

FREESTYLE/FREESKIING SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 2015

USSA Congress 2015
Double Tree Hotel (formerly The Yarrow Hotel & Conference Center)
1800 Park Ave, Park City, UT 84060
May 15-16, 2015

Committee Membership:

Chairman	Chris "Seedog" Seemann – Present
B.O.D. Representative	Glenn Eddy – Present
Past Chair	Andy Wise – Present
Mogul Subcommittee Chair	Matt Gnoza – Present
Aerial Subcommittee Chair	Tim Preston – Present
Skicross Subcommittee Chair	Zach Crist – proxy Abbi Nyberg Saturday
Rules & Officials Subcommittee Chair	Andy Hayes – Present
Halfpipe / Slopestyle Subcommittee Chair	Tom Yaps – Present
FIS Representative	Jay Simson – Absent Konrad R. Proxy
Divisional Representative – Rocky	Dave Lawson – Present
Divisional Representative – Northern	Mike Papke – Present
Freestyle Program Director	Todd Schirman – Present
Freeskiing Program Director	Jeremy Forster – Present
At-Large	Konrad Rotermund – Present
At-Large	Jeff Lange – Present
Athlete Representative	Maddie Bowman – Present
Athlete Representative	Michael Morse – Present
Athlete Representative	Joe Swensson – Present
Athlete B.O.D. Representative	Emily Cook – Present

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. FFSC Meeting Seedog

1. Welcome Seedog
2. Agenda Review and Approval Seedog
3. Approval of the May 2014 Minutes – (Andy Wise Motion, 2nd Jeff Lange) Seedog
4. Executive Committee Report Seedog
Reviewed agenda and made sure each proposal was in the correct subcommittee. Eddy
6. Staff Reports Schirman, Forster, Nyberg
7. FIS Report Simson (absent)/Rotermund
Discussion: Talked briefly on FIS proposals. FIS meetings will be held in June in Bulgaria.
Strong Proposals:
 - Olympic Quota
 - Lower the age to relate more to Junior Worlds
8. USSA updates / membership – Barnes
Discussion: Offering general liability insurance for events. 1-day memberships will also be coming available, which can be purchased same-day. Re-launching of the printed membership card. USSA rewards will still be in full swing. Could be a bulk memberships sign up process and a new database platform.

9. Continue to 11:15 am Saturday May 16, 2015 Seedog
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| 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Aerial Subcommittee Meeting – Tim Preston Chair | |
| 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Ski Cross Subcommittee Meeting – Zach Crist Chair | |
| 12:45 pm – 2:45 pm | Mogul Subcommittee Meeting – Matt Gnoza Chair | |
| 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Slopestyle & Halfpipe Subcommittee Meeting – Tom Yaps | |

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

- 8:00 am – 11:00am Rules & Officials Subcommittee Meeting Andy Hayes
- 11:15 am – 3:00 pm FFSC Meeting Seedog
- Reconvene from Friday May 15, 2015 Seedog
10. Subcommittee Reports / Proposal review
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| Executive Committee | Seedog |
| Aerial | Preston |
| Ski Cross | Crist |
| Moguls | Gnoza |
| Slopestyle/Halfpipe | Yaps |
| Rules & Officials | Hayes |
11. FFSC to vote on any motions brought forward by subcommittees Seedog
12. Elections Seedog
- Motion 1:** B.O.D. Representative Nominee – Chris Seemann – Passed
- Motion 2:** Mogul Subcommittee Chair – Mike Papke – Passed
- Motion 3:** Ski Cross Subcommittee Chair – Langely McNeal and Joe Swensson – Passed
- Motion 4:** R&O Subcommittee Chair – Tom Shaffer – Passed
- Motion 5:** Athlete Rep Nominee – Brant Crossan – Passed
- Motion 6:** At-Large Nominee – Konrad Rotermund – Passed
13. Old business Seedog
14. New business Seedog
15. Adjournment (Jeff Lange Motion, Andy Hayes 2nd) Seedog

Freestyle Executive Committee

Yarrow Park City – Judge
 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT
 Thursday, May 14, 2015
 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Closed Meeting)

Freestyle Executive Committee Membership:

Chair: Chris “Seedog” Seemann Present
 Todd Schirman – Freestyle Director Present
 Jeremy Forster – Freeskiing Director Present
 Emily Cook – Athlete B.O.D Rep Present
 Glenn Eddy – FFSC B.O.D Rep Present
 Konrad Rotermund – At Large Present
 Maddie Bowman – Athlete Rep
 Andy Wise – Past Chair Present

Agenda

1. Chairman's Welcome and Call to order
2. Old/New Business: Review Agenda
3. Proposal Review
4. FFSC Elections Review

Freestyle & Freeskiing Sports Committee Positions	Name	Term	Rotation
Chairman	Chris "Seedog" Seemann	2 yr.	2016
B.O.D. Representative	Chris "Seedog" Seemann	2 yr.	2017
Past Chair	Andy Wise	-	-
Mogul Subcommittee Chair	Mike Papke	2 yr.	2017
Aerial Subcommittee Chair	Tim Preston	2 yr.	2017
Skicross Subcommittee Chair	Langley M & Joe Swensson	2 yr.	2017
Rules & Officials Subcommittee Chair	Tom Schaefer	2 yr.	2017
Halfpipe / Slopestyle Subcommittee Chair	Tom Yap	2 yr.	2016
FIS Representative	Jay Simson	-	-
Divisional Representative	Johann Furr - PNSA	2 yr.	2015
Divisional Representative	Martin Sundquist - Central	2 yr.	2015
Freestyle Program Director	Todd Schirman	-	-
Freeskiing Program Director	Jeremy Forster	-	-
At-Large	Konrad Rotermund	2 yr.	2017
At-Large	Jeff Lange	2 yr.	2016
Athlete Representative	Maddie Bowman	2 yr.	2016
Athlete Representative	Michael Morse	2 yr.	2016
Athlete Representative	Brant Crossan	2 yr.	2017
Athlete B.O.D. Representative	Emily Cook	3 yr.	2017

Divisions FFSC Rotation

Large divisions:

- 2016- East
- 2017- Intermountain
- 2018- Rocky
- 2019- East

Small divisions:

- 2016- Central
- 2017- Far West
- 2018- Northern
- 2019- PNSA

5. Adjournment

Aerial Subcommittee of Freestyle & Freeskiing Sport Committee

Yarrow Park City – Mountain View
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT
Friday, May 15, 2015 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Committee Membership:

Tim Preston – Chairperson
Emily Cook – Athlete Rep
Mac Bohannon - Athlete Rep
Jaroslav Novak – At Large
Ryan St. Onge – At Large (Absent)
Todd Loveless – Far West (Absent)
Corey Hacker – East (Absent)
Lewis Sundquist – Central (Absent)
John Riopel – Central (Absent)
Jana Lindsey – Intermountain
Lance Field – Rocky
Todd Ossian – USST
Wes Preston – Coaches Rep
Eric Bergoust – Coaches Rep (Absent)
Mark DePeters – R & O Rep

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1. Welcome
2. Agenda Review and Approval
4. Old Business
5. Action Items / Proposals

Proposal Number:	Aerials #1 (Tim Preston Motion, Emily Cook 2 nd – Passed Unanimously)
Description:	Explanation of Mute Grab Jump Code
Current Rule:	360 Mute Grab (Denotes Separation)
Proposed Change:	6006.2.2: 360 Iron Cross to Grab - (A 360 with an Iron Cross, coming back to neutral, then performing a separate grab maneuver.)
Discussion/Reason:	There has been confusion from the freestyle skiing community, including the judges about how a mute grab should be coded in an aerial event. To clarify the rule, we should simply clarify the mis-explanation of a 3Xg in section 6006.2.2.

Ski Cross Subcommittee of Freestyle & Freeskiing Sport Committee

Yarrow Park City – Alpine
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT
Friday, May 15 2015 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Committee Membership:

Zach Crist – Chairperson Absent Proxy Abbi
Casey Puckett - ASCA Rep - Absent
Joe Swensson - Athlete Rep - Absent
Daron Rahlves - At Large - Absent
Eduardo Guzman - At Large - Absent
Langley McNeal – Intermountain - Absent
Jeff Lange – PNSA - Present

Brett Buckles – Rocky - Absent
Abbi Nyberg - US Freeskiing Staff - Present
Tyler Shepherd - Coaches Rep - Absent
Gary Wright - Officials Rep – Present

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- Welcome and call to order
- Approval of May 2014 Minutes
- Review of Committee Membership
- Regional Reports (Reps)
- Action Items

Event structure: There was a good discussion regarding the current event structure. There will be a push for increased number of USSA Rev Tour Skicross events. Those will be included with a NorAm or FIS events.

The idea was brought up to propose adding SX to the U14 Regional Championships. This would do a better job of connecting Alpine athletes with the discipline.

Sport Development: Good discussion regarding the World Cup criteria and a point minimum. Group agreed to use the FIS point minimum in the criteria. More discussion will take place to determine the best criteria for Jr. Worlds and a required point minimum.

Other Discussion: A new organization called US Skicross (USSX) presented their current operation model. They are providing coaches education and technical coaching specific to Skicross. This organization is available to support any athletes interested.

- Next Meeting Date
- Adjournment

Mogul Subcommittee of Freestyle & Freeskiing Sport Committee

Yarrow Park City – Mountain View
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT
Friday, May 15, 2015 12:45 pm - 2:45 pm

Committee Membership:

Matt Gnoza – Chairperson - Present
Chris Marchetti – Past Chair - Present
Vacant - Rocky
Nick Preston – East - Present
Jon O'Brien – Intermountain - Present
Pat Deneen – PNSA - Absent
Mike Papke – Northern – Present
Jimeel Ferris - Far West – Present
Vacant – USSA
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Rob Day - At Large - Present
KC Oakley – Athlete Rep - Absent
Lance Field – Aerial Rep - Present
Michael Morse – At Large - Present
Glenn Eddy – R & O - Present
Wes Preston – Development Rep - Present
Vacant – Coaches Rep

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1. Welcome
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6. New Business –
 - Selections Field Size and Program
 - Created a “Moguls Points List Task Force” which will help with any points list errors and allow a second eye on certain things. Would also review the points list system for fairness, recommend adjustments fro duals smoothing, small events and to investigate if some divisions are point fixing at regional level competitions.
 - Members: Glenn Eddy, Konrad Rotermund, Chris Marchetti, and Dave Lawson

Proposal Number:	Mogul #1 (Matt Gnoza Motion, Jeff Lange 2 nd – Passed Unanimously)
Description:	Mogul Air Repeat rule: Ref: USSA Comp Guide 6204.2.2 and 4306.1
Current Rule:	<p>4306.1 Aerial Maneuvers Air Judges evaluate jumps based on the scoring criteria from single moguls (quality, air and spontaneity), as well as difficulty and variety. Competitors may repeat jumps but judges will consider variety in comparing the two competitors. Variety reflects a different number of maneuvers and different types of maneuvers.</p> <p>6204.2.2 If two jumps are the same, only the greater scoring jump counts. Two jumps are different if any of the following are true: *They have a different # of positions (p) or grabs (g) *They have a different # of half rotations or half twists (horizontal, off-axis, or inverted) *They have different take off or landing direction (-) * For non-rotational jumps, they have different upright components, or the components are in a different order. *An inverted component in one differs by at least a full-twist from the corresponding inverted component in the other. The following are considered equivalent components: *All grabs *Spread eagle (S), kosak (K), pike (Pk) *Back scratcher (Y), mule kick (M), iron cross (X)</p>
Proposed Change:	<u>Identical jumps performed within a mogul and dual mogul run shall be considered repeated jumps, as determined by the judges. Once determined that jumps are repeated, only the higher scoring of the 2 will count.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no reason to discriminate against certain jumps in moguls, nor to over-define differences in order to regulate “repeats”. This proposal eliminates this excessiveness with the obvious: Only identical jumps are repeats. 2. Judges, coaches, athletes and spectators can all recognize each jump’s differences and merits, and which are identical “repeats”. 3. Simplifying this jump rule simplifies scoring, and judging, 4. This proposal eliminates the inconsistency that certain jumps with

	<p>different degrees of difficulty are considered repeats. (?)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Another inconsistency example: Adding an x to a flip is a “position”, but is not a “position” if added to a back scratcher. 6. This change allows rotations in both directions, making moguls more in line with free skiing aerials, good for Combined skiers 7. Allows for more creativity and utilization of different grabs, which is more current with freeskiing. 8. Allowing all mogul airs affords the skier more versatility and creativity, more true to the spirit of “freestyle skiing”. 9. Simplifies coaching mogul airs, allows for more progression. 10. To implement this rule proposal might only require that the aerial judges x out the lesser scoring repeated jump. Otherwise, all aerial scores are entered into scoring. All scoring codes and D/D values apply for a final air score. 11. <i>If we wish to encourage Combined skiing, where freeskiers participate in moguls, let’s take freeskiing’s lead and score all jumps, grabs, and rotations, except for the lower scoring repeated jumps.</i>
Impacts on other Disciplines:	None, although it brings mogul skiing more in line with slope style, aerials, and big air.
Impacts on Event Organizers:	Scoring program may need programming adjustment to accept all jump scoring submissions from the judges. All codes, some identical, are accepted. Only the judges determine non-scored airs, and therefore do not submit a score for the lesser of a repeated air. The judges score sheet will reflect which repeat was eliminated
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	None
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	Judges must determine if jumps are identical. If so, only the better of the 2 is entered for scoring. Otherwise, all jumps are submitted to scoring and accepted.
Impacts / Conflicts with other current Rules:	Conflicts with FIS rules about repeated mogul airs.

Proposal Number:	Mogul Housekeeping- 1 (Gnoza Motion, Papke 2 nd – Passed Unanimously)
Description:	Correct the Speed Calculation rule
Current Rule:	<p>6204.3.2 Speed Calculation (same for 5 or 7 judges in split scoring)</p> <p>Speed points will be based upon the FIS speed formula using course distance.</p> <p>The pace set time shall equal a point value of 6.0 points. This is based upon 80% value of the maximum time points available to the competitor (three judges’ scores at 2.5 points each, equals 7.5 points maximum speed score). Each skier’s time will be used to calculate that skier’s time points based upon the following formula:</p> <p>Each 1.0 percent increment of time difference greater or lesser than the pace set time shall be equal to 0.12 points. Times faster than the pace set time will be awarded scores greater than 6.0 but in no event greater than 7.5. Times slower than the pace set time will be awarded scores lower than 6.0 but in no event less than 0 points. The result of this formula will be truncated to two decimal places.</p>

	<p>Example:</p> <p>Length of course = 220 m</p> <p>Pace time value men = 9.7 m/s</p> <p>Pace set time = 22.68 seconds</p> <p>22.68 seconds = 6.0 points (80 % of maximum points available)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Difference of competitor time to pace set time. 2) 1.0 % time increment calculated on pace set time. 3) Each 1.0 % time increment equal to 0.12 points, plus or minus from 6.0. <p>Formula:</p> <p>The time points can be easily calculated by using the following formula, known as the “Grange Formula”:</p> <p>Time Points = 18.00 - 12 X Competitor’s Time/Pace Set Time</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>6204.3.2 Speed Calculation (same for any number of judges)</p> <p><u>Speed points will be based upon the FIS speed formula:</u></p> <p><u>Time Points = 48.00 - 32.00 X (Competitor’s Time / Pace Set Time)</u></p> <p><u>It is calculated to 2 decimal places. It can’t be less than 0.00 points or more than 20.00 points. Tying the pace set results in 16 points.</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>With the change to the 60/20/20 scoring system for moguls, the Speed calculation needed to be changed</p>

Proposal Number:	Moguls Housekeeping – 2 (Gnoza Motion, Papke 2 nd – Passed Unanimously)
Description:	Change to 60/20/20 mogul judging
Current Rule:	<p>4203, 6202, 6204.1 – 6204.5</p> <p>This is over 6 pages of rules that pertain to Split scoring that were adopted late in the fall of last year.</p>
Proposed Change:	We have an addendum that was sent out that includes all the wording changes.
Discussion/Reason:	While this was adopted last fall it needs to be changed in the comp guide for the coming season. Also this needs to be looked at a second time to assure that it is all what we want. Attach the addendum.

Proposal Number:	Moguls Housekeeping – 3 (Gnoza Motion, Papke 2 nd – Passed Unanimously)
Description:	NorAm Team Selection (Passed 2014 Congress by Konrad Motion, Jay 2 nd)
Current Rule:	<p>U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and Development Group athletes will have first priority. The remainder of the mogul/dual mogul NorAm starts will be granted based on the best two single mogul events and best one dual mogul 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 dual moguls events, the best 3 single moguls events may be used. Ties will be broken by best finish, then second best finish, then third best finish. In the event that a tie still exists, the tie will be broken by best finish from the U.S. Selection Event and the ties will be broken by the most current FFSP List #5.</p>

Proposed Rule:	U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and Development Group athletes will have first priority. The remainder of the mogul/dual mogul NorAm starts will be granted based on the best two single mogul events and best one dual mogul 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. Foreign athletes will be excluded from the place point tally at both the U.S. National Championships and the U.S. Freestyle Selection Event. (If conflicting) all competitors at the Junior World Championship will still be included in the place point tally. If there are not at least two dual moguls events, the best three single moguls events may be used. Ties will be broken by best finish, and then second best finish, then third best finish. In the event that a tie still exists, the tie will be broken by the best finish from the U.S. Selection Event and the ties will be broken by the most current FFSP List #5.
Discussion/Reason:	Passed for FY 15/16

Slopestyle & Halfpipe Subcommittee of Freestyle & Freeskiing Sport Committee

Yarrow Park City – Kearns
 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
 Friday, May 15, 2015 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Committee Membership:

Tom Yaps – Chairperson – present
 Jeremy Forster – USSA – present
 Elana Chase - Coaches Rep – present
 Chris Haslock - R & O Rep – present
 Josh Loubek – Judges – absent
 Michael Spencer – AFP – present
 Tom Wallisch - Slopestyle Rep – Josh Christiansen proxy
 Maddie Bowman – Halfpipe Rep – present
 Pete Davis- USASA Pres – present
 Ashley Otte - At Large – absent
 Martin Sundquist – Central – present

Tony Lodico – Rocky – present

Tony Bushi – Intermountain – present
 Chris Hawks – Rocky- absent
 Alex Wilson – Alaska –absent
 John Kimble– East- present

Agenda

- Welcome and call to order
- Approval of May 2014 Minutes
 - Review of Committee Membership - Mike Papke nominated by Martin Sundquist, second by John Kimble. Mike Papke will replace Alex Wilson. Papke will represent the Northern Division.
- Regional Reports (Reps)
 - Events: Eric Webster gave a report on the Grand Prix events. Good season with some weather challenges. Nick Alexakos gave a report on the Revolution Tour. 2015 was a great season with increased numbers of participation, with some attrition in Halfpipe.

North Face PPOS Report: Lisa Byrnes and Barb Hamlett gave a brief presentation regarding The North Face PPOS virtual events. They would like to see clubs and regions promote this virtual competition.

USASA Report: Pete Davis gave an update on the USASA organization and USASA Nationals events. Big growth with Freeskiing and excited to see the level growth.

- Action Items
 - Junior Nationals - Positive discussion regarding the state of Junior Nationals Championships within the sport. The group consensus was to continue to include Halfpipe and Slopestyle in Jr. Nationals competitions. USSA will also work more closely with the division chairs on qualification for Junior Nationals, other junior events, and the athletic pipeline.
 - Freeskiing Points list – N/A
 - Rev Tour Qualification - Nick Alexakos reviewed the proposed criteria for Rev Tour. Discussion around the criteria was positive and productive. The Events Department will review the feedback and provide a final version of the criteria in mid-summer.
- Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Rules & Officials Subcommittee of Freestyle & Freeskiing Sport Committee

Yarrow Park City – Mountain View
 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT
 Saturday, May 16, 2015 8:00 am - 11:00 am

R&O election

R&O Chairman, Andy Hayes Present
 Head TD, Thomas Schaefer Present
 Head Judge, Bill McNice Present
 Athlete rep, David Wise Absent
 Athlete BOD rep, Emily Cook Present
 Freeskiing rep, Tai Robinson Present
 TD rep, Craig Matthews Present
 Aerials rep, Mark DePeters Present
 Ski Cross rep, Gary Wright Present
 Judges rep, Chris Ellis Absent
 Judges rep, Scott Lounsbery Absent

R&O – Elections

R&O Chairman; Andy Hayes
 Athlete Rep; David Wise

Proposal Number:	R&O – 1 (Andy Hayes Motion, Andy Wise 2 nd – Passed Unanimously)
Description:	Change the rules for Combined
Current Rule:	<p>Page 28, Criteria 5. Junior Nationals</p> <p>A. Junior National Freestyle Combined Champion is to be defined as big air, Slopestyle and Halfpipe. The athletes will compete in each of the three disciplines at Junior Nationals and be add above the current quota.</p> <p>B. Junior National Freestyle Combined is to be defined by picking an athletes' best event from each of the three categories: moguls/dual moguls, Slopestyle/Halfpipe and aerials/big air. The athlete will qualify from the FFSP List #3 to compete in 3-6 events at their discretion, but must have one event from each of the three categories to be considered</p>

	for the Junior National Freestyle Combined Champion.
Proposed Change:	<p>A. Junior National Freestyle Combined Champion is to be defined as <u>(1) moguls, (2) big air or aerals and (3) slopestyle and or halfpipe</u>. The athletes will compete in each of the three <u>categories disciplines</u> at Junior Nationals and be added above the current quota.</p> <p>B. Junior National Freestyle Combined <u>Champion</u> is to be defined by picking an athlete's best event from each of the three categories: <u>(1) moguls/dual moguls, (2) slopestyle/halfpipe and (3) aerals/big air</u>. <u>The best of each category is then added to give the combined total. Athletes must participate in all three categories.</u> The athlete will qualify from the FFSP List #3 to compete in 3-6 events at their discretion, but must have one event from each of the three categories to be considered for the Junior National Freestyle Combined Champion.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	This rule as currently written is conflicting from A to B as to the definition of combined. Also Dual Moguls cannot be used because we have too many ties for first from the round or 64. This makes all Mogul/Dual results for combined skiers non relevant because the Dual score is used and they are all tied, which in turn, eliminates mogul results.

Proposal Number:	R&O – 2 (Andy Hayes Motion, Andy Wise 2 nd – Passed Unanimously)
Description:	Change the wording for Competition Protocol of combined
Current Rule:	<p>3060.1 Freestyle competitions may be comprised of the following events: moguls, dual moguls, aerals, halfpipe, skicross, slopestyle and big air. Freestyle competitions must provide the opportunity for both men and women to compete.</p> <p>A competition may be announced as a one, two, three, four or five event competition. Freestyle competitions should consist, if possible, of all five events.</p> <p>A combined event is defined as moguls, aerals and halfpipe. A combined event can also be the sum of three components: (1) the greater of aerals and big air, (2) the greater of halfpipe and slopestyle, (3) the greater of moguls and dual moguls.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>3060.1 Freestyle competitions may be comprised of the following events: moguls, dual moguls, aerals, halfpipe, skicross, slopestyle and big air. Freestyle competitions must provide the opportunity for both men and women to compete.</p> <p>A competition may be announced as a one, two, three, four or five event competition. Freestyle competitions should consist, if possible, of all five events.</p> <p>A combined event is defined <u>as (1) moguls, (2) big air or aerals and (3) slopestyle or halfpipe</u>. <u>The athletes will compete in each of the three categories to be a combined skier. as moguls, aerals and halfpipe</u>. A combined event can also <u>will</u> be the sum of three components: (1) the greater of aerals and big air, (2) the greater of halfpipe and slopestyle, (3) Moguls</p>
Discussion/Reason:	If R&O 2 passes then we need to follow through in the 3000 section of our rule book to define Combined the same.

Proposal Number:	R&O – 3 (Andy Hayes Motion, Konrad R 2 nd – Passed Unanimously)
Description:	To change the protocol for Aerials, Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Big Air to allow more than two runs
Current Rule:	<p>3060.2.3 Aerials In aerials all competitors shall have two rounds. The rounds are run as individual competitions. The results from both rounds are added together and ranked. If both rounds cannot be completed then the results from the first round will be valid.</p> <p>3060.2.4 Halfpipe In the halfpipe event, all skiers will make two runs down the halfpipe with the best score used for the results.</p> <p>3060.2.5 Slopestyle In the slopestyle event all competitors will make two runs down the course with the best scored run used for the results.</p> <p>3060.2.6 Big Air In big air, all competitors will be given two runs; the better of the two scores will be used for the results.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>3060.2.3 Aerials In aerials all competitors shall have <u>at least</u> two rounds. The rounds are run as individual competitions. The results <u>from the best two</u> rounds are added together and ranked. If <u>all</u> rounds cannot be completed then the results from the <u>first completed</u> rounds will be valid.</p> <p>3060.2.4 Halfpipe In the halfpipe event, all skiers will make <u>at least</u> two runs down the halfpipe with the best score used for the results.</p> <p>3060.2.5 Slopestyle In the slopestyle event all competitors will make <u>at least</u> two runs down the course with the best scored run used for the results.</p> <p>3060.2.6 Big Air In big air, all competitors will be given <u>at least</u> two runs; the better of the two scores will be used for the results.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	This allows our divisional level events and Junior Championships to have more runs and reduce pressure on your athletes.

Proposal Number:	R&O - 4 (Andy Hayes Motion, Andy Wise 2 nd – Failed 2-15)
Description:	Add the new FIS rule on course maintenance.
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	<p><u>4202.1.4.7 No person, other than members of the course crew under the direction of the Chief of Course, shall take any action intended to change the state of the course unless instructed to do so by a member of the Jury.</u> <u>This prohibition applies at all times, but especially during official Inspection of the course.</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	We would like to adopt new rules from the FIS when it is appropriate for our domestic program.

Proposal Number:	R&O – 5 (Andy Hayes Motion, Andy Wise 2 nd – Passed Unanimously)
Description:	Correct the training time for Slopestyle
Current Rule:	3066.4 For slopestyle, on the competition day, the competitors are allowed two hours of training before the competition begins. The jury may reduce this to one hour.
Proposed Change:	3066.4 For slopestyle, on the competition day, the competitors are allowed a minimum two training runs during designated the training period.
Discussion/Reason:	In the Slopestyle section rule 4704.1 already says 30 minutes minimum.

Proposal Number:	R&O – 6 (Andy Hayes Motion, Andy Wise 2 nd – Passed Unanimously)																						
Description:	Change our judging system in Aerials from our current split judges system to the FIS Overall system																						
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Proposed Change:

6003 Scoring Procedures

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	<p>covered in 3060.2.2.</p> <p>The jury may alter this format to one run in the following circumstances: inclement weather or adverse conditions or to seed for dual moguls etc.</p> <p>If a competition is interrupted, the competition should be resumed when conditions warrant. The competitors' results up to this point will remain valid if it is possible to complete the event on the same day. If it is not, the results prior to the interruption will be cancelled. In the case where all the competitors have completed his/her first run, this will constitute the complete event.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>3060.2 Competition Procedures</p> <p>In all USSA authorized competitions, aerial results will be the total of two jumps, and moguls will be the best of two runs unless only one run is taken, then it will be the score from the single run except at the Junior Nationals, where it will be the final run except for those only taking one run, then it will be the placings from that run. Dual moguls is an elimination format and is covered in 3060.2.2.</p> <p>The jury may alter this format to one run in the following circumstances: inclement weather or adverse conditions or to seed for dual moguls etc.</p> <p>If a competition is interrupted, the competition should be resumed when conditions warrant. The competitors' results up to this point will remain valid if it is possible to complete the event on the same day. If it is not, the results prior to the interruption will be cancelled. <u>In Dual Moguls, if the Qualifications and the round of 16 have been fully completed, in that case, only the uncompleted rounds will be postponed but must be completed on the same competition site. If the event cannot be fully completed, any tied skiers have the results broken by the seeding. The results of the Qualifications or different rounds of the Final will be valid. In Moguls, the case</u> where all the competitors have completed their first run, this will constitute the complete event.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>When we start a dual event and it needs to be terminated because of weather, we need a method of ranking the competitors. As long as at least one round or phase of the Dual event has been completed (rule 3055.2) we can use the Qualifying round to break the ties.</p>

Proposal Number:	R&O Housekeeping 1 (Andy Hayes Motion, Andy Wise 2 nd – Passed Unanimously)
Description:	Page 30 number 4.
Current Rule:	4. Divisions will be allotted one spot per gender, per discipline to be used at the divisions' discretion. Divisions must notify USSA Freestyle office of their allocations 48 after invitation becomes valid.
Proposed Change:	4. Divisions will be allotted one spot per gender, per discipline to be used at the divisions' discretion. Divisions must notify USSA Freestyle office of their allocations 48 <u>hours</u> after invitation becomes valid.
Discussion/Reason:	The word hours was missed

Proposal Number:	R&O Housekeeping 2 (Andy Hayes Motion, Andy Wise 2 nd – Passed Unanimously)
Description:	Delete the word Drop in reference to the inrun.
Current Rule:	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. The drop should have sufficient angle to accommodate both flips and spins.
Proposed Change:	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. The drop <u>inrun</u> should have sufficient angle to accommodate both flips and spins.
Discussion/Reason:	The word drop is in reference to Snowboard.

Addendum A: USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Staff Reports

Domestic Event Update

Katie Fieguth / Abbi Nyberg

2015-2016 FFSP List Schedule: Dates will be published after review from Divisional Chairs and all FIS events finalized, located in the competition guide and online at ussa.org.

Proposed List Dates: **(Subject to Change)**

USSA Points List	Close	Valid
Fall List	3-Nov	6-Nov
List 1	5-Jan	8-Jan
List 2	26-Jan	29-Jan
List 3	16-Feb	19-Feb
List 4	1-Mar	4-Mar
List 5	29-Mar	1-Apr
List 6	28-Jun	1-Jul
OR		
Fall List	3-Nov	6-Nov
List 1	5-Jan	8-Jan
List 2	26-Jan	29-Jan
List 3	16-Feb	19-Feb
List 4	1-Mar	4-Mar
List 5	29-Mar	1-Apr

USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Junior Nationals: Dates and Location are TBD

U.S. Championships: U.S. National Championships will be held March 18th-20th, 2016 in Steamboat Springs, CO. Mogul, Aerials, and Dual Moguls.

Rev Tour/Grand Prix: Dates and Location are TBD; updates will be located on usfreeskiing.com

U.S. Selections and NorAm update – Konrad Rotermund
Still finalizing dates and locations, will be final after NorAm Committee Meeting Fall 2015.

Selections: Winter Park, December TBD

NorAm Schedule

Date	Day	Site	NAT	MO	AE	SX	HP	SS	Remarks
December 15									
07-11		Copper, CO	USA				11		Rev Possible 18,19
11-12		UOP,UT	USA		11/12				
January 16									
TBD		East Coast	USA				X	X	TBD
19-24		Mammoth, CA	USA				23	24	
February 16									
12-14		Calgary, AB	CAN	13/14					MO/DM
16-19		UOP,UT	USA		18/19				
18-20		Copper, CO	USA			20			MO/DM
18-21		Park City, UT	USA	20/21					
18-21		Aspen Open, CO	USA				19	20*/21	*Big Air
23-28		Calgary, AB	CAN				27	28	TBC
23-28		Val St. Come, QC	CAN	27/28	25/26				MO/DM
TBD		Seven Springs, PA	USA				X	X	TBD
March 16									
02-05		Sugarloaf, ME	USA			4/5			MO/DM
05-06		Mt St Louis, ONT	CAN					6	
05-06		Killington, VT	USA	5/6					
050-6		Lake Placid, NY	USA		5/6				
April 16									
04-06		Copper, CO	USA			6			
Locations 17/ Nations 2 / Competitions 33				8/8	8/8	4/4	6/6	7/7	

World Cup Schedule

Date	Day	Site	NAT	MO	AE	SX	HP	SS/BA	Remarks
August 15									
20.-29.	Thu-Sat	Cardrona	NZL				20-22	27-29	SS
November 15									
28.-29.	Sun	Nakiska	CAN			28-29			
December 15									
04.-05.	Fri-Sat	Montafon	AUT			04-05			
10.-12.	Thu-Sat	Val Thorens	FRA			10-11/12			
12.	Sat	Ruka	FIN	12					DM
18.-20.	Fri-Sun*	Innichen	ITA			18-19/20			*Super Final
19.-20.	Sat-Sun*	Beijing	CHN		19/20				*AE Team
January 16									
09.-10.	Sat-Sun	Watles	ITA			09-10			
14.-16.	Thu-Sat	Lake Placid	USA	14	15/16*				*AE Team
15.-16.	Fri-Sat	La Plagne	FRA			15-16			
23.	Sat	Val St. Come	CAN	23					
23.-24.	Sat-Sun	Mammoth	USA				23	24	
30.	Sat	Calgary	CAN	30					
February 16									
04.-06.	Thu-Sat	Deer Valley	USA	04/06	05				MO/DM
05.-06.	Fri-Sat	Arosa	SUI			05-06			
05.-07.	Fri-Sun	Park City	USA				06-07	05-06	SS
12.-14.	Fri-Sun	Are	SWE			12-13/14			
13.	Sat	Sierra Nevada	SPA		13				
20.	Sat	Moscow	RUS		20				
20.-21.	Sat-Sun	Tazawako	JPN	20/21					MO/DM
19.-21.	Fri-Sun	Tegernsee	GER			19-20/21			
20.-28.	Sat-Sun	Phoenix Park	KOR			27-28*		20-21*	*subject to approval
28.	Sun	Minsk	BLR		28				
March 16									
04.-05.	Fri-Sat	Silvaplana	SUI					04-05	SS Final
05.	Sat	Moscow	RUS	05					Final
12.-13.	Sat-Sun	Squaw Valley	USA			12-13			
19.-20.	Sat-Sun	Blue Mountain	CAN			19-20			Final
Locations 27/Nations 16/Competitions 82				9/9	8/8	16/16	3/3	5/5	

FIS Report – Jay Simson (Absent)/Konrad Rotermund

There are a number of issues that the FIS will address at their spring meetings. This past year was the first year with the new mogul criteria as well as using video at most of the aerial events. In the spirit of brevity I have identified the issues and their possible outcomes.

First, USSA is promoting several items. These are not voting items and some will require additional time and lobbying to accomplish; Making the Olympic Quota for Freestyle at 32 athletes, getting duals included as its own event, allowing a global twisting dd in aerials and reviewing the formats at world cup for both moguls and aerials. Each of these comes with its own challenges and advantages for athletes and we will continue to promote them.

Secondly, from the freeski side come two proposals; one to lower the age related to Junior Worlds (and this would bring into alignment with snowboard and potentially moguls and aerals) and the other is a Big Air format that will encourage progression.

Petition to Start – The “Petition to Start” form is now available on the website. Deadlines will be posted on the site for the Selections Events, NorAm’s, Jr. Nationals, and U.S. Championships.

2015/16 Competition Guide Deadline: July 15, 2015 - All final edits to Katie Fieguth and no more changes will be made. All divisional websites need to be updated with the current season information after each divisional meeting.

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Skicross: Abbi Nyberg; anyberg@ussa.org

U.S. Freestyle Director Report – Todd Schirman

As the programs moved into the 2014-15 World Championship season we made several changes to ensure future success. In moguls, new staff members Caleb Martin, Lance Field and Matt Gnoza were led under former Head Coach Garth Hager. The addition of an aerial-specific coach was one of several immediate improvements that created the progression the athletes needed. Change of staff was the first step in creating a new path and direction for the Team. In April, the USSA added to that vision by promoting Matt Gnoza to Head Mogul Coach. I want to thank Garth for his contributions to the Team and welcome Matt into his new roll. The new C Team mogul coach will be announced publicly in the near future. Thank you to those coaches who applied.

In the Aerials world Head Coach Todd Ossian, Matt Saunders and Joe Davies took the Team to new heights, bringing home multiple World Championship medals, World Cup titles and finishing as the number one Team in the world. We congratulate you in your successes and we know this is just the start. Jaroslav Novak and Matt DePeters continue to work hard at the development level focusing on talent transfer with the EADP program. Tireless focus on fundamentals has paid off.

Lastly, Freestyle Program manager Katie Fieguth has finished one full year and has become a critical member of the Team. We are lucky to have such a devoted manager that is eager to become stronger in the position. We thank you for your strong communication and fast learning curve. We also have an amazing support staff. Press officer Caitlin Furin, Strength Coach Mike Bahn, Head Aerial PT Greg Heuer, New Head Mogul PT Chuck Williams and Doctor Dave Goltz. We could not succeed and advance without you.

EADP Team Staff Report – Jaroslav Novak

This year the EADP has continued to play a vital part in the US Aerial Ski Program. It has been another successful season for the EADP. After outstanding results with NorAm and at the Junior World Championships, Elle Gaudette was invited to join the US National C-Team and three other members of the EADP were invited to EADP West in Park City to train with national team coaches.

Elle Gaudette and Chris Lillis both took second place competing on the NorAm tour while Madie Varmette took third. At Jr. Nationals Patrick O’Flynn took second and Justin Schoenefeld achieved third. After doing well in the NorAm tour, Chris Lillis, Nicholas Novak, Jasper Holcomb, Elle Gaudette and Madie Varmette were all chosen to compete in the Europa Cups and the Jr. World Championships in Italy. At the Europa Cups, Madie achieved a second place finish and Elle placed second and third in two different

competitions. At the Jr. World Championships, Elle Gaudette took third place and Chris Lillis took fifth.

At the national championships, Tyra Izor took third place, while Madie Varmette and Chris Lillis finished fourth. Jasper Holcomb and Nicholas Novak also reached the finals.

Looking to the future, from July 20th to July 25th we will be holding an EADP recruitment camp to gain new athletes, as well as arranging private tryouts for any talent not already involved in aerial skiing to potentially train at the EADP.

Lastly, the success of the EADP athletes this year would not have been possible without my assistant coach Matt DePeters and the support of the Freestyle Program Director Todd Schirman, Freestyle Program Manager Katie Fieguth, and all of the National Team coaches, Todd Ossian, Matt Saunders, and Joe Davies.

U.S. Moguls Team Staff Report – Matt Gnoza

The athletes of the U.S. Freestyle Mogul Ski Team have a lot of memories to look back on after the 2015 season. In addition to two medals at the 2015 FIS Freestyle Ski and Snowboarding World Championships, the mogul's team brought home four major FIS World Cup awards. While one veteran bid ad to a sport she loves, two rookies made a name for themselves on the World Cup stage. From Ruka, Finland to Steamboat Nationals here are the top moments from the 2015 U.S. Freestyle Ski Team season.

After finding out she made the World Championship team, K.C. Oakley was on cloud nine. But her great day was just getting started; as she went on to claim her first World Cup victory on the Champion mogul course at Deer Valley Resort. Her successes this season lead to Piedmont, CA (her hometown) officially declaring April 6th as K.C. Oakley Day!

In her last World Championship appearance, Hannah Kearney claimed the only World Championship medal she didn't have: a gold in dual moguls. After a silver medal finish in single moguls, Kearney stepped it up another notch in a thrilling finals matchup with Canadian Justine Dufour-Lapointe. It was Kearney's eighth-career World Championships medal, the most ever of any freestyle skier.

Hannah Kearney took the win at the single moguls World Cup in Val St. Come, Canada, securing the World Cup leader yellow bib for the first time this season. The entire moguls team had five athletes finish in the top 10, including career-best finish for Keaton McCargo and Troy Murphy.

Skiing against the best mogul skiers in the World, 17-year-old Morgan Schild battled through four rounds of dual moguls to claim her first World Cup win in Tazawako, Japan. Hannah Kearney and Jeremy Cota also took podiums over the course of the weekend, the last competition before World Cup finals.

After their stellar performances on the World Cup this season, Morgan Schild and Tom Rowley were named 2015 FIS Freestyle mogul World Cup Rookies of the Year. Rowley, who earned his first World Cup podium at the beginning of the season, closed out his first full year on the tour with a second place finish at World Cup finals in Megeve, France. With a few World Cup podiums under their belts, Schild and Rowley will be ones to watch in the coming seasons.

Hannah Kearney capped her illustrious World Cup career with a storybook finish—winning the season finale dual moguls for her 46th career victory. Kearney matched the record held since 1997 by fellow American Olympic champion Donna Weinbrecht. She also walked away with both the FIS Freestyle World Cup moguls and overall crystal globes.

In 117 World Cup starts Kearney was on the podium 71 times, winning 46 events. In 13 seasons, she won eight World Championship medals, three gold; two Olympic medals, one gold; and 10 FIS World Cup crystal globes.

To wrap up the 2014-15 season The U.S. Freestyle Ski Team stole the show at the US Championships with Troy Murphy and Hannah Kearney taking the Mogul titles in dominating fashion and new comers Tom Rowley and Nessa Dziemian capturing the dual titles.

2015 Season Statistics

Two World Championship medals

- Hannah Kearney (silver, moguls; gold, dual moguls)

7 World Cup Podiums

- 5 wins

Two World Cup globes

- Hannah Kearney (moguls and overall freestyle)

Two FIS World Cup Rookies of the Year

- Tom Rowley (moguls)
- Morgan Schild (moguls)

Three Junior Worlds medalists

- Avital Shimko (silver, moguls)
- Jaelin Kauf (bronze, moguls)
- Casey Andringa (bronze, dual moguls)

2015 Prep Season Schedule

- 5/4/15 – Training Begins at the COE – testing, trampoline, gymnastics
- 5/11 – 5/21 – A Basin Spring – On Snow
- 5/24 – 6/5 – Lake Placid Water Ramp #1
- 6/8 – 6/19 – UOP Water Ramp #2
- 6/21 – 7/15 – Whistler – On Snow
- 7/21 – 8/6 – UOP Water Ramp #3
- 8/10 – 8/31 – Perisher AUS – On Snow
- 9/7 – 10/4 – UOP Water Ramp #4
- 10/12 – 10/31 – Zermatt – On Snow
- 11/15 – 12/1 – WC Team France, C Team USA

Staffing

Head Coach – Matt Gnoza

Mogul Technical Coach – Caleb Martin

Mogul Air Coach – Lance Field

C/Development Coach – TBD

PT – Chuck Williams

U.S. Aerial Team Staff Report – Todd Ossian

I want to start off by giving a huge “Thanks” to my National Team Coaching Staff: Matt Saunders, Joe Davies, Jaroslav Novak and Matt DePeters. Our ATC - Greg Heuer, our Strength Coach - Mike Bahn, our Sports Psychologist - Nicole Miller, the USSA Freestyle Staff, and all of you at USSA and the FSC that work day and night to help us achieve success.

In the 2014-2015 season, The US National Aerial Team was awarded 13 World Cup medals (4 Gold, 6 Silver, 3 Bronze). Mac Bohannon finished the season ranked “No. 1” in the World. This was the first time USA won a Men’s Aerial Crystal Globe since Jeret Peterson won this award in 2005.

Also in the 2014-15 season, Kiley McKinnon and Ashley Caldwell finished the season ranked “No. 1 and No. 2” in the World respectively. Kiley’s finish represented the first time USA won a Woman’s Aerial Crystal Globe since Nikki Stone in 1998. This was the first time in history that two American women

finished 1-2 on the World Cup.

The rest of the Aerial Squad was all around the podium with Nevin Brown and Eric Loughran finishing 4th and 5th respectively in Deer Valley, Jon Lillis placing 5th in Lake Placid and Mike Rossi having six "World Cup Top 10" results. As a Team, we went from being ranked 3rd in 2014 to 1st in the World as we won the Overall Aerials Nation's Cup this season.

The FIS World Championships as well as the FIS Jr. World Championships were both successful events for us this season. Kiley McKinnon and Alex Bowen both won Silver medals and Ashley Caldwell placed 4th at the 2015 FIS World Ski Championships in Kreischberg, AUT. Elle Gaudette won the Bronze Medal and Harrison Smith won the Gold Medal to become FIS Junior World Champion in Valmalenco, Italy.

I am very proud to yet again have another one of our athletes Alex Bowen named FIS World Cup Rookie of the Year this season. He joins current Aerial Team members who have shared this title over the past 4 years: Mac Bohannon, Mike Rossi, Kiley McKinnon, Jon Lillis, and Ashley Caldwell.

Our Development Program also had a very exciting season. Both the EADP and Fly Freestyle helped account for a total of 27 NorAm podiums, 7 Europa Cup podiums and Bronze medal results at both the US National Championships and FIS Jr. World Championships.

We had an incredibly strong recruiting effort this past summer. We hosted 45 athletes from non-skiing sports at our tryout camps in Park City and Lake Placid. By reaching out to the acrobatic community, Aerial participation is growing rapidly and we expect even greater turnouts this summer. John Curran provided an amazing amount of support in our Aerial recruitment endeavors. We have contracted John in a volunteer position and he is now the USSA Aerial Recruitment Coordinator. John started a program called Fast Track Aerials with the primary purpose to recruit acrobats and teach them how to ski prior to the US Ski Team and FLY Freestyle Tryout Camps.

Our success this past season is also thanks to our training facility partnerships with ORDA in Lake Placid, the Utah Olympic Park in Park City, along with the US Olympic Committee. We could not be more thankful for all of those involved and in support of the current "Big Air Project." The rebuild of the Freestyle and Freeskiing Water Ramp Training Facility at the UOP is imperative to our continued success.

Our season results are very encouraging building blocks to catapult us into the next three years preparation for PyeongChang. Our Team camaraderie is reaching an all time high. We are starting to have success at all levels of the US Aerial Program; National Team, Development Programs, and Recruitment. But, notice how I said, "starting." This is just the beginning, or as we, the coaching staff have been saying, "It's happening!"

We have nominated 17 athletes to the US Aerial Team this spring. Today as I write this address, I contemplate where this Team has come from these last 4 years. I'm inspired by the hard work displayed by both: the athletes and my amazing staff. Today, my son took his first steps and tomorrow, I'm sure he will be running. This season the Aerial Team was able to achieve numerous victories, but next year and the years after...I foresee domination.

U.S. Freeskiing Director Report – Jeremy Forster

The beginning of a new four-year Olympic cycle brings a great opportunity to evaluate and adjust programming. One such adjustment was DJ Montigny assuming responsibility for both the Slopestyle & Halfpipe Rookie Team Programs as Head Coach. Having DJ provide oversight to both programs will allow for greater consistency and coordination between the teams. We are also pleased to welcome Peter O'Brien to the coaching staff as U.S. Freeskiing National Development Coach. Peter's strong club and coaching background will be a great addition to our staff. Additionally, as part of these adjustments, Ben Verge will focus his coaching efforts towards the Halfpipe Pro Team providing a two-coach program.

As we move into the spring we continue to focus on key FIS items that could impact our 2018 performance. Increasing the Max Olympic Nations Quota remains a critical priority. As well, we are hopeful that additional Olympic opportunities, such as the inclusion of Big Air, could be announced as early as this summer. We have also evaluated expanding one of the 2018 Olympic selection events into the 2016-17 seasons for Halfpipe and Slopestyle. This will help ease the scheduling pressure during the Dec 2017 and Jan 2018 period when the majority of the Olympic selection events will take place.

The 2015-16 U.S. Freeskiing Coaching staff and US Freeskiing Athlete Nominations follow;

Mike Jankowski	U.S. Freeskiing Head Coach, Halfpipe & Slopestyle
Skogen Sprang	U.S. Freeskiing Pro Team Coach, Slopestyle
Dave Coombs	U.S. Freeskiing Pro Team Coach/Tech, Slopestyle
Andy Woods	U.S. Freeskiing Pro Team Coach, Halfpipe
Ben Verge	U.S. Freeskiing Pro Team Coach, Halfpipe
Luke Byers	U.S. Freeskiing Pro Team Tech, Halfpipe
DJ Montigny	U.S. Freeskiing National Head Development Coach
Peter O'Brien	U.S. Freeskiing National Development Coach

U.S. Slopestyle Team Staff Report – Skogen Sprang

The U.S. Freeskiing Ski Slopestyle Pro team had another season of stellar results. We won 50% or more of the podium spots at the Dew Tour, X-Games and Grand Prix events. Dew Tour, Gus Kenworthy 1st and Nick Goepper 3rd as well as Keri Herman 1st and Julia Krass 3rd. X-Games Gold Medal, Nick Goepper and X-Games Silver Medal, Joss Christensen as well as Keri Herman winning the X-Games Silver Medal. At the Park City Grand Prix the Men swept the podium, 1st Joss Christensen, 2nd McRae Williams and 3rd Gus Kenworthy as well as Devin Logan taking 2nd in the women.

Other highlights include Bobby Brown taking 2nd at X-Games Big Air. Gus Kenworthy winning the inaugural Air and Style Big Air in L.A. McRae Williams and Gus Kenworthy taking 1st and 2nd at the SFR tour finals in La Clusaz, France. Bobby Brown winning both the AFP Tour Finals and the Dumont Cup. McRae Williams taking 2nd at the AFP Tour finals and securing his spot in 1st place in the AFP Slopestyle World Ranking along with Bobby Brown 2nd and Joss Christensen 3rd, sweeping the top 3 of the ranking list for 2014-15.

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

The 2014-2015 season is the third year of our Rookie programs for Freeskiing. We had success at all levels of our program this year in both Slopestyle and Halfpipe. We had;

At the Rev Tour events the Rookie Team had a lot of success, with 14 podiums, and an overall Champion in both Halfpipe and Slopestyle. Birk Irving was the crowned the Overall Rev Tour Champion in both Halfpipe and Slopestyle, with two Slopestyle victories and a podium, and three Halfpipe victories.

At the Grand Prix's this year the Halfpipe Team had two top 20 results, and two top 15's on the Men's side, and a top 15 and two top 10's on the Women's side. A very strong showing from the Rookie Halfpipe athletes.

This year we had three athletes qualify for World Championships, Jacob Beebe and Jeanee Crane-Mauzy in Halfpipe, and Colby Stevenson in Slopestyle.

We had three of the Rookie Slopestyle Men qualify for Grand Prix's, Colby Stevenson, and Willie Borm both competed in the Grand Prix's this year, and Alex Hackel was unfortunately unable to compete due to a knee injury. Colby, Willie, Alex, and Andy Partridge all qualified for Dew Tour. On the Women's side we had a very strong showing from the women at big events. Julia Krass placed 3rd at Dew Tour, and 5th in her first X Games. Darian Stevens also qualified for Dew Tour, and X Games.

Unfortunately this year we had a few injuries. Darian Stevens and Julia Krass both sustained knee injuries during the competition season. Alex Hackel and Abigale Hansen also had knee injuries in preparation for the season. We have made a lot of improvements in our off-season preparation with the Rookie Teams at the COE. More of our athletes are participating in workouts with our Strength and Conditioning Staff, and following workouts at home.

I am very happy to announce that we have named seven new athletes to the Rookie Team for the 2015-2016 seasons. Alex Hall – Park City United, Eddie Gildea – Hanley Consulting, Jake Mageau - MBSEF, Jaxin Hoerter – independent, Cameron Brodrick – Mammoth Freeskiing, Caroline Claire – Stratton Mountain School, and Anna Gorham – independent, have all been nominated to our teams. All of these athletes have amazing talent, have shown strong results, and we are all very excited to work with these athletes, and to have them represent US Freeskiing. We also hired Peter O'Brien from the Vail Freeskiing Staff to coach the Rookie Team. We are very excited to have Peter on board, he brings a lot of knowledge and enthusiasm to the team.

This year was overall another great year. We are looking forward to another great year with new athletes, and a strong staff.

2015-2016 Rookie Team

Slopestyle – Colby Stevenson, Willie Borm, Andy Partridge, Alex Hackel, Eddie Gildea, Darian Stevens, Alexi Micinski, Jess Breda, Caroline Claire.

Halfpipe – Birk Irving, Jacob Beebe, Jake Mageau, Jaxin Hoerter, Cameron Broderick, Jeanee Crane-Mauzy, Abigale Hansen, Anna Gorham.

This year at Jr Worlds we once again brought an amazing crew to Valmalenco, Italy. Our team this year was Birk Irving, Aaron Milligan, Bobby Sullivan, and Carson Kerr, Caroline Claire, Nikita Ruboki, Emilie Cox, for Slopestyle. And our Halfpipe team was Birk Irving, Jake Mageau, Jaxin Hoerter, Lennon Vaughan, Anna Gorham, Paula Cooper, Carson Campisi, and Sierra Bowman. The team had 4 podiums, and 1 top 10. In Slopestyle Birk Irving finished 8th for the men, and Caroline Claire finished 3rd for the women. In Halfpipe, Jake Mageau place 2nd, and Birk Irving 3rd for the men, and Anna Gorham placed 3rd for the women. A great showing from Team USA and a really fun group to work with.

U.S. Halfpipe Team Staff Report – Andy Woods

We are happy to report on another successful year for the Pro Pipe Team. After last year's Olympics, and all of the hard work and energy put into last season, it was great to see our athletes work just as hard or harder than ever over the summer and come out this winter ready to compete and driven to win.

This season started strong with David Wise and Torin Yater-Wallace going 1 and 2 at the Copper Grand Prix, as well as US Team members posting 5 of the top 10 finishes in the men's portion of the contest. On the women's side, Devin Logan finished in 2nd place at the opening event of the season. From Copper we moved over to Breckenridge for the Dew Tour, where David Wise and Torin swapped places, with Torin taking the top spot and David 2nd. US men were able to take 7 of the top 10 spots in pipe at the Dew Tour. Maddie Bowman returned to competition at Breckenridge and was able to pick up where she left off before knee surgery last spring with a win, while Annalisa Drew was able to get on her first AFP Platinum level podium in second place.

The New Year started off well for the Pipe Team. After a really good pre X Games camp in Breckenridge, Maddie Bowman was able to continue her winning streak and take home her 3rd consecutive X Games gold medal, tying her with Sarah Burke for most consecutive wins in women's halfpipe at the X Games. Brita Sigourney was able to get herself back onto the X Games podium for the third time with a bronze medal. Angeli Vanlaanen came in just off of the podium in 4th place. The level of competition for the men was the highest it has ever been this year at the X Games. Alex Ferriera was able to grab the bronze

medal for the second year in a row in front of his hometown crowd. While David Wise wasn't able to earn his 4th X Games Gold this season, he did manage to put down one of the most technical runs ever attempted in the halfpipe, earning him 4th place.

The second Grand Prix of the season, in Mammoth, CA was held in difficult conditions to say the least. High winds and snow meant that the contest was called off without getting to run the finals. Results from the qualifying round were used, putting Maddie Bowman on top of the podium once again with teammate Devin Logan joining her in the top three with a 3rd place finish. The men struggled with the wind, but David Wise and Gus Kenworthy were able to finish 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Park City was the final stop of the three Grand Prix halfpipe events this season. Gus Kenworthy was able to find his first big win of the year with maybe the best halfpipe run ever landed in a competition. Gus brought huge amplitude while throwing four doubles and a 1080 in his winning run. David Wise was able to get into the top three for the 4th time of the season, finishing in 3rd. Once again, US men were able to secure 5 of the top 10 spots.

The season closed out in Tignes, France with the SFR Tour and World Cup Finals. David Wise was the top finishing US man in 2nd place and clinching his first World Cup Overall Halfpipe Title. Alex Ferriera earned his second podium of the season with a third place finish in Tignes. On the women's side Brita Sigourney was the top finishing US woman with a silver medal and her second top three finish of the 2014/15 season. Devin Logan was able to finish out the World Cup season ending up 3rd in the Overall World Cup Halfpipe Standings.

This was another outstanding season for US Freeskiing as well as American pipe skiers as a whole. With American skiers on the podium of every major contest of the 2014/15 season, our athletes showed that they are continually progressing and pushing the highest level of the halfpipe skiing.

Freestyle Nominations

A Team:

Heidi Kloser - Moguls

KC Oakley - Moguls

Morgan Schild – Moguls

Patrick Deneen - Moguls

Bradley Wilson - Moguls

Jeremy Cota - Moguls

Ashley Caldwell - Aerials

Kiley McKinnon - Aerials

Jonathon Lillis - Aerials

Mac Bohannon - Aerials

Alex Bowen - Aerials

B Team:

Keaton McCargo - Moguls

Thomas Rowley - Moguls

Dylan Walczyk - Moguls

Bryon Wilson - Moguls

Troy Murphy – Moguls

Madison Olsen - Aerials

Mike Rossi - Aerials

Eric Loughran - Aerials

Nevin Brown - Aerials

C Team:

Nessa Dziemian - Moguls

Sophia Schwartz - Moguls

Lane Stoltzner - Moguls

Tess Johnson - Moguls

Mikaela Matthews - Moguls

Ali Kariotis - Moguls

Ryan Dyer - Moguls

Sho Kashima - Moguls

Bruce Perry Jr. - Moguls

Avery Driscoll - Aerials

Elle Gaudette - Aerials

Si Ning Chan - Aerials

Morgan Northrop - Aerials

Zack Surdell - Aerials

Harrison Smith - Aerials

Kendal Johnson - Aerials

Nik Seemann – Aerials

Freeskiing Nominations

TEAM LEVELS MENS HALFPIPE

PRO TEAM
Yater-Wallace, Torin
Wise, David
Blunck, Aaron
Currier, Lyman
Kenworthy, Gus
Ferreira, Alex
Barrymore, Wing-Tai

ROOKIE TEAM
Irving, Birk
Bebbee, Jacob
Hoerter, Jaxin
Cameron, Broderick

WOMENS HALFPIPE

Logan, Devin
Bowman, Maddie
Sigourney, Brita
Drew, Annalisa

Hansen, Abigail
Crane-Mauzy, Jeanee
Gorham, Anna

TEAM LEVELS MENS SLOPESTYLE

PRO TEAM
Goepper, Nick
Wallisch, Tom
Christensen, Joss
Brown, Bobby
Kenworthy, Gus
Williams, McRae
Laker, Chris

ROOKIE TEAM
Borm, Willie
Stevenson, Colby
Partridge, Andy
Hall, Alex
Hackel, Alex
Gildea, Eddie

WOMENS SLOPESTYLE

Logan, Devin
Herman, Keri
Wint, Emilia
Voisin, Maggie
Battersby, Ashley
Krass, Julia

Stevens, Darian
Claire, Caroline
Micinski, Alexi
Breda, Jess

EADP (Elite Aerial Development Program) Athletes:

Madison Varmette, Kira Tanghe, Tyra Izor, Megan Nick, Brigid Mack, Chris Lillis, Patrick O'Flynn, Nick Novak, Jasper Holcomb, James Meikle, Justin Schoenefeld, 1 TBD

Development Group Moguls

Jaelin Kauf, Alex Jenson, Avital Skimko, Elizabeth O'Connell, Kealey Zaumseil, Troy Tully, Joel Hedrick, Hunter Bailey, Bryan Zemba, Carson Bochhahn

Development Group Aerials

Thomas Coe, Wesley Perry, Dakota Fochs, Michael Lillis, Winter Vinecki, Erin Griss, Miriah Johnson, Erica Stemler

Addendum B – Membership Report

Member Services Update

Grow Athletic Membership

- New category launch - It is the USSA's goal to not only broaden participation and engagement with our sports, but also better facilitate participation at every level of skiing and snowboarding, from volunteers to college racers, high school coaches and fans.

Our objectives included the several key points:

- Provide a full complement of USSA memberships for Freeskiing, in effect splitting Freestyle and Freeskiing into individual sports.
- Providing a tiered pricing structure for athletes by age class for easy sport entry. As such the outline below shows the proposed new categories and fees applicable to both sports.
- Offering customer/parent friendly options that make sense to the consumer.

Proposed new categories and fees

General Member (Applicable to Club Participant, Non USSA Competitor – USSA Forerunner / High School College / USCSA Athletes)	\$15
Competitor U9 and under	\$25
Competitor U11	\$50
Competitor U13	\$75
Competitor U15 and over (required for FIS registration)	\$150
Coach	\$115
Official	\$60
Club Volunteer	\$45
Short Term Athlete Membership – U12 and under	\$15/day
Short Term Athlete Membership – U14 and over	\$25/day

- Launching a short-term membership option for all sports to allow participants to try competitions. (Scheduled for late fall launch online)
- Recognizing family sport participation by capping membership for a family at \$400. (Available online after new system launch. Managed manually through Member Services in the interim.)
- Encouraging multisport participation by allowing members to add other USSA memberships without a fee. (Available online after new system launch. Managed manually through Member Services in the interim.)
- Free parent membership benefits – Provide basic USSA member benefits to parents of minor members.
- Growth through industry partnerships – Work with key industry partners to provide membership opportunities to those not currently involved with USSA.

Customer Service and Systems Enhancements

- E-Signature Capabilities – Members will sign only for those they are legally authorized to do so. All other members will be required to complete signatures on waivers and policies through an e-sign process triggered during the membership purchase process.
- New database implementation – Adoption of new database platform with enhanced tracking and tools to impact service levels.
- Extend service availability – Oct – Mar – Expand hours of operation during the height of the competition season.
- Extend service by department – Expand areas of service to include event registration and sport education as systems. Pending system development.
- Provide enhanced member benefits – Re-launch the printed membership card and decal to all USSA members to give members physical benefits in addition to our other products and services. (Scheduled for fall launch)

Other IT Projects in the Works

- FIS Inscription Integration
- NCSI Integration
- Bulk Registration
- Division Waivers
- Subdivision dues
- Online club registration

Manage and Enhance Existing Programs

- Affiliate dues management program – Continue managing dues for 16 affiliates while working to provide enhanced data access through new systems.
- Background screening – Manage compliance with background screening requirement. Integrate USSA's database with our current background-screening vendor, through an API to provide notice of when a member's next screening will be required.
- Fast Start Coaching course – Maintain compliance oversight for coaches with no certifications.
- FIS inscriptions – Oversee FIS registration of athletes to FIS list. Move to integrate USSA's online registration with the FIS website to provide immediate turnaround of FIS numbers to athletes.
- Club registration and CLIP club reconciliation – Manage financial aspects of individual club members and CLIP club membership. Additionally, provide online club registration through new systems in next phase of development.