

FREESKING SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

USSA Congress 2016
DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, Utah
May 13, 2016

HALFPIPE/SLOPESTYLE SUBCOMMITTEE

Tom Yaps – Chairperson – present
Jeremy Forster – USSA – present
Elana Chase - Coaches Rep – excused
Chris Haslock - R & O Rep – present
Josh Loubek – Judges – absent
Michael Spencer – AFP – excused
Tom Wallisch - Slopestyle Rep – present
Maddie Bowman – Halfpipe Rep – Josh Christiansen proxy
Mike Mallon- USASA Pres – present
Ashley Otte - At Large – absent
Martin Sundquist – Central – present
Chris Hawks – Rocky- absent
Alex Wilson – Alaska –absent
John Kimble– East- present

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ben Verge – USSA
DJ Montigny – USSA
Chris Haslock - Team Park City United
Coggin Hill – MBSEF
Lewis Sunquist – Central
Greg Ruppel – AVSC
Peter O'Brien – USSA
Ben Wisner – Mammoth
Greg Janecky – Northstar
Rob LaPier – Jackson Hole Ski and Snowboard Club
Mike Jaquet – USSA
Adam Lasuer – Rocky
Andy Wise – TD
Andy Hayes – TD
Chris Carson – Team Summit
Gary Wright - TD
Jeff Juneau - KMS
Gar Trayner – KMS
Nick Alexakos – USSA
Tricia Byrnes – USSA
Sarah Welliver – USSA
Lori Stevenson – USSA
Ritchie Date – USSA
Dan Shuffleton – WVBBS
Andy Ware – SVSC
Dave Euler – Park City Team United
Zippy Neil – USASA
Kim Raymer – USASA Big Mountain Rep
JJ Ehler – USSA
Shannon Carrell– Bogus Basin
Mike Jankowski – USSA (via phone)

Tai Robinson - Judge
Lisa Kosglow – USSA BOD
Tiger Shaw - USSA

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

Yaps asked for a motion to approve the May 2015 Minutes.
Motioned by Abbi Nyberg, second by Chris Haslock.

Review of Committee Membership

Yaps stated the USSA Board of Directors has voted to create a separate Freeskiing Sport Committee. The committee will be comprised of the existing Halfpipe/Slopestyle subcommittee members, plus additional representatives as outlined below. The new committee structure was approved by acclamation by the committee.

Tom Yaps – Chairperson
John Kimble – Eastern Representative
Dave Euler – Intermountain Representative
Martin Sundquist – Central Representative
Tony Lodico – Rocky Representative
Coggin Hill – PNSA Representative
Ryan Carey – Far West Representative
Mike Papke – Northern Representative
Tai Robinson – Judges Representative
Maddie Bowman – Athlete Representative (HP)
Tom Wallisch – Athlete Representative (SS)
Joss Christensen – Athlete Representative (BA)
Joe Swensson – Athlete Representative (SX)
Elana Chase – Coaches Representative
Michael Spencer - AFP/FIS Representative
Jeremy Forster – Freeskiing Sport Director
Abbi Nyberg – Freeskiing Sport Development Manager
Dan Shuffleton – At- Large Representative
Chris Haslock – At-Large Representative
Wes Preston – Rules and Officials Representative
Mike Mallon – USASA Representative (non-voting)

1. Membership Update – Sheryl Barnes

Growing Athletic Membership - A snapshot by the numbers:

- 32,466 total members – up 12.6%
- 1,093 short-term memberships purchased
- 3,277 general memberships in 2016 vs. 1,215 in 2015; growth of almost 200%
- Club volunteer memberships 298 vs. 131; over 100% growth
- \$10,000 in Family Cap Refunds



Positive Growth Factors:

- Growth through industry partnerships and engagement with the Cross Country community garnered a membership increase of over about 3500 members.
- Launching new membership categories including age-based competitor options in most sports and price adjustments.
- Providing a tiered pricing structure for athletes by age class for easy sport entry.
- Offering a short-term membership option for all sports to allow participants to try competitions.
- Fostering multisport participation by allowing member to add additional USSA memberships while paying for only the highest priced membership.

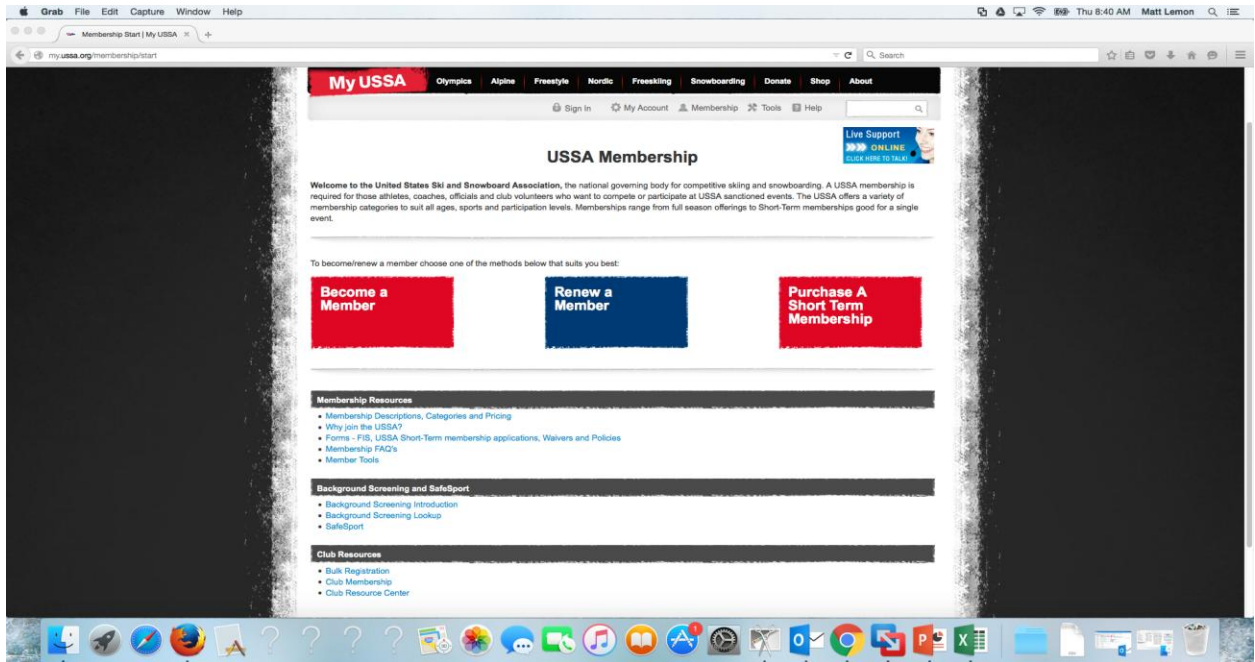
What lies ahead for FY17:

- Stay the course with membership categories, pricing and policies introduced in May of 2015.
- Continue outreach to potential partners where opportunities have the most potential for growth.
- Continue working with USCSA, CXC Skiing, the American Birkebeiner Foundation and other important groups.

Enhancing Customer Service

What lies ahead for FY17:

- Continue extended service availability which now includes weekends October through March.
- Enhance the Member Services web presence by moving membership resources to the Membership link. The new link will provide a more intuitive and central location for membership information.
- New home → under the “Membership” button in the secondary navigation bar at <http://my.ussa.org/membership/start>.



Establishing Progressive Systems

What lies ahead for FY17

- Provide online registration for short term memberships (limitations apply)
- Offer additional payment option - American Express and Discover Card
- Optional bulk registration for USSA member clubs (limitations apply)
- Move to a more robust online chat system called Tawk.to
- Work toward a ticket system to track membership inquiries, responses and resolutions.
- Launch a searchable customer service knowledge base to provide staff with more readily accessible information. In time, this service may be available to members through the website as well.

Managing Existing Programs

- Background screening – 97% compliance out of almost 3000 coaches, officials and club volunteers
- Fast Start Coaching course – 99% compliance out of more than 1600 coaches
- FIS inscriptions - almost 3000 athletes across all sports
- No major changes ahead for FY17 in these programs

2. US Freeskiing Program Report – Jeremy Forster

Jeremy outlined the 2018 Olympic Selection Criteria. The approved Olympic criteria can be found online [Criteria Link](#). There will be a selection event this season (2016/17) for HP/SS. The Grand Prix criteria will remain much the same and will be posted online later this summer.

The staging of the OWG test events were well run and efficient. Next season Korea will host the Halfpipe events.

On the FIS side, there has been a merger of the FIS Snowboarding and Freestyle committee to bring the events together and provide an opportunity to sell the events. Forster also mentioned the FIS is looking at new formats for HP/SS.

Wallisch mentioned that athletes prefer a semi-finals with three-run final. He also recommended the Grand Prix run the same format as the Olympics.

Season Summary Ski Pro Slopestyle 2015-16

We switched up our prep period training this season and focused on quality days on snow in the fall preparing better for the early comp season. A trip to Perisher, Australia in August leading into the NZ World Cup was very productive and led to a 3rd place finish for Joss Christensen and 4th place finish for Devin Logan.

Following this trip we traveled to Stubai Glacier, Austria to attend the Prime Park Sessions. This was a very productive camp as well and had some of the best conditions in October in the world. As we moved through the season we managed quite a few smaller injuries that made it challenging for some of the athletes to perform up to their potential, however we persevered and made the most of every situation we had in front of us.

Season Highlights

New Zealand WC:	Joss Christensen 3 rd Bobby Brown 5 th Devin Logan 4 th
Dew Tour:	Gus Kenworthy 1 st
Mammoth GP:	Joss Christensen 1 st McRae Williams 2 nd
X-Games:	Gus Kenworthy 2 nd Bobby Brown 5 th Maggie Voisin 4 th
X-Games Big Air:	Bobby Brown 2 nd
Boston Big Air:	McRae Williams 4 th
PyeongChang:	Maggie Voisin 2 nd
Oslo X Games Big Air:	Gus Kenworthy 3 rd
Silvaplana, SUI WC:	Maggie Voisin 3 rd

Preparation will be the main focus for our team this season. Meaningful practice and a progressive environment are the keys to pushing the limits of slopestyle and consistently landing the tricks needed to be successful.

Season Summary Ski Halfpipe Pro Team 2015-16

This season was a very prosperous one for the US Freeskiing Halfpipe Team. With 10 of our 11 athletes getting at least one podium result at an AFP Platinum level event, we have never had so much success spread across all athletes. That translated to our men sweeping podiums at the Mammoth Grand Prix and the Oslo X Games – the first time we've ever had two podium sweeps in one season.

Alex Ferreira, Devin Logan, and Annalisa Drew supplied the backbone of our team with consistent performances throughout the year. For the first segment of the season, we had historically successful athletes like David Wise, Gus Kenworthy, and Brita Sigourney continuing their hot streaks from the previous year.

When injuries crept in at the halfway mark, Aaron Blunck and Lyman Currier stepped up and filled their roles. Maddie Bowman returned from yet another knee surgery to win her fourth straight Aspen X Games and finished the year by grabbing podium spots at all remaining events. It was a common belief that Torin Yater-Wallace would miss the whole year with a severe liver infection, but he returned strong and won gold at the Oslo X Games.

We are very proud of the resilience our team showed this year, and we look forward to carrying that mantra into next year's Grand Prix, X Games, and our first Olympic Qualifier for PyeongChang.

Season Summary Ski Rookie Team 15/16

We had a great season this year with athletes competing at all levels of events from X-Games to Rev Tours, and collectively we saw a lot of success throughout the season.

Highlights were Caroline Claire as the U.S. National Slopestyle Champion for her 10th place finish at the Grand Prix at Mammoth Mountain, as well as winning the Rev Tour Overall for Slopestyle with two wins, a second, and a third place finish. Abigale Hansen was the Rev Tour Overall Champion for Women's Halfpipe winning the first two events at Copper. Birk Irving took the Gold at Youth Olympic Games in Men's Halfpipe, and Alex Hall took Silver in Men's Slopestyle. Athletes Wille Borm and Colby Stevenson competed in the Slopestyle test event in Korea as well as both making a final in a World Cup. Colby finished 12th in Silvaplana, and Willie 6th at Mammoth. Three Rookie Team Halfpipe Athletes were invited to the Euro X-Games for Halfpipe.

This year we named three new athletes to the Rookie Team, Cody Laplante from the Squaw Valley Team for Slopestyle, along with Hunter Hess from MBSEF, and Carly Margulies from Mammoth for Halfpipe. We also had two athletes age out of the Rookie Team this year, Andy Partridge and Jeanne Crane-Mauzy.

This was one of the strongest seasons for the Rookie Team's development. We saw athletes really challenge themselves, and get experience at the highest levels. We saw a lot of new doubles learned, and first triples. With how the season ended, and the progress we saw at our spring camp in Mammoth, we look to see an even stronger season from our team next year.

TEAM LEVELS

MENS HALFPIPE SKIING

WOMENS HALFPIPE SKIING

PRO TEAM

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

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

ROOKIE TEAM

Irving, Birk
Beebe, Jacob
Hoerter, Jaxin
Broderick, Cameron
Mageau, Jake
Hess, Hunter

Hansen, Abigale
Gorham, Anna
Margulies, Carly

TEAM LEVELS

MENS SLOPESTYLE SKIING

WOMENS SLOPESTYLE SKIING

PRO TEAM

Goepper, Nick
Williams, McRae
Christensen, Joss
Brown, Bobby
Kenworthy, Gus
Laker, Chris

Logan, Devin
Herman, Keri
Krass, Julia
Voisin, Maggie

ROOKIE TEAM

Borm, Willie
Stevenson, Colby
Hall, Alex
Hackel, Alex
LaPlante, Cody

Stevens, Darian
Claire, Caroline

Gildea, Eddie

3. Regional Representative Reports

ROCKY REPORT

The 2015-2016 winter started a little slow in the Rocky mountains, but we were up and running by December with Copper Mountain hosting USSA Rev Tour and USASA /Rev Qualifier Pipe events in early December. Breckenridge also hosted the USSA Grand Prix, getting 22ft Halfpipes and full Slopestyle courses up and running.

Once again we saw USASA and USSA hold competitive Freeskiing events in the region with USASA being far more active. The IFSA Big mountain organization also continued to gain great strength in the competitive big mountain arena, selling out most events within 24 hrs of opening registration.

USASA competitive numbers (average attendance)		
Rocky Mountain Series	14/15: Pipe 70	Slopestyle 100
	15/16: Pipe 40	Slopestyle 95
Aspen Snowmass Series	14/15: Pipe 15 Pipe 35	Slopestyle 55 Slopestyle 40
Southern Colorado Series	14/15: No Pipe 15/16: Pipe 4	Slopestyle 30 Slopestyle 25

USSA Rocky Mountain Freestyle

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

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.

Freeskiing has 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.

EASTERN REGION REPORT

Thought Topics

- Halfpipe/Slopestyle/Big Air
- What to do about Halfpipe....still
- Is anyone else willing to hold a Big Air Event?

Venue rotation

We attempted to start a venue rotation but failed mostly due to potential hosting mountains already had their schedules booked for the 15-16 season.. So, if you are interested in hosting an event, please let me know.

16-17 season tour (SAMPLE)

- Waterville - Opener/ Rev Qual (Jan 13-14) SS/ B-B2
- Mt Snow - Flip with Okemo (Jan 21-22) SS/HP? or B
- Sunday River - 3rd Event/Pipe (Feb 3-4) SS/HP

Programs that have expressed interested in have their mountains host a competition:
Killington/ Whiteface/ Mt Snow

Venue design/safety/quality/size - Thoughts

Sponsor - Does anyone have any tour sponsor in mind (big or small) Fischer?/ Swix?/ Dalbello?/ Skullcandy?... (start a sponsor banner bag that follows the tour with bids and radios) and how can we represent them on our tour.

Education - Judging = Suggestions/needs assist with the freeskiing judges clinics supply video for trick id jumps/rails. Have all coaches attend freeskiing judges' clinics to contribute to clinic dialog. Coaches' education = have we had enough/do we need more, level-100, level-200, *level-300/ (gold camp coaching opportunities in the east).

Communication - Was everyone able to find tour info when they needed it, did everyone get tour updates i.e. comp date changes-cancellations etc? Suggestions? Freeskiing coaches' group page to post on (fits into communication).

Media - Should we put together a tour edit for easternfreestyle.org etc....thoughts?

USSA/ AFP Sanctioning - Some would like to see the whole tour AFP sanctioned which would be great but to do so will take a great deal of backing roughly \$14,000 in cash and/or prizes. Below is the link to the event sanctioning requirements per event.
http://www.afpworldtour.com/rfs/clients/afp/resources/2015_AFP_Event_Sanctioning_Packet.pdf

If anyone has any ideas for finding/raising enough support to sanction the entire tour at the bronze level lets line it up.

Working Group - It has been suggested that we organize a working group to get the ball rolling on some of these topics such as; sponsorships, media, venue rotation, and education

The East Free Tour Manager Proposal

There has been a proposal put together to bring in a manager for and of the tour. More info will come as we receive and gather details on this past season's numbers, etc.

Competition Numbers

2016

16 WV BA1 3F 21M-BA2 3F 22M S 6F 55M

16 Okemo S 5F 59M

16 SR 3F 49M USSA/AFP/ Sanctioned

(Are our number up because we held 3 instead of 4 Comps?)

2015

15 Okemo SS 2F 57M

15 WV SS 2F 41M BA1 14M BA2 13M

15 SR SS 0F 39M HP canceled

15 SL SS 0F 37M USSA/AFP Sanctioned

2014

14 Okemo SS1 3F 48M SS2 3F 48M

14 WV SS11F 40M SS2 1F 34M BA116 BA2 8

14 SR SS 2F 40M HP1 0F 8M HP2 0F 8m

14 SL SS 2F 41M

2013

13 Okemo SS 6F 44M HP1 3F 15M HP2 3F 12M

13 WV A110F 26M A2 10F 25M SS 7F 35M

13 SR SS12F 36M SS2 2F 33M HP canceled

13 SL SS1 3F 20M SS2 3F 21M HP1 1F 12M HP2 1F 11M

PNSA REGIONAL REPORT – Coggin Hill

The Pacific Northwest storm systems came back in style this year after an off-season last year. It pretty much didn't stop snowing all season and it was one of those years where the resorts could barely keep with the amount of snow. Mt. Hood, Stevens, Summit and Mt. Bachelor continue to produce great parks and push the envelope on progression.

Regional Events:

- 9 different resorts held USASA events this year and participation is on the upswing.
- USASA event participation in Oregon increased with over 75 athletes participating in Slopestyle and Rail Jam events at Bachelor and Hood.
- Western Washington and INW series participation is still small in comparison but is developing.
- The Baker Banked Slalom returned to glory this season after cancellations last year.
- A & B Beverage made a statement with their 10 Barrel Big Air event at Mt. Bachelor. It was a huge success with a \$10,000 cash first place prize. Look for another edition next year.

National Competition Participation:

- PNW Athletes competed in 3 of 4 Revolution Tours, Mammoth and Park City Grand Prix, Dew Tour, X Games, US Open, Canadian Open, TTR World Championships and USASA Nationals
- 26 athletes from MBSEF competed at USASA Nationals and approx. another 20-30 from the Mt. Hood, Western Washington and Inland Northwest Series'

Camps, Coaches Clinics and Training

- Unfortunately, freestyle June Camps weren't held at Mt. Bachelor due to the lack of snow
- Extremely low snow levels caused Mt. Hood Windells and High Cascade camps to close by late July/early August
- Timberline didn't re-open until mid-November
- Lack of proper indoor trampoline/foam pit set up continues to hinder some younger athletes' aerial progression
- We ran an early fall USASA Level 100 & 200 at Windells for the 2nd year in a row. Participation continues to increase at these clinics.
- Windells will now be 100% ski this summer.

Summary: Overall it was a great year with many highlights and lots to look forward to in the future. It was amazing to see our Alumni represent us on the International level and to watch the new group of up and coming riders get some amazing results. It seems like snowboard numbers are maintaining but the concern still is bringing more young athletes into the sport.

CENTRAL REGION REPORT – Martin Sundquist

Sundquist gave a report on the central region stating they are seeing a large grow of younger athletes. Not many halfpipe in the region, therefore Slopestyle continues to grow in popularity.

FAR WEST REGION REPORT – Ben Wisner

Ben Wisner gave a short report on the Far West region. He stated the numbers are continuing to grow and they are seeing continued support of the Unbound USASA Series.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION REPORT - Chris Haslock/Dave Euler

Haslock and Euler gave a brief update on the Intermountain region. Steady growth of athletes

and healthy number of events in the region. Liked the Rev Tour qualified event and would like to continue to see that in place.

NORTHERN REGION REPORT – Andy Hayes

Hayes mentioned there is a good number of slopestyle athletes competing in the Northern region. However the numbers are still small and it would be great to see more events in the region.

4. USASA Report – Mike Mallon/ Zippy Neil

USSA welcomed Mike Mallon as the new Executive Director for USASA. Mike and Zippy discussed the USASA membership numbers, Nationals and Series events. They will continue to focus on the mission of the USASA and make entry level competition more accessible.

2016 Season Membership

Snowboarders:	Paid: 3155 (down 112 from 2015)
One Day:	192 (down 90 from 2015)
Skiers:	Paid: 1726 (Down 1 from 2015)
One Day:	181 (Down 46 from 2015)
Total Membership	
Paid:	4881 (Down 106 from 2015)
One Day:	373 (Down 136 from 2015)
2016 Nationals:	Total Competitors: 1874
Snowboarders:	1250 (Down 76 from 2015 Nationals)
Skiers:	624 (Up 73 from 2015 Nationals)

5. Grand Prix Report: Nick Alexakos

2016-2017 U.S. Grand Prix Goals

- Produce high quality venues and competitions for 22' Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Big Air and Cross events
- 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

2016/17 Tentative Schedule & Sanctioning: December 11-17, 2016- Copper Mountain, CO

- Snowboarding Halfpipe and Big Air – FIS World Cup & WST International
- Freeskiing Halfpipe– FIS World Cup & AFP Platinum

January 30- February 5, 2017- Mammoth Mountain, CA

- Snowboarding Halfpipe and Slopestyle – FIS World Cup & WST International
- Freeskiing Halfpipe and Slopestyle – FIS World Cup & AFP Platinum

Location & Dates- TBD

- FIS World Cup SnowboardCross
- FIS World Cup SkiCross

6. Revolution Tour Report: Sarah Welliver



In its 12th season, the 2016 U.S. Revolution Tour proved to be a progressive venue for today's top junior skiers and snowboarders to take the competitive stage in halfpipe, slopestyle, cross, and big air. This season the Tour kicked off with the first two halfpipe competitions returning to Copper Mountain, CO where the halfpipe is always top notch! Next the Tour headed westward to Mammoth Mountain, CA following the Grand Prix with slopestyle, halfpipe, and big air. Then on to Winter Park, CO for 2 slopestyle competitions, and finally to Seven Springs, PA for the Rev Tour finals in both halfpipe and slopestyle, this stop was also the FIS freeskiing halfpipe and slopestyle NorAm Cup Finals and a snowboard World Rookie Tour qualifier! The Rev Tour cross events, held in conjunction with the Hole Shot Tour, kicked off at Ski Cooper, CO and then finished at Sugarloaf, ME.



Seven Springs Ladies FS HP Podium 1

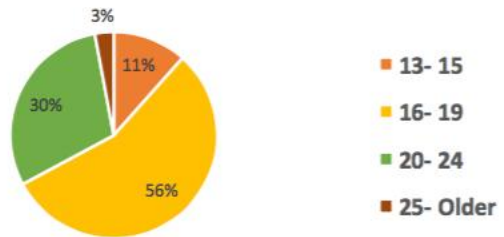


Copper Ladies HP Podium 1

The U.S. Revolution Tour is designed to serve as a stepping-stone for athletes making the transition from competing at the grassroots level to the elite level. The series pre-qualifies a portion of its field and then opens registration to any domestic US athlete. The Revolution Tour is focused towards riders 13-19 years old and awards the top juniors an invite to compete in the U.S. Grand Prix, Junior Worlds, USASA Nationals, and participate in Project Gold camps. This season over 1,100 domestic and international athletes registered to compete in the 2016 U.S. Revolution Tour

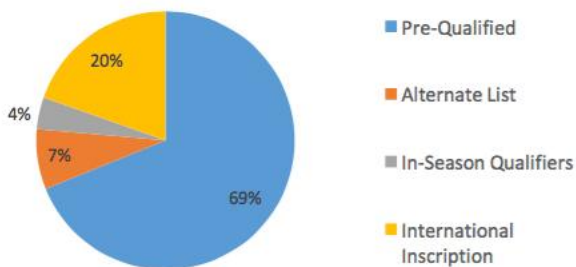


Age



Foggy SB training in Seven Springs!

Registration



Top of the slope course in 7S!

2016 Overall Champions

Snowboard Halfpipe

1. Ryan Wachendorfer (USA)
2. Naito Ando (JPN)
3. Patrick Burgener (SUI)
4. Wataru Okamoto (JPN)
5. Chase Blackwell (USA)

1. Kurumi Imai (JPN)
2. Noelle Edwards (USA)
3. Zoe Kalapos (USA)
4. Summer Fenton (USA)
5. Katie Tsuyuki (CAN)

Snowboard Slopestyle

1. Dylan Thomas (USA)
2. Brett Moody (USA)
3. Chandler Hunt (USA)
4. Lyon Farrell (USA)
5. Luke Winkelmann (USA)

1. Nora Healy (USA)
2. Hailee Mattingley (USA)
3. Julia Marino (USA)
4. Serena Shaw (USA)
5. Anna Valentine (USA)

Freeski Halfpipe

1. Joel Gisler (SUI)
2. Miguel Porteous (NZL)
3. Nico Porteous (NZL)
4. Kwang-Jin Kim (KOR)
5. Jaxin Hoerter (USA)

1. Abigale Hansen (USA)
2. Carly Margulies (USA)
3. Jeanee Crane-Mauzy (USA)
4. Zyre Austin (USA)
5. Anais Cardeux (USA)

Freeski Slopestyle

1. Cody Cirillo (USA)
2. Aaron Milligan (USA)
3. Ethan Swadburg (USA)
4. Ryan McElmon (USA)
5. Alexander Hall (USA)

1. Caroline Claire (USA)
2. Nadia Gonzales (USA)
3. Marin Hamill (USA)
4. Taylor Lundquist (USA)
5. Nikita Rubocki (USA)



2016 Rev Tour Sponsors!



The image displays four logos for the 2016 Rev Tour sponsors. From left to right: the BFP logo (Association of Freeskiing Professionals) featuring a stylized skier; the World Snowboard Tour logo with a red star and a snowboarder silhouette; The North Face logo with its iconic mountain peak; and the Burton logo in red with its signature 'B' symbol.

Copper Mountain, CO | Dec. 7-11 | Halfpipe x 2

- 152 freeski/184 snowboard competitors
- Snowboard – WST National event/FIS sanctioned
- Freeski – AFP silver event/FIS sanctioned



Mammoth Mountain, CA | Jan. 27-31 | Slopestyle, Halfpipe, Big Air

- 163 freeski/190 snowboard competitors
- Snowboard – WST National event/FIS sanctioned
* BA USSA sanctioned
- Freeski – AFP silver event/FIS sanctioned
* BA USSA sanctioned



Winter Park, CO | Mar. 1-5, 2016 | Slopestyle x 2

- 144 freeski/158 snowboard competitors
- Snowboard – WST National event/FIS sanctioned
- Freeski – AFP silver event/FIS sanctioned

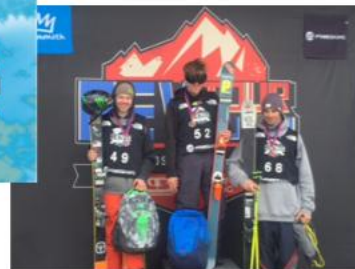


Seven Springs, PA | Mar. 15-18, 2016 | Slopestyle, Halfpipe

- 108 freeski/87 snowboard competitors
- Snowboard – WST National event/FIS sanctioned/WRT qualifier
- Freeski – AFP silver event/FIS NorAM finals



Winter Park Ladies SBS Podium 1



Mammoth FS SS Podium

7. Freeskiing Domestic Program Report: Abbi Nyberg

Junior Development Camps

- May 2015 HP/SS Project Gold – Successful camps held in Mammoth with a private pipe, jumps, and airbag setup. 30 athletes attended
- SX – no camp held due to lack of snow
- COE Air Awareness Camp – Successful Air Awareness camps at the COE for Project Gold athletes.
- May 2016 HP/SS Project Gold held in Mammoth 39 athletes, SX Project Gold camps June 13-23, 2016.

Officials Education

- USSA and AFP worked closely to prioritize the goals for judges' education and implement new free online judge's education platform.
- FIS TD Update held in Park City – need to improve integration with ski officials

Coaches Education

- Level 300 classroom clinic held in October 2015 and the first Level 300 on-snow clinic was held in May with 7 coaches receiving their Level 300 Freeskiing certification.

Junior World Championships

- SX Junior Worlds held in Val Thorens, FRA- 8 athletes attended
- No event held for HP/SS/BA

8. Project Jump

WHAT: New training facility for snowboarders and freeskiers to safely train big air jumps while landing on an inclined airbag.

Two jumps (large & medium) with artificial in-run to landing airbag

Two jumps (large & medium) on-snow

Link to design <https://snowparktech.egnyte.com/dl/oOUPm2aUeu>

Link to video overview

<https://drive.google.com/a/ussa.org/file/d/0B6povHzeIgEcV01IbkEyWnNwYUE/view?usp=sharing>

WHERE: Utah Olympic Park - Park City, Utah

DESIGN: Industry leader Snow Park Technologies (snowparktech.com) will lead the design team in coordination with USSA and UOP.

IMPACT: Allow development and elite level athletes to train in greater volume in a safe training environment year-round.

Elite level training for Slopestyle and Big Air Skiing and Snowboarding athletes impacting 18 current Olympic medal opportunities. Increasing to 24 when Big Air Skiing becomes an Olympic Event anticipated in 2022.

Training access for all USSA clubs to train at the facility coordinated by UOP.

Local clubs anticipated to use the facility frequently year round.

Regional clubs have ability to host camps in Park City combining Airbag Training Facility and USSA Center of Excellence training opportunities.

Critical training facility to compete at international level. Comparable facilities being researched/developed currently by Great Britain, Canada, and Switzerland.

TIMELINE:	Design / Feasibility	May-July 2016
	Fundraising	May 2016 – May 2017
	Construction	Oct 2016 – May 2017
	Open for training	June 2017

9. New Business:

Branding Discussion: Tiger Shaw held a branding discussion to evaluate the current brands and raise awareness about potentially changing the US Snowboarding logo. A branding task force has been formed and includes Snowboarding representatives. Logo wouldn't be finalized for approximately another year.

Rule Proposals and Votes:

- a. JJ Ehlers discussed with the group the current Points List structure and recommended the committee move to line up the points structure with other sports.
 - Tom Wallisch motion to align the points list with other sports, second by Chris Haslock. Approved by acclamation.
- b. Chris Haslock proposed a change to the Big Air rules to better reflect what is happening at current events.
 - The committee discussed the proposal and asked for Haslock to rework the rule and the committee will vote on the rule via email.
- c. Dan Shuffleton asked if we could remove the 100 point minimum for Junior Nationals criteria. The group discussed and agreed it would a good change.
 - Shuffleton motioned to remove the 100 point minimum, second by Dave Euler. Approved by acclamation.
- d. FREESTYLE AND FREESKIING POINTS LIST CALCULATIONS

List 3
HP, SS, BA, SX

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- Nyberg motions to approve the language above, Haslock second. Approved by acclamation.

10. Grassroots Working Group Discussion

DJ Montigny presented data which outlined the current pipeline and athletes participating.

The group then discussed the current event structure. It was discussed to make all of the USASA Regional Qualifier AFP Bronze events. Coggin Hill asked if it is possible to dual sanction events with both USASA and USSA. There was continued discussion regarding the USASA vs USSA event pipeline.

It was also discussed to add Rail Jams to the current event pipeline.

The discussion then turned to industry events. A lack of industry events equals fewer athletes coming into the pipeline. It would be good to get the AFP involved as resource to run more sanctioned events and build athlete point profiles.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dave Euler, second by Coggin Hill