vertical meters. The same course may be used for men and women. Average slope should be between 12^o-22^o
Discussion/Reason:	The 130 m vertical is too much for divisional events.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

13. Elections

Seedog

- Aerials – Nominated Tim Preston; Justin moved, Konrad 2nd passed unanimously
- Moguls – Nominated Matt Gnoza; Konrad moved, Justin 2nd passed unanimously
- Ski Cross – Nominated Zach Christ; Konrad moved, Justin 2nd passed unanimously
- R&O – Nominated Andy Hayes; Konrad, Justin 2nd passed unanimously
- Freeskiing – Nominated Tom Yaps; Konrad, Justin 2nd passed unanimously
- At-Large (Konrad): Nominated Konrad; (, JF 2nd) passed unanimously

- BOD- Nominate: Glenn (Marchetti, Justin 2nd) passed unanimously
- Athlete BOD – not voted by FFSC
- Athlete Rep (Fortney) Nominated Joe Swensson Glenn moved, Justin 2nd passed unanimously
- Divisional Seats: Rep 1 spot smaller divisions, 1 spot large divisional rotations: 2014: PNSA and Central will be voting the next 2 years, Konrad moved, Todd 2nd

14. Old business Seedog
15. New business Seedog

Motion 1: Air sanction: 1 sanction fee, 1 head tax per person, not per individual start. Requesting USSA Freestyle staff takes to USSA for approval.

Moved Konrad, Justin 2nd

Proposal Number:	FFSC 2013 proposal 1
Description:	Reduce head tax and sanction fees for multiple aerial/big air events held on a single day.
Current Rule:	Organizers that hold multiple Aerial or Big Air events on a single day must pay head tax and sanction fees for all events.
Proposed Change:	Organizers that hold multiple Aerial and / or Big Air events on a single day, only one sanction fee and head tax per athlete would be charged per day.
Discussion/Reason:	To support the Aerial and Big Air development pipeline, It is critical to attract as many young athletes to these club and divisional events. These events are normally very small in terms of competitors which makes running multiple events in one day a necessity. These multiple events become cost prohibitive because organizers must pay head tax and sanction fees for both events.
Impacts on Event Organizers:	Allow more organizers to run multiple aerial and or big air events in one day.
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	The small reduction in sanction fees and head tax would be offset by being able to attract more athletes to these multiple event days.
Pass/Fail:	Passed unanimously

(Note: Head tax requests will be vetted through the relevant USSA staff and, if deemed appropriate, taken to the USSA Board of Directors for approval.)

Motion 2: Create a list of course builders per sub-committee that are sport-specific

Moved Konrad, Justin 2nd

17. Adjournment Seedog
- Justin moved, Tim 2nd Adjourn 12:47 p.m. MST

Addendum A

USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Staff Report Spring Congress 2013

Domestic Event Update - Cheryl Pearson / Abbi Nyberg

2013-2014 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>

Marriott Jr. Championships/USSA Freestyle Junior Nationals

March 10-16, 2013 schedule TBD

U.S. Championships

U.S National Championships will be held March 28-30, 2014 at Heavenly Resort Moguls, Aerials and Dual Moguls

U.S. Selections & NorAm Update – Konrad Rotermund

Still finalizing dates and locations

Petition to Start

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

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

2013-14 Competition Guide

Timeline-

May 2, 2013- Divisional Chairs will receive the Comp Guide for editing.

July 15, 2013- 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 2012-13 version of the guide.

National Team Coaching Contacts

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Moguls: Scott Rawles; srawles@ussa.org

Halfpipe: Andy Woods; awoods@ussa.org

Slopestyle: Skogen Sprang; ssprang@ussa.org

Skicross: Abbi Nyberg; anyberg@ussa.org

U.S. Team Staff Report – Todd Schirman, Jeremy Forster

New Staff

Joe Davies – U.S. Aerials C Team Coach

Matt Saunders – U.S. Aerials World Cup Coach

Skogen Sprang – U.S. Freeskiing Slopestyle Pro Team Coach

D.J. Montigny – U.S. Freeskiing Slopestyle National Development Coach

Ben Verge – U.S. Freeskiing Halfpipe National Development Coach

U.S. Aerial Team Staff Report – Todd Ossian

The US Aerial Team as well as our Development Program had an exciting, productive and successful season.

The National Team was awarded with 4 World Cup podiums this season. Emily Cook finished the season ranked 2nd in the World (PB). Emily had two World Cup podiums with one Win in Bukovel, Ukraine. Dylan Ferguson finished the season ranked 4th in the World (PB) and had one World Cup podium with a 2nd place finish in Bukovel, Ukraine and 5 World Cup Top 5 finishes. The C Team had an exceptional season with 6 new athletes making their first Final at a World Cup in 2013. In total the C-Team qualified for 14 finals, achieved 14 Top 10's with 2 Top 5 performances from Kiley McKinnon, and 1 World Cup podium from Mike Rossi at the World Cup in Deer Valley. Mike Rossi and Kiley McKinnon were awarded FIS World Cup Rookie of the year. The US Aerial Team went from being ranked #5 in the World in 2012 to being ranked #2 in the World this past season.

Scotty Bahrke took the winter off and is poised for a great summer and return to sport in the 2013/2014-competition season. Ashley Caldwell was also sidelined with an ACL tear at the US Selection events in December. Ashley's testing went excellently this spring and she is on track for an early return to sport this summer.

Our Development Program was also successful this season despite losing its best talent to our C-Team (6 Athletes from the Development program to National Team). The Aerial Development Programs (East and West) achieved 22 Top-5 results and 7 NorAm podiums.

We had an amazing turnout at both US Selections and US Nationals. We had over 50 Aerial competitors registered for US Selections (possibly the most ever). At US Nationals in Heavenly Valley, we had 8 men performing Triples and 8 ladies performing Doubles. These numbers are the highest we've seen in over 10 years and will continue to be on the rise next season.

We had an incredibly strong recruiting effort last summer. We hosted 40 athletes from non-skiing sports at our Talent Identification camps in Park City and Lake Placid. Aerial participation is growing rapidly and we expect similar turnouts at our Talent Identification/Recruitment camps again this summer.

On a separate note this past fall we designed, fabricated, and installed a Super Trampoline in the COE. As far as we are aware this is the largest Trampoline in the World. The Utah Olympic Park and the US Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid have provided amazing support for our Teams. Both the USOTC and UOP have replaced and repaired wood on all of the Transitions, Tables, and Kickers to ensure we have the safest and best Water Ramp Training opportunities this summer in preparation for Sochi.

We nominated 17 athletes to the US Aerial Team this spring. Our coaching staff and athletes are looking forward to a huge summer. We greatly appreciate all of the help and support provided from the Freestyle community. Thank you all!

U.S. Moguls Team Staff Report- Scott Rawles

This year was an excellent year for the U.S. Freestyle Mogul Team. Hannah Kearney was the World Cup Mogul Grand Prix Champion. She had 6 World Cup victories. Heather McPhie was 3rd on the World Cup Grand Prix including 3 victories. Eliza Outtrim was 4th on the World Cup Grand Prix with 4 podiums. We also had 3 women in the top fifteen in moguls, Mikaela Matthews 11 (1st WC career podium), Heidi Kloser 12 (1st WC career podium), K.C. Oakley 13. The U.S. Team had 4 men in the top ten in moguls. Patrick Deneen 3 (6 podiums) Brad Wilson 4 (1st career win), Dylan Walczyk 8 (1st WC career podium), Bryon Wilson 10 (1st Career WC victory). The men also had two skiers in the top 15. Joe Discoe 12 (1st career podium) Jeremy Cota 13. The U.S. Mogul Team had a total of 32 World Cup podiums for the year and was also awarded the F.I.S. Nations Cup for Moguls.

At the Freestyle World championships in Voss Norway the U.S. Freestyle Mogul Team brought home 4 medals. Hannah Kearney was World Champion in Moguls as well as the Bronze medalist in Dual Moguls. Patrick Deneen earned the Bronze in both moguls and dual moguls. Heather McPhie was 4th place in both moguls and dual moguls.

At Junior World Championships the U.S. Junior Worlds Mogul Team brought home 5 medals including 3 Gold Keaton McCargo, (Moguls, Dual Moguls) Thomas Rowley (Dual Moguls) ,one silver/bronze medal Kaitlyn Harrell,(Dual Moguls/Moguls) These results along with the rest of the U.S. Team results contributed to the U.S. bringing home the Marc Hodler Trophy for the top Nation at Junior World Championships.

The team size remains the same this season (20) 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 and resources 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 continued access to national team resources. We will also be doing a third camp this season with a 13-18 year old group called the Young Guns that will take place the first week of June. This will be the first year that we will include the JI group at this camp. All of these athletes' coaches will also be invited to this camp. It should be noted that two athletes who have participated in the first two Young Guns camps made the U.S. Ski Team from their results in the 2012-2013. Bruce Perry (Nor-Am Champion) and Keaton McCargo (Junior World Champion) Congratulations to these athletes and their coaches for an outstanding job this season.

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 looking forward to the challenges of the next nine months leading up to the Winter Olympics in Sochi. This year we are going to back to Chile for our August summer mogul camp and will continue to focus on our main camps in Zermatt, Switzerland, Wolf Creek, Colorado and Ruka, Finland leading in to the competition season. We will also be adding extra snow days with camps in Mt. Hood, Oregon in July and Mammoth, California in November. We have added 4 new athletes to the "C" team this season and look forward to adding depth and youth to an already deep squad. We are also looking forward to additional days at the UOP as they will continue to open their facility early at the start of May.

U.S. Slopestyle Team Staff Report - Skogen Sprang

The Ski Slopestyle program is maturing into its second year and getting ready for its debut at the 2014 Sochi Olympics. All of the team members have become more accustomed to working as a high performance unit and are embracing all of the attributes that come with this. The coaching staff, PT's, strength coaches and wax/video techs have all come together to give the athletes a great infrastructure they can rely on.

Keri Herman started off the year with a win at the Ushuaia, Argentina World Cup and followed it up with another win at the U.S. Grand Prix at Copper Mtn., Colorado. This propelled her to the top of the World Cup points list and allowed her to end the season in 1st place.

Grete Eliassen showed her true colors at the FIS World Championships in Voss, Norway when she consistently landed her runs and placed 3rd on a very challenging course. After a knee reconstruction the previous year, she showed true dedication and patience, building her skills all year and proving that she is one of the best. Going into the 2013-14 season she will be a force to reckon with.

Tom Wallisch proved he is still on top by placing 1st at the FIS World Championships. He battled through a minor knee injury earlier in the year, but finished up the season strong and is motivated to go into next year 100%.

Gus Kenworthy also ended the season very strong and with a great deal of momentum going into next year. He placed 3rd at X-Games Tignes, placed 2nd at the Dumont Cup and placed 1st at the AFP championships in Whistler, BC, also becoming the AFP Overall Champion for the 3rd year in a row.

A few of the other team members suffered injuries early in the year and have been dedicated and working extremely hard to get back on top. Devin Logan is just recently back on snow and hungrier than ever to regain her spot at the top of the ladies slopestyle and halfpipe standings. Emilia Wint and Ashley Battersby are also going to be back on snow later in the Summer/Fall and dedicated 100% to returning at the top of their game.

Bobby Brown started off the year with a nagging ankle injury. Once he was back in form and ready for some podium results, he suffered another ankle injury with unfortunate timing in the middle of the season. He is back on snow attending performance camps with Red Bull and our exclusive U.S. Team Camp at Mammoth Mtn. this May.

U.S. Slopestyle Rookie Team Staff Report – DJ Montigny

This was the first season for the Freeskiing Rookie Slopestyle Team, and it was a great success. The athletes that were selected all bought into the program, and were more than happy with how it turned out. It was a really fun season getting to know each athlete and helping them progress their skiing, and as competitors. There has been great feedback from the athletes, parents, and supporting coaches with how the season progressed, and how the Rookie Slopestyle Team is evolving. The Freeskiing Community's interest and excitement in this new program is growing, as is the support from athletes, parents, and club programs.

We have a few athletes who returned to snow late in the season returning from knee injuries, Lyman Currier and Darian Stevens. Lyman returned to competition midway through the season, and Darian returned to snow later in the season. Chris Laker is still on the mend, and will be returning to snow this summer.

We had a very successful competition season this year. We had a total of 10 podiums across World Cups, Northface Opens, Aspen Open, Jr Worlds, and Rev Tour. Alexi Micinski had a great season taking 1st place at the Spain WC, 2nd at Jr World Champs, 3rd at Aspen Open, 3rd at the Northface Open in Whistler, and Qualifying for World Championships placing 6th. Willie Borm took his competitive skiing to a high level this season placing 3rd at the Northface Open in Whistler, 1st at the Aspen Open, Qualified for Dew Tour, and Euro X-Games which was Willie's first X-Games appearance. Lyman Currier returning from injury mid way through the season came out on fire, placing 1st at the Northface Open in Northstar, and taking 1st at the Spain WC. Jess Breda had strong results as well with a 9th place finish at the Copper Grand Prix, and 2nd place at the Seven Springs Rev Tour.

Moving into the 13-14 competition season, we are making the Rookie Slopestyle Team even stronger adding Colby Stevenson and Maggie Voisin from the Axis Freeride Program. Colby has shown a lot of development in his skills, maturity as an athlete and competitor, and had some great results this season making him a great addition to the team. Maggie Voisin is one of the youngest girls on the Women's Freeskiing circuit, but competes like a veteran. Maggie had numerous podiums this season at almost every event she competed in, and finished the season with winning AFP World Championships at Whistler at 14 years of age. She is a very talented up and coming athlete, we are very excited to add her to the team.

U.S. Halfpipe Team Staff Report - Andy Woods

The U.S. Freeskiing Halfpipe Team had a very successful year in 2012-2013. Our main goal this year was to rehabilitate our team and have each athlete return to competition in a logical time period throughout the season. Our patience was definitely justified after claiming 71% of the men's and 57% of the women's gold medals in the top international competitions this winter. We had seven different athletes podium in those events and earned nearly 50% of all the podiums spots available. Maddie

Bowman won the women's AFP Halfpipe World Championship and David Wise just edged out Torin Yater-Wallace on the men's side.

Brand new this year, our rookie team was also very successful. Annalisa Drew just missed the top five in the AFP World Ranking and Aaron Blunck and Alex Ferreira finished fifth and twelfth, respectively. Thanks to very positive results, Aaron graduated to the pro team for next season. We will have more young athletes pushing themselves and more successful integration of our system. Helping these athletes at competitions and giving them access to our facilities and camps will encourage more progress.

Our prep period is organized for maximum success in the height of next season. We are focused on athlete conditioning this summer as well as some on-snow camps for learning new tricks in the spring and mid-summer. Securing those solid foundations will hopefully support our athletes into the important competition period next winter.

U.S. Halfpipe Rookie Team Staff Report – Ben Verge

Last season was the inaugural year of the US Freeskiing Halfpipe Team. This season marked the first season of the Halfpipe Rookie Team. The goal of the Halfpipe Rookie Team was to identify and create a pipeline that integrates younger athletes with exceptional talent into the US Freeskiing system with the goal of moving them up to the Halfpipe Pro Team.

In the first year we named four athletes to the team, Aaron Blunck, Alex Ferreira, Anna Drew and Lyman Currier. Of the four team members, Aaron, Alex and Anna qualified for both the Aspen X Games and the Euro X Games.

Lyman was unable to compete this season until the Sochi World Cup in February, due to a knee injury suffered last spring. In his second contest back, Lyman was able to make finals in pipe, and even more impressive, he won the Slopestyle at World Cup Finals in Spain.

Alex Ferreira was another boy that we put on the team this year. Alex is incredibly talented and was able to back it up this season. He made finals at the Copper GP, and won the TNF PPOS in Whistler, earning himself a start at the Aspen X Games. Alex's performance at Aspen X earned him a spot at Euro X.

Anna Drew was the only girl that we added to the Pipe Team. In Anna's first season on the team, she won the TNF PPOS in Whistler and earned herself a spot to the Aspen X Games and the Euro X Games. At the Aspen X Games Anna landed the first ever 1260 by a female, as well as the second 1080 ever by a female in competition. Anna exceeded every goal that she placed for herself this season, and shows the makings of an athlete with the potential to rise to the top of the women's pipe rankings.

Lastly, Aaron Blunck had a huge year. Aaron placed third in the TNF PPOS in Copper to start the season off, followed by a second place finish at the Copper Grand Prix. Aaron was able to make finals of every contest he skied in this season, including the X Games, breaking out as a serious threat, and an athlete to be considered as a potential medal winner at the 2014 Winter Olympics. Aaron was the first Rookie team member to be moved up to the Halfpipe Pro Team.

The Rookie Team was created to form an environment for the best junior athletes in the country to train and compete together, potentially moving in the direction of the Pro Team. This year showed that we are on the right track. From Rookie Team athletes standing on the podium at Gold and Platinum level events, to one of them moving up to the pro team in his first year; we have shown that the US Freeskiing Rookie Team is the premier junior team in the country, providing junior athletes with the best coaching opportunities available.

Freestyle Nominations

A Team (6 Female, 6 Male)

Ashley Caldwell	aerials	Dylan Ferguson	aerials
Emily Cook	aerials	Patrick Deneen	moguls
Kiley McKinnon	aerials	Sho Kashima	moguls
Hannah Kearney	moguls	Dylan Walczyk	moguls
Heather McPhie	moguls	Bradley Wilson	moguls
Eliza Outtrim	moguls	Bryon Wilson	moguls

B Team (5 Female, 6 Male)

Allison Lee	aerials	Scotty Bahrke	aerials
Madison Olsen	aerials	Nevin Brown	aerials
Heidi Kloser	moguls	Jonathon Lillis	aerials
Mikaela Matthews	moguls	Mike Rossi	aerials
KC Oakley	moguls	Jeremy Cota	moguls
		Joe Discoe	moguls

C Team (7 Female, 7 Male)

Madison Gorelik	aerials	Mac Bohannon	aerials
Erin Griss	aerials	Alex Bowen	aerials
Morgan Northrop	aerials	Kendal Johnson	aerials
Ali Kariotis	moguls	Eric Loughran	aerials
Brittany Loweree	moguls	David DiGravio	moguls
Keaton McCargo	moguls	Troy Murphy	moguls
Sophia Schwartz	moguls	Bruce Perry Jr.	moguls

Freeskiing Nominations

<u>TEAM LEVELS</u>	<u>MEN'S HALFPIPE SKIING</u>	<u>WOMEN'S HALFPIPE SKIING</u>
PRO TEAM	Yater-Wallace, Torin Wise, David Dumont, Simon Blunck, Aaron Barrymore, Wing-Tai Perkins, Tucker Kenworthy, Gus Adams, Duncan	Logan, Devin Bowman, Maddie Sigourney, Brita Hudak, Jen
ROOKIE TEAM	Ferreira, Alex Stevenson, Colby Currier, Lyman	Drew, Annalisa Stevens, Darian
<u>TEAM LEVELS</u>	<u>MEN'S SLOPESTYLE SKIING</u>	<u>WOMEN'S SLOPESTYLE SKIING</u>
PRO TEAM	Goepper, Nick Wallisch, Tom Carlson, Sammy Brown, Bobby	Logan, Devin Herman, Keri Wint, Emilia Eliassen, Grete Battersby, Ashley

<u>TEAM LEVELS</u>	<u>MEN'S SLOPESTYLE SKIING</u>	<u>WOMEN'S SLOPESTYLE SKIING</u>
	Kenworthy, Gus Schlopy, Alex Christensen, Joss	Eliassen, Grete Olenick, Meg
ROOKIE TEAM	Borm, Willie Stevenson, Colby Partridge, Andy Currier, Lyman Laker, Chris	Drew, Annalisa Stevens, Darian Micinski, Alexi Breda, Jess Voisin, Maggie

Elite Aerial Development Program Athletes

SiNing Chan, Madison Varmette, Hannah Langford, Jack Boyczyk, Chris Lillis, Nick Novak, Tommy Coe, Zach Surdell, Harrison Smith, Dakota Fochs

Development Group Moguls

Nessa Dziemian, Lane Stolzner, Kelsey Albert, Alyssa Lawson, Kaitlyn Harrell, Shane Cordeau, Jay Panther, Cody Tempel, Troy Tully, Ryan Dyer

Development Group Aerials

Avery Driscoll, Winter Vinecki, Jack Boyczuk, Alec Carignan

Young Guns

Camp June 6-13 Park City, UT

J1: Nessa Dziemian, Ali Kariotis, Allison Benedict, Keaton McCargo, Casey Andringa, Thomas Rowley, Trevor Semmens, Bruce Perry Jr.

J2: Kaitlyn Harrell, Morgan Schild, Avital Shimko, Emerson Smith, Hunter Bailey, Morgan Osborne

J3: Hallee Ray, Isabel Atkin, Hannah Soar, Jack Skidmore, Jordan Strande, Sam Gnoza, Holden Largay

Freeskiing Talent Development Program

Project Gold

Project Gold brings together the top junior athletes in the country for a progression camp held in the private US Freeskiing training facility at Mammoth May 17-23. Project Gold trampoline/dry land camps are also held in the fall at the COE.

Jake Cummings, Daniel Rosenblum, Broby Leeds, Lennon Vaughan, Trevor Hattabaugh, Birk Irving, Hunter Hess, Jaxin Hoerter, Tim Ryan, Colter Hale, Brent Whipple, Logan Bingaman, Tyler Mega, Blake Wilson, Ethan Swadburg, Mark Nowakiwsky, Tec Calcagni, Cody Laplante, Jacob Beebe, Riley McDonough, Griffin Rasmussen, Dylan Sondrup, Carson Lehouillier, Johan Elston, Aaron Durlister, Will Masters, Jake Mageau

Jeanee Crane-Mauzy, Hannah Haupt, Isabel Atkin, Carly Margulies, Hallee Ray, Abigael Hansen (14) Mary Daubenschmidt, Svea Irving, Maggie Voisin, Taylor Lundquist, Rebecca Roberts, Ashton Glass Miranda Holson, Jackie Kling, Samantha Lampe, Caroline Claire, Kellyn Wilson, Sierra Bowman, Anna Gorham

Addendum B

USSA MEMBERSHIP MAY 2013 CONGRESS UPDATE – Sheryl Barnes

2013-14 USSA & FIS Registration Fees

- No changes

Web / Online Registration Enhancements

- Online/Web forms

Background Screening

- New criteria effective May 1.
- Available online under the About tab on www.ussa.org.

Fast Start Coaching Course

- Approximately 2384 coaches without certifications completed the course.
- Approximately 236 coaches failed to complete the course.
- Access to the course expires on May 1
- Those coaches that failed to complete the course and have not completed Level 100 certification will be required to purchase and complete the Fast Start Coaching Course prior to activation.

Key Rule Changes

- Coaching at USSA events - Those coaching at USSA events must hold a USSA coach membership in order to act in a coaching capacity.

Key Membership Changes

- Associate memberships transferring to Foundation

Addendum C

FIS REPORT – Jay Simson

Please note that this report is being provided in advance of the agenda being distributed. The agenda for the full committee and Rules & Officials will likely be distributed just prior to the USSA meetings and an updated report will be provided.

Aerials – The development/refinement of the aerial Specialist continues. With the advances in technology, the use of an iPad with certain software (e.g. Coaches Eye) will allow the Specialist to work with the Head Judge during the training days and at the event. A proposal is anticipated from the Aerial Working Group on an updated training and approval process for specialists.

Format – there has been concern expressed mostly due to the Superfinals where DD has been very low for women and where people falling have been on the podium. Two options being considered are the limitations on repeats and expanding the Superfinal field.

Both items will be discussed in the Rules & Officials meeting.

Halfpipe – no significant changes identified prior to the upcoming meeting.

Moguls – Judges criteria related to moving from the landing of a jump to turns is being reviewed. The Mogul Working Group would like to see a better transition rewarded. There is also some promotion to expand the types of jumps being done as well as concern about d-spin and back full being too similar. This will be on the Rules & Officials agenda

Slopestyle – The field size is the biggest concern right now and it is anticipated that quotas will be introduced in some format.

Addendum D

Board of Director's Report – Glenn Eddy

Since last year's FFSC meeting the USSA Board of Directors has met twice. Once last May and again in October.

May 2012 Meeting:

- 1 – Discussion of the plans for search for new CEO
- 2 – Discussion of the season's athletic success, plans for education endowment, safe sport initiative and start of USSA academy
- 3 – Update on financial condition (all reports available on USSA website)
- 4 – Update on progress in coaches' education
- 5 – New PR initiatives involving social media
- 6 – Update on marketing and increased live TV coverage for the upcoming season
- 7 – Approval of cross-country Olympic criteria

October 2012 Meeting:

- 1 – Discussion of USSA representation at the USOC. Currently Nina Kempfel is on the board – Bill Marolt has been nominated for a position. 15% of USSA's annual revenue comes as grants from the USOC.
- 2 – A search committee for a new CEO has been formed to find a replacement for Bill Marolt after his retirement (after Sochi). Marolt will continue as a consultant for two years and will be part of the new capital campaign that is beginning now to be focused on education and on development.
- 3 – McKinsey & Company has been engaged to consult on USSA's development and club activities to find ways these can be improved. They are one of the top consultants in the country and agreed to do the work on a pro-bono basis.
- 4 – Updated financial reports were presented. USSA finished fiscal year 2012 with a \$52,000 surplus. Funding levels were increasing for the athletic programs. The financial reports are posted and available for review on the USSA website.
- 5 – Olympic selection criteria for Alpine and Snowboarding were approved.

Addendum E

Additional Subcommittee info/motions that Failed in subcommittees

Discussion points from the subcommittee-

FFSP Minutes from 2009:

Amendment was seconded and Newson accepted the amendment.

Voting for amendment: Passed: 14 for, 1 against, 0 abstain

Proposal Number: USSA – CS 1

- Description: Divisional championship requirement
- Current Rule: All athletes, except current U.S. Freestyle Ski Team members, must compete in their divisional championships to appear on list 4.

- Proposed Change: All athletes remain on List 4, only athlete names not meeting divisional requirements supplied by the Divisional chairs to USSA will be removed.
- Discussion/Reason: The current system requires a lot of manual intervention from both USSA and the divisional representatives. A list of championship events (18 separate events in season '08) and a list of individual exceptions (91 individuals in season '07 and 81 individuals in season '08) must be compiled. Those exceptions must be programmed prior to running the list. We regularly learn later that an event or individual was missed so List 4 needs to be re-run. It is easier to delete names versus re-running lists.
- Then divisions would just supply USSA with a list of athlete names that should be taken off of list 4, i.e.: reverse of what the rule is now.
- Pass/Fail: Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number: Membership - 8

Description: Re-align Membership vote on FSC and to include Alaska.

Current Rule: 1. Membership (East)

2. Membership (Rocky, Central)

3. Membership (PNSA, INT, FW, NORTHERN)

Proposed Change: 1. Membership (East)

2. Membership (Rocky)

3. Membership (INT)

4. Membership (PNSA, CENTRAL, ALASKA, FW, NORTHERN)

Discussion/Reason: To incorporate Alaska into the membership vote.

Pass/Fail: Passes:12 For, 3 Against, 1 Abstain

Wise asked Newson to discuss the alignment of the membership vote from the subcommittee meeting.

Newson proposes to add another membership seat on the FSC. The largest divisions would have their own vote (East, Rocky and Intermountain) and the other five smaller divisions would share a vote.

Wise discussed if the alignment would change and if the committee adds an additional vote then we would need to take it to the USSA Board since it would change the operating procedures. There would also be a need to add an additional athlete vote. This would not be approved until the executive committee meets from the USSA Board.

Konrad suggests moving the judges' vote into rules and tech and the result would not affect the number of votes.

USFST Recommendation Proposals:

USFST Recommendation 1:

Young Guns Moguls Criteria: Add the JI age group (17-18) for invitation to the 2013 Young Guns camp. Qualification would be the same as the other age groups which would include the top 3 athletes in the JI age group at Junior Nationals and the next person on the national point list if they are not one of the top 3 at Junior Nationals.

** This was already adopted for the 2013-14 season

Proposal Number:	Freeskiing 3
Description:	Freeskiing Points and Ranking – small field size penalty
Current Rule:	None... However, other disciplines invalidate low field size events. Snowboarding invalidates any event with less than 5 starters and less than 3 finishers. Alpine requires at least 3 finishers to post an event to

Proposal Number:	Freeskiing 3
	the points list.
Proposed Change:	<p>Page 18 - How the U.S. Freeskiing National Ranking List Works</p> <p>Add a third paragraph</p> <p>For small sized fields a point reduction will be factored in. If an event has less than 5 competitors the point values will be at 80% of the base. If an event has less than 3 competitors it will be at 60% of the base.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>One thing to think about between the Freestyle and Freeskiing scoring systems, and a reason to require a minimum number of competitors to score the event, with freestyle there is a meet maximum and minimum value.</p> <p>So let's just say it is a divisional event with max 850 and min 100 with only one competitor. That one competitor is going to set the meet value at whatever their points were going in, so they can't get anything better. But with the tables for Freeskiing, that one person, who is generally (let's say) a 500 point skier, automatically gets an 800 point result because the meet value is set based on the level of competition, not on the field of competitors.</p> <p>This encourages participation in events as more starters mean more value. But this way there is still a value even if only one competitor enters it will just be at a reduction of full event value.</p> <p>This would have affected 32 events this year 3 men's Slopestyle, 21 Women's Slopestyle and 8 Women's Halfpipe events. This would have affected a Revolution Tour and every region except Intermountain and Northern if it were active this past season.</p>
Impacts on other Disciplines:	This would apply only to Freeskiing events of Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Big Air.
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	The new guidelines would have to be incorporated into the points system program.
Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules:	This would be added to the current rules about the points system.
Pass/Fail:	Retracted in subcommittee

Proposal Number	Moguls 1
Description:	Change the USSA point value of a NorAm
Current Rule:	A NorAm is worth 912 USSA points
Proposed Change:	A NorAm would be worth 925

Proposal Number	Moguls 1
Discussion/Reason:	The gap between world cup and NorAms at this point in time is not that great, also in other events such as nationals or junior worlds those events can go as high as 956 if a skier ranked that high skis, a NorAm cannot accommodate a stronger field and they often are.

Proposal Number:	Moguls 2
Description:	Change USSA point value of us ski team to a 900
Current Rule:	Us ski team selection events are a 912 ceiling 850 floor
Proposed Change:	The change would make this event a 900 fixed
Discussion/Reason:	In years past, especially in duals this event has gone as low as 850 the same as regional event, this event has a much higher level than a regional event. Other international skiers who get top 4s lower the point value of this event, especially in duals where many skiers don't ski

Proposal Number:	Moguls 3
Description:	Make Junior worlds a fixed 912 by USSA points
Current Rule:	Junior worlds is a 956 ceiling 912 floor
Proposed Change:	Make the event fixed at 912
Discussion/Reason:	The depth of this field is not as strong or as deep as US Ski Team selection events or NorAms, and it is proposed to be scored accordingly. Also going up to a 956 to accommodate 1 world cup skier seems aggressive. Also due to the strength of international skiers with no USSA points this can sometime be disadvantageous to athletes in the event from the US

Proposal Number:	Moguls 5
Description:	Change or remove that a USSA event can have only two runs
Current Rule:	A USSA event can have a max of two runs
Proposed Change:	The rule should read as follows; A USSA mogul event can have from 1 to 4 runs.

Proposal Number:	Moguls 5
Discussion/Reason:	With the rule as it stands you cannot have superfinals in a USSA event. Currently there are 4 divisions and junior national organizers that would like to use a superfinal format. Currently they cannot because of the existing rule
Impacts on other Disciplines:	none
Impacts on Event Organizers:	USSA events may have a superfinal which would create several more runs in a given competition
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	none
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	Winfree would need to be adjusted to accommodate a superfinal and accommodate combined events
Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules:	none

Proposal Number:	Moguls 6
Description:	Jump codes and Degree of Difficulty charts are not on the USSA web site.
Current Rule:	6204.2.1.2 Jump codes, values and degree of difficulty will be posted in the freestyle/Freeskiing section of www.ussa.org .
Proposed Change:	Add this information to the USSA web site.
Discussion/Reason:	We had continuous problems with what jump codes were and what the DD was during this season. We need this information available to all coaches and athletes.

Proposal Number:	Moguls 7
Description:	Loss of one or both skis results in a DNF
Current Rule:	6205.1 Loss of Ski(s) and Stops If a competitor loses a ski before the finish line 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 (0 time points). If a competitor loses both skis, they will be judged up to that point (0 time points). If a competitor stops in the mogul course for more than 10 seconds, the competitor will be scored to that point (there are no time points). The competitor should exit the course as soon as possible.
Proposed Change:	4206.2 Loss of ski(s) A competitor who, having started, loses one or both skis, shall receive a ruling of Did Not Finish (DNF) for that run. The loss of other equipment, including ski pole or poles, shall not result in DNF provided that the competitor finishes.

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Discussion/Reason:	This is an FIS rule and needs to be discussed at the USSA level

Here are other rule changes that FIS has made in the last couple of years that need to be discussed for inclusion into our Comp Guide.

Discussion points from subcommittee-

6203.3.2 Carving

6203.3.2.1 General

A pure carved turn is one in which the tail of the ski follows precisely the track made by the ski tip. The upper ski is edged inward at the entrance to the turn, with the skier's weight placed well forward on that ski. This maneuver flexes the ski into a curve whose radius is determined by the angulation of the ski, by its side cut and by the size of the bending moment acting on the ski. The other ski needs to move in the same fashion to produce a similar curve with the weight on its outer edge. Reverse camber of the ski (flex) can also be increased by flexion of the edged ski tip into the face of the mogul or rut. As shown in the figure below, in a purely carved turn there is no skidding/lateral sliding, and the only snow resistance present is the very small gliding friction between ski base, edge and snow. As a result of this minimal level of friction between ski and snow, the speed reduction of the skier is optimized and fully under the control of the skier. Turn radius should reflect the deflection required in relation to the gradient of the slope. Excessive deflection across the hill impacting the face of a mogul is a form break as it results in excessive braking and poor ski line. Turn shape and deflection should vary according to the spacing between the moguls.

6203.3.2.2 Body Position for Carved Turns

- A properly carved ski requires less effort to work, and gives higher levels of control and stability.
- The turn is initiated with pressure as the knees and ankles/feet roll the skis onto edge and extension begins.
- At the middle of the turn (when the ski is edged and the tip is pointing down the fall-line) the ski tips contact the face of the mogul.
- Absorption is used to maintain balance and control pressure in the skis and should match the shape and size of mogul to optimize snow to ski contact.
- Rotations in the upper legs are minimal, feet remain under the body (shoulders and hips) in both fore-and-aft and lateral planes, and knees remain flexed.
- Legs should be together or in a consistent position throughout the run.
- Breaks in balance and separations in position are inefficient turns.
- Angulation of the lower leg controls the radius of the turn. Timing of the initiation dictates how deep the feet go into the rut.
- Movements should be symmetrical and equal side to side, specifically:
- Timing and placement of pole plants (double pole plant is a deduction)
- Arm movements (little movement is preferred but if there is movement it should be equal)

- Shape of turns: do the turns adjust to the gradient of the slope and the size and disposition of the moguls?
- FIS International Freestyle Judging Handbook September 2012 - PAGE 17
- Position of the feet in relation to the body (do the feet move further outside the body's midpoint on one turn?)

6203.3.2.3 Illustrations / References

Illustration of a purely carved turn Illustration of a skidded turn by contrast, the figure below illustrates a turn that is executed while skidding or sliding laterally. The path "swept" by the skis is the result of plowing the base of the skis through the snow at the face of the mogul. This happens when the skier turns his skis too sharply into the turn and the ski impacts the face of the mogul on the sidewall and base of the ski, as opposed to the tip of the ski on edge. A skidding ski pivots across the path of the turn. However, in some cases, a degree of steering or skidding during initiation is unavoidable, but the key is to minimize snow resistance from skidding during the remainder of the turn. This is in order to maintain correct speed control and balance during an accurate carved turn.

6203.4.1 Other deductions

Deduction in turns points are for specific errors on the course.
 Deductions will also be used for deviations from a fall line as noted below:
 Fall line deviations (leaving the fall line) are based on the guidelines of a 0.3 deduction for any complete line deviation. Other deductions may be taken for factors that caused the line deviation. Fall line deviations may be more or less than a complete line change and will be scored accordingly. A skier who returns to a fall line after deviating will receive the same corresponding reduction for a second line deviation.

6204.4.2 Difficulty

Judging 6204.4.2 Difficulty of Jumps to be revised with proposals 24 and 28 from CAN.

Proposal FS 1206-10a

The Freestyle Skiing Committee unanimously agreed to approve the proposal, with the inclusion of several other proposals under items.....See Appendix A for the approved DD Chart

Housekeeping, no vote needed:

Proposal Number:	Moguls 8
Description:	The current wording of the 2013-2014 NorAm Mogul selection criteria can be interpreted to mean a single event is used for NorAm invitations.
Current Rule:	Page 66 The remainder of the moguls/dual moguls NorAm starts will be granted based on the best of two (2) single moguls events and best (1) dual moguls event from U.S. Nationals Championships, Junior World Championships (only if dates conflict with U.S. National Championships) and U. S. Freestyle Selection Events using place points. If there are not at least two (2) dual mogul; events, the best of three (3) single mogul events may be used.
Proposed Change:	The remainder of the moguls/dual moguls NorAm starts will be granted based on the best two (2) single moguls events and best (1) dual moguls event from U.S. National Championships, Junior World Championships (only if dates conflict with U.S. National Championships) and U. S. Freestyle Selection Events using place points. If there are not at least two (2) dual mogul events, the best three (3) single mogul events may be used.
Discussion/Reason:	The phrase "best of two (2)" and "best of three (3)" can be interpreted to

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	<p>mean a single item. Replacing the statement “best of” with “best” removes this confusion and identifies that the “best two (2)” or “best three (3)” results will be used in NorAm invitations.</p> <p>Another alternative would be to explicitly state the intent, i.e. to use the best 2 of 3 single mogul results and the best 1 of 2 dual mogul results when tabulating NorAm invitations.</p>																								
Impacts on Rules:	Clarifies current ruling and leaves no room for misinterpretation.																								
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Discussion/Reason:	Judges constantly are trying to judge athletes on courses where there is very little view at all of the portion of the Mogul course above the top jumps. This would give some flexibility to organizers to better position the judges stand for the best view.																								
Pass/Fail:	Fail 8 no, 1 abstain in Subcommittee																								

Addendum F

USSA FREESTYLE/FREESKIING RULES AND OFFICIALS BYLAWS' DRAFT

(Note: As these are an amendment to the existing USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Sport Committee Operating Procedures' document, these will be formalized as a proposal and taken to the USSA Board of Directors for approval.)

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Article I Organization and Purpose

Section I: The name of this Subcommittee is the USSA Rules and Officials Committee (ROC) and is a subcommittee of the United States Ski and Snowboard Association d/b/a United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) Freestyle/Freeskiing Sport Committee (FFSC). The ROC is authorized by the FFSC to take actions stated herein, and serves to advise the FFSC in all matters relevant to Freestyle/Freeskiing Moguls, Aerials, Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Ski Cross Rules, Judging Criteria, Technical Delegates, and their duties.

Other than in exceptional circumstances, a proposal concerning judging criteria, licensing, technical issues, or this document, shall be submitted to the ROC Chairman at least three weeks prior to any ROC meeting.

Section II: Authority of the ROC

- Adopt and modify rules governing qualification and licenses of USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Judges and Technical Delegates.
- Review annually the Judging and Technical Delegate criteria for USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing competitions and if need be, make recommendations for possible changes.
- Supervise the training and development of USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Judges and Technical Delegates.
- Appoint USSA licensed Judges and Technical Delegates to all USSA events above divisional level, and recommend appointments to all International Ski Federation (FIS) competitions.
- Govern the conduct, rights and duties of USSA Judges and Technical Delegates.
- Evaluate, promote and demote USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Judges and Technical Delegates in accordance with USSA (and FIS) regulations.
- Review, conduct, and take disciplinary actions

Article II Government

Section I: The Rules and Officials Subcommittee (ROC) is comprised of the following members, and will strive to represent the interests of the freestyle/freeskiing community within the United States. Only current USSA freestyle/freeskiing members are eligible for election or appointment to the ROC and its subcommittees and/or technical working groups.

Section II: The Rules and Officials Subcommittee is comprised of the following members each with one vote, selected without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The vote for representation to the ROC will occur at the annual USSA meetings.

- ROC Chair
- Head Judge
- Head Technical Delegate
- FIS Representative
- Two Judges Representatives
- Director of Training
- Two Athlete Representatives
- Aerials Representative
- Ski Cross Representative

Section III: Election Procedure

- The ROC chairperson is nominated and elected by the FFSC. The ROC chairperson is the official representative to all FFSC meetings and is required to attend. The ROC chairperson will schedule and chair all ROC meetings. The term for this position is two years with no term limits. Elections take place at the USSA Spring Congress. A Candidate must hold an FIS B License or higher.
- The USSA Head Judge is nominated by any USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Judge or Official, and is voted on by the ROC and Head Judges from each USSA Division. The Term for this position is two years with no term limits.
- The Head Technical Delegate is nominated by any USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing TD or Official, and is voted on by the ROC and Head TD's from each USSA Division. The Term for this position is two years with no term limits.
- The USSA Representative to the FIS Officials Subcommittee (FIS Representative) shall be nominated and voted on by the USSA Board for a term of two years. The FIS Representative shall, whenever appropriate, advocate the positions of the FFSC and ROC at all FIS and USSA meetings and functions.
- The Two Technical Delegates and Two Judges Representatives are nominated by any USSA judge or official and voted on by the rest of the ROC. The Term for this position is three years with no term limits.
- The Freestyle/Freeskiing Director of Training is nominated by any USSA judge or official and voted on by the rest of the roc. The term for this position is three years with no term limits.
- The Aerial and Ski Cross representatives are nominated and elected through the Aerial and Ski Cross Subcommittee. The Term for this Position follows the bylaws of those Subcommittees.

Section IV: Voting Procedure

- All ROC Members will have one vote with the exception of the ROC Chair, who will have one vote, only in the event of Ties.
- A Quorum shall exist when 50%, of the total number of ROC members are present.
- A motion shall carry if it is supported by a majority of all votes cast.
- Voting by Proxy is allowed. The proxy must be submitted to the ROC Chair at least 48 hours in advance of a vote.

Section V: Resignation. In the event of a midterm resignation by a ROC representative, or working group member, the ROC Chairman may appoint an interim replacement until the next USSA Congress.

Section VI: Removal. The Rules and Official Subcommittee Chairman or a subcommittee member, or working group member (with the exception of those positions held by the staff) may be removed, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of the entire Rules and Officials Subcommittee. The Rules and Officials Subcommittee may appoint an interim replacement until the next USSA Congress.

Article III Meetings

Section I: The ROC will meet at a minimum of once a year. This meeting will be held during the Spring USSA Congress with no less than 20 days written notice by the chair. Special meetings will be held when the need and opportunity arise and will also have a 20 day written notice. Minutes will be kept and be available from all meetings.

Section II: All notices of meetings will include the place, date, time, and agenda of the meeting. Any notice may be given by first class mail or by transmission by electronic means (fax or e-mail).

Section III: A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the ROC will consist of a simple majority of voting members.

Section IV: All voting members of the Rules and Officials Subcommittee are entitled to one vote only. At any meeting duly called and held, a majority of the votes cast on a question by members who are present, will decide such question unless specifically provided to the contrary.

Section V: Proxy votes will be allowed for all members of the Subcommittee pursuant to the following:

1. Proxies must be in writing and are valid only for the specific meeting named.
2. Proxies must be e-mailed or faxed to the ROC Chairman and/or Freestyle/Freeskiing program director at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
3. Proxies can only be held by an individual who does not have a vote on the ROC.
4. Proxy holder must be reasonably informed by the ROC Chairman.

Section VI: Members of the Rules and Officials Subcommittee may participate in a meeting of the ROC by means of a conference telephone call or similar communication method that allows all members participating to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means constitutes presence in person at the meeting. Any action of the ROC may be taken without a formal meeting when/if all members of the ROC consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing an action.

Section VII: The chairperson in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order will decide questions of order, except in the event of a conflict between these operating procedures and Robert's Rules of Order. In all cases, the operating procedures governing the actions of the ROC and the bylaws of USSA will prevail.

Section VIII: No ROC member (with the exception of members who hold their position by virtue of their position on the USSA staff) will receive from USSA any form of compensation or reimbursement of travel expenses to ROC meetings. However, the chair may request reasonable transportation and housing expenses for an athlete representative of the ROC from USSA.

Section IX: It is the responsibility of every ROC member and or subcommittee representative to recognize and publicly acknowledge any issues of which they may have a conflict of interest, real or perceived, and abstain from voting on any such issues.

Section X: All ROC meetings are open to USSA members in good standing.

Section XI: An executive closed session of the ROC may be held if approved by a majority vote of the ROC members present to discuss matters of a sensitive nature.

Section XII: USSA staff will be responsible for the accuracy of the minutes taken and their timely distribution to all Freestyle & Freeskiing Sport Committee members.

Article IV Working Groups

Section I: The ROC may create Working Groups as needed. The ROC Chairman appoints all Working Group leaders. If the ROC chair appoints working groups, the appointed working group leaders have the assigned responsibility to form their own working group and name their representatives. The objective for each of these working groups is to work within a specific area of expertise throughout the year and to prepare formalized resolutions, which are presented for recommendation to the ROC for vote and approval.

Article V Amendments

Section I: Amendments to these operating procedures may be proposed by any member of the R&O Subcommittee or written petition by fifty members of USSA in good standing. All such amendments to the procedures are subject to the approval of the ROC by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting and approval by the FFSC.

Section II: Proposed amendments will be presented to the Rules and Officials Chairman in writing at least sixty days before a meeting of the ROC and be mailed by the Chairman to all members of the ROC at least thirty days before the next scheduled meeting of the ROC.

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1. State who is proposing the amendment(s).
2. State in writing that portion of the existing text in its entirety, inclusive of all portions, which are to be considered for change.
3. Within the text of the above statement, show any new phrases or addenda with all words to be added underlined.
4. Within the text of the above statement, show any new phrases or addenda with all words to be deleted ~~stricken through~~.
5. A brief explanation of the reasons for the proposed amendment and the effect of the change, if adopted, must accompany the proposed amendment.
6. Unless withdrawn, proposed amendments prepared and circulated to all members of the Rules and Officials Subcommittee no less than thirty days in advance of an ROC meeting will automatically be placed on the agenda for action at the next meeting of the ROC, provided that there are at least thirty days before the next scheduled meeting.