HALFPIPE/SLOPESTYLE SUBCOMMITTEE

Tom Yaps – Chairperson – present
Jeremy Forster – U.S. Ski & Snowboard – present
Elana Chase - Coaches Rep – by phone
Chris Haslock - R & O Rep – present
Tai Robinson – Judges – absent
Michael Spencer – AFP – present
Tom Wallisch - Slopestyle Rep – present
Maddie Bowman – Halfpipe Rep – excused
Mike Mallon- USASA Pres – present
Chris Haslock - At Large – absent
Tony Lodico – Rocky- excused
John Kimble– East- by phone
Coggin Hill – PNSA – by phone
Martin Sundquist – Central – by phone
Ryan Carey – Far West – by phone
Dave Euler – Intermountain – present
Mike Papke – Northern – present
Abbi Nyberg – present

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:
DJ Montigny – U.S. Ski & Snowboard
Peter O’Brien – U.S. Ski & Snowboard
Ben Wisner – Mammoth
Greg Janecky – Northstar
Rob LaPier – Jackson Hole Ski and Snowboard Club
Andy Wise – TD
Jeff Juneau – KMS
Gar Trayner – KMS
Nick Alexakos – U.S. Ski & Snowboard
Tricia Byrnes – U.S. Ski & Snowboard
Eric Webster – U.S. Ski & Snowboard
Nat Sherman – Northstar
Ryan Devine – FLY Freestyle
Jeremie Livingston – Winter Park
Cath Jett – CJ Timing
Sarah Welliver – U.S. Ski & Snowboard
Dan Shuffleton – WVBBTS
Kim Raymer – USASA Big Mountain Rep
Mike Jankowski – U.S. Ski & Snowboard (via phone)
Lisa Kosglow – U.S. Ski & Snowboard BOD
Tiger Shaw – U.S. Ski & Snowboard CEO
Jay Stinson – Judge

Tom Yaps welcomed the group and called the meeting to order.

Yaps asked for a motion to approve the May 2016 Minutes.
Motioned by Tom Wallisch, seconded by Chris Haslock
## Review of Committee Membership

The following positions were motioned by Michael Spencer, seconded by Dave Euler, approved by acclamation:
- Martin Sundquist – Central Representative
- Tony Lodico – Rocky Representative
- Coggin Hill – PNSA Representative
- Mike Papke – Northern Representative
- Tom Wallisch – Athlete Representative (SS) – board rep – 4-year term
- Elana Chase – Coaches Representative

## Membership Update – Sheryl Barnes

Sheryl Barnes detailed the changes within the membership department for the coming season.

## Coaches Education Update – Jon Casson

Jon Casson gave a brief update on the current coaches’ education program and the future for the program.

## US Freeskiing Program Report – Jeremy Forster

Jeremy outlined the 2018 Olympic Selection Criteria. The approved Olympic criteria and selection events can be found online [Criteria Link](#).

### 2018 OLYMPIC PROCESS FREESKIING HP/SS/SX

#### OLYMPIC TEAM SIZE PER NATION

| Max 30 total | Max 16 Per Gender | Max 4 Per Gender/Per Event |

| *Includes MO, AE, SX events also* |
| *Team size per event/gender earned as outlined below* |

#### OLYMPIC FIELD SIZES

| HP Men 30 | HP Women 24 |
| SS Men 30 | SS Women 24 |
| SX Men & Women 32 |

#### OLYMPIC NATIONS QUOTAS

*Earned by athletes cumulative results in all WC & WCH July 1, 2016 – January 21, 2018*

- Number of athletes per nation/event/gender on ranking list, within the Olympic field sizes above, equals Olympic Nations Quota for that Event/Gender - up to max team sizes above

| *Eg. 3 HP U.S. Men in Top 30 of ranking list on Jan 21, 2018 equals up to 3 U.S. HP Men could be nominated to 2018 Olympics* |

#### INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

1 Top 30 WC/WCH between Jul 1, 2016-Jan 21, 2018
50 FIS Points in event on Jan 22, 2018 FIS points list

#### USA OLYMPIC SELECTION EVENTS

| HALFPIPE | SLOPESTYLE | SX |
| 5 events | 5 events | 6-8 events |
| (17/18 WC) |

*Schedule and number of events in 17/18 WC*

#### USA OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

**OBJECTIVE**
3 athletes per gender/per event
2 Top 3 Results
*If more than 3 athletes achieve objective then those athletes best 2 results will be added together to create a U.S. athlete ranking list for nomination
*Ranking List based on points against entire competition field

**DISCRETION PHASE 1**
Nominated by Head Coach based on medal potential

**DISCRETION PHASE 2**
Remaining nominations after Objective & Phase 1 determined by athletes best 2 results during selection events against entire competition field.
Comparison includes all events (HP, SS, MO, AE, SX)
2017/2018 Team Nominations – Jeremy Forster

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Team Season Summary

Ski Pro Slopestyle 2016-17

This season was the first time we had no team injuries during the comp period. Huge success leading into the 2018 Olympic season. Everyone is feeling good and hungry to put in the work to get prepared.

We started the season with a new format for Dew Tour. Maggie Voisin took 2nd place as well as 1st place in Mammoth at the first Olympic Qualifying Grand Prix event. Unfortunately, the men's competition in Mammoth was cancelled due to weather and all qualifying will happen in the 2017-18 season. In Font Romeu, France, for the 1st World Cup of the season, McRae Williams took the win and Alex Hall and Nick Goepper took 4th and 5th. McRae Williams had the season of a lifetime following up that win with a Silver Medal at X Games Aspen – A 2nd place in Silvaplana Switzerland to take home the FIS Globe for slopestyle and capped it off with a Gold Medal at the FIS World Championships. Gus Kenworthy took 3rd place in Silvaplana and a Silver Medal from FIS World Championships. At X Games Norway Nick Goepper took home a Silver Medal and Devin Logan took
home a Bronze Medal. Overall the team ended the season with great momentum moving into the Olympic year and will carry that momentum on to PyeongChang 2018.

U.S. Freeskiing SS Ski Rookie Team 2016-17 Summary – DJ Montigny/Peter O’Brien

Rookie Halfpipe Season Re-Cap: Last season we put a plan in place to get our Men’s Rookie HP Team ready to compete doubles in this high-level event. With a strong focus on prep season camps, and utilizing air bags at the end of the pipe at our Mammoth Spring Camps, Mt Hood, and New Zealand Spring Camp, to develop the skills to achieve this goal. We were very successful with this goal, having a very strong competitive season at the World Cup level, and Gold Level AFP events. On the women’s side, we had a focus of raising the degree of difficulty in their spins, and to build on technical combos and grabs. With this focus we took a step back to make a big leap forward.

Again, we feel we were very successful in achieving this goal. This season we had 4 top 10 finishes for the women in World Cup events with two being finals appearances. On the men’s side, we had 4 top 15 finishes, 1 top 10, and 3 top 5 finishes one at X Games in 4th and World Championships 5th. In the AFP Gold Level/NorAm level we had 4 men’s podiums, 3 women’s podiums, and four men’s top 5’s. This year we had two athletes move up to the Pro Halfpipe Team, Carly Margulies, and Birk Irving. We also added two athletes to the Rookie Team, Svea Irving from Winter Park, and Sammy Schuiling from Vail. Both athletes placed 2nd at Jr Worlds, and Svea had a 2nd at Aspen Open, and 3rd at the Calgary NorAM. We will continue our focus of utilizing the air bag facilities to move to the next level for these athletes. We will be spending a lot of time in Mammoth in the spring in the months of May and June. We are also looking forward to going to Hood, and to New Zealand in the fall.

Rookie Slope Season Re-Cap: We had a great year overall with some solid pre-season training camps, good results at high level contests, and two athletes moving onto the Pro Team Darian Stevens, and Alex Hall. Colorado pre-season was a bit of bust in terms of training, but allowed a few athletes to really dial in some rail maneuvers. Park City Camp in January with the addition of the jump at the UOP was extremely beneficial, especially on the women’s side of things. We had a great block of two weeks to capitalize on weather, and prep skills for the upcoming competitions.

The athletes competed in more FIS competitions than AFP this season. With the available starts we took advantage of these opportunities to help progress our athletes to the next level. We supported a total of four world cups, three platinum level events, one gold event, Jr. Worlds, and all the Rev Tour stops. This season we came away with a World Cup win on the men’s side, a World Cup 3rd on the women’s, a World Cup 4th for the men, a World Cup 5th for the women, two Aspen Open podiums, an AFP platinum 3rd for the men, Rev Tour overall for the women with 3 1st place finishes, and a men’s 3rd at a Rev Tour in Seven Springs. This year at Jr Worlds we had Ryan Stevenson and Caroline Claire take 3rd at Jr Worlds. We added two female athletes to the Rookie Team this year, Grace Henderson from Waterville Valley, and Rell Harwood from TPCU. Looking toward next season, health maintenance will be a priority, as well as continuing to provide effective camps and off snow training opportunities.

U.S. Freeskiing Halfpipe Team Report – Ben Verge/Andrew Wood

After last year’s success on the international stage, our competition came out swinging this year and really made our athletes work extra hard for it. We had mixed results in the beginning of the season, with some of our main athletes either crashing or not competing due to injury at the first Grand Prix in Copper Mountain. Despite this, both Aaron Blunck and Devin Logan were able to get themselves on the podium at Copper. After the holidays we held a camp in Colorado for most of the month of January, before heading into the X Games. We were happy to see Aaron Blunck continue on his roll from the end of last season and pick up his first X Games gold medal. Maddie Bowman was able to fight her way to a bronze medal at X, unfortunately ending her winning streak there, but still coming out with an impressive 8th straight medal at the Winter X Games. In Mammoth for the Grand Prix, Maddie was able to continue with the podiums and place second behind France’s Marie Martinod,
while the American men were able to sweep the podium with Torin Yater-Wallace in first followed by Gus Kenworthy and Taylor Seaton.

The season continued to the Olympic Test event in PyeongChang South Korea. A perfect pipe and perfect conditions led to arguably the best event of the year and maybe the highest level of skiing that we have ever seen in a contest. In the women’s, Devin Logan was again able to find the podium and finish second. On the men’s side, Torin Yater-Wallace was able to win, while Aaron Blunck found himself on the podium for the 3rd time of the year in second place.

We finished our season in Europe first with the World Cup Finals in Tignes, France and then in Sierra Nevada, Spain for the World Championships. In Tignes, Alex Ferreira, who had struggled with injury all season, came out on top with his first win of the year. Taylor Seaton claimed second place as well as his second podium of 2017, earning himself a spot on this coming season’s US Halfpipe Pro Team.

Moving over to Spain for the World Champs, the guys and girls were able to dig deep and get three of the top five spots with Devin Logan in 3rd, Anna Drew in 4th and Maddie Bowman in 5th. On the men’s side, Aaron Blunck finished out his best year ever by being crowned world champion alongside teammates David Wise and Birk Irving in 4th and 5th.

Once again the US Halfpipe team had an outstanding year. Aaron Blunck stood out amongst the field with an impressive 4 podiums including a World Championship win as well as an X Games gold medal. While France’s Marie Martinod dominated the year, Maddie Bowman and Devin Logan and the rest of our women’s team continued to push the international women’s field and are looking really good going into the Olympic year.

We are stoked to name three new members to the Pro Team for the upcoming 17/18 season. Meeting posted criteria was Taylor Seaton, with two Platinum Level podiums and based on their outstanding performances and showing an undeniable potential both in the upcoming season as well as for many seasons to come, we have decided to move both Birk Irving and Carly Margulies up to the Pro Team.

We look forward to this upcoming Olympic Qualifying year and feel that we have a plan to get our athletes on top of the podium in South Korea next February!

Regional Representative Reports

Rocky Region Report – Tony Lodico

The 2016-2017 winter, started quite slow in the Rocky Mountains, but Copper Mountain went full force to get their pipe up in time for the first U.S. Ski & Snowboard Rev Tour, Pipe event in early December. We saw USASA and U.S. Ski & Snowboard hold competitive Freeskiing events in the region with USASA being far more active. The IFSA Big mountain organization created a specific Rocky Mountain competitive region, however numbers dropped a bit.

The USASA Rocky Mountain Series has continued to attract development level athletes from across the nation and world, with several competitors finding new winter homes in Summit County.

The most recent development is the acquisition of Intrawest, and Mammoth Mountain Resorts by Aspen and KSL Capital.

USASA competitive numbers (average attendance)
Rocky Mountain Series 14/15: Pipe 70  Slopestyle 100 15/16: Pipe 40  Slopestyle 95 16/17 Pipe 45  Slopestyle 95
Aspen Snowmass Series 14/15: Pipe 15  Slopestyle 55
15/16  Pipe 35  Slopestyle 400
16/17  Pipe 20  Slopestyle 45

Southern Colorado Series
14/15: No Pipe  Slopestyle 30
15/16: Pipe 4    Slopestyle 25
16/17: Pipe 2    Slopestyle 20

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Rocky Mountain Freestyle

Vail attendance
14/15: Pipe 31  Slopestyle 50  Big Air 27
15/16: Pipe 48  Slopestyle 58  Big Air 39

Aspen
16/17: Pipe 22  Slopestyle 27  Big Air 19

Once again Freeskiing and snowboarding have a strong presence at many resorts in the region, with full size parks and 22ft pipes at many of the I 70 resorts, along with the X Games in Aspen and a strong commitment to Slopestyle in Winter Park. However, Breckenridge did downsize the jumps in freeway a bit.

Central Region Report – Martin Sundquist

Winter arrived late in Central and didn't really stay around. While resorts could make snow, for the first time ever, Minnesota ski areas closed for a portion of December due to unseasonable temps and rain. Things got back in shape by January and all events occurred as planned and as scheduled.

Slopestyle continues to be our most popular event. It is the event where we've had the greatest competitive results in 2016/17, with Central skiers taking Rev Tour and Aspen Open podiums. This season, Central skiers also won the overall national Slopestyle title at both U.S. Ski & Snowboard Slopestyle Junior National Championships and the Open Class National Slopestyle title at USASA National Championships.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Junior National Slopestyle Overall Champion, Nybora Skier: Richard Thomas

USASA National Open Class Slopestyle Champion, Nybora skier: Blake Rolfing

Central hosted 7 Slopestyle events, 4 Big Air events and 2 Halfpipe events this year. We also celebrated two big milestones this year in Central:

- Midwest Freestyle Association (the Central division competition and event organizer) celebrated its 45th year!
- Nybora Freestyle celebrated its 25th year!

Growth in U.S. Ski & Snowboard Central Freeski occurred again this year. While all age classes grew, greatest growth came from U13 and under, which bodes well for the future of U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freeskiing in Central.

Central hosted a Rev Tour qualifier again this season. It was promoted and was a great success, with skiers traveling from as far as Utah and Canada to compete in the Central Rev Tour qualifier.

After two consecutive seasons of far less than ideal winter weather, we continue to find ways to generate interest in the sport, attracting new participants and grow our U.S. Ski & Snowboard base.
Overview - The drought is over!

The snow came to the Far West in big a way this season; resorts across the Far West experienced above average snowfalls to say the least. The large snowfalls and stormy conditions were a blessing for the drought-stricken areas but created operational nightmares for many resorts. Mountains throughout the Far West closed multiple days restricting riding options. Parks and pipes suffered due to the huge amounts of snow burying them and park crews were pushed to the limits digging out and rebuilding features constantly. No one was complaining about riding pow every day but this did ruin many coaching plans due to lack of features, courses and halfpipes to ride. The good thing to come out of it is that there is enough snow to ensure a long spring/summer for Far West Resorts and many are capitalizing on this by extending seasons and offering camp options.

Competitions: USASA: It was a challenging season for USASA Series across the Far West with many events rescheduled or canceled. Series Directors did an amazing job to pull off the events they did under the circumstances and a big shout out to the USASA for understanding the challenges the West faced. All the work of the USASA and its Series Directors resulted in another great Nationals with a good share of medals going to athletes from the West.

North Tahoe Series hosted 16 events, 2 RJ, 3 GS, 3 SL, 3SS, 3HP, 2BX across three resorts Boreal, Northstar and Sugar Bowl.

SoCal Series hosted 12 events, 2 RJ, 2 GS, 2 SL, 2 SS, 2 HP, 2 BX across two resorts Bear Mountain and Snow Summit.

South Tahoe Series hosted 10 events, 2 RJ, 1 GS, 1 SL, 2 SS, 2 HP, 2 BX across three resorts Sierra at Tahoe, Boreal and Northstar.

Mammoth Unbound Series hosted 11 events, 1 RJ, 2 GS, 2 SL, 2 SS, 2 HP, 2 BX across two resorts Mammoth and Snow Summit.

REV TOUR QUALIFIER: Rev Tour qualifiers in slopestyle and halfpipe were held at Mammoth this season. The Slopestyle event was well attended by visiting teams and athletes and went off in great conditions. The Halfpipe event was less attended with only one women’s open class competitor. Not sure if this was due to rescheduling of events but definitely something that needs to be looked at in the future.

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD GRAND PRIX: Mammoth Mountain hosted the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Grand Prix and Mother Nature did not want to co-operate and decided to bring plenty of snow and wind for the athletes and organizers. Mammoth did the best they could under the circumstances to create contestable venues and thanks to the great direction and planning of the Grand Prix staff, the event went off and there was a result in both Halfpipe and Slopestyle for men and women.

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD REV TOUR: Mammoth Mountain hosted the Revolution Tour for Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Big Air. Mother Nature decided that she did not want this event to run smoothly either. Thanks again to everyone’s efforts we were able to get results in Slopestyle but Big Air was not as lucky.

Best comment of the event season goes to FIS Race Director Roberto Moresi to a coach upset by the weather, “This is a winter sport and if you don’t like the weather then maybe you should do an indoor sport like chess.” This seemed to sum up the season of competition in the Far West with far from optimal contest conditions at most events.

Education: The Far West hosted no USASA/U.S. Ski & Snowboard coaching courses for level 100 and 200 this season. There are many reasons for this but the biggest is not enough trainers or participants in the region. Scheduling is always a problem due to most clinicians running programs or
coaching athletes during the peak times for clinics. This needs to be addressed and there are many ideas out there on how to fix the problem but after Jon Casson’s presentation at Nationals it looks like the Coach Education program has the right person at the helm. Coach Level 300 will be held at Mammoth during Gold Camp this spring.

Camps: With the abundance of snow, the camp business in the Far West is beginning to grow with options at Tahoe and Mammoth. Summer snowboarding is no longer just at Mt Hood and this is a great thing for snowboarding. Riders who could not afford to make the trip to a summer camp can now continue to ride at their home mountains or participate in camps in their area saving money. The hope is these camps can make up for the lost days this season and aid trick progression in the sunny, softer conditions.

Looking Ahead: Far West is growing and heading in the right direction. Programs are growing in the Tahoe region and soon to be in SoCal. There are dedicated coaches who are seeking knowledge and trying to pass that onto their athletes. We do need to address the lack of coaching courses in the Far West and make it easier and inexpensive for coaches to get their certification while still maintaining the standard. USASA events are happening across the area and riders are being introduced into the pipeline correctly.

There is a lack of BX courses throughout the area and this is not a good thing for snowboard progression and we should be pushing resorts to make more tracks that are permanent. 22ft halfpipes continue to be an issue but the legitimacy of smaller pipes needs to be embraced by resorts and coaching programs. These smaller pipes are key to the development of our younger riders, being able to hit the coping and know that feeling. This may not happen for the smaller and younger of our riders for a long time in a 22ft and this can slow their progression.

Slopestyle is strong and will continue to be with the parks that are being produced by nearly all mountains. The future is bright in the Far West for snowboarding we are not perfect but we are producing some great athletes across all disciplines in all areas. Thanks to the efforts of motivated snowboarders who care about the sport and get involved; thank you again to everyone who turned a challenging season into a positive result for the Far West.

**Northern Region Report – Mike Papke**

This past season we had a great tour for our Freeskiing athletes. Our region held six sanctioned slope events. We held events at two new ski areas in Montana, and the numbers in our region are getting stronger. This past season we also worked with USASA rep Chris Ralph who is getting a tour started in Montana with USASA. We worked together to have events on a staggered weekend to allow USASA to use our judges and officials to help. This has worked out great for both of us. We are seeing athletes in Montana competing in both USASA events as well as U.S. Ski & Snowboard events.

Being able to provide several events at different areas we are seeing additional athletes participating and helping with the athletes that are on a budget. Also, we are seeing more and more snowboard athletes in our area interested in competing. It is great that there is a tour for these competitive athletes in Montana and we feel that we are going to see numbers increase on the snowboard side. We have great momentum going and expect this tour to continue to grow and to continue to foster the relationship with USASA.

**PNSA Region Report – Coggin Hill**

Well, we thought we had a good snow year last year but 2016/17 was all-time. It started nuking in December and never really let off. With all the great snow most resorts were able to produce great parks and Meadows and Bachelor were able to get their halfpipes open a little sooner than normal.
Regional Events:
- USASA Mt. Hood series and Central Oregon series were two of the largest growing series in the U.S.
- The Dirksen Derby took an off year to re-group but will be back next winter
- The 2nd annual 10 Barrel Big Air event at Mt. Bachelor happened a little later this year in March. Conditions were difficult and the finals were cancelled.
- Red Bull and Mt. Bachelor just built a 22’ private pipe for Ben Ferguson to train on and film in

National Competition Participation:
- PNW athletes competed in all the Revolution Tours, Mammoth and Park City Grand Prix’s, Dew Tour, X-Games, US Open, Hole Shot Tour, Speed Nation Canada, Canadian Open, Junior Worlds, World Rookie Tour and USASA Nationals
- 20 Snowboarders and 26 skiers from MBSEF competed at USASA Nationals and approx. another 30+ from the Mt. Hood, Western Washington and Inland Northwest Series’

Camps, Coaches Clinics and Training
- Freestyle June Camps were held at Mt. Bachelor last spring with decent participation, Team Park City attended
  - Decent snow at Mt. Hood allowed Windells and High Cascade camps to operate into August
  - There will not be any freestyle spring camps at Mt. Bachelor this year
- Fall Coach Clinics USASA Level 100 & 200 at Windells continue to be successful with increased participation each year.

Summary: The PNW experienced a great year with above average snowfalls hopefully bringing some stability to the summer snowpack at Mt. Hood. All of the regionals USASA events continue to grow and are re-filling the pipeline to Rev Tours, Grand Prix’s and beyond. Due to the difficulty of qualifying for Rev Tour’s, the B.C. and Alberta FIS events have been identified as good alternatives for upcoming athletes. The trend towards participation in freeskiing vs. snowboarding continues to grow but there are still a core group of athletes participating in snowboarding in the PNW.

**Eastern Region Report – John Kimble**

It was a great season for our eastern athletes, tons of snow for the first time in a long time. All of our events were held as scheduled; all the courses were of high quality and were technically appropriate for our East Free Tour athletes.
- Our events numbers have continued to hold with a slight increase in female athletes
- The tour continues to provide a stepping stone for our EQS(B) athletes and our USASA athletes to REV
- The tour has many athletes competing in USASA as well as U.S. Ski & Snowboard
- The tour had many athletes qualify and compete in the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Junior nationals and has many athletes competing in the REV and beyond.

**Competition Numbers 2017**
17 Waterville Valley SS 7F 60M (REV Qual)/(Div Opener)
17 Okemo SS 4F 42M BA1-2F 28M BA2 -2F 28M
17 Sunday River R SS 1F 28M HP1M
17 Whiteface SS 2f 23M (Champs/AFP)

**Competition Numbers 2016**
16 WV BA1 3F 21M-BA2 3F 22M S 6F 55M
16 Okemo S 5F 59M
16 SR 3F 49M U.S. Ski & Snowboard/AFP/Sanctioned

**Competition Numbers 2015**
15 Okemo SS 2F 57M
15 WV SS 2F 41M BA1 14M BA2 13M
15 SR SS 0F 39M HP canceled
Other Eastern Freeskiing Events

- Rails To Riches, Killington, VT 1/17
- Rev Tour Waterville Valley, NH 1/9-10
- Empire State Games, Whiteface, NY 1/31-2/4
- Step Up Tour, Le Relais, Quebec 3/30-4/2
- Carithia Open, Mt Snow 3/11
- USASA = Three regions (Central, East, New England) 12 +/- series within those regions that roughly cover what the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Eastern Division covers as well

Concerns Suggestions

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard halfpipe
- Comp Conflicts Rev/USASA/AFP/U.S. Ski & Snowboard/Other comp events
- Coaches Ed/ (300 On-snow) J
- Have coaches Judges/TP/ AFP certs
- Add age group awards to East Free Tour
- Add East free tour or Open the B to A step up development list

USASA Report – Mike Mallon

USASA Membership Program 2016-17 - 2017 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress Update

Competitive Athlete Memberships - These are required for all competitors and allow a person to compete in a USASA sanctioned event.

Non Competitive Parent Memberships - Educational Materials developed in partnership with U.S. Ski & Snowboard Coaches' Education.

Member benefits

- 4 Exclusive Parent Educational Webinars for the 2016-2017 Season
- 12 Exclusive USASA Parent Education Emails (every month)
- 3 Parent resource meetings at 2017 USASA National Championships
- USASA Love t-shirt.
- USASA Parent Membership card -- Coaches, Judges, and Officials Memberships -- These are not valid for competition and require certification. All require background checks and each membership has specific requirements and prerequisites. Think of these as a license.
- Coaches Membership -- required to access competition venues, file protests, and receive credentials at National Championships. Must attend clinic, pass exam, and meet prerequisites.
- TS Membership -- Our highest trained officials. Must attend clinic, pass exam, and meet prerequisites. All USASA events must be certified by a TS with a valid membership.
- Judges -- Required to judge USASA events. Must attend clinic, pass exam, and meet prerequisites.
- Officials -- Trained Tabulators, Head Gate Judges, and Finish Referees and Jury members. USASA reciprocates with U.S. Ski & Snowboard on most certifications.

If you have a specific question, please let us know. United States of America Snowboard and Freeski Association • PO Box 15500 • South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151 • Phone/Fax 800.404.9213
2017 Season Membership Stats:
Athlete Membership: PAID: 4621 (Down 260 from 2016) ONE DAY: 303 (Down 70 from 2016)
2017 Nationals: Total Competitors: 1886 (up 12)
Snowboarders: 1080 (Down 170 from 2016 Nationals) Skiers: 806 (Up 182 from 2016 Nationals)

Non Competitive Numbers
Parent -184 Coach- 628 TS-124 Judge-118
Events:  548 Regional USASA Events
Dual Sanctioned: 41 AFP Bronze Events, 2 Silver 4 USCSA 3 FIS NorAM 1 FIS (sx)
9 Rev Tour Qualifiers 1 WSF GromFest
Stats: 32 Registered Series 30,210 individual starts by 31 series at 129 resorts across the USA (1 resort in Canada) 34 Regional Coaches Clinics 2 Online Re-Certification Tests 15 Regional Judges Clinics
USASA Events: Slopestyle 132 Halfpipe 68 Rail Jam 102 Ski Cross 126 = Totals 428
2017 USASA/ U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freeski Comparison-U.S. Ski & Snowboard Events
Slopestyle 23 109 Halfpipe 7 61 Rail Jam 0 102 Ski Cross 5 121 Big Air 10 -10 = 45383

Grand Prix Report: Nick Alexakos
2017/18 Goals
- Deliver elite competition venues that provide the appropriate platforms to select Olympic Teams in HP, SS, and SB BA
- Continued support and development of Slopestyle, Halfpipe, Big Air, SBX / SX as Olympic Sports
- Deliver opportunities for US athletes to compete domestically.
- Enhance media, sponsor, and spectator engagement at events
- Strengthen integration between FIS- WST- AFP at Grand Prix Events
- Strengthen integration of Revolution Tour and GP competitions
2017/18 Tentative Schedule & Sanctioning:

- Dec 4-10, 2017- Copper Mountain Resort, CO- HP, SB BA
  - SB- FIS World Cup, WST International
  - FS- FIS World Cup, AFP Platinum

- January 8-13, 2018- Location TBD- HP, SS
  - SB- FIS World Cup, WST International
  - FS- FIS World Cup, AFP Platinum

- January 15-20, 2018- Mammoth Mountain Resort, CA- HP, SS
  - SB- WST International, U.S. Ski & Snowboard
  - FS- FIS World Cup, AFP Platinum
**U.S. Ski & Snowboard Event Report - Toyota U.S. Grand Prix and Winter Champions Series**

**Copper Mountain Resort, CO – December 16-18, 2016**

Win in SB Big Air New Olympic sport SB BA debuts at Copper Mountain; Chloe Kim takes the win in SB HP Copper Mountain, Copper, CO

U.S. Grand Prix: Copper, Winter Champions Series Big Air 9,950 (Snowboarding HP- Friday 12/16- 3,655, Freeskiing HP/ Snowboarding Big Air- Saturday 12/17- 6,290)

334 (comprised of sponsors, athletes, industry VIPs, Copper Mountain and other U.S. Ski & Snowboard guests)

Approximately 516 (International and domestic athletes, coaches, technicians, officials, industry representatives, family, volunteers)

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**International TV Exposure:** InFront Media, Eurosport-Asia, Europe, CBC (Canada)

**Accredited Media:** 46


**Website media:** The New York Times, Yahoo!News, Transworld, Freeskier, Summit Daily News,

**Top USA Results:** Men’s SB HP: Chase Josey 3rd, Louie Vito, 5th, Greg Bretz 9th, Danny Davis 10th Women’s SB HP: Chloe Kim 1st, Elena Hight 5th, Hannah Teter 6th, Summer Fenton 9th Men’s FS HP: Aaron Blunck 3rd, Birk Irving 5th, Alex Ferreira 7th, David Wise 9th, Gus Kenworthy 10th Women’s FS HP: Annalisa Drew 2nd, Devin Logan 3rd, Carly Margulies 6th
Video Highlights:
Toyota U.S. Grand Prix- http://videos.toyotagrandprix.com/#category/videos/snb-big-air Transworld Snowboarding-

Event Report 2017 Toyota U.S. Grand Prix – Mammoth Mountain Resort, CA Men’s and Women’s Snowboarding and Freeskiing

Halfpipe and Slopestyle Saturday evening Club 53 Total 4,500 = Saturday = 3,000 Sunday = 1,500 453 (comprised of sponsors, athletes, industry VIPs and other U.S. Ski & Snowboard guests)

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Accredited Media: 33 Accredited Photo and Media Highlights: AFP, Freeskier, Newschoolers, Sports Illustrated, Newsday, Getty Images, BBC, TransWorld Snowboarding, Sierra Light Production, Monster, Volcom, Mammoth

Women’s Freeskiing Slopestyle: Maggie Voisin 1st, Devin Logan 4th, Darin Stevens 5th, Taylor Lundquist 7th

Men’s Freeskiing Halfpipe: Gus Kenworthy 1st, David Wise 2nd, Aaron Blunck 3rd

Women’s Snowboard Slopestyle: Jamie Anderson 1st, Hailey Langland 2nd, Julia Mario 3rd, Ty Walker 10th

Men’s Snowboard Slopestyle: Red Gerard 1st, Kyle Mack 2nd, Dylan Thomas 3rd, Judd Henkes 4th, Brock Couch 6th, Eric Willett 10th

Women’s Snowboard Halfpipe: Kelly Clark 1st, Hannah Teter 3rd, Chloe Kim 4th, Arielle Gold 5th, Zoe Kalapos 7th

Men’s Snowboard Halfpipe: Shaun White 1st, Ryan Wachendorfer 2nd, Louie Vito 3rd, Greg Bretz 4th, Jake Pates 5th, Chase Josey 7th, Brett Esser 9th, Chase Blackwell 10th
First events in the new wrap around Olympic Qualifiers season see US athletes dominate the podium. U.S. Snowboard Team sweeps podium in both men’s and women’s Slopestyle. U.S. Snowboarding Team claims 5 of 6 podium spots in Snowboarding Halfpipe. U.S. Freeskiing Team sweep Men’s Halfpipe.

Weather dominates the event with high winds but the GP and Mammoth Teams push through and deliver three quality FIS World Cup finals.

Snowboard Highlights http://videos.ussa.org/snowboarding
Freeskiing Highlights http://videos.ussa.org/freeskiing


Toyota U.S. Grand Prix: Men’s and Women’s Snowboardcross Team Snowboardcross and Skicross

Approximately 4,800: (SX 1500, SBX 1000, BXT 2300)
Approximately 455: (Sponsors, international and domestic athletes, coaches, technicians, officials, industry representatives, media, broadcasters, volunteers)
238 (comprised of Sponsors, Industry VIPs, and other U.S. Ski & Snowboard guests)

January 20-22, 2017

Team SBX Ladies - USA #1 Team - Wins Diebold/Jacobellis 3rd place finish

Successful 2019 World Champs test event

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Accredited Media: 37

Television Coverage: Eurosport, Universal Sports, BNT, France TV, TV Tokyo, CBC, Sportscast, NBC, NBC Sports, KSL-TV, Park City Television,
Women’s Skicross: Tania Prymak 5th, Whitney Gardner 6th, Leah Emaus 7th, Mazie Hayden 8th, Mara White 9th

Men’s Skicross: Tyler Wallisch 7th Women’s Snowboardcross: Lindsey Jacobellis 3rd, Rosie Mancari 7th, Faye Gulini 9th Men Snowboardcross: Alex Deibold 3rd, Nate Holland 4th, Hagen Kearney 9th, Seth Wescott 10th

Women’s Team Snowboardcross: Lindsey Jacobellis-Rosie Mancari 1st, Colleen Healey-Faye Gulini 7th, Danielle Steinhoff-Katie Wilson 8th

Men’s Team Snowboardcross: Alex Deibold-Nate Holland 3rd, Hagen Kearney-Robert Minghini 7th

- Alex Diebold and Lindsey Jacobellis both podium and crowned 2017 U.S. Snowboarding National SBX Champions. ·
- Over 24 nations competed in the Solitude SBX/ BXT Toyota U.S. Grand Prix sanctioned as a FIS World Cup. ·
- Concludes successful FIS “test” events for the 2019 FIS World Championships. ·
- Under challenging conditions Solitude Mountain Resort proves to be another great resort partner with U.S. Ski & Snowboard and the Toyota U.S. Grand Prix.

http://site-31137.bcvportal.com/#category/videos/solitude
Revolution Tour Report: Sarah Welliver

2017 Season Overview

COPPER MOUNTAIN, CO

Women’s Halfpipe Podium:
1st: Jiayu Liu (CHN)
2nd: Xueton Cai (CHN)
3rd: Maddie Mastro (USA)

Men’s Halfpipe Podium:
1st: Wancheng Shi (CHN)
2nd: Pat Burgener (SUI)
3rd: Jan Scherrer (SUI)

- FIS and WST National level event
- 93 starts (60 Men/33 Women)
- One HP competition canceled due to low snow and early season warm temps
WATERVILLE VALLEY, NH

Women’s Slopestyle Podium #1
1st: Julianne O’Neill (USA)
2nd: Samm Denena (CAN)
3rd: Taelor Mattingley (USA)

Women’s Slopestyle Podium #2
1st: Nora Healey (USA)
2nd: Haliee Soderholm (USA)
3rd: Anna Valentine (USA)

Men’s Slopestyle Podium #1
1st: Lukas Caye (USA)
2nd: Luke Winkelmann (USA)
3rd: Kirk Teare (USA)

Men’s Slopestyle Podium #2
1st: Kyle Mack (USA)
2nd: Lyon Farrell (USA)
3rd: Lukas Caye (USA)

- FIS and WST National level
- SBS #1: 75 starts (Men 57/ Women 18)
- SBS #1: 73 starts (Men 55/ Women 18)
MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN, CA

Women's Slopestyle Podium:
1st: Hailee Mattingley (USA)
2nd: Haille Soderholm (USA)
3rd: Baily McDonald (CAN)

Women's Halfpipe Podium:
1st: Anna Valentine (USA)
2nd: Noelle Edwards (USA)
3rd: Zoe Kalapos (USA)

Men's Slopestyle Podium:
1st: Kiroaki Kunitake (JPN)
2nd: Chandler Hunt (USA)
3rd: Lukas Caye (USA)

Men's Halfpipe Podium:
1st: Toby Miller (USA)
2nd: Jason Wolle (USA)
3rd: Robert Pettit (USA)

- FIS and WST National level
- SBS: 85 starts (62 Men/ 23 Women)
- Lost the Big Air competition due to weather
SEVEN SPRINGS, PA

Women’s Slopestyle Podium:
1st: Nora Healy (USA)
2nd: Taelor Mattingly (USA)
3rd: Isabella Gomez (USA)

Men’s Slopestyle Podium:
1st: Derek Lemke (USA)
2nd: Sean Fitzsimons (USA)
3rd: Jack Coyne (USA)

- FIS and WRT National level
- World Rookie Tour qualifier
- 53 starts (43 Men/10 Women)
- Halfpipe competition canceled due to low snow
2017 Overall Tour winners

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2018 Revolution Tour Goals

- Maximize opportunity for US athletes to compete in Rev Tour events.
  - Limit onsite attrition
  - Alternate List
  - International participation
- Deliver 4 Halfpipe, 4 Slopestyle, 2 Snowboardcross and 1 Big Air competitions.
- Provide high-quality venues and continue to support and bridge the gap between grassroots and elite level competitions.

2018 Pre-Qualified Criteria

http://usfreeskiing.com/freeskiing-programs/athletes/criteria/olympic-winter-games

2018 Tentative schedule

- December 11-16, 2017- Copper Mountain, CO- HP x 2
  - FIS sanctioned / WST National
- January 22-27, 2018- Mammoth Mountain, CA- HP/SS/BA
  - FIS sanctioned / WST National
- February TBD- Waterville Valley, NH - SS x 2
  - FIS sanctioned / WST National
- March TBD- HP/SS
  - FIS sanctioned / WST National

New Business

The Freeskiing Sport Committee took a field trip to Utah Olympic Park to check out the new air bag facility. The group met with Jamie Kimball who manages the park. Clubs and programs can book time at the facility and it will be open at the end of June.

Proposal #1 – Allow Open Class in Junior Nationals

Proposal tabled

Dan Shuffleton presented a proposal to allow older athletes to compete at Junior Nationals. The group discussed the idea and decided to table proposal for more discussion.
Pipeline Discussion
Nyberg presented the new Snowboarding Competition Pipeline. The group reviewed the document and provided feedback. The pipeline will be available for clubs, parents, and athletes in late summer.

Revolution Tour Review
The group discussed the current Rev Tour alternate and wait list criteria. The group discussed to use only the AFP points list and publish the wait list 4 weeks prior to each event.

Adjournment
Motion to adjourn by Tom Wallisch, second by Dave Euler

Minutes by Abbi Nyberg, 6/26/17
Counsel review Alex Natt, 6/28/17