

FREESTYLE SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 2017

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress 2017
Center of Excellence, 1 Victory Lane, Park City, Utah 84060
DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

May 10-12, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Chairman	Chris "Seedog" Seemann - Present
B.O.D. Representative	Chris "Seedog" Seemann - Present
Past Chair	Andy Wise - Present
Mogul Subcommittee Chair	Mike Papke - Present
Aerial Subcommittee Chair	Jana Johnson - Present
R & O Subcommittee Chair	Thomas Schaefer - Present
FIS Representative	Todd Schirman - Present
Divisional Rep - Intermountain	Jon O'Brian - Present
Divisional Rep – Far West	Martin Sundquist - Present
Freestyle Program Director	Todd Schirman - Present
At – Large	Konrad Rotermund - Present
At – Large	Jeff Lange - Present
Athlete Representative	Bryan Zemba - Present
Athlete B.O.D. Representative	Heather McPhie - Present

Thursday, May 11th, 2017

7:30am – 8:00am

Keynote Address – Tiger Shaw

Summit A

8:30am – 5:00pm

Freestyle Sport Committee Meetings

3rd Floor COE

8:30am – 10:00am

FFSC – Chris Seemann Chair

1. Welcome – Seedog
2. Agenda Review and Approval – Seedog
3. Approval of May 2016 Minutes – Seedog (Konrad, Andy Wise)
4. Executive Committee Report – Seedog
5. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board of Directors' Report – Seedog
6. Alex Natt- Safe Sport
7. ID One Foundation and Aerials Foundation information
8. Sports Education

- Hit the culture of each sport
- Creating a platform
 - Already in the works
 - Moodle front facing user experience
- Videos.ussa.org will house training videos
- Aug-Sept Rollout
- COE TV

9. Reports

Staff: Ossian and Gnoza

FIS Report

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Membership Updates – Barnes

10. Freestyle Nationals/Junior Champs Discussion

11. Adjourn until Friday May 12th, 2017 – Seedog

Reconvene on Friday, May 12th, 2017

10:15am – 1:00pm

Aerial Subcommittee – Jana Johnson Chair

2:00pm – 5:00pm

Mogul Subcommittee – Mike Papke Chair

Friday, May 12th, 2017, 8:30am – 2:00pm, FSC – Seemann, 3rd floor COE
 8:30am – 11:00am R&O Subcommittee – Thom Schaefer Chair
 11:15am – 2:00pm Freestyle Sport Committee Meeting

Reconvene from Thursday, May 11th, 2017

11. Subcommittee Reports / Proposal Review

- Executive Committee – Seedog
 - NorAm Injury Proposal
- Aerials – Johnson
- Moguls – Papke
- R & O – Schaefer

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

13. Elections – Seedog

Position	Name	Term	Anniversary Date
Chairman	Chris "Seedog" Seemann	2 yr.	2018
B.O.D. Representative	Chris Seemann	2 yr.	2018
Past Chair	Andy Wise	-	-
Mogul Subcommittee Chair	Mike Papke	2 yr.	2019
Aerial Subcommittee Chair	Jana Johnson	2 yr.	2018
R & O Subcommittee Chair	Thomas Schaefer	2 yr.	2019
FIS Representative	Todd Schirman	-	-
Divisional Representative	Adam Leseur - East	2 yr.	*
Divisional Representative	Martin Sundquist - Central	2 yr.	*
Freestyle Program Director	Todd Schirman	-	-
At - Large	Konrad Rotermund	2 yr.	2019
At - Large	Jeff Lange	2 yr.	2018
Athlete Representative	Bryan Zemba	2 yr.	2018
Athlete B.O.D. Representative	Heather Watanabe	3 yr.	*

Judicial Committee

Position	Name	Term	Anniversary Date
Chair	Jeff Lange	2 yr.	2018
At Large	Jay Simson	2 yr.	2019
Athlete Rep	Heather Watanabe		*

*Divisions FFSC Rotation

Large divisions: 2016- East; 2017- Intermountain; 2018- Rocky; 2019- East

Small divisions: 2016- Central; 2017- Far West; 2018- Northern; 2019- PNSA

Discussed Central being in the small division for 2018 instead of Northern as Papke is Chairman

14. Old Business – Seedog

15. New Business – Seedog

- JWC Criteria
- AUS Nationals
 - FIS event
 - 2 Americans in top 5
 - Creating a floor
 - Name this as a “foreign FIS Event” with a 912 (750 Floor)
- ID ONE
 - Thank you ID One for the support and dedication to the sport of freestyle
- Aerials Foundation
 - First foundation of its kind. Granting gifts to young acrobats to help advance their careers in Aerials

16. Adjournment – Seedog

Freestyle Executive Committee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Wednesday, May 10th, 2017, 3:00pm – 5:00pm (Closed Meeting)

Committee Membership

Chair: Chris “Seedog” Seemann Present
Freestyle Director: Todd Schirman Present
Athlete BOD Rep: Heather Watanabe Present
At Large: Konrad Rotermund Present
Past Chair: Andy Wise Present

1. Chairman’s Welcome and Call to Order
2. Old / New Business
 - a. Agenda Review

Aerial Subcommittee Meeting

Center of Excellence, 1 Victory Lane, Park City, UT 84060 (3rd Floor Academy)
Thursday, May 11th, 2017, 10:15 am – 1:00 pm

Committee Membership

Jana Johnson: Chairperson – Present
Tim Preston: Past Chair – Absent
Heather McPhie: Athlete Rep – Present
Mac Bohannon: Athlete Rep – Present
Ryan St Onge: At Large – Absent
Todd Loveless: FarWest Rep – Absent
Martin and Lewis Sundquist: Central Rep – Absent
Jack Boyczuk: Rocky Rep – Absent
Todd Ossian: USST – Proxy Emily Cook and Matthew Saunders
Wes Preston: Coaches Rep – Present
Eric “Bergy” Bergoust: Coaches Rep – Absent

1. Welcome
2. Agenda Review and Approval
3. Old Business
4. Development
5. Coaches' Education
6. Action Items / Proposals

Proposal Number:	Aerials #1 PASSED (Motioned, Konrad 2nd)
Description:	FIS Phases or Super-Finals
Current Rule:	
Proposed Change:	<i>Aerial</i> events may, optionally, use the following format: (italicized material is unique to <i>aerials</i>) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Q1 (Qualifier 1):<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skiers compete in one run, running in random order.• The top skiers advance to F1. The next set of skiers advance to Q2.2. Q2 (Qualifier 2) (Optional):<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The second set of skiers from Q1 competes in one run, running in reverse order of finish.• <i>Jumps may not be a repeat of the jump in Q1.</i>• The top skiers advance to F1. <i>Score is based on the sum of Q1 and Q2.</i>3. F1 (Final 1):<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The top skiers from Q1, and the top skiers from Q2 compete in one

- run, running in reverse order of finish in Q1 and then Q2.
 - The top skiers advance to F2.
4. F2, F3, etc. (Final 2, Final 3, etc.) (Optional):
- For each successive run, the top skiers from the previous run compete in one run, running in reverse order of finish from the previous run.
 - Jumps may not be a repeat of any previous jump in a Final. Repeating the qualifier jumps is permitted.*

Places are determined first by how far the skier has advanced, and next by the score in that round.

Final place-scores are determined similar to dual moguls, based on the place. These scores are used for Combined and national points lists.

Discussion/Reason:

I'm opposed to this format, as it will help some people and hurt others on the points list for those competing in this format. However, like Supreme Court Justices, it deserves an up or down vote.

The main advantage is compatibility with a FIS and Olympic format. Also, multiple qualifiers allow a second chance to make the finals. Finally, multiple finals can add excitement to an event.

One large disadvantage is that this is a much more time-consuming format for a given number of skiers.

EVENT RESULTS:

The biggest issue is that there must be a system to have points at the end of an event for either the U.S. Ski & Snowboard points list, or for Combined. Like Dual Moguls, the raw scores don't reflect final results. Looking at the table below, the final scores can look almost like random numbers, and not at all reflective of the order of finish. FIS doesn't have this problem – as they only use ordinal placement.

No	Bib#	Name	Gp	Representing	Phase	Actual
1	4	A	Mvt	Team Park Ci	F3	10.68
2	5	B	M15	Telluride Sk	F3	1.23
3	3	C	Mvt	Winter Park	F2	14.40
4	2	D	M15	Waterville V	F1	21.30
5	1	E	M11	Midwest Free	F1	10.65
6	6	F	M15	?	Q2	2.43
7	7	G	Mvt	Caledon Ski	Q2	1.94
8	8	H	M17	Tawatinaw Va	Q1	1.45

It would be possible to torture the calculation found in Chapter 2, FIS FFSP Result Adjustment for Moguls, of the 2017 Competition Guide. However, this would be extremely complicated and difficult to explain to athletes.

A better solution would be to use the places to create scores similar to how it is done in Dual Moguls. This is reasonable, since both are based on which the person's final run is, followed by the person's score in that run. This is a fast calculation that is easy to use and explain. The formula is simply: $Score = 30.00 \times$

.98^(place-1)

No	Bib#	Name	Gp	Representing	Phase	Actual	Score
1	4	A		MVt Team Park Ci	F3	10.68	30.00
2	5	B		M15 Telluride Sk	F3	1.23	29.40
3	3	C		MVt Winter Park	F2	14.40	28.81
4	2	D		M15 Waterville V	F1	21.30	28.24
5	1	E		M11 Midwest Free	F1	10.65	27.67
6	6	F		M15 ?	Q2	2.43	27.12
7	7	G		MVt Caledon Ski	Q2	1.94	26.58
8	8	H		M17 Tawatinaw Va	Q1	1.45	26.04

However, while the place points are reasonable by themselves, they would not mix well with the normal format on the points list.

Discussion:

- Split off inverted aerials w/juniors and put this at a higher level event. Tacked onto end of NorAm.
- Nationals in January worked well for Aerials. Having it located in the Spring brings up safety issues for the athletes.
- 2018 is separated again
- Olympians probably won't be attending

7. Review of Committee Membership / Election

- Chairman – Jana Johnson
- Past Chair – Tim Preston
- Athlete Rep – Jon Lillis
- Athlete Rep – Mac Bohannon
- Athlete Rep – Jasper Holcomb
- At Large – Jaroslav Novak
- Far West Rep – Jimeel Faris
- Central Rep – Martin and Lewis Sundquist
- Rocky Rep – Bobby A
- Eastern Rep – John Kroetz
- USST Rep – Todd Ossian
- Coaches Rep – Wes Preston
- Coaches Rep – Eric Bergoust
- At Large – Dave Von Derau
- At Large – Kelly and Corey Hacker
- R&O Rep – Tai Robinson
- FIS Rep – Konrad Rotermund

8. New Business

- Discussion of not running an aerial clinic if it's traditional aerials only
- Can't run a clinic for one person
- Individual running clinic needs the right materials with the correct content
- Aerials is a solid foundation for multiple sports
- Junior Nationals – expensive event for what it is
- NorAms – if you call it a NorAm, it must be a jump spec.

- Triples? Are they needed?
 - 20m hill/18m hill

Mogul Subcommittee Meeting

Center of Excellence, 1 Victory Lane, Park City UT 84060 (3rd Floor Academy)
 Thursday May 11th, 2017, 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Committee Membership:

- Mike Papke: Chairperson - Present
- Matthew Gnoza: Past Chair - Present
- Kate Blamey: Rocky - Present
- Sam Tarrant: East - Present
- Jon O'Brien: Intermountain - Present
- Pat Deneen Sr.: PNSA - Absent
- Mike Papke: Northern - Present
- Jimeel Ferris: Far West - Absent
- Katie Fieguth: U.S. Ski & Snowboard - Present
- Nick Preston: At Large - Absent
- KC Oakley: Athlete Rep - Absent
- Nick Hanscom: Athlete Rep - Absent
- Bryan Zemba: FSC Athlete Rep - Present
- Lance Field: Aerial Rep - Present
- Kris Pepe: At Large - Present
- Thom Schaefer: R & O - Present
- Wes Preston – Development Rep – Present

1. Welcome
2. Agenda Review and Approval
3. Review of Committee Membership
4. Old Business
5. Development
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7. Action Items / Proposals

Proposal Number:	Mogul #3 PASS (Motioned, Heather 2nd)
Description:	Grab as a stand-alone jump
Current Rule:	Grab is currently only a modifier for rational maneuvers
Proposed Change:	6204.2.1.2 ... grab (G) as a standalone jump. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male G = 0.5 (for female add 0.10)
Discussion/Reason:	At the 2017 Junior Nationals, there were instances of grabs without other maneuvers. This is a reasonable jump for junior skiers, and is currently used by the Eastern Qualifier series. These values are between a Spread and a 360.

Proposal Number:	Mogul #4 PASS (Motioned, Bryan Zemba 2nd)
Description:	Codify the procedures for a time tie in 5-judge dual moguls
Current Rule:	None written
Proposed Change:	6304.2.3.1 Procedures for a tie in time differential In the case of a tie in time (a differential of 0.00 seconds), the following

	<p>procedure is followed for a 5-judge panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The speed judge withholds all 5 of his points (i.e. zero points awarded). - The overall judge withholds his 1 speed point and awards his other 4 points (3 Turns points and 1 Air point). - The result is 19 total points and a tie for the heat is not possible.
Discussion/Reason:	<p>This is what we have been doing for as long as I can remember in Rocky. With our electronic differential timing, we typically see a tie in time differential at least once per season. The proposed change outlined above works well and it's logical. Winfree accepts 19 total points as inputs without problem.</p>

Proposal Number:	Mogul #5 PASS (Motioned, Jeff Lange 2nd)
Description:	Nor Am Injury Clause
Current Rule:	
Proposed Change:	<p>Based on the final NorAm Grand Prix standings for the previous season, any athlete not currently named to the USFST ranked in the top 5 on the NorAm Grand Prix Standing or has finished in the top 16 in a M or DM World Cup from the previous 2 seasons that is unable to compete in any or all of the NorAm qualification events (U.S. Championships, U.S. Selections) due to injury will be guaranteed starts at all NorAm Cup events. This will guarantee these athletes' starts on the full NorAm Tour for one season. The athlete must provide all medical documentation stating that they are unable to compete. Once medically cleared to compete, they would retain their NorAm start.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>This rule change creates an opportunity for athletes returning from injury to return to an elite level of competition without a full requalification process. To create these opportunities, we will also look to eliminate the Development Group.</p>

Proposal Number:	Mogul #6 PASSED (Motioned, Mike Papke 2nd)
Description:	U.S. Champs Criteria
Current Rule:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All USFST A, B, C and D Team 2. 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. 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. 4. Divisions will be allotted one spot per gender, per discipline to be used at the divisions' discretion. Divisions must notify U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freestyle office of their allocations 48 hours after invitation becomes valid. If the spot remains unused, or divisions do not notify by the 48 hour deadline the spot will be lost. If division allocation is invited to the event through the alternate list divisions will be allowed to choose a new

	<p>division allocation.</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 U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS.</p> <p>8. Additional athletes will not be invited to replace those athletes that are not FIS age eligible, excluded by their division, injured or competing in conflicting events. Non-FIS age athletes will NOT be passed on main list or alternate list.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>1. All USFST A, B and <u>D</u> Team</p> <p>2. Top 50 35 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, <u>after the U.S. Ski Team.</u></p> <p>3. There will be a set number of five (5) alternates per gender per discipline. These alternates are to be named off FSP List #4 and will represent the next five (5) U.S. names on the FSP List #4 per gender per discipline that have not already qualified via criteria 1 and 2. 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 1 and 2, do not accept their spot or get injured.</p> <p>4. <u>All athletes that qualified via criteria 2 and 3 must be ranked in the top 60 U.S. Athletes on the FSP list #4 per discipline.</u></p> <p>5. Divisions will be allotted one spot per gender, per discipline to be used at the divisions' discretion. <u>A divisionally allocated MO or DM athlete will be allowed to participate in both events (mo, dm), provided that they meet criteria #4 for the non-allocated event.</u> Divisions must notify U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freestyle office of their allocations 48 hours after invitation becomes valid. If the spot remains unused, or divisions do not notify by the 48 hour deadline the spot will be lost. If division allocation is invited to the event through the alternate list divisions will be allowed to choose a new division allocation.</p> <p>6. 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>7. 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>8. International quota as outlined by USSA and FIS.</p> <p>10. Additional athletes will not be invited to replace those athletes that are not FIS age eligible, excluded by their division, injured or competing in conflicting events. Non-FIS age athletes will NOT be passed on main list or alternate list.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Clean up the invite list and make this more of an elite event. Juniors can be used as the event that mid-level athletes can shine but Nationals needs to be more elite.

8. New Business

- Qualifier Series

- 2003 was the last qualifiers
- talked about a “FIS Open” that would be above a NorAm
- Points List #3 cut off/discussion
- NorAm Invitation process discussion
- Junior Nationals Duals Training Day

9. Adjournment (O’Brian, Preston 2nd)

Rules & Officials Subcommittee Meeting

Center of Excellence, 1 Victory Lane, Park City UT 84060 (3rd Floor Academy/ COE)
 Friday May 12th, 2017, 8:30 am – 11:00 am

Committee Membership:

- Thomas Schaefer: Chairman - Present
- Craig Matthews: Head TD - Present
- Chris Ellis: Head Judge - Present
- Todd Schirman: FIS Rep - Present
- Heather McPhie: Athlete BOD Rep - Present
- JJ Boyczuk: Athlete Rep - Absent
- Tai Robinson: Freeskiing Rep - Absent
- Tad Dziemian: TD Rep - Present
- Adam Leseur: TD Rep - Present
- Scott Lounsbury: Judges Rep - Absent
- Bill McNice: Judges Rep - Present
- Gary Wright: Ski Cross Rep – Absent

1. Welcome
2. Agenda Review and Approval
3. Review of Committee Membership / Election
 - Thomas Schaefer: Chairman
 - Craig Matthews: Head TD
 - Chris Ellis: Head Judge
 - Todd Schirman: FIS Rep
 - Heather McPhie: Athlete BOD Rep
 - Joe Discoe: Athlete Rep
 - Tad Dziemian: TD Rep
 - Adam Leseur: TD Rep
 - Scott Lounsbury: Judges Rep
 - Bill McNice: Judges Rep
4. Old Business
5. Action Items / Proposals

Proposal Number:	R&O #1 PASS (Motioned, McPhie)
Description:	Minimum mogul scores
Current Rule:	
Proposed Change:	Add to 6203.1.1: The total T&L score must not be less than 0.1. Add to 6203.2.1: The score for each judge must not be less than 0.1
Discussion/Reason:	This rule is required since T&L have a base score and a separate deduction score. It’s reasonable that scores should not go below zero. It’s also extremely difficult for computer systems to handle negative scores.

Proposal Number:	R&O #2 PASS (Motioned, McPhie)
Description:	FIS Mogul Jumps
Current Rule:	6204.2.1.2 ... A second exception is the Grab (G), which has the value of 0.10 for both males and females, rather than the FIS values.
Proposed Change:	Change Grab (G) in moguls from 0.10 to 0.13 for men, and 0.10 to 0.15 for women.
Discussion/Reason:	This is a FIS change that appeared too late in 2016 to be adopted. There is no reason to keep it as an exception.

6. New Business

- a. Replacement of the TD form on ussa.org. Make it more up to date.
- b. Judges – getting former athletes to step up and help
- c. Drop Freeskiing, ski cross rep. Add athlete rep.
- d. Missing three reports still from 2016/17 year; would like a better way to track these. (Prefer Google docs to track).

Domestic Event Update: Katie Fieguth

2017-2018 FFSP List Schedule: Dates will be published after review from Divisional Chairs and all FIS events finalized. This will be in the competition guide and online at ussa.org.

Fall List	11/1/17	11/3/17
List 1	1/2/18	1/5/18
List 2	1/23/18	1/26/18
List 3	2/20/18	2/23/18
List 4	3/6/18	3/9/18
List 5	3/27/18	3/30/18
List 6	6/29/18	6/29/18

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freestyle/Freeskiing Junior Nationals: March 12th-17th, 2018

Current Bids: Waterville, Squaw Valley, Park City, and Aspen

U.S. Freestyle Championships Moguls: March 24th-25th, 2018

Current Bids: Killington, Waterville, Squaw Valley

U.S. Freestyle Championships Aerials: March 3rd-4th, 2018

Utah Olympic Park

Moguls NorAm Proposed Dates:

◆ December	15-21	MO,MO,DM	Selections, Winter Park
◆ February	17-18	MO,DM	East TBD, USA
◆ February	24,25	MO,DM	East TBD, CAN
◆ March	3, 4	MO,DM	West TBD, CAN
◆ March	10, 11	MO,DM	West TBD, USA

Aerials NorAm Proposed Dates:

◆ December	15-17	AE	Selections, UOP
◆ February	24,25	AE	East TBD, USA
◆ March	3, 4	AE	East TBD, CAN
◆ March	10, 11	AE	West TBD, CAN

World Cup Schedule: Will be confirmed on June 1, 2017. Discuss Lake Placid World Cup (T. Schirman) Petition to Start: The "Petition to Start" form is now available on the website. Deadlines to be posted on the site for Selections, Jr. Nationals, and U.S. Championships.

2017-2018 Competition Guide Deadline: August 1st, 2017

All Final edits to Katie Fieguth and no more changes will be made after this date. All divisional websites need to be updated with the current season information after each divisional meeting.

National Team Coaching Contacts:

Aerials: Todd Ossian; tossian@ussa.org
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EADP: Jaroslav Novak; jnovak@ussa.org

Staff

Todd Schirman - Freestyle Program Director
Katie Fieguth - Freestyle Program Manager
Todd Ossian - Head Mogul Coach
Matt Saunders - Aerials Coach
Emily Cook – Aerials Coach
Jaroslav Novak - Head EADP Coach
Jack Boyczuk - Assistant EADP Coach
Matt Gnoza - Head Mogul Coach
Lance Field - Aerial Mogul Coach
Caleb Martin - Mogul Coach

U.S. Freestyle Aerials Report – Todd Ossian

The 2016-2017 season proved to be a great one. It wouldn't have been possible without the entire Aerials coaching staff. A huge thank you to National Team coaches: Matt Saunders, Emily Cook, Jaroslav Novak and Jack Boyczuk, our ATC - Greg Heuer, our Strength Coach – Bret Kelly, our Sports Psychologist - Nicole Miller, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freestyle Staff, and all of you at U.S. Ski & Snowboard and the FSC that work incredibly hard to help us achieve success.

In the 2016-2017 season, The US National Aerial Team was awarded 4 World Cup medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze). In addition to the podiums, we had 10 different athletes reach the Finals on 38 occasions and we had 7 different athletes reach the Super Final 18 times, just in striking distance of the podium. The finale of our season resulted in Ashley Caldwell and Jonathon Lillis sweeping the Gold Medals at the FIS World Ski Championships in Sierra Nevada, Spain.

Since the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, the US Aerial Ski Team has accounted for 4 World Championship Medals, won by 4 different athletes, Alex Bowen and Kiley McKinnon (Silver in 2015) and Ashley Caldwell and Jonathon Lillis (Gold in 2017). 3 different athletes (Kiley McKinnon, Mac Bohannon, and Ashley Caldwell) have won Crystal Globes, and as a Team we have accounted for 2 Nations Cups in the past 3 seasons.

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

Our Development Program also had a very exciting season. Nicholas Novak and Madison Varmette accounted for both the Men's and Ladies' NorAm Grand Prix titles. Both the EADP and Fly Freestyle helped contribute for a total of 44 NorAm podiums, including 16 NorAm Wins.

Our U.S. Ski & Snowboard Aerial Recruitment Coordinator, John Curran and his Program “Fast Track Aerials” continue to produce a high volume of extremely talented young acrobats turned Aerialists. Aerial participation is continuing to grow at a rapid pace. The caliber of young talent being introduced to Aerials is off the charts.

Our success this past season is also in thanks to our training facility partnerships with ORDA in Lake Placid, the Utah Olympic Park in Park City, along with the US Olympic Committee and their amazing staffs.

Our continued success this season is another encouraging building block to the Aerial program. There is no doubt we have hard work ahead of us this summer and fall, but we are in a great position leading into the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang.

Todd Ossian – Head Aerials Coach

U.S. Freestyle Moguls Report – Matthew Gnoza

The mogul team's 2016-17 season was the third year in the overall strategy developed after the Sochi Olympic Games. The four-part strategy started with creating additional opportunity for the athletes in prep. Once the opportunity was created the team cast a wide net to ensure that all the top athletes in the sport were part of the team. Once the athletes were onboard, criteria were created to identify the Olympic potential athletes, and finally, the process focused on the elite athletes.

The prep period during the summer/fall of 2016 included approximately 60 days of on-snow training (level with the previous season) as well as an increased focus on S&C. Water ramp jumps were reduced somewhat from the prior season (800 jumps versus 1000) as the elite athletes skills had been increased over the prior season. On snow jumps were also reduced to 400 from 500 for the same reasons.

The prep season focus was to first to break the runs down to their component parts during the early on-snow camp in Whistler and then begin the process of building up to full runs with DD through the Australia project. The process was finally completed at the Zermatt project in October with the focus on training and polishing competition level runs. The pre-World Cup training in Tignes and Ruka was designed to maintain that level and fine tune any missing pieces going into the Ruka World Cup in December.

The competition season began with the women strong right out of the gate and continued with excellent depth through the WSC in Spain. The men began a little more slowly, and as the season progressed, the men steadily built consistency with dramatically improved results over the prior season. Strike rates defined as: (wins + podiums + super final + top 4) starts increased dramatically for both men (90%+) and women (40%+) season over season. Both men and women had 2 athletes in the top 10 on the WC Grand Prix by the end of the season and medalists at the WSC in Spain.

The athletes had a positive experience at the Olympic test event in Korea with several strong top 10 performances. The Olympic course was quite similar to the World Cup course at Deer Valley and that will lend itself to a highly productive pre-Olympic camp next January that will be held on the Deer Valley course.

Going forward, our plan is to use 3 cycles during the upcoming prep period. Cycle 1 is “working on the pieces” during the initial strength blocks, Squaw on snow project, UOP jumping and Whistler on snow project. Cycle 2 will “bring the pieces together” through another UOP jumping block, Mt Hood on snow jumping project and Australia on snow project. Finally, Cycle 3 will be competition “T2B” training with another Strength and UOP jumping block to fine tune and the October Zermatt on snow project.

Matt Gnoza

EADP Team Staff Report – Jaroslav Novak

It has been another successful season for the EADP. We had some outstanding results at the National Championships. Kate Telles took fourth place and Megan Smallhouse took sixth. Megan Smallhouse also took one second and two third places at NorAm competitions, and she was third at Junior Nationals.

- Kate Telles was third at Lake Placid NorAm competition and was first at Junior Nationals.
- Michael Lillis took one third and three fourth places at NorAm competitions, and finish third at Junior Nationals.
- Justin Schoenefeld took third in Park City NorAms, was second in Junior Nationals and member of the winning team in Switzerland.

Last season EADP East was the youngest EADP team ever. This is giving athletes more time to work on fundamentals, technique, and physical and acrobatic readiness.

Looking to the future, from July 9th to July 14th we will be holding training camp to discover new athletes, as well as arranging private tryouts for any talent not already involved in aerial skiing to potentially train at the EADP.

Lastly, the success of the EADP athletes this year would not have been possible without my assistant coach Jack Boyczuk who is a perfect addition to the successful EADP program.

I'd like to also express my thanks for the never-ending support of the Freestyle Program Director Todd Schirman, Freestyle Program Manager Katie Fieguth and all the National Team coaches, Todd Ossian, Matt Saunders, and Emily Cook.

Jaroslav Novak

Nominated National Team Athletes

Moguls W:

Jaelin Kauf – A
Keaton McCargo – A
Morgan Schild – A
Nessa Dziemian – B
Olivia Giaccio – B
Tess Johnson – B
KC Oakley – B
Hannah Soar – D
Trudy Mickel – D

Moguls M:

Bradley Wilson – A
Troy Murphy – A
Dylan Walczyk – B
Thomas Rowley – B
Troy Tully – D
Hunter Bailey – D
Emerson Smith – D
Joel Hedrick – D
Patrick Deneen – D
Bryon Wilson – D
Jack Kariotis – D

Aerials W:

Ashley Caldwell – A
Kiley McKinnon – A
Madison Olsen – B
Madison Varmette – C
Morgan Northrop – C
Megan Nick – C

Winter Vinecki – C

Aerials M:

Jon Lillis – A

Mac Bohannon – A

Alex Bowen – B

Eric Loughran – B

Chris Lillis – B

Harrison Smith – C

Nick Novak – C

Zach Surdell – C

Nik Seemann – C

Patrick O'Flynn - C

EADP (Elite Aerial Development Program) Athletes:

EADP West:

Thomas Coe

Elle Gaudette

Tyra Izor

EADP East:

James Meikle

Justin Schoenefeld

Michael Lillis

Megan Smallhouse

Dani Loeb

Kate Telles

Cole Kozlowski

Michael Kennedy

Quinn Dehlinger

Karena Elliott

Kaila Kuhn

Katie Swartvagher

Development Group (NorAm Start Group) Moguls:

Lane Stoltzner

Avital Shimko

Casey Andringa

Young Guns Athletes

U13 – Female

Kai Owens (2004, 12yrs)

Samantha Smith (2005, 11 yrs)

Kylie Kariotis (2004, 12 yrs)

U13 – Male

Julian Cayolle (2004, 12yrs)

Joseph Eldridge (2004, 12yrs)

Ryan Tam (2004, 12yrs)

U15– Female

Emily Szabo (2003, 13yrs)

Kenzie Radway (2003, 13rs)

Kasey Hogg (2003, 13yrs)

U15– Male

Cole McDonald (2003, 13yrs)

Dylan Marcellini (2002, 14yrs)

Cole Ward (2002, 14yrs))

U17 – Female

Trudy Mickel (2001, 16yrs)
Madison Hogg (2001, 16yrs)
Gabriella Fisher (2000, 16yrs)

U17 – Male

Kalman Heims (2000, 16yrs)
Tanner Murphy (2000, 16yrs)
Landon Wendler (2000, 16yrs)

U19 – Female

Skyler Nunn (1999, 17yrs)
Hallee Ray (1998, 18yrs)
Katie Coyne (1999, 17Yrs)

U19 – Male

George McQuinn (1998, 18yrs)
Tanner Lyle (1999, 18yrs)
Holden Largay (1998, 18yrs)

Member Services Update

The 2016-17 season was a successful year for membership growth. We will close the season with an increase of approximately 6.2%.

A snapshot by the numbers:

- 34,444 total members -- 6.2% increase
- Short Term memberships up by 45%
- 389 clubs vs. 355 – 9.58% increase

Club memberships increased by almost 10% with participation in the Club Liability Insurance Program up by 20%.

Systems Update

We continue to strive to improve our systems to provide better service for our members. Here are some of the changes made in 2016-17 which will be introduced and/or enhanced in the 2017-18 season.

Searchable Knowledge Base

- Searchable knowledge base accessible 24/7
- Includes over 250 articles
- Almost 10k searches since August 2016
- Long-term goal is for other departments to provide content

Service Ticket System

- All emails submitted to membership@ussa.org
 - Converted to a service ticket
 - Provided an auto acknowledgment
 - Includes link to the knowledge base
 - Provides a link to track ticket status
- Tickets include help topics to provide for tracking, monitoring and evaluation of common issues

New Online Chat - Tawk.to

- Allows an offline message to be converted to a ticket
- Tagging and analytics provides tools for evaluation and resolution of common issues

Club Minimum Standards: As a reminder, U.S. Ski & Snowboard will put in place a set of minimum membership standards for U.S. Ski & Snowboard clubs beginning in FY18. The new standards will help to

professionalize U.S. Ski & Snowboard clubs and provide more consistency in club operations across sports and the whole country.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Club Development will continue to execute a communication campaign to raise awareness and understanding of the new standards. Those efforts will continue as we move toward the announcement at the May 2017 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress. The U.S. Ski & Snowboard will require full compliance by the 2018-2019 season.

As a reminder, these standards include the following requirements.

Athlete and Sport Development:

- Support and align with U.S. Ski & Snowboard's mission, values and code of conduct.
- Follow U.S. Ski & Snowboard SafeSport guidelines, the U.S. Ski & Snowboard concussion policy, and background screening protocol for all those in a position of authority over minors.
- Club leadership and those in a position of authority over minors are members of U.S. Ski & Snowboard. * To be determined by club.

Business Practices:

- Provide evidence of licensed business entity in good standing in the state(s) of operation. Examples of documentation may include a current business license, certificate of good standing from the state of incorporation, or other proof of business existence.
- Join U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Clip Program or provide proof of general liability insurance with minimum of \$1m per occurrence limits and no exclusions for competitors or spectators.

Further, those clubs who wish to register for the Club Liability Insurance Program (CLIP) must meet all the requirements for U.S. Ski & Snowboard Club membership as noted above.

However, a club would be ineligible if the entity is owned or operated by a parent entity (from which insurance may be obtained) such as resort competition centers, resort-run clubs and universities; municipalities are not eligible for CLIP.

FY18 Policy and Pricing Adjustments

- Full season membership pricing adjustments
 - Freestyle General membership: \$15→\$20
 - Freeski General membership: \$15→\$20
- Short Term membership pricing adjustments
 - Freestyle U11 & Under Short Term: \$15/day→\$20/day
 - Freeski U11 & Under Short Term: \$15/day→\$20/day
- Short Term Membership Policy Adjustments
 - Limit of 2 short term membership purchases per season
 - Upgrade required for additional competition access
 - 1st short term membership should be completed online whenever possible
 - Contact Member Services for exceptions

Base Member Benefits Package

- Basic membership benefits include:
 - Global Rescue Travel Service Hotline access
 - Access to U.S. Ski & Snowboard Member Benefits Program and Experticity*
 - Excess accident insurance (proof of primary health/medical insurance required)
 - Discounts at the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Education shop
 - U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership card and luggage tag
 - Sport decals
 - US Ski & Snowboard members may apply for insider access and pricing of up to 70% off on 300+ brands through Experticity. Application may require submission of a U.S. Ski & Snowboard number or a copy of a current U.S. Ski & Snowboard member card.

* Short-Term members are not eligible for U.S. Ski & Snowboard member benefits with the exception of Excess Medical during the period of the short-term purchase.

- Experticity
 - Total engaged members: 2,266
 - Most popular brands:
 - Swix / Helly Hansen / LEKI / Fischer Skis / MAMMUT / Raleigh Bicycles / Obermeyer / Icelantic Skis / SCARPA / Mountain Khakis

Membership Resources

- Member Services homepage: <http://my.ussa.org/membership/start>
- Searchable online knowledge base: <https://memberhelp.ussa.org/phpkb/>
- Online chat: my.ussa.org
- Email: membership@ussa.org
- Phone: 435.647.2666

Hours of Operation

- October - March
 - Office hours Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm MT
 - Weekend Support - Voicemail, email, offline chat
- April - September
 - Office hours Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm MT