

## FREESTYLE/FREESKIING SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 2014

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

### Committee Membership:

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

## FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014

8:15 – 9:45 am                      FFSC Meeting    Prospector 2

1. Welcome    Seedog
2. Agenda Review and Approval (Wise Motion, Jay Simson 2<sup>nd</sup>)    Seedog
3. Approval of the May 2013 Minutes (Konrad Motion, Andy Wise 2<sup>nd</sup>)    Seedog
4. Executive Committee Report:    Seedog

Discussion: Reviewed agenda and made sure each proposal was in the correct subcommittee. Talked about age group changes (J to U). The executive committee feels this will be a good implementation and be overall easier. Talked about looking at FIS rules and going off what they have.

5. Staff Reports    Schirman, Forster, Nyberg

Jon Nolting- Head of Coaches Education - Last year we had the domestic coach of the year awarded, also recognized by the Olympic Committee and throughout all of USSA. This was given to Wes Preston. This was the only discussion from Jon.

6. FIS Report    Simson

Discussion: Talked briefly about the proposals. Jay mentioned there were about 30 proposals in total. FIS meetings will be held in June in Spain. Some of the main proposals are:

- There were two different proposals to go back to a 7-judge panel for aeriels.

- In moguls 60-20-20 was discussed. Talked about how this would make things difficult mathematically for the judges and scoring method. This is already a FIS rule, so USSA would just be following the rule.
- Who and when slipping can happen on a mogul course.
- New dual moguls format, one judge from turns to speed.
- Also making Duals a separate sport in the Olympics.
- In pipe and slope, have more defined guidelines. Introducing Big Air to Olympics.

7. USSA updates / membership Barnes

Discussion: Laura joined the staff last Sept. She does FIS inscriptions and background screening. There are a lot of new things going on in membership. There are two new membership categories: USSA Club Volunteer and USSA Participant Membership (\$25). We have been trying to bring in low cost memberships for quite some time. This does not provide access to USSA competitions, other than being a forerunner. There is a new platform that will be launched in July, called Simply Rewards. This will be accessible through myussa account. Online registration is now accepting foreign dues over the Internet.

8. Continued to 11:00 am Saturday May 17, 2014 Seedog

## SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014

9. Reconvene from Friday May 17, 2013 Seedog

10. USSA Board of Directors' Report Eddy

The Board of Directors met three times since the last congress. The biggest discussion last spring was the McKinsey Consulting report and how that was going to be implemented into different areas of the organization. This report was mainly meant for Alpine, no updates on the freestyle side currently. Also mentioned was the SafeSport program, this program is going to be more thoroughly implemented into the sports. The upcoming fall board meeting; updates on athletics; update to the financial status, new by-laws on the Alpine side; nothing in Freestyle currently. The BOD report was a very brief discussion.

11. Sub-committee Reports / Proposal review Preston

- Aerial Christ
- Ski Cross Gnoza
- Moguls Yaps
- Slopestyle / Halfpipe Lange
- Rules & Officials

12. FFSC to vote on any motions brought forward by subcommittees Seedog

13. Elections

**Motion 1:** Athlete Rep Nominees: Maddie Bowman - Passed by acclamation

**Motion 2:** Athlete Rep Nominees: Mike Morse

**Motion 3:** Chair Nominees: Chris 'Seedog' Seeman - Passed by acclamation

**Motion 4:** At-Large Nominees: Jeff Lange - Passed by acclamation

14. Old business Seedog

15. New business (Open Discussion) Seedog

- Konrad presented a great report on FIS participation within the sport of Freestyle skiing; description is located in Addendum C. The USA showed strength in several categories concerning participation and FIS points earned. It is interesting to note what nations need growth and Nations like Japan that have many FIS points earned but lack upper level FIS participation. Addendum C also shows North America as the leader in the majority of Freestyle events. Growth in Central Europe and Scandinavia is needed to continue strong international support.
- Several conversations on Olympic Quota and the USA qualification criteria that took place during the Moguls and Aerials subcommittee meetings. USSA shared the common interest to increase the quota to 32 athletes; this proposal was brought to the FIS Freestyle committee. USSA will continue to work with FIS and the IOC to look at the current quota and find a solution to make sure the best athletes in their particular sports have the opportunity to compete. Any quota and selection criteria changes will take place in the 2016 season. The USSA staff and CEO understand the importance of these subjects and are consistent with the message to international parties.
- Discussion on moving Freeskiing to be combined with snowboarding. Talked about this being an option.
- TD training was mentioned and how to better improve education was discussed. The training must be venue-specific for TDs. TDs do not flip flop between venues. At the end of the day, have adequate education for TDs needs to be accessible.

16. Adjournment (Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andy)

Seedog

## Freestyle Executive Committee

Park City Marriott – Marriot Boardroom  
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2014  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm (Closed Meeting)

Chair: Chris “Seedog” Seemann

### Freestyle Executive Committee

(Maddie Bowman replaced Jen Hudak as Athlete Rep  
Emily Cook replaced Landon Gardner as BOD Athlete Rep)

Chris “Seedog” Seemann – Chairperson  
Todd Schirman - Freestyle Director  
Jeremy Forster - Freeskiing Director  
Emily Cook - Athlete BOD Rep  
Glenn Eddy - FFSC BOD Rep  
Konrad Rotermund - At Large  
Maddie Bowman – Athlete Rep  
Andy Wise - Past Chair

1. Chairman’s Welcome and Call to order
2. Old/New Business: Review Agenda
3. Proposal Review

Proposal Number:	Executive – 1 PASSED (Konrad Motion, Andy Wise 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Description:	Change age groups from the J System to the U System which Alpine

	uses.
Current Rule:	J7 includes ages 6 and under. J6 includes ages 7 & 8. J5 includes ages 9 & 10. J4 includes ages 11 & 12. The age groups continue in 2-year increments through J1 (17 & 18). Seniors include ages 19 - 24. Then there are Veteran I (25 - 39) & Veteran II (40 +).
Proposed Change:	Switch to the U system of age groups (currently used in Alpine). "U" stands for "Under". These age groups would start at U10 with ages 9 and under. U12 include ages 11 & 12. U14 includes ages 12 & 13. U16 includes ages 14 & 15. U18 includes ages 16 & 17. U21 includes ages 18, 19 & 20. The Senior age group is 21+.
Discussion/Reason:	The ages in each group better represent development stages of athletes. These age groups would be consistent with alpine and Nordic.
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	None
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	Educational component to the definition of a takeoff.

Proposal Number:	New Business																						
Description:	J to U age system freestyle																						
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Discussion/Reason:	The U system will be easier to understand and will be more consistent to USSA and other competitive sports																						

#### 4. FFSC Elections Review

<b>Freestyle &amp; Freeskiing Sports Committee terms</b>			
Positions	Name	Term	Exp. Date
Chairman	Chris "Seedog" Seemann	2 yr.	2016
B.O.D. Representative	Glen Eddy	2 yr.	2015
Past Chair	Andy Wise	-	-
Mogul Subcommittee Chair	Matt Gnoza	2 yr.	2015
Aerial Subcommittee Chair	Tim Preston	2 yr.	2015
Skicross Subcommittee Chair	Zach Christ	2 yr.	2015
Rules & Officials Subcommittee Chair	Andy Hayes	2 yr.	2015
Halfpipe / Slopestyle Subcommittee Chair	Tom Yaps	2 yr.	2015
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.	2015
At - Large	Jeff Lange	2 yr.	2016
Athlete Representative	Maddie Bowman	2 yr.	2016
Athlete Representative	Michael Morse	2 yr.	2016
Athlete Representative	Joe Swensson	2 yr.	2015
Athlete B.O.D. Representative	Emily Cook	3 yr.	2017

#### **Ski Cross Committee Minutes/Proposals – Nyberg**

Committee Membership Review:

#### **Revised Committee Membership**

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

No rule changes or proposals for Skicross.

Project Gold development camps: Nyberg recapped the Project Gold camp – 17 athletes trained on a full course at Mt Hood with Casey Puckett and the US SBX Team.

Skicross Development discussion: Good discussion regarding sport development. Work needs to be done with resorts to build full-time courses. Bring more athletes to training camps and early-season training. Build training centers at different resorts across the US. Offer section training if full courses can't be built. USASA Nationals to be sanctioned as a FIS event to provide valuable FIS points to Skicross athletes.

USA Skicross: Improve fundraising goals. Goal is to support athletes with a full program, including coaching and tech support; could potentially be set up as a club. Continue to work with Alpine skiing athletes retiring from the sport at the Europa Cup and World Cup levels.

**Freeskiing Committee Minutes/Proposals – Nyberg reported**

**Committee Membership Review**

- Tom Yaps – Chair
- Jeremy Forster – USSA
- Elana Chase – Coaches Representative
- Chris Haslock – R&O Representative
- Josh Lubek – Judges
- Michael Spencer – AFP
- Tom Wallisch – Slopestyle Athlete Representative
- Maddie Bowman – Halfpipe Athlete Representative
- Mike Mallon – USASA President – At Large Member
- Ashley Ott – At Large
- Martin Sundquist – Central Representative
- Tony Lodico – Rocky Representative
- Chris Hawkes – Rocky Representative
- Alex Wilson – Alaska Representative
- Jon Kimball – East Representative

Committee Reports: Jeremy Forester reviewed the season including the Olympic selection process and success at the Games. US Freeskiing staff remain the same and he discussed the new team athletes.

Region Rep reports: Each region gave a quick update on the events and health of the region.

Grand Prix/Revolution Tour reports: Eric Webster and Nick Alexakos reported on the past season and detailed the schedule and criteria for entry for the 2014/15 season.

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

Proposal Number:	1 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (Chris Haslock motion, DJ Montigny 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Description:	Add Big Air Rules to Freeskiing/Freestyle Rule Book
Current Rule:	N/A
Proposed Change:	<p><b>4800 Big Air</b></p> <p><b>4801 Definition</b></p> <p>Competitions shall consist of a jump maneuver performed off of a feature that can be found in a terrain park. The skier performs his/her run using this jump. A panel of judges will evaluate the performance based upon overall impression.</p> <p><b>4802 The Big Air Site</b></p> <p>4802.1 The Big Air course shall fall within the specifications as outlined in the</p>

competition course specifications. See Appendix A & C.

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.

4802.3 Each feature on the course must be clearly marked with dye.

### **4803 Competition Procedure of Big Air**

#### **4803.1 Use of Heats in Big Air Competition**

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

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

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

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

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

4803.2 The qualification format for a USSA Big Air event may be modified, providing the Jury approves the modified format.

4803.3 Once a competitor has started his run, he is not allowed to re-start. In extenuating circumstances, the Jury may grant a re-start.

4803.4 Jump maneuvers do not need to be called.

4803.5 Jumps may be repeated.

### **4804 Competitor Training**

4804.1 Competitor should be given at least 30 minutes of training prior to the competition, see 3066.

4804.2 Minimum 2 training jumps per athlete.

4804.2 There shall be no specific start order during training.

4804.3 Training times will be communicated by the competition committee during the team captains'/riders' meeting.

### **4805 Start/Finish Area**

4805.1 The start area shall be set following the guidelines as outlined in 3043. The in-run allows the skier to have the correct speed for the performance.

4805.2 The Finish Area for the competition must be satisfactorily large enough to allow the skier to stop.

### **4806 Judges Stand**

4806.1 If possible, the judges' stand should be in a location that allows them to see the entire course. The jury will set the placement of the judges.

4806.2 The judges' area should be fenced or protected from competitors and spectators.

	<p><b>4807 Special Procedures: Big Air</b></p> <p>4807.1 Loss of Ski(s) and Stops If a competitor loses a ski he/she may finish on one ski. The competitor will be judged according to his/her performance.</p> <p><b>4808 Big Air Scoring and Judging Criteria – Art. 4650</b></p>
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## Aerial Subcommittee of Freestyle & Freeskiing Sport Committee

Park City Marriott – Silver Mine A  
 1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT  
 Friday, May 16, 2014 3:00pm - 5:00pm

### Committee Membership

Tim Preston – Chairperson  
 Emily Cook – Athlete Rep  
 Kendall Johnson - Athlete Rep  
 Jarislav Novak - At Large  
 Ryan St. Onge - At Large  
 Cody Salrin - Far West  
 Deb Newson – East  
 Lewis Sundquist – Central  
 John Riopel – Central  
 Sharlee Holland – Intermountain  
 Matt Chojnacki – Rocky  
 Todd Ossian – USST  
 Wes Preston - Coaches Rep  
 Eric Bergoust - Coaches Rep  
 Jeff Turczyn - Acrobatic Rep  
 Mark Depeters - R & O Rep

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| 1. | Welcome   | Tim Preston |
| 2. | Agenda Review and Approval                                  | Tim Preston |
| 3. | Approval of the May 2012 Minutes                            | Tim Preston |
| 4. | Review of subcommittee members & FFSC seats up for election | Tim Preston |
| 5. | Motion Review and Approval                                  | Tim Preston |
| 6. | Working Group Updates                                       |             |
| 7. | Olympic Selection Process and Criteria Discussion           | Tim Preston |

### Aerial Committee Minutes/Proposals – Preston

Aerial 1 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	1 - PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (Jay Simson motion, Andy Wise 2nd)
Description	Change of Takeoff Definition 1
Current Rule:	6004.1.1 Technical Take-off <span style="float: right;">Min=0.0 / Max=1.0</span> Technical take-off refers to the manner in which the competitor initiates the jump by extending the body at the right moment while leaving the kicker. Take-off is judged from the moment the competitor enters the transition until the tails of the skis leave the kicker.



Proposed Change:	<del>Technical</del> Take-Off Min=0.0 / Max = 1.0 <del>Technical</del> Take-off refers to the manner in which the competitor initiates the jump by extending the body at the right moment. It is the action of the jumper as he/she leaves the jump. Take-off is judged from the moment the competitor enters the transition, until the skis leave the kicker.
Discussion/Reason:	Poor description of take-off
Impacts on Budget/USSA Staff:	none
Impacts to Judges/Officials:	Educational component to the definition of a take-off

Aerial 2 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Aerial – 2 Tabled
Description	Remove “Change of Good Take-off”, and add individual definitions for each jump.
Current Rule:	6004.1.1.1 Good Take-Off Min=0.7 / Max=1.0 Just before the competitor leaves the kicker the body must be fully extended – the arms must lead the motion. The jump is initiated through “popping” from the kicker. The actual position in the jump (tuck, twist, spread, etc.) should not begin before the skis have left the kicker.
Proposed Change:	Replace the general “good takeoff” description with individual descriptions for takeoffs. See the descriptions in the following motions.
Discussion/Reason:	Too general a description of take-offs.
Impacts on Budget/USSA Staff:	none
Impacts to Judges/ Officials:	Educational component to the definition of a take-off

Aerial 3 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Aerial – 3 Tabled
Description	Remove “Change of Good Take-off”, and add individual definitions for each jump.
Current Rule:	6004.1.1.1 Good Take-off Min = 0.7 / Max = 1.0 Just before the competitor leaves the kicker the body must be fully extended – the arms must lead the motion. The jump is initiated through “popping” from the kicker. The actual position in the jump (tuck, twist, spread, etc.) should not begin before the skis have left the kicker.
Proposed Change:	6004.1.1.1.1 Back Flip(s) As the jumper’s boots are on the end of the kicker the body should form a perpendicular line to the skis. The feet, knees, hips, and shoulders should all be in that line. They can accomplish this take-off position by using a traditional arm swing or by a pre-set. In an arm swing the arms lift in front of the body leading the motion of the rest of the body and they follow the curve of the kicker. There is a timing element to an arm swing. In a pre-set take-off the perpendicular body line to the skis is accomplished prior to the start of

	<p>the jump eliminating the timing element. In both take-offs the jumper must withstand the force of the jump accomplishing a perpendicular position as the ski boots leave the jump.</p> <p>i.e.:</p> <p>Single Kicker – take-off angle 50° - Skis 50° - Body Line (perpendicular) 140°</p> <p>Double Kicker – take-off angle 65° - Skis 65° - Body Line (perpendicular) 155°</p> <p>Triple Kicker – take-off angle 70° - Skis 70° - Body Line (perpendicular) 160°</p> <p>The actual position in the jump (tuck, twist, pike, etc.) should not begin before the skis have left the kicker.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Specific take-off description
Impacts on Budget/USSA Staff:	none
Impacts to Judges/ Officials:	Educational component to the definition of a take-off

Aerial 4 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Aerial – 4 Tabled
Description	Add Front Flip Takeoff Description
Current Rule:	<p>6004.1.1.1 Good Take-off                      Min = 0.7 / Max = 1.0</p> <p>Just before the competitor leaves the kicker the body must be fully extended – the arms must lead the motion. The jump is initiated through “popping” from the kicker. The actual position in the jump (tuck, twist, spread, etc.) should not begin before the skis have left the kicker.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>6004.1.1.1.2 Front Flip(s)</p> <p>As the jumper’s boots are on the end of the kicker the body should form a perpendicular line to the skis up to the hips. The feet, knees, and hips should be in line. The upper body from the hips to the shoulders and arms should be at an angle that is continuing the curve of the kicker. It will appear to be a slightly piked body position. The arms must lead the body’s motion. The actual position in the jump (tuck, twist, pike, etc.) should not begin before the skis have left the kicker.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Specific take-off description
Impacts on Budget/USSA Staff:	none
Impacts to Judges/Officials:	Educational component to the definition of a take-off

Aerial 5 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Aerial – 5 Tabled
Description	Add Side Flip Takeoff Description

Current Rule:	6004.1.1.1 Good Take-off                      Min = 0.7 / Max = 1.0 Just before the competitor leaves the kicker the body must be fully extended – the arms must lead the motion. The jump is initiated through “popping” from the kicker. The actual position in the jump (tuck, twist, spread, etc.) should not begin before the skis have left the kicker.
Proposed Change:	6004.1.1.1.3 Side Flip(s) The jumper should extend directly upwards with the lower body at the end of the jump, with the shoulders executing a sideways rotation.
Discussion/Reason:	Specific take-off description
Impacts on Budget/USSA Staff:	none
Impacts to Judges/Officials:	Educational component to the definition of a take-off

Aerials 6 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Aerial – 6 Tabled
Description	Add Switch Takeoff Description
Current Rule:	6004.1.1.1 Good Take-off                      Min = 0.7 / Max = 1.0 Just before the competitor leaves the kicker the body must be fully extended – the arms must lead the motion. The jump is initiated through “popping” from the kicker. The actual position in the jump (tuck, twist, spread, etc.) should not begin before the skis have left the kicker.
Proposed Change:	6004.1.1.1.5 Switch The jumper’s lower body should be fully extended at the end of the jump, with the upper body executing their intended rotation or maneuver.
Discussion/Reason:	Specific take-off description
Impacts on Budget/USSA Staff:	none
Impacts to Judges/Officials:	Educational component to the definition of a take-off

Aerials 7 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Aerial – 7 Tabled
Description:	Add Off Axis Takeoff Description
Current Rule:	6004.1.1.1 Good Take-Off 0.7 - 1.0 Just before the competitor leaves the kicker the body must be fully extended – the arms must lead the motion. The jump is initiated through “popping” from the kicker. The actual position in the jump (tuck, twist, spread, etc.) should not begin before the skis have left the kicker.
Proposed Change:	6004.1.1.1.6 Off Axis

	The jumper's lower body should be fully extended at the end of the jump, with the upper body executing their intended rotation or maneuver.
Discussion/Reason:	Specific takeoff description
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	None
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	Educational component to the definition of a takeoff.

Aerials 8 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Aerial – 8 Tabled
Description:	Change of "Average Takeoff"
Current Rule:	6004.1.1.2 Average Take-Off 0.4 - 0.6 There are different types of mistakes: The competitor does not pop at the right moment (too early or too late), the form starts too early (twisting on the kicker), i.e. the arms are behind the body;; hips are pushed forward too much;; the competitor throws his arms over his head causing an uncontrolled rotation (sling). Points are deducted according to the number and severity of these mistakes.
Proposed Change:	6004.1.1.2 Average Take-Off 0.4 -0.6 There are different types of mistakes: For upright, spins, and off axis jumps, the competitor does not pop at the right moment (too early or too late), the form starts too early (twisting on the kicker), i.e. the arms are behind the body; hips are pushed forward too much; the competitor throws his arms over his head causing an uncontrolled rotation (sling). For Back Flips the body line is past perpendicular to the skis and take-off angle creating too much rotation "sling". Or the body line is forward of perpendicular to the skis and take-off angle creating too little rotation "stuff". Another scenario may be that the knees slightly bent which puts the hips past perpendicular to the skis and take-off angle (weight back) and the chest and arm forward of perpendicular to the skis and take-off angle (weight forward) . This is not a "sling" or a "stuffed" take-off however it will produce a poor air trajectory that resembles a flatter arc not following the angle that is continuing the curve of the kicker. (see 6004.1.2.1 Good Height and Distance). This is referred to as a "soft" or "buckled" take-off. For all jumps when the maneuver starts too early (twisting on the kicker), points will be deducted. Points are deducted according to the number and severity of these mistakes.
Discussion/Reason:	Specific takeoff description
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	None
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	Educational component to the definition of a takeoff.

Aerials 9 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Aerial – 9 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Description:	Change of “Bad Takeoff”
Current Rule:	6004.1.2 Height and Distance Min = 0.0 / Max = 1.0 Height and distance is a product of speed into the jump and the force of the take-off. It shall be evaluated according to the trajectory through the air and the landing point of the jump. The maximum scores to be awarded off each jump will be as follows: Small = .6 medium = .8 large = 1.0
Proposed Change:	6004.1.2 Height and Distance Min = 0.0   Max = 1.0 Height and distance is a product of speed into the jump and the force of the take-off. It shall be evaluated according to the trajectory through the air and the landing point of the jump.
Discussion/Reason:	Specific takeoff description
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	None
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	Educational component to the definition of a takeoff.

Aerials 10 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Aerial – 10 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Description:	Change of “Good Height and Distance”
Current Rule:	6004.1.2.1 Good Height and Distance 0.7 - 1.0 The trajectory through the air begins at an angle that is continuing the curve of the kicker. The optimum landing point should be as far down the landing hill as the jump is away from the knoll. i.e. Small Jumps - about 4 m Medium Jumps - about 6 m Medium Big Jump - about 7 m Big Jumps - about 8 m Floater - about 10 m Jumps landed further down may receive full points if they are landed before the transition of the landing hill into the outrun.
Proposed Change:	6004.1.2.1 Good Height and Distance 0.7 -1.0 The trajectory through the air begins at an angle that is continuing the curve of the kicker. The optimum landing point should be as far down the landing hill as the jump is away from the knoll, or appropriate to the jump performed. Jumps landed further down may receive full points if they are landed before the transition of the landing hill into the outrun.
Discussion/Reason:	Specific takeoff description
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	None
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	Educational component to the definition of a takeoff.

Aerials 11 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Aerial – 11 Failed Unanimous
Description:	Change of “Form Breaks”
Current Rule:	<p>6004.2.2 Form Breaks</p> <p>The following is a guide to use when assessing form breaks:</p> <p>Minor form breaks up to 25% of possible form points</p> <p>Medium form breaks up to 50% of possible form points</p> <p>Major form breaks up to 100% of possible form points</p> <p>As in take-off, the body should be extended, not only at take-off, but also prior to landing. The amount of deduction depends on whether the form is bad throughout the whole jump or only in parts of the maneuver.</p> <p>i.e. jumps performed with a minor form break in one somersault:</p> <p>Single Double Triple Twist Twist Twist</p> <p>Form 5.0 2.5 1.7</p> <p>2.5 1.7</p> <p>1.6</p> <p>Deduction 1.2 0.6 0.4</p> <p>Total 3.8 4.4 4.6</p> <p>A guideline to differentiate between minor, medium and major form breaks is as follows: position. The only exception is the puck position (only allowed for half-in and position should be considered medium). Anything with a variation of clearly more Deductions is cumulative. Multiple minor form breaks in the same movement can result in a major form break.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>A guideline to differentiate between minor, medium and major form breaks is as follows: All definitions of form are based on body positions. All positions have to be in the layout (straight body no bending 0°), or tuck or pike (90° bending at knees, hip) position. <b>The only exception is the puck position (only allowed for half-in and twisting front flips).</b></p>
Discussion/Reason:	Specific takeoff description
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	None
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	Educational component to the definition of a takeoff.

Aerials 12 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Aerial – 12 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (Konrad Motion, Andy 2nd)
Description:	Change of “Definition of Different Jumps”
Current Rule:	6008.2 Special Provisions for Single Somersaults
Proposed Change:	Special provisions for somersaults.
Discussion/Reason:	This was the original intent of our change to USSA, prior to re-defining “Definition of different jump”. FIS states it clearly enough to include doubles and triples into this provision.

Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	None
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	Educational component to the definition of a takeoff.

Aerials 14 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Aerial – 14 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Description:	Removal of “Bad” from Score sheet, replaced with “Below Average”
Current Rule:	6004.1.1.3 Bad Take-Off 0.0 - 0.3 Take-off is completely missed, causing an uncontrolled jump in most cases. Out of a maximum of 5 points awarded for form, scores ranging from 0.0 - 3.9 points are in the category of "Bad" form.
Proposed Change:	Remove the word "Bad" from the description of scores on the score sheet. Replace the word "Bad" with "Below Average".
Discussion/Reason:	Proposed Change: Remove the word "Bad" from the description of scores on the score sheet. Replace the word "Bad" with "Below Average".

## **Mogul Subcommittee of Freestyle & Freeskiing Sport Committee**

Park City Marriott - Prospector 2  
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT  
Friday, May 16, 2014 2:45 pm - 2:45 pm

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Committee Membership: No discussion on Mogul Subcommittee memberships.

Matt Gnoza – Chairperson – Present  
Caleb Martin – Rocky- Present  
Nick Preston – East - Present  
Jon Obrien – Intermountain  
Pat Deneen – PNSA – Present  
Mike Papke – Northern – Present  
Eric Hickman - Far West  
Scott Rawles – USSA – Present  
Katie Fieguth – USSA Staff- Present Saturday  
Rob Day - At Large  
KC Oakley – Athlete Rep - Absent

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Mogul 2 Minutes/Discussion: Discussed having moguls proposal 2 go into effect in 2015, agreed on 2016.

Proposal Number:	Moguls – 2 <b>2016</b> (Konrad Motion, Jay Simson 2nd)
Description:	NorAm Team Selection (page 31)
Current 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. If there 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 broken by best finish from the U.S. Selection Event and the ties will be broken by the most current FFSP List #5.
Proposed Change:	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. <b>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.</b> 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, then second best finish, then third best finish. In the event that a tie still exists, the tie will broken by best finish from the U.S. Selection Event and the ties will be broken by the most current FFSP List #5.
Discussion/Reason:	The proposed change is set to keep the competition for U.S. NorAm starts confined to only those who are competing for the starts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This year the number of foreigners competing in the U.S. Freestyle Selection Event skewed the place point totals significantly. Many American competitors received place point values much higher than where they finished amongst Americans.</li> <li>• Foreigners must stay included in the place point tally at the Junior World Championship, as there are limited domestic entries in this event.</li> </ul>

Mogul 3 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Moguls – 3 <b>PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</b> (Andy Wise motion, Jay Simson 2nd)
Description:	Invitations for Jr. Championships and US Championships will be issued within 48hours of appropriate points list <b>Valid</b> date
Current Rule:	N/A
Proposed Change:	Add an invite issue date to the FFSP List Schedule that shows when invites will be announced and where invites can be found. i.e. – link to the web address.



Discussion/Reason:	There is currently too much time between when lists are published and when invites are issued.
Impacts on other Disciplines:	Will improve the process for all disciplines
Impacts on Event Organizers:	Better planning on event attendance and alternate process.
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	Inserting line into rule book
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	N/A

Mogul 4 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Moguls – 4 PASSED (Andy Wise Motion, Jay Simson 2nd)
Description:	Name Alternates for US Championships before naming divisional allocations
Current Rule:	<p>Quotas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All USFST A, B, and C Team.</li> <li>Top 50 ranked U.S. athletes in moguls and dual moguls from the FFSP List #4 per gender per discipline and top 30 in aerials from the FFSP List #4 per gender per discipline.</li> <li>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 24 after FFSP List #4 becomes valid. If the spot remains unused, or divisions do not notify by the 24-hour deadline the spot will be lost.</li> <li>If an athlete does not qualify via the previous criteria and competed at every NorAm event in that discipline, then they would qualify for a spot at U.S. Championships in that discipline.</li> <li>There will be a set number of five (5) alternates per gender per discipline. These alternates are to be named off FFSP List #4 and will represent the next five (5) U.S. names on the FFSP List #4 per gender per discipline that have not already qualified via criteria 2 or 3. Alternates will be placed into the events in the order they are named and will be notified immediately. The alternates will only compete if any of the skiers qualified via criteria 2, do not accept their spot or get injured.</li> <li>Any inverted aerialist who has qualified two different inverted jumps but does not qualify via criteria 2, 3 or 4 will be granted a spot until the quota is filled to 30 athletes per gender.</li> <li>International quota as outlined by USSA and FIS.</li> </ol> <p>*Additional athletes will not be invited to replace those athletes that are not FIS age eligible,</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>Move criteria #5 ahead of #3 from above</p> <p>Quotas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All USFST A, B, and C Team.</li> <li>Top 50 ranked U.S. athletes in moguls and dual moguls from the FFSP List #4 per gender per discipline and top 30 in aerials</li> </ol>

	<p>from the FFSP List #4 per gender per discipline.</p> <p>3. There will be a set number of five (5) alternates per gender per discipline. These alternates are to be named off FFSP List #4 and will represent the next five (5) U.S. names on the FFSP List #4 per gender per discipline that have not already qualified via criteria 2 or 3. Alternates will be placed into the events in the order they are named and will be notified immediately. The alternates will only compete if any of the skiers qualified via criteria 2 and 3, do not accept their spot or get injured.</p> <p>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 <b>48 hours after invitation becomes valid</b>. If the spot remains unused, or divisions do not notify by the 48-hour deadline the spot will be lost. <b>If division allocation spot is invited to the event through the alternate list divisions will be allowed to choose a new division allocation.</b></p> <p>5. If an athlete does not qualify via the previous criteria and competed at every NorAm event in that discipline, then they would qualify for a spot at U.S. Championships in that discipline.</p> <p>6. Any inverted aerialist who has qualified two different inverted jumps but does not qualify via criteria 2, 3 or 4 will be granted a spot until the quota is filled to 30 athletes per gender.</p> <p>7. International quota as outlined by USSA and FIS.</p> <p>*Additional athletes will not be invited to replace those athletes that are not FIS age eligible,</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Allows divisions to float allocation to appropriate athlete. Allows the Official invite list to just name 5 alternates then goes to the divisional allocations.
Impacts on other Disciplines:	None it would be a benefit to all
Impacts on Event Organizers:	Deal with 5 alternates then each division gets one spot easier process for invite list.
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	This would require the person running the invite list to communicate divisions
Conflicts with other current Rules:	Would give better clarity to the current process.

Mogul Minutes/Discussion – New Business: Discussed keeping the 10 additional alternate spots.

Proposal Number:	New Business - PASSED (Seedog Motion/2nd Andy)
Description:	Changing Jr. Nat from top 60 skiers to top 60 US skiers and adding foreign spots
Current Rule:	<p>2. For aerials, dual moguls and moguls the top athletes from the most recent junior FFSP, list #3, are invited according to the below quotas:</p> <p>Event Aerials    men 50 women 50  Dual Moguls      men 48 women 48</p>

	<p>Moguls            men 60 women 60</p> <p>* Any inverted aerialist who has qualified two inverted jumps but does not qualify for this event then that skier is granted a spot to the Junior National aerial event above the current quota.</p> <p>3. If an athlete qualifies from the junior FFSP #3 from the initial posting, to compete in 3 or more events at Junior Nationals then they will be considered an all-event skier. An all- event skier may start in all 5 events only if they are ranked on the junior FFSP #3 and will be added above the quotas only in the events in which they have not already qualified. An all-event skier can choose which events to ski. If an all-event skier chooses not to ski in an event that they have not qualified in, an alternate is not placed into the event since these athletes are added above the current quota.</p> <p>4. If by virtue of criteria #2, and excluding any athletes qualified by virtue of criteria #1, a division does not have three athletes per gender per discipline in aerials, moguls and dual moguls accept their invitation, and then the division is guaranteed a maximum of three men and three women. Any spot that remains unused will be lost.</p> <p>5. Each division may conduct a freestyle combined at its divisional championships. The freestyle combined junior champion will be added to Junior Nationals above the current quota. A. Junior National Freeskiing Combined Champion is to be defined as big air, slopestyle and halfpipe. The athlete will compete in each of the three disciplines at Junior Nationals and be added 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 for the Junior National Freestyle Combined Champion.</p> <p>6. Ten athletes per gender in moguls, dual moguls and aerials will be named as alternates to compete in Junior Nationals. These alternates are to be named off the initial posted invitation and will represent the next ten names on the juniors FFSP list #3 per gender, and per discipline. No more than ten alternates will be entered into the event even if greater than ten athletes decline their spots. Alternates must be placed into the event prior to the time of the draw for the event in which they are named as alternates. All alternates must be registered and paid prior to entry into the event.</p>
<p>Proposed Change:</p>	<p>2. For aerials, dual moguls and moguls the top <b>U.S.</b> athletes from the most recent junior FFSP, list #3, are invited according to the below quotas: <b>Foreign athletes will be allocated 10 spots per gender per discipline above the U.S. athletes' quota. A foreign athlete must be ranked in the top 60 FFSP list #3</b></p> <p>Event Aerials    men 50 women 50  Dual Moguls     men 48 women 48  Moguls            men 60 women 60</p> <p>* Any inverted aerialist who has qualified two inverted jumps but does not qualify for this event then that skier is granted a spot to the Junior National aerial event above the current quota.</p> <p>3. If an athlete qualifies from the junior FFSP #3 from the initial posting, to compete in 3 or more events at Junior Nationals then they will be considered</p>

	<p>an all-event skier. An all-event skier may start in all 5 events only if they are ranked on the junior FFSP #3 and will be added above the quotas only in the events in which they have not already qualified. An all-event skier can choose which events to ski. If an all-event skier chooses not to ski in an event that they have not qualified in, an alternate is not placed into the event since these athletes are added above the current quota.</p> <p>4. If by virtue of criteria #2, and excluding any athletes qualified by virtue of criteria #1, a division does not have three athletes per gender per discipline in aerials, moguls and dual moguls accept their invitation, then the division is guaranteed a maximum of three men and three women. Any spot that remains unused will be lost.</p> <p>5. Each division may conduct a freestyle combined at its divisional championships. The freestyle combined junior champion will be added to Junior Nationals above the current quota. A. Junior National Freeskiing Combined Champion is to be defined as big air, slopestyle and halfpipe. The athlete will compete in each of the three disciplines at Junior Nationals and be added above the current quota.</p> <p>B. Junior National Freestyle Combined is to be defined by picking an athlete's 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 for the Junior National Freestyle Combined Champion.</p> <p>6. <b>Ten</b> athletes per gender in moguls, dual moguls and aerials will be named as alternates to compete in Junior Nationals. These alternates are to be named off the initial posted invitation and will represent the next <b>ten</b> names on the juniors FFSP list #3 per gender, and per discipline. No more than <b>ten</b> alternates will be entered into the event even if more than <b>ten</b> athletes decline their spots.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	That way we have the same rules for Jr. Nat and Nat. Top U.S. skiers.

Discussion of 60-20-20:

Had a decent discussion on moving the 50-25-25 to 60-20-20 (60% turns, 20 Air, 20 Speed). This is a strong possibility for the 2014/15 season, but we are running into problems adding this to our scoring structure; could possibly be extended out to 2015/16 season.

**Rules & Officials Subcommittee of Freestyle & Freeskiing Sport Committee**

Park City Marriott - Prospector 2  
 1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT  
 Saturday, May 17, 2014 8:00 - 10:45 am

Meeting Chair: Jeff Lange

R&O Committee Membership:  
 Andy Hayes – Chairperson  
 Thom Schaefer - Head TD  
 Bill McNice - Head Judge  
 Scott Lounsbury - Judges Rep  
 Jay Simson - FIS Rep  
 Emily Cook - Athlete BOD Rep

David Wise - Athlete Rep  
 Chris Haslock - TD Rep, Freeskiing  
 Mattie Wade - TD Rep, Moguls, proxy Craig Matthews  
 Tai Robinson - Judges Rep  
 Gary Wright – TD Rep, Ski Cross  
 Mark DePeters – TD Rep, Aerials

1. Welcome
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R&O election

Head TD, Albert resigning, Thomas Schaefer appointed  
 Head Judge, McNice nominated and elected  
 Athlete BOD rep, Emily Cook replaced Gardner  
 Freeskiing rep, Haslock; Tai Robinson nominated and elected  
 TD rep, Wade; Mathews nominated and elected  
 Aerials rep, Depeters nominated and elected  
 Ski Cross rep, Wright nominated  
 Judges rep, Robinson, Chris Ellis nominated and elected  
 Judges rep, Schaefer, Scott Lounsbury nominated and elected  
 Domestic training, Don Ramirez inactive; eliminated position.

R&O Chair for Freeskiing discussion - Would Freeskiing rather be combined with Snowboarding and use Tom Winters as Chairman?

Rule & Officials Committee Minutes/Proposals – Lange for Hayes

R&O 1 Minutes/Discussion:

Proposal Number:	R&O – 1 PASSED (Andy Wise motion, 2nd Jay Passed)
Description:	Delete the 4650 – 4654.4 section
Current Rule:	We have the 4650 – 4654.4 section that is an exact duplicate of the Judges section 6600.
Proposed Change:	None
Discussion/Reason:	We do not need two sections taking up space in the Comp Guide that both say the same thing.
Impacts on other Disciplines:	None
Impacts on Event Organizers:	Simplification
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	Decreases pages in the Comp Guide
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	Makes it easier to find stuff

R&O 2 Minutes/Discussion: Discussed going to USSA points list, try as hard as possible to break the tie, whatever the FIS break rule is, that's what USSA should go by.

Proposal Number:	R&O – 2 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (Andy Wise motion/Jay Simson 2nd)
Description:	Adjust the tie breaker rules for Half pipe and Slopestyle to follow FIS
Current Rule:	6604.4 Tie-breaking Ties will be broken first by the next highest scoring run. Then if there is still a tie a judge-by-judge comparison should be used, see 3045.4.1. In case this does not break the tie, the highest total scored run will determine the winner. If the tie cannot be broken by this procedure, both competitors will receive the same placing and the following place will be unused.
Proposed Change:	Tie-breaking If two or more competitors obtain the same score in the best run of two, the two highest counting judges' scores in the best run shall determine the winner. If they remain tied, the three highest counting scores in the best run shall determine the winner. If they are still tied, the competitor who obtained the highest total score in the other run will be ranked first. If they remain tied, the two highest counting judges' scores in the other run will determine the winner. If they remain tied, the three highest counting judges' scores in the other run will determine the winner.
Discussion/Reason:	To remain consistent with FIS rules
Impacts on other Disciplines:	None
Impacts on Event Organizers:	None
Impacts to Budget / USSA Staff:	May need some work on the scoring program.
Impacts to Judges / Officials:	Knowledge of new rule

**R&O Housekeeping Proposals:**

R&O Housekeeping 1 Minutes/Discussion: No Discussion (Jay motion/Simson 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Proposal Number:	R&O Housekeeping – 1 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Description:	Page 19, Moguls and Aerials Competition Rule #3
Current Rule:	3. A skier receiving a Run Not Scored (RNS) for an event will be credited for event attendants for FFSP purposes and will receive a zero for the event.
Proposed Change:	3. A skier receiving a <del>Run Not Scored (RNS)</del> (RNS) <u>Did Not Finish (DNF)</u> for an event will be credited for event attendants for FFSP purposes and will receive a zero for the event.
Discussion/Reason:	We do not use RNS. It has been replaced by DNF,

R&O Housekeeping: No Discussion

Proposal Number:	R&O Housekeeping - 2 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Description:	Page 92 rule 6203.1.1.2.3
Current Rule:	6203.1.1.2.3
Proposed Change:	<del>6203.1.1.2.3</del> , <u>6204.1.1.2.3</u>

### **Addendum A: USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Staff Reports**

#### **Domestic Event Update – Todd Schirman / Abbi Nyberg**

##### **2014-2013 FFSP List Schedule**

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

##### **Rev Tour/Grand Prix/Hole Shot Cross Tour**

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

##### **USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Junior Nationals**

Junior Nationals will be located in Park City, UT in Mid March, March 16-22, 2015.

##### **U.S. Championships**

U.S National Championships will be held on March 27-29, 2015 at Steamboat Springs, CO Moguls, Aerials and Dual Moguls

##### **U.S. Selections & NorAm Update – Konrad Rotermund**

(Subject to change)

Nor Am 2014-15

AE

December	19-21	AE/AE	UOP
Jan	15-18	AE/AE	UOP/DV
Feb	12-15	AE/AE	LP
Feb	18-20	AE/AE	VSC

MO

Dec	19-21	MO/MO/DM	WP or Canyons
Jan	15-18	MO/DM	
Jan	23-25	MO/DM	Apex
Feb	12-15	MO/DM	Lake Placid
Feb	18-22	MO/DM	VSC

Nationals Steamboat

March 25-29

Jr. Nationals week before nationals

March 16-22

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

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



**2014-15 Competition Guide Timeline:** **July 15, 2014** - all final edits to USSA, no more changes! All divisional websites need to be updated with current season information after each divisional meeting.

### **National Team Coaching Contacts**

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Slopestyle: Skogen Sprang; [ssprang@ussa.org](mailto:ssprang@ussa.org)

Skicross: Abbi Nyberg; [anyberg@ussa.org](mailto:anyberg@ussa.org)

### **EADP Report for 2013 to 2014 by Jaroslav Novak, Head Coach**

In the last year we have had some changes to the leadership of the EADP—continuing the success of Eric Bergoust, I took over the head coach position and the US Aerial Ski Association brought aboard a new assistant coach, Olympian Matt DePeters, who has been a fantastic addition to the EADP. We all expect that in the coming years, the EADP will continue to play a vital part in the US Aerial Ski Program.

This has been one of the most successful years for the EADP. After only two years in the EADP program, upon outstanding NorAm results, three members of the EADP were invited to join the US National C-Team for aerial skiing: Si Ning Chan, Harrison Smith and Zachary Surdell.

Si Ning Chan and Harrison Smith both took first place competing on the NorAm tour while Zachary Surdell took second and Chris Lillis took fourth. At Jr. Nationals Si Ning Chan took third and Zachary Surdell achieved second. And after doing well in the NorAm tour, Si Ning Chan, Harrison Smith, Chris Lillis, and Zach Surdell were all chosen to compete in the Europa Cup and the Jr. World Championships in Italy. At the Europa Cup in Valmalenco, Zach Surdell received second place. In the Jr. World Championships Si Ning Chan took fourth place and Chris Lillis took sixth.

At the national championships Zach Surdell and Si Ning Chan both took second place, where Megan Nick, Elle Gaudette, and Nicholas Novak reached the finals.

Looking forward into the future, from June 28th to July 3rd 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, this year's success of the EADP athletes would not have been possible without the support of the Freestyle Program Director Todd Schirman; Freestyle Program Manager, Cheryl Pearson and all of the National Team coaches; Todd Ossian, Matt Saunders, and Joe Davies.

We are looking forward to the next season and we are confident that we will continue the EADP's success of prior years.

### **U.S. Moguls Team Staff Report- Scott Rawles**

This year was a solid year for the U.S. Freestyle Mogul Team. Hannah Kearney was the World Cup Mogul Grand Prix Champion and Overall Women's World Cup Champion. She had 6 World Cup victories. This was her 5th World Cup Grand Prix Mogul title. Heather McPhie was 5th on the World Cup Grand Prix including 1 podium; Eliza Outtrim was 6th on the World Cup Grand Prix with seven top ten finishes. Sophia Schwartz was 8th on the World Cup Grand Prix and was top ten in every event that she skied in during her rookie World Cup season. Heidi Kloser had a season-ending injury at the Sochi Winter Olympics but was ranked 4th in the World at the time with one podium. The U.S. mogul team had two men in the top ten in moguls. Patrick Deneen 3 (3 podiums) Brad Wilson 4 (2nd career win). The men also had five skiers in the top 20. Joe Discoe (11), Bryon Wilson (13) Jeremy Cota (16) Troy Murphy (17); F.I.S. Rookie of the Year, Dylan Walczyk (20). The U.S. Mogul Team had a total of 19 World Cup podiums for the year and was in 2nd place for the F.I.S. Nations Cup for Moguls.



At the Winter Olympics in Sochi Russia the U.S. Freestyle Mogul Team brought home 1 medal. Hannah Kearney was the Bronze medalist in Moguls. Eliza Outtrim was 6th place. Patrick Deneen was the top U.S. male in 6th place.

At Junior World Championships, the U.S. Junior Worlds Mogul Team brought home 7 medals including 3 Gold, 3 Silver, 1 Bronze; Keaton McCargo, (Gold Moguls, Bronze Dual Moguls) Thomas Rowley (Gold Moguls, Silver Dual Moguls) Morgan Schild (Silver Moguls, Silver Dual Moguls) Ali Kariotis (Gold Dual Moguls). These results along with the rest of the U.S. Team results contributed to the U.S. bringing home the Marc Hodler Trophy for the top Nation at Junior World Championships.

The team size remains the same this season (20) and all attempts are being made to reduce overall spending in an effort to provide all A, B and C Team members with the coaching and resources to receive the necessary training to have improved results. There will be one coach who will handle the domestic elite and Nor-Am events on a fulltime basis. The development group has been invited to participate in a camp at the start of the prep period at the end of May and will have continued access to national team resources. We will also be doing a fourth camp this season with a 13-18 year old group called the Young Guns that will take place the 3rd week of June. All of these athletes' coaches will also be invited to this camp. It should be noted that two more athletes who have participated in the recent Young Guns camps made the U.S. Ski Team from their results in the 2012-2013. Morgan Schild (Nor-Am Champion) Thomas Rowley (Junior World Champion). Congratulations to these athletes and their coaches for an outstanding job this season.

As always, the coaching staff appreciates all of the volunteer support and the appreciable work performed by program director Todd Schirman and long-time Team manager, Cheryl Pearson.

We are looking forward to the challenges of the upcoming prep season as with some deep athletic budget cuts we will not be travelling to Chile and Mt. Hood for funded camps this summer. We will be using the skiing at Snowbird in the month of May and jumping on snow in Colorado in July to make up for some of our lost on-snow days. We will continue to focus on our main camps in Zermatt, Switzerland; Colorado and Ruka, Finland leading into the competition season. We have added 2 new athletes to the "C" team this season and look forward to the added depth and youth to an already deep squad. David Digravio and Brittany Loweree will be retiring this season. We are also looking forward to additional days at the UOP in Utah to improve our acrobatic skills.

### **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, our ATC Greg Heuer, our strength coaches, our sports psychologist, and all of you at USSA and the FSC that work day and night to help us achieve success.

The National Team was awarded 2 World Cup podiums this season; Ashley Caldwell placed 2nd in Beida Lake and Mac Bohannon also placed 2nd in Val St. Come. These podiums highlight the up and coming nature of the US Aerial Team as Ashley Caldwell is merely 20 yrs. old and Mac Bohannon merely 18 yrs. old. These are amazing results for these young athletes. The rest of the aerial squad was all around the podium with Emily Cook having two 5th place finishes, Mike Rossi placing 6th in Lake Placid, Dylan Ferguson placing 5th in Beijing, Jon Lillis placing 4th in Deer Valley, and Kiley McKinnon making finals in all 4 World Cups she had starts in. While these results did not allot us the Olympic starts we had hoped for, they are very encouraging building blocks to catapult us into the next four years preparing for PyeongChang.

I am very proud to yet again have another one of our athletes Mac Bohannon named FIS World Cup Rookie of the Year this season. He joins current Aerial Team members who have shared this title over the past 3 years: Mike Rossi, Kiley McKinnon, John Lillis, and Ashley Caldwell. Two new members were added to the Aerial Team. This season Harrison Smith and Si Ning Chan took home the title of FIS NorAm Grand Prix Champion. They join 5 other current US Aerial Team athletes that also share that title over the past four years.

Despite only taking 3 Aerial athletes to Sochi, we were able to give the competition a run for their money. Emily Cook, Ashley Caldwell, and Mac Bohannon all qualified for the finals. Emily Cook finished 5th place in the qualification and her 8th place overall finish in Sochi was her best finish in the three Olympic Games she represented team USA. Ashley Caldwell finished first place in the qualification and achieved the single highest score at the Sochi Olympics performing an amazing bFFF. After winning both the US Selection events in Dec performing his first Triple Somersaults on snow, Mac Bohannon achieved North American World Cup starts, achieving a podium result at the World Cup in Val St. Come qualifying him for the Sochi Olympic Games. Mac performed five new triple somersaults on snow this season including bFdFF, which helped him achieve an outstanding 5th place finish in Sochi.

Our Development program also had a very exciting season. Both the East and West Development Programs achieved a total of 22 NorAm podiums. Congratulations to coaches Jari Novak, Matt DePeters, and Eric Bergoust from the EADP and Sharlee Holland and Jana Lindsey from the FLY Freestyle Programs. These coaches accounted for both Nor Am Grand Prix Champions and for four of the six podiums at US Nationals. Two of their athletes achieved top 5 results at the Junior World Championships: Winter Vinecki and Si Ning Chan. Alec Carignan from Fly Freestyle took home the title of US National Aerial Champion.

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 similar turnouts this summer.

Both the USOTC and UOP are making pivotal repairs to their facilities, ensuring we have the safest and best water ramping training centers in the world. I couldn't be more thankful for the wonderful partnerships we have with the UOP and ORDA.

We nominated 16 athletes to the US Aerial Team this spring. As this address, though the US Aerial Team may be young the success we have achieved in the past four years is pushing us into our prime, an inspired prime that I honestly believe is set up to dominate the Aerial World Cup scene the next four years and beyond. Thank you.

### **U.S. Freeskiing Director Report – Jeremy Forster**

The 2013-14 season was an amazing introduction of Freeskiing to the Olympic stage. What started with an intense Grand Prix qualification period ended with a Best in the World performance in Sochi with USA winning 6 out of the available 12 medals in Halfpipe and Slopestyle. As importantly, the athletes represented themselves, their sport, and their nation in the best possible way. This was clearly seen from the broadcast coverage of the 2014 Olympics events.

Our U.S Olympic selection process was a challenging process for everybody involved. Freeskiing was fortunate to send 17 athletes out of the Freestyle/Freeskiing Olympic Nations Quota of 26. Ultimately the best athletes were selected for Sochi. However, our goal will be to increase the Max Olympic Nations Quota for Freestyle/Freeskiing in 2018.

It has been a huge team effort by everyone in the freeskiing community in the three years since it was announced halfpipe and slopestyle would debut in Sochi. The list of items accomplished are significant and included: Launching the U.S. Freeskiing brand and partnership with The North Face; establishing the Halfpipe & Slopestyle Pro & Rookie Teams which now feature over 35 athletes; inclusion of Halfpipe, Slopestyle & Skicross within the Grand Prix, Revolution Tour, and HoleShot Tour; Event and judging education partnership with the AFP; Freestyle/Freeskiing Sport Committee restructure; and successful Olympic selection nations quota earning an individual qualifying process for Sochi.

My thanks, appreciation, and congratulations to all athletes, coaches, officials, parents, and volunteers who worked together to make this Olympic debut such a success

As we begin a new four year Olympic cycle our current Pro & Rookie Team coaches are all planning to return for the 2014-15 season.

Mike Jankowski	U.S. Freeskiing Head Coach, Halfpipe & Slopestyle
Skogen Sprang	U.S. Freeskiing Pro Team Coach, Slopestyle
Andy Woods	U.S. Freeskiing Pro Team Coach, Halfpipe
Ben Verge	U.S. Freeskiing National Development Coach, Halfpipe
DJ Montigny	U.S. Freeskiing National Development Coach, Slopestyle

### **U.S. Slopestyle Team Staff Report- Skogen Sprang**

The Ski Slopestyle program had a very successful 2013-14 season. Going into the inaugural year of Olympic Slopestyle in Sochi, team unity and morale were at a peak. All of the staff has worked together as a high performance unit to give the athletes the mental and physical support that was needed to perform at their best. During the qualifying process U.S. Team athletes took home 50% of the podiums between men and women's competition throughout 5 top-level events, including 7 World Cup Podiums with 3 Wins. At the Olympic World Games in Sochi 4 medals were taken home, 1 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze, including a sweep of the men's podium. The U.S. Slopestyle team won a total of 66% of Olympic Slopestyle medals.

Joss Christensen skied amazingly solid throughout the year. Winning at the Park City Grand Prix and laying down flawless runs through the Olympics gained him the Gold Medal. He also was nominated for Best Male Olympian.

Gus Kenworthy came off last season with good momentum and has performed very consistently with some of the most technical runs. He won the AFP Overall Championship for the 4th year in a row. Qualifying for the Olympic Team with two podium results and earning an Olympic Silver Medal. He has since the Olympics had two more podium results at Platinum events, SFR Tour France 2nd and The Dumont Cup 1st.

Nick Goepper had a podium result at every contest he entered this year. Winning the Winter X-Games going into the Olympics and only being edged out by outstanding runs from his teammates earned him the Olympic Bronze Medal. He was the first athlete to qualify for the Olympic Team and since the Olympics has placed 3rd at the Dumont Cup and been working on new tricks to stay on top next year.

Devin Logan came off her ACL reconstruction in the spring of last year. She has worked hard and built back all summer and fall. Going into this year she really stepped up her consistency and qualified for the Olympic Team with 3 top 3 results; laying down clean technical runs when it counted most to take home the Olympic Silver Medal.

Bobby Brown qualified for the Olympic Team with 3 top 3 results. Since the Olympics he has had podium results at the Dumont Cup 3rd and WSI/AFP World Championships 2nd Big Air, 2nd Slopestyle.

Keri Herman qualified for the Olympic Team with a 1st at Breckenridge World Cup and 2nd at Park City Grand Prix.

Athletes Tom Wallisch, Emilia Wint and Ashley Battersby are building back from ACL reconstruction and will be ready to get back on snow in the fall. Maggie Voisin, a rookie team member who made the Olympic Team and 2nd at X-Games has moved up to the pro team. McRae Williams has been added to the Men's Pro Team. With outstanding results this year, 2nd X-Games, he is a strong addition as well.

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

This past season was the second season of the US Freeskiing Rookie Slopestyle Team. Once again the season was a success; the biggest highlight was participation in the Olympic Qualifying process to gain experience looking forward to 2018.

This season we finished up with all five of the male athletes finishing in the top 35 in the AFP World Rankings, with two of them finishing in the top 25. We also had two women in the top 10 in the AFP Rankings; with one finishing 3rd. Maggie Voisin a member of the women's team qualified for the Olympic

Team this year, and another athlete, Darian Stevens, just missed the Olympic team by one. We had a strong showing from the ladies this year with a Dew Tour podium, a Grand Prix podium, an X Games podium, and an Olympic Team nomination. On the men's side, we saw a lot of progression in the guys' skiing, and numerous finals appearances. We are seeing a lot of trick development from the men's team putting them in contention for more finals appearances, podium finishes, and becoming contenders at the highest level events next year.

This season we are naming two new women to the Team; Julia Krass who qualified for this season's Olympic Team, and won the second Olympic Qualifier in Park City and Isabel Atkin, a young talent who finished 14th in the AFP World Rankings and had a number of great finishes.

We are looking forward to continuing to develop our younger athletes, and moving them toward success in 2018 and in the years to come.

### **U.S. Halfpipe Team Staff Report- Andy Woods**

The U.S. Freeskiing halfpipe team won both Olympic Gold Medals available in the discipline in its first appearance at a Winter Olympic Games in Sochi this winter. Maddie Bowman repeated her AFP World Champion and her X Games titles from last year on top of her Olympic Gold Medal, while David Wise was able to three-peat at the X Games to go along with his Olympic Gold Medal. The rest of the team also stepped up like never before this year. The men claimed 86% of the victories with five different athletes taking 67% of the available podiums of the seven highest-level events. For the women, they won 100% of those events and four different skiers took 57% of the podiums.

Looking forward to next season, we are allocating our resources toward taking advantage of the wealth of young talent among US halfpipe skiers. With only four events funded for next season, we will be focused on training camps both off and on snow. With several funded COE-based strength camps and Park City halfpipe camps, we hope to integrate Sports Science into our training more this year than ever. We aim to maintain a high level of success in the yearly contest schedule while pushing our athletes in an aggressive direction toward the next Olympic cycle.

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

This year marked the second complete season of the U.S. Freeskiing Rookie Halfpipe Team. After an excellent first season where we moved one athlete to the Pro Team, I am happy to report that we have moved all three of the remaining Rookie Team athletes up to the Pro Team for the 2014/15 season.

Not only did Alex Ferriera, Lyman Currier and Annalisa Drew move up, but two of the three Rookies skied their way onto the U.S. Olympic Team this year. Lyman Currier was the 3rd man to qualify objectively for the Olympic team this season. Lyman earned his spot with a 3rd place at the first of 5 Olympic qualifiers, the 2013 Dew Tour in Breckenridge. Lyman secured his spot on the Team in the final qualifying event, the Park City Grand Prix where he walked away with a 1st place finish in a stacked field of international competitors. Annalisa Drew also earned herself a spot on the Olympic Team this year with a consistent run of top 5 finishes. This season Anna proved herself to be one of the most progressive female skiers in the world, landing some of the most difficult tricks in women's skiing every time she competed. At the Olympics, Anna made it through the qualifying rounds and into finals where she finished in 9th place.

Alex Ferriera also had a breakout season this year. After nearly qualifying for the Olympics himself, with 4th and a 2nd place finishes respectively at the final two stops of the Grand Prix in Park City, Alex came out the next weekend with a 3rd place finish at the Aspen X Games. These two podiums at level 2 AFP events objectively earned Alex a spot on the 2014/15 U.S. Freeskiing Pro Team.

While I am excited to report that we moved up the entire Rookie Team this year, I am equally excited to announce that we have named four new Rookies to the 2014/15 team. On the women's side, we have named Jeanee Crane-Mauzy and Abigale Hansen to the team. Jeanee earned her way onto the team by fulfilling the criteria objectively with her high finishes at the U.S. Grand Prix contests as well as being the

top-ranked female athlete on the end of season AFP Halfpipe world ranking list. Abigale Hansen is the second female that we are naming to the team this year. Abigale is 15 years old and comes from Mammoth, CA. She is incredibly talented and I look forward to seeing her progress in the coming years.

On the boys side we added two incredibly talented 14 year olds. First is Birk Irving from Winter Park, CO. Birk has stood out from the pack for the last couple of years, with good contest results, a deep bag of tricks and style beyond his age. Last but not least is Jacob Beebe. Jacob comes out of the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation by way of Bend, OR. This season Jacob proved himself with podiums at multiple Revolution Tour Halfpipe events, as well as an impressive 4th place finish at the Junior World Championships in Valmalenco, Italy.

I am very pleased with the success of the Rookie Team over the last two seasons, and I am excited to work with the new group of young skiers that we have added to the roster this year.

### Freestyle Nominations

#### A Team (6 Female, 4 Male)

Ashley Caldwell	aerials	Dylan Ferguson	aerials
Hannah Kearney	moguls	Patrick Deneen	moguls
Heather McPhie	moguls	Sho Kashima	moguls
Eliza Outtrim	moguls	Bradley Wilson	moguls
Heidi Kloser	moguls		
Sophia Schwartz	moguls		

#### B Team (3 Female, 6 Male)

Kiley McKinnon	aerials	Jonathon Lillis	aerials
Mikaela Matthews	moguls	Mike Rossi	aerials
KC Oakley	moguls	Mac Bohannon	aerials
		Joe Discoe	moguls
		Troy Murphy	moguls
		Bryon Wilson	moguls

#### C Team (8 Female, 9 Male)

Madison Gorelik	aerials	Zach Surdell	aerials
Allison Lee	aerials	Alex Bowen	aerials
Morgan Northrop	aerials	Kendal Johnson	aerials
SiNing Chan	aerials	Harrison Smith	aerials
Madison Olsen	aerials	Eric Loughran	aerials
Ali Kariotis	moguls	Jeremy Cota	moguls
Keaton McCargo	moguls	Thomas Rowley	moguls
Morgan Schild	moguls	Bruce Perry Jr.	moguls
		Dylan Walczyk	moguls

### Freeskiing Nominations

TEAM LEVELS	MENS HALFPIPE	WOMENS HALFPIPE
PRO TEAM	Yater-Wallace, Torin	Logan, Devin
	Wise, David	Bowman, Maddie
	Blunck, Aaron	Sigourney, Brita
	Currier, Lyman	Drew, Annalisa
	Kenworthy, Gus	Vanlaanen, Angeli
	Ferreira, Alex	
	Barrymore, Wing-Tai	

ROOKIE TEAM	Irving, Birk Bebee, Jacob	Hansen, Abigail Crane-Mauzy, Jeanee
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<u>TEAM LEVELS</u>	<u>MENS SLOPESTYLE</u>	<u>WOMENS SLOPESTYLE</u>
PRO TEAM	Goepper, Nick Wallisch, Tom Christensen, Joss Brown, Bobby Kenworthy, Gus Williams, McRae Laker, Chris Schlopy, Alex	Logan, Devin Herman, Keri Wint, Emilia Voisin, Maggie Battersby, Ashley

ROOKIE TEAM	Borm, Willie Stevenson, Colby Partridge, Andy Alex Hackel	Stevens, Darian Krass, Julia Micinski, Alexi Breda, Jess
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### **Elite Aerial Development Program Athletes**

Madison Varmette, Kira Tanghe, Elle Gaudette, Meghan Nick, Tyra Izor, Chris Lillis, Nick Novak, Patrick O'Flynn, Jasper Holcomb

### **Development Group Moguls**

Nessa Dziemian, Kealey Zaumseil, Lane Stoltzner, Elizabeth O'Connell, Alex Jenson, Nick Keating, Troy Tully, Casey Andringa, Jay Panther, Bryan Zemba

### **Development Group Aerials**

Winter, Vinecki, Avery Driscoll, Erin Griss, Nik Seemann, Alec Carignan, Thomas Coe, Derek Dvedar

### **Young Guns Moguls Camp - June 18-26, 2014 Park City, UT**

**J1:** Kealey Zaumseil, Alex Jenson, Avital Shimko, Keaton McCargo, Hunter Bailey, Riley McGuire McCarthy, Jack Harty, Bruce Perry

**J2:** Morgan Schild, Kaitlyn Harrell, Taryn Baker, Joel Hedrick, Emerson Smith, Jack Kariotis, Joel Hedrick

**J3:** Hannah Soar, Olivia Giaccio, Katie Coyne, Tanner Lyle, Alex Lewis, Dean Ambrosi, Cameron Robinson

### **Young Guns- Aerials**

J3 (1999-2000)

Female: Hannah Fernandes, Rachel Schaffer, Abigail McCabe

Male: Jack Barry, Aiden McCloskey, Jackson Schor

JIV (2001-2002)

Female: Morgan Socha, Samantha Christian, Carolyn Fernandes

Male: Hunter Henderson, Alexander Demurias, James Kanzler

### **Freeskiing Talent Development Program:**

**Project Gold:** Project Gold brings together the top junior athletes in the country for a progression camp held in the private US Freeskiing training facility at Mammoth May 9-16. Project Gold trampoline/dry land camps are also held in the fall at the COE.

**Slopestyle:** Riley McDonough, Tec Calcagni, Logan Bingaman, Aaron Milligan, Ryan McElmon, Kain Wilmont, Sammy Schuiling, Cody Laplante, Kathryn Alexander, Melanie Harding, Anna Tedesco, Hailey Cecie, Emilee Cox, Chloe Pultar, Svea Iriving, Carly Marguilies, Alex Hackel, Ethan Swadburg

**Halfpipe:** Simone Agspurger, Jake Cummings, Lennon Vaughn, Alex Bowman, Brenden Newby, Bobby Sonntag, Jake Mageau, Hunter Hess, Cameron Broderick, Jacob Beebe, Birk Iriving, Jaxin Hoerter, Cody Laplante, Jeanee Crane-Mauzy, Abigail Hansen, Paula Copper, Mary Daubenschmidt, Carson Campisi, Anna Gorham, Amber Simponpietri, Bri Bogumhill, Hannah Bergmann, Gabrielle Ward, Aaron Durlerster, Zach Fedrizzi, Trevor Hattabaugh

## **Addendum B: May 2014 Congress Update**

### **MEMBER SERVICES**

#### **2014-15 USSA & FIS Registration Fees**

No changes to existing individual categories; Exception – Snowboard Regional Competitor discontinued

#### **New Membership Offerings**

**USSA Club Volunteer** (with background screening): \$60/available to those 15 years and older

The new USSA Club Volunteer membership is designed for parents and club volunteers who undertake a leadership role in USSA clubs, divisions, regions, competitions and club training sessions. Each USSA Club Volunteer undergoes periodic background screening to help provide a SafeSport environment in clubs. This membership is a good stepping stone to becoming a USSA Coach or Official, and is fully upgradeable during the season. Not eligible for official's certifications. **Applicable for those in a position of authority over minors.**

- Background screening required
- Includes participation in USSA events
- Benefits include secondary accident insurance, magazine subscription and member card

- **USSA Club Participant:** - \$25 / No age restrictions

The new low-cost USSA Club Participant membership is designed for young athletes who are training with a club program and may be competing in non-USSA competitions, but not yet participating in USSA events. It's also perfect for club volunteers or parents who are starting to become active in support of club activities and events. **Not intended for those in a position of authority over minors.**

- **Not valid** for participation in USSA sanctioned events
- Benefits include secondary accident insurance, Ski Racing magazine and member card

#### **Web / Online Registration Enhancements**

- Online registration now open to foreign members
- Division and state dues will now be collected for foreign members

#### **Dues Management Program**

- EFT/Direct deposit payment now available
- No fee will be charged for this service
- Posts first Thursday of the month unless the first falls on Thursday through Sunday. Then payment will be posted on the next Thursday of the month.

#### **Fast Start Coaching Course**

- Approximately 1033 coaches without certifications completed the course.
- Approximately 86 coaches failed to complete the course.

- Access to the course expires on May 1
- Those coaches that failed to complete the course and have not completed Level 100 certification will be required to purchase and complete the Fast Start Coaching Course prior to activation.

### Simply Rewards

- New benefits platform available within a member's My USSA account.
- Includes discounts to USSA partners, licensees and suppliers.
- Discounts also available to national retailers, restaurants and more.

## Addendum C: FIS Points by Nation

### FIS Points by Nation Spring 2014 – Moguls

<u>Nation</u>	<u>Men's</u>	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
AUS	35	20	<b>55</b>	5.9%
AUT	3	6	<b>9</b>	1.0%
BER	2		<b>2</b>	0.2%
CAN	57	28	<b>85</b>	9.1%
CHN	7	7	<b>14</b>	1.5%
CRO	1		<b>1</b>	0.1%
CZE	4	5	<b>9</b>	1.0%
DAN	4	2	<b>6</b>	0.6%
FIN	17	5	<b>22</b>	2.4%
FRA	31	6	<b>37</b>	4.0%
GBR	7	4	<b>11</b>	1.2%
GER	25	10	<b>35</b>	3.8%
GRE	1		<b>1</b>	0.1%
HKG	1		<b>1</b>	0.1%
IRA	1		<b>1</b>	0.1%
ITA	4	3	<b>7</b>	0.8%
JPN	140	47	<b>187</b>	20.1%
KAZ	5	3	<b>8</b>	0.9%
KOR	12	6	<b>18</b>	1.9%
MGL	1	1	<b>2</b>	0.2%
NED	1		<b>1</b>	0.1%
NOR	19	31	<b>50</b>	5.4%
POL	1	1	<b>2</b>	0.2%
POR	1		<b>1</b>	0.1%
RUS	82	46	<b>128</b>	13.8%
SLO	9	1	<b>10</b>	1.1%
SUI	10	2	<b>12</b>	1.3%
SWE	36	14	<b>50</b>	5.4%
UKR	5	2	<b>7</b>	0.8%
USA	77	75	<b>152</b>	16.3%
<b>Total MO</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>930</b>	
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>64.4%</b>	<b>35.6%</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>MO WC</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>158</b>	
<b>% on WC</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>17%</b>	
<b>MO - OWG</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>57</b>	
<b>% at OWG</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	



	<u>Men's</u>	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Total</u>
MO Nations	30	23	30
WC Nations	20	20	
% at WC	67%	87%	
OWG Nations	13	11	
% OWG	43.3%	47.8%	

### FIS Points by Nation Spring 2014 - Ski Cross

<b>Nation</b>	<b>Men's</b>	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>ARG</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>AUS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
<b>AUT</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
<b>BEL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>BLR</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>CAN</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
<b>CHI</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
<b>COL</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>CZE</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
<b>DAN</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>FIN</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>FRA</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
<b>GBR</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>GER</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
<b>HUN</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>ITA</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<b>JAM</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>JPN</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
<b>KAZ</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>KOR</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
<b>NED</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>NOR</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>10.0%</b>
<b>NZL</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
<b>POL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>RUS</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>15.5%</b>
<b>SLO</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
<b>SPA</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>SUI</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
<b>SVK</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>SWE</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
<b>TUR</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>USA</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>5.7%</b>

SX Total	534	209	743
Percentage	71.9%	28.1%	100%
SX WC	98	53	151
% on WC	18%	25%	20%
OWG	32	28	60
% SX at OWG	6.0%	13.4%	8.1%

	<u>Men's</u>	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nations	30	22	32
WC Nations	19	18	
% at WC	63%	82%	
OWG Nations	13	12	
SX % OWG	43.3%	54.5%	

## FIS Points by Nation Spring 2014 – Halfpipe

<u>Nation</u>	<u>Men's</u>	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
AND	2	2	4	1.2%
AUS	2	2	4	1.2%
AUT	9	2	11	3.2%
BEL	1		1	0.3%
BUL	1		1	0.3%
CAN	20	11	31	9.0%
FIN	6	1	7	2.0%
FRA	15	4	19	5.5%
GBR	7	4	11	3.2%
GER	2	1	3	0.9%
GRE	1		1	0.3%
HKG	1		1	0.3%
IRE	1		1	0.3%
IVB	1		1	0.3%
JPN	10	9	19	5.5%
KOR	12	4	16	4.6%
LIE	2		2	0.6%
NED		1	1	0.3%
NOR	11	5	16	4.6%
NZL	9	3	12	3.5%
PAR		1	1	0.3%
POL	2	1	3	0.9%
RUS	39	18	57	16.5%
SLO	5	1	6	1.7%
SPA		1	1	0.3%
SUI	16	3	19	5.5%
SWE		1	1	0.3%
USA	65	30	95	27.5%
VEN	1	1	2	0.6%

HP Total	240	106	346
Percentage	69.4%	30.6%	100%
WC	68	43	111
% on WC	28%	41%	32%
HP OWG	28	23	51
% at OWG	11.7%	21.7%	14.7%

	<u>Men's</u>	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nations	24	22	29
WC Nations	19	13	
% at WC	79%	59%	
OWG Nations	13	12	
% OWG	54.2%	54.5%	

## FIS Points by Nations Spring 2014 - Ski Slopestyle

<u>Nation</u>	<u>Men's</u>	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
AND	3		3	0.4%
ARG	4		4	0.5%
AUS	8	3	11	1.5%
AUT	19	4	23	3.1%
BEL		1	1	0.1%
BIH	1		1	0.1%
BRA	1		1	0.1%
CAN	40	11	51	6.9%
CHI	1	3	4	0.5%
CRO	1		1	0.1%
CZE	6	1	7	0.9%
DAN	5		5	0.7%
FIN	26	1	27	3.6%
FRA	19	2	21	2.8%
GBR	8	3	11	1.5%
GEO	1		1	0.1%
GER	10	4	14	1.9%
HUN	3		3	0.4%
IRE	1		1	0.1%
ITA	14	2	16	2.2%
JPN	19	7	26	3.5%
KOR	11		11	1.5%
LAT	1		1	0.1%
LIE	1		1	0.1%
NED	3		3	0.4%
NOR	24	5	29	3.9%
NZL	14	2	16	2.2%
PAR		1	1	0.1%
POL	4	1	5	0.7%
RUS	56	20	76	10.3%
SLO	20	5	25	3.4%
SPA	1		1	0.1%
SUI	30	7	37	5.0%
SVK	3	2	5	0.7%
SWE	125	15	140	18.9%
USA	132	26	158	21.3%

SS Total	615	126	741
Percentage	83.0%	17.0%	100%
WC	153	50	203
SS % at WC	25%	40%	27%
OWG	32	22	54
% at OWG	5.2%	17.5%	7.3%

	<u>Men's</u>	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nations	34	22	36
WC Nations	15	15	
% at WC	44%	68%	
OWG Nations	15	15	
SS % OWG	44.1%	68.2%	

## FIS Points by Nation Spring 2014 – Aerials

<b>Nation</b>	<b>Men's</b>	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
ARG	1		1	0.4%
AUS	1	7	8	3.5%
AUT	1		1	0.4%
BLR	12	7	19	8.2%
BRA		2	2	0.9%
CAN	9	7	16	6.9%
CHN	13	14	27	11.7%
GBR	3	1	4	1.7%
GER	3	1	4	1.7%
HKG		1	1	0.4%
JPN	18	1	19	8.2%
KAZ	10	4	14	6.1%
MGL	1		1	0.4%
RUS	24	20	44	19.0%
SUI	9	3	12	5.2%
UKR	5	6	11	4.8%
USA	28	19	47	20.3%

AE Total	138	93	231
Percentage	59.7%	40.3%	100%
WC	41	40	81
% on WC	30%	43%	35%
OWG	21	22	43
% at OWG	15.2%	23.7%	18.6%

	<b>Men's</b>	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Total</b>
Nations	15	14	17
WC Nations	12	10	
AE % at WC	80%	71%	
OWG Nations	9	9	
AE % at OWG	60.0%	64.3%	

### Halfpipe Men World Cup Points

Number of Competitors: **59**  
 Number of NSA's: **15**

<b>Nation</b>	<b>WC Points</b>	<b>percentage</b>
USA	817	28.4%
CAN	773	26.9%
FRA	360	12.5%
SUI	215	7.5%
NZL	149	5.2%
JPN	134	4.7%
FIN	129	4.5%
NOR	74	2.6%
AUT	67	2.3%
GBR	65	2.3%
IVB	36	1.3%
RUS	26	0.9%
KOR	20	0.7%
BUL	4	0.1%
GER	3	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,872</b>	

### Ladies Halfpipe World Cup Points

Number of Competitors: **43**

Number of NSA's: **17**

<b>Nation</b>	<b>WC Points</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>USA</b>	972	34%
<b>JPN</b>	305	11%
<b>SUI</b>	273	10%
<b>AUS</b>	238	8%
<b>CAN</b>	203	7%
<b>GBR</b>	195	7%
<b>FRA</b>	154	5%
<b>BEL</b>	110	4%
<b>NZL</b>	83	3%
<b>RUS</b>	80	3%
<b>GER</b>	56	2%
<b>AUT</b>	43	2%
<b>SPA</b>	36	1%
<b>NED</b>	25	1%
<b>KOR</b>	19	1%
<b>SWE</b>	18	1%
<b>VEN</b>	16	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,826</b>	

### Moguls Ladies World Cup Points

Number of Competitors: **59**

Number of NSA's: **18**

<b>Nation</b>	<b>WC Points</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>USA</b>	2,509	32.3%
<b>CAN</b>	2,409	31.0%
<b>JPN</b>	691	8.9%
<b>RUS</b>	550	7.1%
<b>AUS</b>	275	3.5%
<b>KAZ</b>	252	3.2%
<b>ITA</b>	229	2.9%
<b>NOR</b>	202	2.6%
<b>FRA</b>	154	2.0%
<b>CZE</b>	153	2.0%
<b>SWE</b>	111	1.4%
<b>GER</b>	90	1.2%
<b>KOR</b>	77	1.0%
<b>CHN</b>	29	0.4%
<b>AUT</b>	23	0.3%
<b>SPA</b>	9	0.1%
<b>GBR</b>	8	0.1%
<b>SUI</b>	7	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,778</b>	

### Men's Moguls World Cup Points

Number of Competitors: **60**  
Number of NSA's: **15**

NSA	WC Points	percentage
CAN	3,065	38.9%
USA	1,890	24.0%
JPN	629	8.0%
RUS	558	7.1%
FRA	545	6.9%
AUS	294	3.7%
FIN	252	3.2%
KAZ	206	2.6%
SWE	121	1.5%
KOR	108	1.4%
NOR	84	1.1%
SUI	71	0.9%
ITA	29	0.4%
IRA	16	0.2%
GER	2	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,870</b>	

### Men's Slopestyle World Cup Points

Number of Competitors: **88**  
Number of NSA's: **18**

NSA	WC Points	percentage
USA	925	25.8%
SUI	680	18.9%
SWE	503	14.0%
NOR	463	12.9%
NZL	152	4.2%
CAN	142	4.0%
AUS	134	3.7%
FIN	132	3.7%
ITA	131	3.6%
GBR	110	3.1%
FRA	108	3.0%
AUT	58	1.6%
GER	20	0.6%
NED	14	0.4%
DAN	7	0.2%
AND	6	0.2%
JPN	4	0.1%
CZE	1	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,590</b>	

### Ladies Slopestyle World Cup Points

Number of Competitors: **50**

Number of NSA's: **18**

<b>NSA</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>USA</b>	706	21.4%
<b>CAN</b>	397	12.0%
<b>GER</b>	361	10.9%
<b>SUI</b>	351	10.6%
<b>SWE</b>	270	8.2%
<b>SVK</b>	208	6.3%
<b>GBR</b>	172	5.2%
<b>ITA</b>	171	5.2%
<b>AUT</b>	151	4.6%
<b>CHI</b>	140	4.2%
<b>JPN</b>	115	3.5%
<b>NOR</b>	100	3.0%
<b>NZL</b>	42	1.3%
<b>AUS</b>	36	1.1%
<b>FRA</b>	32	1.0%
<b>PAR</b>	27	0.8%
<b>RUS</b>	10	0.3%
<b>CZE</b>	9	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,298</b>	