

FREESTYLE SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 2016

USSA Congress 2016
DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Ave, Park City, UT 84060
May 13-14, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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| 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 | Tim Preston – Interim Wes Preston |
| R & O Subcommittee Chair | Thomas Schaefer – Proxy Andy Hayes |
| FIS Representative | Jay Simson - Present |
| Divisional Representative – East | Deb Newson - Present |
| Divisional Representative – Central | Martin Sundquist - Present |
| Freestyle Program Director | Todd Schirman - Present |
| At – Large | Konrad Rotermund - Present |
| At – Large | Jeff Lange - Absent |
| Athlete Representative | Michael Morse - Absent |
| Athlete B.O.D. Representative | Emily Cook - Present |

FRIDAY, MAY 13th, 2016

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| 7:30 am – 8:00 am | Keynote Address – Tiger Shaw | Summit A |
| 8:15 am – 4:45 pm | Freestyle Sport Committee Meetings | Mountain View |
| 8:15 am – 10:00 am | FFSC – Chris Seemann – Chair | |

1. Welcome – Seedog
2. Agenda Review and Approval – Seedog
3. Approval of May 2015 Minutes – Seedog (Wise, Cook 2nd)
4. Executive Committee Report – Seedog
5. USSA Board of Directors' Report – Seedog
6. Staff Reports – Schirman and Fieguth
7. FIS Report – Rotermund and Simson
8. USSA Updates / Membership – Barnes
9. Freestyle National Championship Discussion
 - Stay consistent w/ the event and make everyone happy
 - Maybe two separate events in two separate places. i.e. UOP and Steamboat
 - Losing TV piece of Nationals
 - All of USSA including Alpine
 - Banquet could be an extra cost on top of entry fee
 - Sit down banquet or more of a get together?
 - No site is pinned for US Champs yet
 - Want to keep look and feel of the event
 - Possibly looking at a YouTube channel or live streaming instead of TV coverage
 - Discussion of bringing back a Qualifiers
10. Selections, JN's, NorAm, US Champs Selection Criteria Discussion
 - People filling empty spots that did not qualify; upset parents last year
 - Important that Freeskiing and Freestyle stay together
 - Asked for divisions to give Katie better ideas on invitation process; not much response
 - Non-FIS Age athletes do not move down the regular OR alternate list. An alternate can be a NON-FIS age athlete but does not move down to the next. Been in rule book for a long time.

- Everyone was satisfied (or seemed to be) about the google doc system for Selections/ NorAm's/Nationals/Jr. Nationals

Reconvene on Saturday, May 14th, 2016 – Seedog

10:15am – 12:15pm Aerial Subcommittee – Wes Preston Interim Chair

1:00pm – 3:45pm Mogul Subcommittee – Mike Papke Chair

SATURDAY, MAY 14th, 2016

8:30 am – 2:00 pm FSC – Seemann

8:30 am – 11:00 am R&O Sub Committee – Thom Schaefer Chair

11:15 am – 2:00 pm Freestyle Sport Committee Meeting

Reconvene from Friday, May 13th, 2016

11. Sub-Committee Reports / Proposal Review

- Executive Committee – Seedog
- Aerials – W. Preston
- Moguls – Papke
- R & O – Schaefer (Hayes)

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

13. Elections – Seedog

Freestyle Sports Committee terms and Anniversaries

| Position | Name | Term | Anniversary Date |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Chairman | Chris "Seedog" Seemann | 2 yr. | 2018 |
| B.O.D. Representative | Chris "Seedog" Seemann | 2 yr. | 2017 |
| Past Chair | Andy Wise | - | - |
| Mogul Subcommittee Chair | Mike Papke | 2 yr. | 2017 |
| Aerial Subcommittee Chair | Jana Johnson | 2 yr. | 2018 |
| Rules & Officials Subcommittee Chair | Thomas Schaefer | 2 yr. | 2017 |
| FIS Representative | Jay Simson | - | - |
| Divisional Representative | Deb Newson - East | 2 yr. | * |
| Divisional Representative | Martin Sundquist - Central | 2 yr. | * |
| Freestyle Program Director | Todd Schirman | - | - |
| At - Large | Konrad Rotermund | 2 yr. | 2017 |
| At - Large | Jeff Lange | 2 yr. | 2018 |
| Athlete Representative | Bryan Zemba | 2 yr. | 2018 |
| Athlete B.O.D. Representative | Emily Cook | 3 yr. | 2017 |

*Divisions FFSC Rotation

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

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

14. Old Business – Seedog

15. New Business – Seedog

Discussion:

- Olympic Criteria
 - 26 (2014) to 30 (2018) spots among ALL spots Freeskiing/Freestyle
 - Criteria will be posted online at ussa.org shortly

16. Adjournment – Seedog

Freestyle Executive Committee

Double Tree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Thursday, May 12th, 2016

3:00pm – 5:00pm (Closed Meeting)

Committee Membership:

Chair: Chris “Seedog” Seemann Present

Freestyle Director: Todd Schirman Present

Athlete BOD Rep: Emily Cook Present

At Large: Konrad Rotermund Present

Past Chair: Andy Wise Present

Freestyle Executive Committee

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

Executive Committee Proposal #1 Passed (Moted, Wise 2nd)

FREESTYLE SPORT COMMITTEE OPERATING PROCEDURES

Article I -- Organization & Purpose

The name of this committee will be the USSA Freestyle Sport Committee (FSC). The Freestyle Sport Committee pursuant to USSA Bylaw Article VI (c), will work with the staff of USSA to develop plans, strategies, and policies for submission to the CEO for the development and operations of freestyle and to assist USSA in the operation of the freestyle programs consistent with FIS regulations, USSA bylaws and the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act.

Additionally, the committee will work:

- ◆ To contribute sport expertise leading toward the realization of the vision and mission of USSA in the freestyle disciplines.
- ◆ To provide support in the identification and training of young freestyle athletes with the potential to become elite international competitors.
- ◆ To nominate a representative to the USSA Board of Directors.
- ◆ Enhance public awareness and favorable perception of USSA and competitive freestyle programs in all forms and at all levels.
- ◆ To support and assist the USSA staff in development and coordination of programs for competitor development keeping in mind the participation elements and athletic excellence components of the sport and aspects of a national athlete development plan.

Article II -- Government

Section 1: The Freestyle Sport Committee (FSC) is comprised of and will strive to represent the interests of the freestyle community within the United States. Current USSA freestyle members are eligible for election or appointment to the FSC and its subcommittees and/or technical working groups.

Section II: The Freestyle Sport Committee is comprised of the following members each with one vote, selected without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The vote for representation to the FSC will occur at the annual USSA meetings.

- ◆ Chair of the Freestyle Sport Committee who votes only in the case of a tie.
- ◆ Moguls subcommittee chair
- ◆ Aerials subcommittee chair

- ◆ Rules & Officials subcommittee chair
- ◆ FIS Representative
- ◆ USSA board representative
- ◆ Divisional representatives* (2)
- ◆ Freestyle program director
- ◆ At-large members - up to two at-large members (one two-year term, one three-year term)
- ◆ Athlete representatives – two sport-specific athlete representatives, one of which is the USSA Board Athlete representative, who has a four-year term
- ◆ Past-Chairman as voting member

Each of the above positions is to be held for a period of two years unless otherwise indicated.

*The eight divisions appoint two representatives for voting positions on the FSC, annually.

Section III: The FSC will annually select at the USSA Congress an executive committee that will consist of the following representation, each with vote:

- ◆ The chairperson of the Freestyle Sport Committee
- ◆ One At-large member selected by vote of the FSC who is a member in good standing
- ◆ The freestyle program director
- ◆ The freestyle athlete representative to the USSA BOD
- ◆ The USSA BOD sport representative, if different from the Committee Chair
- ◆ The Past Chairperson.

Section IV: Each of the elected subcommittee chairs will on an annual basis update their committee representation. Selection to the subcommittee will be based on an individual's area of expertise in leading a specific working group. The acting subcommittee chair will provide to the USSA FSC the finalized listing of his/her subcommittee representatives.

If the FSC chair appoints working groups, the appointed working group leaders have the assigned responsibility to form their own working group and name their representatives. The objective for each subcommittee is to work within a specific area of expertise throughout the year and to prepare formalized resolutions, which are presented for recommendation to the FSC for vote and approval.

Section V: Appointments to the Freestyle Sport Committee and the subcommittees are conducted annually. Any USSA freestyle member desiring to participate on a subcommittee should contact a current representative on the FSC or the USSA freestyle program director.

Section VI: There will be no limit on the number of terms that any FSC board representative, subcommittee representative and/or working group member may serve.

Section VII: In the event of a midterm resignation by a FSC representative, subcommittee representative, or working group member, the FSC Executive board may appoint an interim replacement until the next USSA Congress.

Section VIII: A Freestyle Sport Committee representative, subcommittee representative, or working group member (with the exception of those positions held by the staff) may be removed, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of the entire Freestyle Sport Committee. The Freestyle Executive Committee may appoint an interim replacement until the next USSA Congress.

Section IX: The Freestyle Sport Committee will be responsible for the formation of a Freestyle Judicial Committee consistent with the provision of Article IX of the USSA Bylaws. The Freestyle Judicial Committee will be responsible for the dispensation of judicial matters arising from protected competitions pursuant to USSA Bylaw Article IX if referred by the USSA Judicial Committee. The Freestyle Judicial Committee will be made up of three members, one of whom must be an athlete. The FSC Chairman, in consultation with the Executive Committee, will nominate a slate of candidates

to the FSC then the USSA Board of Directors for approval. These candidates will be responsible in exercising "due process" for freestyle members in matters of complaints/ grievances/ appeals arising from cases referred to the group from the USSA Judicial Committee or surfacing as an appeal to a regional action.

Article III -- Meetings

Section I: The FSC will meet at least once a year, with no less than 30 days notice by the chair and held at the same time and place as the USSA Congress.

Section II: Additional meetings of the Freestyle Sport Committee may be called at any time and for any purpose by the freestyle program director, the chair or by written request of three members of the FSC to the chair. A minimum of 30 days written notice of a special meeting will be given and specify the purpose for which the meeting is called. Action at any special meeting will be limited to considering the agenda item(s) specified in the written notice of meeting.

Section III: All notices of meetings will include the place, date, time, and agenda of the meeting. Any notice may be given by first class mail or transmission by electronic means (fax or e-mail).

Section IV: A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Freestyle Sport Committee will consist of a simple majority of voting members.

Section V: All voting members of the Freestyle Sport Committee are entitled to one vote only. At any meeting duly called and held, a majority of the votes cast on a question by members who are present, will decide such question unless specifically provided to the contrary.

Section VI: Proxy votes will not be allowed.

Section VII: Members of the Freestyle Sport Committee may participate in a meeting of the FSC by means of a conference telephone call or similar communication method that allows all members participating to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means constitutes presence in person at the meeting. Any action of the FSC may be taken without a formal meeting when/if all members of the FSC consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing an action.

Section VIII: The chairperson in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order will decide questions of order, except in the event of a conflict between these operating procedures and Robert's Rules of Order. In all cases, the operating procedures governing the actions of the FSC and the bylaws of USSA will prevail.

Section IX: No FSC member (with the exception of members who hold their position by virtue of their position on the USSA staff) will receive from USSA any form of compensation to attend FSC meetings. The chair may request reasonable transportation and housing expenses for a representative of the FSC from USSA.

Section X: It is the responsibility of every FSC member and or subcommittee representative to recognize and publicly acknowledge any issues of which they may have a conflict of interest, real or perceived, and abstain from voting on any such issues.

Section XI: All FSC meetings are open to USSA members in good standing.

Section XII: An executive closed session of the FSC may be held if approved by a majority vote of the FSC members present to discuss matters of a sensitive nature.

Section XIII: USSA staff will be responsible for the accuracy of the minutes taken and their timely distribution to all Freestyle Sport Committee members.

Article IV -- Amendments

Section I: Amendments to these operating procedures may be proposed by any member of the Freestyle Sport Committee or written petition by fifty members of USSA in good standing. All such amendments to the procedures are subject to the approval of the FSC by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting and approval by the USSA board.

Section II: Proposed amendments will be presented to the freestyle program director in writing at least 30 days before a meeting of the FSC and be mailed by staff to all members of the FSC at least 14 days before the next scheduled meeting of the FSC.

Section III: Proposed amendments shall be presented as follows:

1. State who is proposing the amendment(s).
2. State in writing that portion of the existing text in its entirety, inclusive of all portions, which are to be considered for change.
3. Within the text of the above statement, show any new phrases or addenda with all words to be added underlined.
4. Within the text of the above statement, show any new phrases or addenda with all words to be deleted ~~stricken through~~.
5. A brief explanation of the reasons for the proposed amendment and the effect of the change, if adopted, must accompany the proposed amendment.
6. Unless withdrawn, proposed amendments prepared and circulated to all members of the Freestyle Sport Committee less than thirty days in advance of a FSC meeting will automatically be placed on the agenda for action at the next meeting of the FSC, provided that there are at least thirty days before the next scheduled meeting.

FREESTYLE SUBCOMMITTEES

The subcommittees of the FSC are:

- a) Moguls Subcommittee
- b) Aerials Subcommittee
- c) Rules & Officials Subcommittee

Moguls Subcommittee

The Moguls Subcommittee will have the following composition:

- a) One athlete representative
- b) One At-large member
- c) Six divisional representatives
- d) Two USSA staff

The Moguls Subcommittee will elect from and by its members a chair who will represent the Moguls Subcommittee on the FSC. The term of the chair is two years.

Job Description: Recommend rules/procedures for the development of mogul events, coaches' education and help define the programs that will support the athlete pipeline.

Aerials Subcommittee

This Aerials Subcommittee will have the following composition:

- a) Two athlete representatives
- b) Two At-large members
- c) One acrobatic representative
- d) Six divisional representatives
- e) Three coaches' representatives, one to be a USFST Coach
- f) One Rules & Officials representative

The Aerials Subcommittee will elect from and by its members a chair who will represent the Aerials Subcommittee on the FSC. The term of the chair is two years.

Job Description: Recommend rules/procedures for the development of Aerial events, coaches' education and help to define the programs that will support the athlete pipeline.

Rules & Officials Subcommittee

The Rules & Officials Subcommittee will have the following composition:

- a) One representative who will serve as Head TD
- b) One representative who will serve as Head Judge
- c) The FIS representative
- d) Two athlete representatives
- e) Two additional TD representatives
- f) Two additional Judges' representatives, one moguls/aerials judge

The subcommittee members will elect the chair of the committee for a two-year term. The chairperson will serve as the subcommittee representative to the FSC.

Job Description: Assign officials to USSA events, conduct educational clinics, apply FIS rule changes, attend FIS education clinics, establish guidelines for all USSA officials, and review and upgrade officials' licenses and assist with the freestyle points list. Assign officials to USSA events, coordinate educational clinics, keep informed of FIS judges' activities, review and recommend judges' license upgrades. Coordinate with each discipline-specific subcommittee on rules/procedures protocol to ensure appropriate documentation of each discipline's rules/procedures. Terms: two years.

FREESTYLE SPORT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

Freestyle Sport Committee

Chairman: Chris "Seedog" Seemann

B.O.D. Representative: Chris Seemann

Past Chair: Andy Wise

Mogul Subcommittee Chair: Mike Papke

Aerial Subcommittee Chair: Jana Johnson

Rules & Officials Subcommittee Chair: Thomas Schaefer

FIS Representative: Jay Simson / Konrad Rotermund

Divisional Representative – Rocky: Adam Leseur*

Divisional Representative – Northern: Mike Papke*

Divisional Representative – Alaska: Alex Wilson*

Divisional Representative – Central: Lewis and Martin Sundquist*

Divisional Representative – East: Deb Newson*

Divisional Representative – Far West: John Dafoe*

Divisional Representative – Intermountain: Jon O'Brian

Divisional Representative – PNSA: Pat Deneen/Johann Furr*

Freestyle Program Director: Todd Schirman

At - Large: Konrad Rotermund

At - Large: Jeff Lange

Athlete Representative: Bryan Zemba

Athlete B.O.D. Representative: Emily Cook

* Votes rotate among the divisional representatives

Freestyle Executive Committee

Chair: Chris "Seedog" Seemann
Todd Schirman
Emily Cook
Konrad Rotermund
Andy Wise

Judicial Committee

Chair: Jeff Lange
Athlete Rep: Emily Cook
At large: Gary Wright

Rules and Officials Subcommittee

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| Chairman | Thom Schaefer |
| Head TD | Craig Matthews |
| Head Judge | Chris Ellis |
| FIS Rep | Jay Simson |
| Athlete BOD Rep | Emily Cook |
| Athlete Rep | JJ Boyczuk |
| Freeskiing Rep | Tai Robinson |
| TD Rep | Tad Dziemian |
| TD Rep | Adam Leseur |
| Judges Rep | Scott Lounsbury |
| Judges Rep | Bill McNice |
| Ski Cross Rep | Gary Wright |

3. Proposal Review
4. FSC Committee Elections
5. Adjournment

Aerial Subcommittee Meeting

Double Tree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Friday, May 13th, 2016
10:15 am – 12:15 pm

Committee Membership

Wes Preston: Interim Chairperson - Present
Emily Cook: Athlete Rep - Present
Mac Bohannon: Athlete Rep - Absent
Jari Novak: At Large - Absent
Ryan St Onge: At Large - Absent
Todd Loveless: Far West Rep - Absent
John Riopel: Central Rep - Absent
Jana Lindsey: Intermountain Rep - Present
TBD: Rocky Rep Proxy Kate Blamey - Present
Todd Ossian: USST Proxy Matt Saunders - Present
Wes Preston: Coaches Rep - Present
Eric Bergoust: Coaches Rep - Absent
Mark DePeters: R & O Rep - Absent

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

| Proposal Number | Aerials #1 Passed (Motioned, Cook 2 nd) |
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| Description | Change to FIS Aerial component calculation |
| Current Rule | 6003.1 Judging Format Judges shall independently evaluate the competitor's performance based upon the Air and Form Criteria as stated in 6004.1, 6004.2 and 6004.3 to create a single overall score per judge. For a 5-judge format, the high and low scores will be discarded and the remaining three scores will be added together. In a 3-judge format, no score will be discarded. This total is then multiplied by the appropriate Degree of Difficulty (DD) factor to determine the total score for each jump. |
| Proposed Change | <p>6003.1 Judging Format Judges shall independently evaluate the competitor's performance based upon the Air and Form Criteria as stated in 6004.1, 6004.2 and 6004.3 to create a single overall score per judge. For a 5-judge format, the high and low scores will be discarded and the remaining three scores will be added together added together is described below. In a 3-judge format, no score will be discarded. This total is then multiplied by the appropriate Degree of Difficulty (DD) factor to determine the total score for each jump.</p> <p>5 Judge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First, remove the highest and lowest judge's Form scores, and add the other judges' Form scores to give a Form total. • Second, remove the highest a lowest judge's Air scores, and add the other judges' Air scores to give an Air total. • Third, remove the highest and lowest judge's Landing scores, and add the other judges' Landing scores to give a Landing total. • Finally, add the Form total, the Air total, and the Landing total to give the final Judges' total. |
| Description / Reason | <p>I'm actually mildly opposed to this. However, we should really make a conscious decision whether or not to accept the FIS methodology.</p> <p>Note that this is almost completely procedural – as opposed to being 'better' or 'worse' scores. The reason is that it has almost no effect on order-of-finish, except if two competitors' scores are tied or almost tied. In fact, it can be thought of as a tie breaker that changes procedures extremely drastically.</p> <p>The procedural change is that 'components' (Form, Air, and Landing) are passed from the judges to Scoring. Scoring enters these into the computer, and the computer does the calculation.</p> <p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FIS compatibility 2. Complete elimination of math errors 3. Optionally, less work for judges (if judges don't total scores) 4. Removal of math checking on the stand and in Scoring 5. More information for coaches and competitors (they can see Form, Air, and Landing separately) <p>Cons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considerably more work for Scoring. 2. Potentially, slower judges end-of-day check (if judges opt not to total scores) 3. Three times as much paper for aerials and about 25% more to twice as much paper for moguls. |

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| | Note: This should be coordinated between moguls and aerials, as it will become extremely hard for judges and scoring if one has it and one doesn't. |
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5. Review of Committee Membership

- Chairman – Jana Johnson
- Past Chair – Tim Preston
- Athlete Rep – Emily Cook
- Athlete Rep – Mac Bohannon
- At Large – Ryan St Onge
- FarWest Rep – Todd Loveless
- Central Rep – Martin and Lewis Sundquist
- Rocky Rep – JJ Boyczuk
- USST Rep – Todd Ossian
- Coaches Rep – Wes Preston
- Coaches Rep – Eric Bergoust
- At Large – Bobby A

6. New Business Discussion

- Need more coaches' educators which in turn will create more coaches.
- Freeskiing/moguls/aerials – coming together to teach first jumps and having a protocol for this.
- What's the incentive to do aerials?
- Aerials isn't true to the education given.
- Filling BOTH pools (LP and UOP)
 - Want to redo jumps at LP, needs a facelift
- Fast Track aerials – people are already there. Let's get the athletes that don't make EADP during tryouts to start aerials at the domestic level
- Divisions that held aerials events:
 - Intermountain
 - Eastern
 - Central
- Steamboat Springs – Possible air site? Bobby A?
- Rocky/Central – regional program?
- No athlete needs to be let down and declined from doing aerials. Keep all possible athletes we can.

Mogul Subcommittee Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
 Friday, May 13th, 2016, 1:00pm – 3:45pm

Committee Membership:

- Mike Papke: Chairperson - Present
- Matthew Gnoza: Past Chair - Present
- Vacant: Rocky Kate Blamey - Present
- Sam Terant: East - Present
- Jon O'Brien: Intermountain - Present
- Pat Deneen Sr.: PNSA - Absent Proxy Johann Furr
- Mike Papke: Northern - Present
- Jimeel Ferris: Far West - Absent
- Vacant: USSA
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- Rob Day: At Large - (Proxy Kris Pepe) Present
- KC Oakley: Athlete Rep - Proxy Emily Cook Present
- Lance Field: Aerial Rep - Present
- Michael Morse: At Large - Absent

Thom Schaefer: R & O - Proxy Andy Hayes Present
 Wes Preston – Development Rep - Present
 Vacant: Coaches Rep


1. Welcome
2. Agenda Review and Approval
3. Review of Committee Membership
 - Chairman – Mike Papke
 - Past Chair – Matt Gnoza
 - Eastern Rep – Sam Tarent
 - Far West Rep – Jimeel Ferris
 - Intermountain – Jon O’Brian
 - Northern – Mike Papke
 - PNSA – Pat Deneen Sr.
 - Rocky – Kate Blamey
 - USSA – Katie Fieguth
 - At Large – Kris Pepe
 - FSC Athlete Rep – Bryan Zemba
 - Athlete Rep – KC Oakley
 - Athlete Rep – Nick Hanscom
 - Aerial Rep – Wes Preston
 - At Large – Nick Preston
4. Old Business
5. Action Items / Proposals

| Proposal Number | Moguls #1 Passed (Motioned, Konrad 2 nd)(2017 effective) |
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| Description | D Group Moves from 5 to 3 for Each Gender |
| Current Rule | <p>Freestyle Development Group - After the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2016, based on the final NorAm Grand Prix standings for the 2015-16 season, the top five men and women in moguls/dual moguls will be named to the USSA freestyle moguls/dual moguls development group.</p> <p>The top four men and women on the final FFSP, not currently named to the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team or the EADP will be nominated for the freestyle aerials development group. This will guarantee these athletes’ starts on the NorAm tour.</p> <p>All freestyle development group athletes must participate in all event days at the U.S. Selection Events. If a freestyle development group athlete is injured and unable to compete in U.S. Selection Events, the athlete must provide medical documentation stating they are unable to compete. Once medically cleared to compete, they would retain their NorAm start.</p> <p>An athlete who is named to the freestyle development group has until June 1, 2016 to accept their spot in the USSA freestyle development group. Once the USSA office has been notified that an athlete is retiring or the deadline has passed with no acceptance, the next athlete on the NorAm Grand Prix standings in moguls/dual moguls and the next athlete on the final FFSP in aerials will be added to the freestyle development group.</p> |
| Proposed Change | <p>Freestyle Development Group</p> <p>After the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2017, based on the final NorAm Grand Prix standings for the 2015-16 season, any athlete</p> |

who loses in, say, round 3 with 17-to-18 should be ahead of someone losing in Round 3 with 5-to-30.

A further advantage is that the second tie breaker (seed) is better than then previous rule of only the qualifier score. Using the seed allows this to work the same way as the previous rule for qualifier (since qualifier score produces the seed) – but also works when there is no qualifier (when the seed comes from a points list).

All in all, this is a superior tie breaker to what existed, and one of the best rules FIS has produced.

| Proposal Number | Moguls #4 Tabled (O'Brian, Blamey 2 nd) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Description | Put Dual Moguls back into Combined | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current Rule | 3060.1 ... A combined event is defined as (1) moguls, (2) big air or aerials and (3) slopestyle or halfpipe. The athletes will compete in each of the three categories to be a combined skier as moguls, aerials and halfpipe. A combined event will/can also be the sum of three components: (1) the greater of aerials and big air, (2) the greater of halfpipe and slopestyle, (3) moguls. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Proposal Number | Moguls #5 Passed (Motioned, Cook 2nd) |
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| Description | Change to FIS Mogul component calculation |
| Current Rule | <p>6203.1.1 Turn Judges Five judges shall independently evaluate the competitor's performance based upon the criteria as stated in 6204.1. The high and low scores shall be discarded and the remaining three scores added together.</p> |
| Proposal Change | <p>6203.1.1 Turn Judges [7 judge format] Five judges shall independently evaluate the competitor's performance based upon the criteria as stated in 6204.1. The high and low scores shall be discarded and the remaining three scores added together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>First, remove the highest and lowest judge's Base scores, and add the other judges' Base scores to give a Base total.</u> • <u>Second, remove the highest and lowest judge's Deduction scores, and add the other judges' Deduction scores to give a Deduction total.</u> • <u>Finally, take the Base total and subtract the Deduction total to give the final Judges' total.</u> |
| Discussion / Reason | <p>I'm actually mildly opposed to this. However, we should really make a conscious decision whether or not to accept the FIS methodology.</p> <p>Note that this is almost completely procedural – as opposed to being 'better' or 'worse' scores. The reason is that it has almost no effect on order-of-finish, except if two competitors' scores are tied or almost tied. In fact, it can be thought of as a tie breaker that changes procedures extremely drastically.</p> <p>The procedural change is that 'components' (Base and Deductions) are passed from the judges to Scoring. Scoring enters these into the computer, and the computer does the calculation.</p> <p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FIS compatibility 2. Complete elimination of math errors 3. Optionally, less work for judges (if judges don't total scores) 4. Removal of math checking on the stand and in Scoring 5. More information for coaches and competitors (they can see the Base and Deductions separately) 6. Easier for judges to give deductions in moguls (both a pro and a con) <p>Cons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considerably more work for Scoring. 2. Potentially, slower judges end-of-day check (if judges opt not to total scores) 3. Three times as much paper for aerials and about 25% more to twice as much paper for moguls. 4. Easier for judges to give deductions in moguls (both a pro and a con) <p>Note: This should be coordinated between moguls and aerials, as it will become extremely hard for judges and scoring if one has it and one doesn't.</p> |

| Proposal Number | Moguls #6 Passed (Motioned, Konrad 2 nd) |
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| Description | Junior Nationals Mogul and Dual Mogul criteria |
| Current Rule | N/A |
| Proposal Change | Athletes invited in moguls or dual moguls will be granted starts in both mogul and dual mogul events. Must be ranked on the FFSP List #3 in discipline. |
| Discussion / Reason | This concept that was put into place for US Nationals; should also be added at the development level. |

| Proposal Number | Moguls #9 Passed (Motioned, Wise 2 nd) |
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| Description | Junior Nationals Moguls finals format |
| Current Rule | In moguls the top 20 (women and men) will move into finals. |
| Proposal Change | In moguls the event organizer Jury will determine the finals format <u>during the mogul draw team captains meeting with a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 40 competitors</u> (men and women) will move into finals |
| Discussion / Reason | When possible it would be beneficial to the athletes attending Junior Nationals to be awarded a finals performance. In most recent Junior Nationals men's and women's moguls have been run on separate days often leaving time in the day to extend the finals numbers. Spring course conditions may be a determining factor in the finals field size. To maintain a high-quality event finals can be kept at a maximum of 40 athletes. |

| Proposal Number | Moguls #10 Passed (Motioned, Konrad 2 nd) |
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| Description | Regional Level Duals Bracketing |
| Current Rule | 4305: Seeding will be done according to either the most recent USSA points list for dual moguls or the most recent moguls event either that morning or the previous day. At all USSA events, at the discretion of the meet organizers, all skiers will then be seeded according to FIS normal bracketing or straight performance seeding. |
| Proposal Change | 4305: Seeding will be done according to either the most recent USSA points list for dual moguls or the most recent moguls event either that morning or the previous day. At all USSA events, at the discretion of the meet organizers , all skiers will then be seeded according to normal FIS bracketing. or straight performance seeding. |
| Discussion / Reason | Use FIS formatted bracketing at regional level events to help prepare athletes for FIS events. This will provide a better developmental format to regional dual mogul skiers. |

| Proposal Number | Moguls #11 Withdrawn |
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| Description | Regional Level Duals Ranking to Fourth Place |
| Current Rule | 4305: In all cases the left side (looking up the hill) will be the blue course and the right will be the red course. The ranking to the eighth place will be determined by skiing. A minimum of two athletes is required in duals for an event to be scored. |
| Proposal Change | 4305: In all cases the left side (looking up the hill) will be the blue course and the right will be the red course. The ranking to the <u>fourth</u> |

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| | eight place will be determined by skiing. A minimum of two athletes is required in duals for an event to be scored. |
| Discussion / Reason | Athlete safety and risk management |

6. New Business

Discussion:

- Coaches' education needs to be priority
- No more manuals past 200
- Skills Quest 300 + 400
- 200 Level drill videos
- Development discussion
 - Working together at the divisional level
 - JWC – Regional coaches

7. Adjournment (Papke, O'Brian 2nd)

Rules & Officials Subcommittee Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Saturday, May 14th, 2016, 8:30am – 11:00am

Committee Membership

1. Welcome (Schaefer Absent proxy Andy Hayes)
2. Agenda Review and Approval
3. Review of Committee Membership (All till 2018)
 - Chairman – Thomas Schaefer
 - Head TD – Craig Matthews
 - Head Judge – Crispy Ellis
 - FIS Rep – Jay Simson
 - Athlete BOD Rep – Emily Cook
 - Athlete Rep – JJ Boyczuk
 - Freeskiing Rep – Tai Robinson
 - Judges Rep – Bill McNice
 - TD Rep – Adam Leseur
 - TD Rep – Tad Dziemian
 - SkiCross Rep – Gary Wright
 - Judges Rep – Scott Lounsbury
4. Old Business
5. Action Items / Proposals

| Proposal Number | R&O #1 Passes (Motioned, Konrad 2 nd) |
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| Description | To change the dates of points list #3 so that it includes the week after President's Day. |
| Current Rule | For 2015/2016 (Page 18 in the handbook): List three schedule was January 27- February 16. Close February 16 and Valid February 19. |
| Proposed Change | As an example we will use the 2015/2016 schedule: List three schedule was January 27- February 16 21. Close February 16 21 and Valid February 19 24. |
| Discussion/Reason | Most major resorts will not allow their local clubs to have events on President's Day weekend. As a result, this weekend is closed for most clubs to host events. This hampers out abilities to get enough events in, in a reasonable time period, to make sure that we are sending our best |

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| | <p>athletes to Junior Nationals. As an example Bridger Bowl in Bozeman, Montana will not allow events on President's Day. As a result, Northern sent multiple athletes to Utah to ski an Intermountain event (the Fly Freestyle Bump Off) that was held in the middle of the week (Feb. 10-12). We presume that it was held in the middle of the week because they were not allowed to hold an event on President's Day either. Because this event was in the middle of the week we were not able to send many of our Northern athletes because they would be required to take an entire week off of school (setting aside the financial burden of the travel).</p> <p>It has become increasingly hard for Northern to hold events early and late in the year. We simply have not had the early or late season snow to do this. This is a trend that will likely continue. As an example the entire Eastern Seaboard had record low level snow this year and California/Nevada had the same situation last year. Since we cannot rely on having an event after Nationals that will count for the next calendar year, and we cannot rely on having early-season contests, this would be a very welcome rule change. We cannot control the weather and we, as a body, do not have much sway on climate policies that <i>may</i> help abate this situation. As a result we should lengthen the time when we are most likely to be able to have contests and send the most qualified skiers to Junior Nationals.</p> <p>Finally, it appears that our sport's demographic is getting younger. In Northern this is certainly the case. Because of this there is now added emphasis on athletes going to Junior Nationals. As a division, for the reasons listed above, we have had a hard time hosting enough events to send our best athletes to Juniors. Since our sport has become younger this means more pressure on clubs to qualify athletes for Juniors than in the past. This is a simple solution that will not likely have adverse consequences associated with it.</p> |
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| Proposal Number | Moguls Housekeeping #1 Passed (Motioned, Jana 2nd) |
| Description | FIS 4307 |
| Current Rule | N/A |
| Proposal Change | Add FIS 4307 (Ranking and Tie Breaking of those eliminated in Dual Moguls knock-out rounds) to USSA 6300 section |
| Discussion / Reason | This procedure has been used sporadically during the season, but is not listed in the competition guide. |

6. New Business Discussion

- USSA Points period is now July 1st – June 30th
- Adding a list #6
- Moving list #3 back 1 week which in turn moved #4
- Fall points drop off before list #4 and after #3
- Judges clinic in East (A clinic) Nov 3-6
- Talk of doing a B clinic in Park City
- Judges' Development
 - Lowest grass roots

7. Adjournment

Addendum A: USSA Freestyle Staff Reports

Domestic Event Update: Katie Fieguth

2016-2017 FFSP List Schedule: Dates will be published after review from Divisional Chairs and all FIS events finalized. This will be located in the competition guide and online at ussa.org.

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| | USSA Close | USSA Valid | FIS Close | FIS Valid |
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| FALL | 11/2/16 | 11/4/16 | | |
| List 1 | 1/3/17 | 1/6/17 | 6/30/15 | 7/1/15 |
| List 2 | 1/24/17 | 1/27/17 | 10/28/15 | 10/30/15 |
| List 3 | 2/21/17 | 2/24/17 | 11/25/15 | 11/27/15 |
| List 4 | 3/7/17 | 3/10/17 | 12/20/15 | 12/21/15 |
| List 5 | 3/28/17 | 3/31/17 | 1/12/16 | 1/14/16 |
| List 6 | 06/30/17 | 06/30/17 | 2/9/16 | 2/11/16 |
| List 7 | | | 3/1/16 | 3/3/16 |
| List 8 | | | 3/29/16 | 3/31/16 |
| List 9 | | | 5/1/16 | 5/3/16 |

USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Junior Nationals: Sun Valley, Idaho. March 13-19, 2017

U.S. Freestyle Championships: U.S National Championships dates and location are TBD (Steamboat is a big possibility). Moguls, Aerials, Dual Moguls

U.S. Selections and NorAm Update – Konrad Rotermund

NorAm Proposed Dates:

Aerials:

- UOP Dec 15-19
- Lake Placid Feb 11-14 (in discussion)
- VSC Feb 18-21
- UOP Mar 2-5

Moguls:

- East NorAm Feb 9-12 (Killington)
- VSC Feb 16-19
- West USA Feb 23-26 (Vail/WP/PC)
- West CAN March 2-5 (Calgary/Apex)

FIS Report – Konrad Rotermund and Jay Simson

Proposals AERIALS:

Aerials Advisory Group – None; NSA - None

Judges Advisory Group:

1) AE Scoring procedure - 6003.1 5 Judge Format

Judges shall independently evaluate the competitor's performance based upon the Air and Form Criteria as stated in JH 6004.1, 6004.2 and the Landing Criteria in 6004.3 to create a single overall score per judge. The high and low scores of each component will be discarded and the remaining three scores in each component will be added together

Reason: As a judge you lose the personal feedback for an accurate and consistent scoring.

One Judge One Score. The statistic of the last season shows clearly that less than 15% of all scores are affected and generate a change in ranking!

2) AE Scoring procedure - Combining 4003.1 and 4003.2 to one point

4003 Scoring - A split scoring system will be used at all Aerials competitions. Refer to FIS Freestyle Judging. Manual, 6003 Scoring procedures. The competitors acrobatic skiing will be judged on ~~three~~ two basic components as follows.

ICR 4003.1 Form 70% JH 6002.1 Form 70% 0.0 – 7.0
ICR 4003.2 Landing 30% JH 6002.3 Landing 30% 0.0 – 3.0

6004.2.2.2 Form Breaks - The following is a guide to use when assessing form breaks:

- Minor form breaks deduct up to 25% of possible form points
- Medium form breaks deduct up to 50% of possible form points
- Major form breaks deduct up to 100% of possible form points

Reason: TO and HD are an integrated part of the total Form score. They should not be used separately (by removing the high and low of each from all judges). As the judges have different positions on the judges stand (and not exact same viewpoint), the concern is that separating the criteria is not giving the athletes a fair evaluation. In summary “To combine TO & HD in the total Form score due to the different view positions will generate a more accurate score”.

Proposals MOGULS:

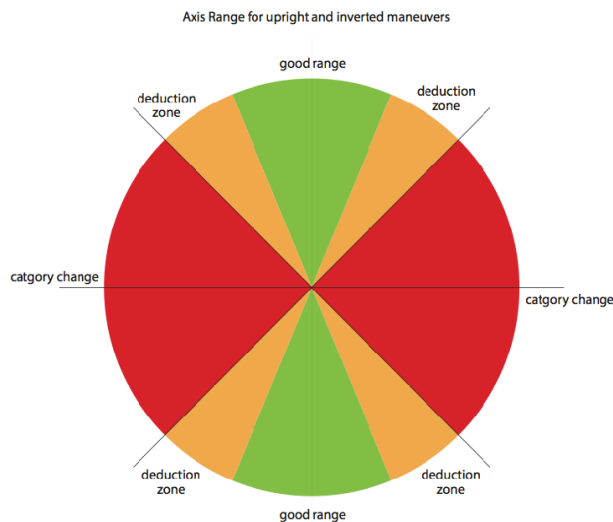
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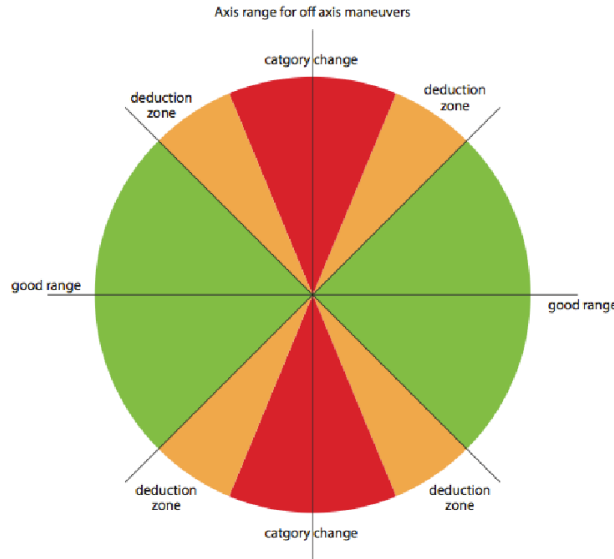
- 1) **4307.5 In the case of both competitors are DNF in the same round, the first who gets DNF is eliminated and the second who gets DNF wins the round.**

Reason:

Right now if both competitors in a dual are DNF, the best seeded or the best from the qualification wins. We think it's more logical and fairer that the first to DNF should lose the run. Especially if a competitor goes into the other course causing his opponent to crash and DNF (losing a ski or going out of his corridor) DNF is eliminated and the second who gets DNF wins the round.

- 2) **Definition: Axis ranges and definition for Off-Axis and Classic jumps**





NSA Proposals:

- 1) **Proposed** - 4202.1.4.2 Before training begins on the first day of every first official training and competition day, the competitors, and the Jury and all judges must inspect the course. The Jury shall determine the time of inspection.

Reason: It's important that all persons physically and directly implicated in the competition, must review the particularities and the « key points » of the course. A mogul course evolves along days and throughout training, so it make sense that the course should be inspected at least one time per day, before each official training by the competitors, Jury and all the judges.

- 2) **Proposed** - 4204.2 Pace Time - The Pace Times for ladies' and men's Moguls are set according to the standards determined by the FIS Freestyle Committee. To calculate the Pace Time for a specific course, take the length of the course in meters and divide by the Pace Time in meters/sec.

Men's Pace Time: 10,30 meters / per second.
 Ladies Pace Time: 8,80 meters / per second.

Reason: We saw this season skiers skiing too fast for the actual Pace Time. So for those athletes, Speed wasn't any more a criterion of scoring. This new Pace Time in meters/sec is calculated on the average of five faster skiers of each Final 1 run in Single Competition of the 2016 season. We adjusted the Pace time to give a score around 16 pts for those 5 skiers. The average of each adjusted Pace Time of each competition is giving us the new Pace Time cited above.

- 3) **Proposed** - A whole bunch of rules for Hats, Jackets, Pants, Poles, Boots, concerning the color of the equipment. Bottom-line the elimination of WHITE!

Reason: The color white hides flaws and its use is harmful for the integrity of the sport.

Judges Advisory Group

- 1) **Proposal:** MO scoring procedure. Respecting the actual scoring rule for MO - no using the non-conform change from last season: *“The high and low scores of each component will be discarded and the remaining three scores in each component will be added together.”*

Reason: As a judge you lose the personal feedback for an accurate and consistent scoring.

One Judge One Score. The statistic of the last season shows clearly that less than 19% of all scores are affected and generate a change in ranking!

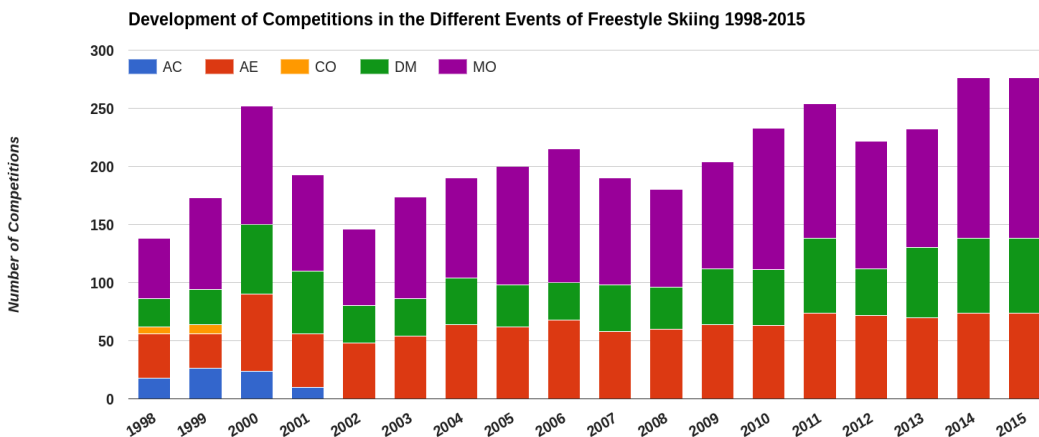
2) **Proposal:** MO scoring procedure - 6204.2 Deductions of Turns Points

The “Deductions” category is used for all errors

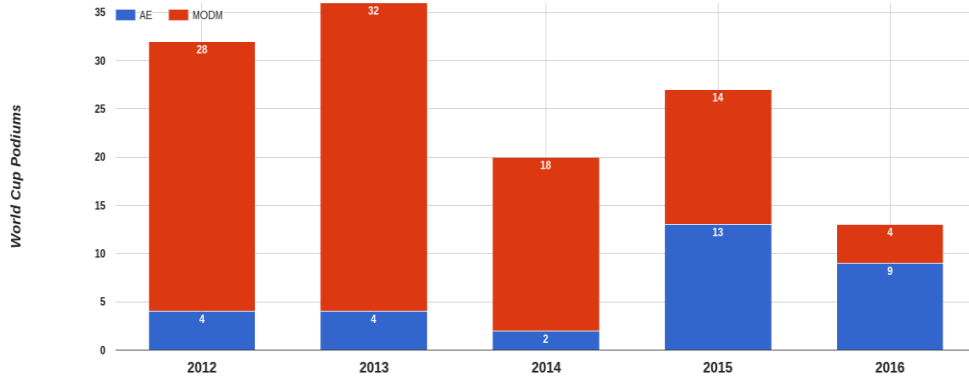
- 6.0** Any complete stop
- 4.1 – 5.9** Complete fall without stop or interruption/significant sliding down fall line or across hill to nearly a complete stop
- 2.9 – 4.0** Hard touchdown or front roll without stop or interruption/sliding significantly reducing downhill momentum
- 2.1 – 2.8** Medium touchdowns without stop
- 0.1 – 2.0** Light touchdown without interruption, small stumbles, fall line deviations, speed check, double pole plant, shooting

Reason: Respecting the actual scoring rule for MO - no using the non-conform change from last season by using 0.1 - 0.4 deductions “as a reduction/correction” in the base score. All deductions should be commented as note on the judges’ cards Issues with this as some take from base some make deduction.

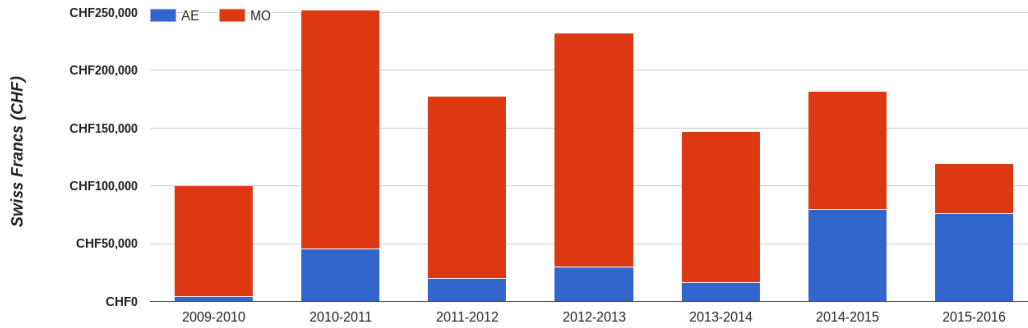
FIS Freestyle World Cup:



Podiums USA: Season 2012 - 2016 FIS Freestyle World Cup



Season 2010-2016 FIS Freestyle Ski World Cup Prize Money Distribution by Event for USA

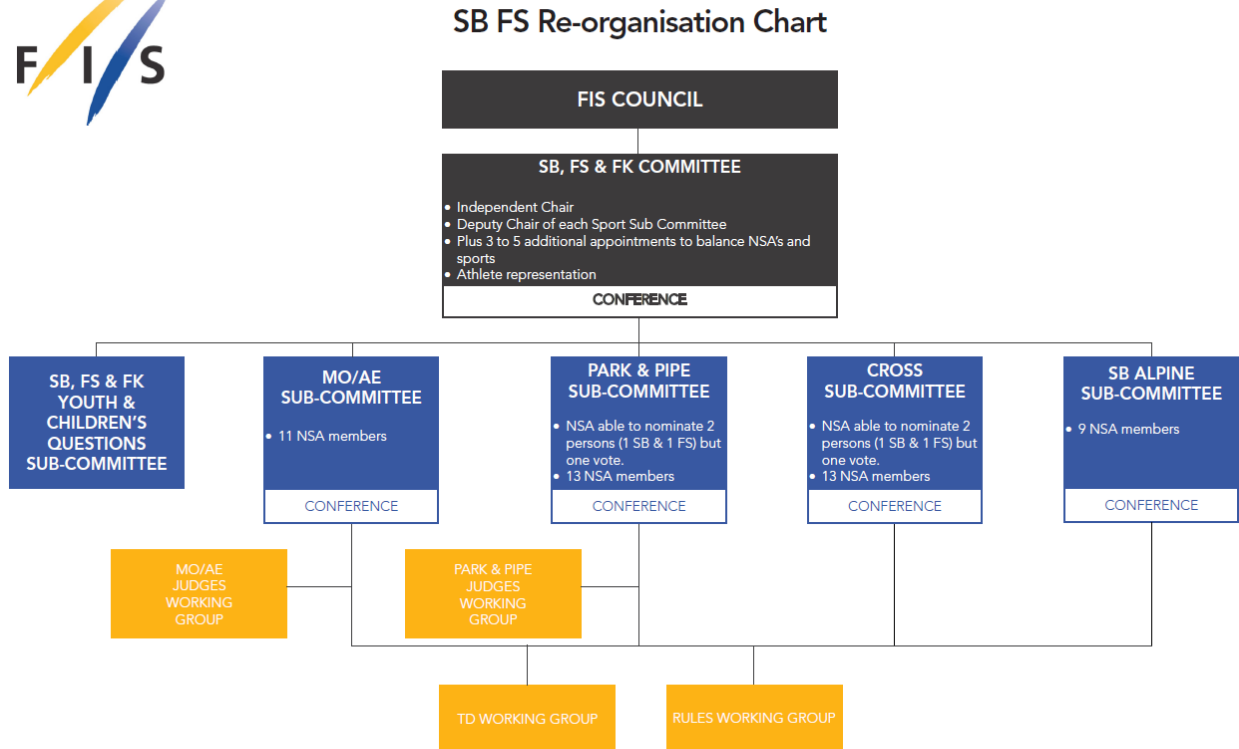


WC Mogul Jumps:

| | M | L | Grand Total |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 3 | 1 | 152 | 153 |
| 10oA | 10 | | 10 |
| 10opA | 50 | | 50 |
| 7oA | 14 | 2 | 16 |
| 7oGA | 3 | | 3 |
| 7opA | 163 | 10 | 173 |
| 7opGA | 1 (Discoe) | | 1 |
| bdF | 19 | | 19 |
| bF | 194 | 17 | 211 |
| bG | | 3 | 3 |
| bL | 5 | 68 | 73 |
| bPG | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| bPp | 44 | 104 | 148 |
| bT | 1 | 31 | 32 |
| fPG | | 7 (Yulia) | 7 |
| fT | 8 | 15 | 23 |
| I | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Ig | 17 | 1 | 18 |
| S | | 1 | 1 |



FIS FREESTYLE and SNOWBOARD RESTRUCTURE



Interim Chair = Dean Gosper (AUS) - Council Member
 Freestyle Deputy Chair - Chris Robinson
 Snowboard Deputy Chair - TBD
 Freestyle/Snowboard Marketing Coordinator - Marcel Looze

Items that are yet to be addressed:

- Integration of FIS Coordinator and Race Directors. In the past Mr. Fitzgerald has led the Freestyle Sport and Mr. Beier the Snowboard. If you combine the committees, then at the top level it moves these positions naturally to the various subcommittees but then removes the connection at the actual Committee Level. As a professional Guess - I see Mr. Fitzgerald as MO/AE, Mr. Moresi as HP/SS/BA, Mr. Fiala as SX/SBX, Mr. Beier as SB Alpine, with a support role in SBX. I then see Mr. Fitzgerald being the full committee coordinator. But we will see.
- The concept that the Chair is always a Council Member, could be beneficial to the sport(s) keeping a solid vested voice on the FIS Council. There are some egos obviously that have tough times with change.

Where did this come from? First, there were some disgruntled people who felt no one was listening, then there was a Norway proposal that later got pulled, as USSA brokered the change, because they felt they were not getting anything done.

Selections Proposed Dates and location: TBD Location, December TBD

World Cup Schedule:



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FIS FREESTYLE SKI WORLD CUP CALENDAR 2016/2017

LADIES / MEN

| Date | Day | Site | NAT | MO | AE | SX | HP | SS | BA | Remarks |
|---|---------|-----------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|---------|
| September 16 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02-03. | Fri-Sat | El Colorado | CHI | | | | | | 03 | |
| December 16 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02. | Fri | Mönchengladbach | GER | | | | | | 02 | |
| 17. | Sun | Copper | USA | | | | 17 | | | |
| 10.-11. | Sat-Sun | Val Thorens | FRA | | | 10/11 | | | | |
| 11. | Sun | Ruka | FIN | 11 | | | | | | |
| 13. | Tue | Arosa | SUI | | | 13 | | | | |
| 16.-17. | Fri-Sat | Montafon | AUT | | | 16-17 | | | | |
| 17.-18. | Sat-Sun | Beijing | CHN | | 18/19 | | | | | |
| Mac21.- | Wed-Thu | Innichen | ITA | | | 21/22 | | | | |
| 22. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20. | Tue | Méribel | FRA | 20 | | | | | | |
| January 17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14.-15. | Sat-Sun | Watles | ITA | | | 14-15 | | | | |
| 13.-14. | Fri-Sat | Lake Placid | USA | 13 | 14 | Mar | | | | |
| 13.-14. | Fri-Sat | Font Romeu | FRA | | | | | 13-14 | | |
| 20.-21. | Fri-Sat | Park City | USA | | | 20-21 | | | | |
| 21. | Sat | Montreal | CAN | | 21 | | | | | Night |
| 22. | Sun | Val St. Come | CAN | 22 | | | | | | |
| 28.-29. | Sat-Sun | Calgary | CAN | 28 | | | | | | |
| February 17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02.-04. | Thu-Sat | Deer Valley | USA | 02/04 | 03 | | | | | MO/DM |
| 03.-04. | Fri-Sat | Feldberg | GER | | | 03-04 | | | | |
| 03.-05 | Fri-Sun | Mammoth | USA | | | | 04 | 05 | | |
| 10.-11. | Sat-Sun | Quebec City | CAN | | | | | 11 | 12 | |
| 10.-18. | Fri-Sun | Bokwang | KOR | 11 | 10 | | 18 | | | |
| 18.-19. | Sat-Sun | Tazawako | JPN | 18/19 | | | | | | MO/DM |
| 18. | Sat | Stockholm | SWE | | | | | 18 | | |
| 18.-19. | Sat-Sun | Idre | SWE | | | 18/19 | | | | |
| 24.-25. | Fri-Sat | Park City | USA | | | 24-25 | | | | |
| 25. | Sat | Thaiwoo | CHN | 25 | | | | | | |
| 25. | Sat | Sunny Valley | RUS | | | 25 | | | | |
| March 17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02. | Thu | Tignes | FRA | | | | 02 | | | |
| 03.-04. | Fri-Sat | Silvaplana | SUI | | | | | 03-04 | | |
| 04.-05. | Sat-Sun | Blue Mountain | CAN | | | 04-05 | | | | |
| 06.-19. | Mon-Sun | Sierra Nevada | SPA | 08/09 | 10 | 18 | 16-18 | 17-19 | | WSC |
| Locations 30 / Nations 14 / Competitions 86 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 11/11 | 6/6 | 14/14 | 4/4 | 5/5 | 3/3 | |

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.

2016/2017 Competition Guide Deadline: July 15th, 2016

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.

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EADP: Jaroslav Novak; jnovak@ussa.org

U.S. Freestyle Director Report – Todd Schirman

I would like to congratulate international Coach of the year Todd Ossian. Aerials had an outstanding year winning the Nation's cup for two consecutive years. In addition to impressive international results the development pipeline continues to flourish, the success of EADP, Fast Track Aerials and engaged domestic clubs is encouraging for the future. Matt Gnoza also did a great job in the first year as Head Mogul Coach. The addition of mogul coach Glenn Eddy and PT Chuck Williams has strengthened Elite and Development support. Jaroslav Novak will continue in his role as EADP head coach and we thank him for his continued success with the program. Matt DePeters has departed USSA and we thank him for his time and commitment to USSA. The assistant EADP coach position has been approved and USSA is currently in the process of replacing this position. A special thanks goes out to Katie Fieguth who in her second year as Freestyle program manager continues to improve communication and efficiency at the domestic and elite team levels.

Staff-

Todd Schirman- Freestyle Program Director
Katie Fieguth- Freestyle Program Manager
Todd Ossian- Head Mogul Coach
Matt Saunders- Aerials Coach
Joe Davies- Aerials Coach
Jaroslov Novak- Head EADP Coach
TBD- Assistant EADP Coach
Matt Gnoza- Head Mogul Coach
Lance Field- Aerial Mogul Coach
Caleb Martin- Mogul Coach
Glenn Eddy- Mogul Coach

U.S. Freestyle Aerials Report – Todd Ossian

The 2015-2016 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, Joe Davies, Jaroslav Novak and Matt DePeters, our ATC - Greg Heuer, our Strength Coach - Mike Bahn, our Sports Psychologist - Nicole Miller, the USSA Freestyle Staff, and all of you at USSA and the FSC that work incredibly hard to help us achieve success.

In the 2015-2016 season, The US National Aerial Team was awarded 9 World Cup medals (4 Gold, 2 Silver, 3 Bronze). Ashley Caldwell finished the season ranked “No. 1” in the World. Caldwell being crowned 2016 World Cup Champion, joined Mac Bohannon and Kiley McKinnon who brought home Aerial Crystal Globes in 2015.

As a Team, we brought home the FIS Aerials Nation's Cup for the second season in a row. For me, the most impressive part of our season is how many National Team athletes contributed to our success. 9 World Cup medals were accounted for by 6 different athletes including: Ashley Caldwell, Kiley McKinnon, Madison Olsen, Mac Bohannon, Jon Lillis, and Chris Lillis. In addition to the podium athletes, 10 athletes accounted for 17 Top 6 World Cup results, also including Morgan Northrop, Alex

Bowen, Eric Loughran, and Harrison Smith.

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

Our Development Program also had a very exciting season. Chris Lillis and Winter Vinecki accounted for both the Men's and Ladies' NorAm Grand Prix titles. Both the EADP and Fly Freestyle helped contribute for a total of 39 NorAm podiums, including 11 NorAm Wins.

Our USSA 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 staff. We could not be more thankful for all of those involved and in support of the Spence Eccles Olympic Freestyle Pool. The rebuild of the Freestyle and Freeskiing Water Ramp Training Facility at the Utah Olympic Park has already contributed to and has been imperative to our success.

Our continued success this season is another encouraging building block to our program. We know we still have a long journey and much work in front of us, but we do feel we are in a great position leading us into the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang.

Respectfully,

Todd Ossian
Head Aerial Coach – U.S. Ski Team

U.S. Freestyle Moguls Report – Matthew Gnoza

The 2015-2016 season was a positive step forward for the U.S. Freestyle Mogul Team. With the retirement of World Cup and Olympic Champion Hannah Kearney the team had some very big shoes to fill. Last spring the team announced 20 athlete nominations for the 2015-16 season, athletes qualified based on published selection criteria in the prior season. Every U.S. Freestyle Ski Team athlete receives world-class program support, access to the USSA Center of Excellence, as well as athletic benefits including elite coaching, sport science, sports medicine and high performance staff, and educational opportunities.

In May we made staffing adjustments moving veteran coach Caleb Martin to the role of Development Mogul Coach and then hired long-time coach and veteran World Cup athlete Glenn Eddy to serve as a World Cup Mogul Coach, with over 30 years of freestyle leadership and coaching experience, Coach Eddy brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the staff. In addition to the hiring of Coach Eddy the team also secured its first ever full time Physical Therapist Charles "Chuck" Williams, a graduate of the University of Dayton with a Masters and Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions. Chuck is a certified PT, athletic trainer and EMT. Chuck's experience and background as a ski patrolman has proven to be a valuable asset to our team. Rounding out our on-snow staff is Mogul Air coach Lance Field, returning for his second season with the team. The team is also supported by Strength Coach Mike Bahn, Sport Psychologist Pam Lemons, Nutritionist Allen Tran as well as the USSA Freestyle Administration staff. It is the collaboration and support of the entire staff that allows us to continue to meet and exceed goals.

The mogul team moved into the preparation period with a goal of achieving 60 days on snow, 1000 water ramp jumps and 500 on snow jumps for each team member. The preparation period is key to

helping athletes develop and improve upon the skills needed to succeed during the competition season. To achieve those goals, the mogul team's preparation took them to camps at Lake Placid, NY, Whistler, BC, Canada, Perisher Resort in Jindabyne, Australia and Zermatt, Switzerland. The biggest improvement to our prep training was the addition of a mogul-specific water ramp jump at the Utah Olympic Park, the only one of its kind in the world. The new ramps allowed the athletes the opportunity to really step up their training and fine tune their jumps. Many of the mogul athletes achieved the team's goal and put in well over 1,500 water and snow jumps during the prep period.

The new mogul water ramp jump can be directly linked to Mikaela Matthews victory in Ruka Finland to start of the World Cup Season in December, as the jump allowed Mikaela to build the confidence needed to perform a well executed back full on the bottom air at full speed.

The Development Team headed to Winter Park, CO for the US Selection events where Steamboat Springs winter athletes Jaelin Kauf and Olivia Giaccio earned World Cup starts, on the Men's side former USST member Joe Discoe and Wasatch Freestyle athlete Troy Tully re-qualified for World Cup starts.

As the calendar turned to 2016 the team trained at both the UOP and at Deer Valley where the Deer Valley Mountain Operations Department built the team a training course on Champion. As the team prepared for the North American leg of the World Cup tour everyone was disappointed at the news that the Lake Placid World Cup had been cancelled due to lack of snow. The team quickly adjusted its training plans and started to focus on the Val St-Come World Cup, in Eastern Canada; the team saw USST rookie Nessa Dziemian qualify for her first super final and Dylan Walczyk finish in the top ten. The team then moved to Western Canada for the Calgary World Cup where Mikaela Matthews posted an eighth place finish to lead the U.S. team.

With the cancellation of the Lake Placid event the team only had one tour stop on U.S. snow in 2016. The home course advantage and previous training opportunities on the Champion venue paid off as the newest athlete on the World Cup tour Jaelin Kauf took the world class field by storm finishing with a 6th in moguls and a 3rd in duals establishing herself as someone to keep an eye on heading into 2018. In her first World Cup start Olivia Giaccio finished with an impressive 16th place finish.

With a break in the schedule after Deer Valley the team continued to train at Deer Valley, it was during this training block that World Cup veteran and Olympian Bradley Wilson was cleared for a return to competition as he had completed his rehab from a December 2014 ACL injury. In his first start back Bradley won the mogul event in Tazawako, Japan following the victory up with an impressive 5th place finish in duals. However, it was Tom Rowley who led the team in duals with a 2nd place finish.

The World Cup season wrapped up in Moscow, Russia with a dual event taking place on the aerial staging in downtown. The ruckus, entertaining event saw veteran Jeremy Cota and team member Ali Kariotis both finish in 4th place.

At the end of the World Cup Season Jaelin Kauf was named FIS World Cup Rookie of the Year. Also receiving rookie of the year votes USST athletes Nessa Dziemian and Bruce Perry Jr.

The Development Team also had a productive season on the NorAm tour. Sophia Schwartz started things off with a win in Calgary. In Park City Heidi Kloser finished in 2nd place. In the end, rookie USST team member Tess Johnson took home the women's NorAm Grand Prix title and veteran NorAm athlete Troy Tully took the same honor on the men's side. Regional Programs from coast to coast lead by Vail Ski and Snowboard Club helped contribute to a total of 35 NorAm podiums for the United States.

The improvements we saw this past season are very encouraging signs for the U.S. Mogul Team. We still have a long way to go to meet our ultimate goals of winning consistently and creating depth within the team. Moving into the 2016/17 season, the mogul team is in a good position as we are starting to see athletes define themselves as potential 2018 Winter Olympians. The staff and team members

are committed to training excellence over the next 21 months as we prepare for PyeongChang.

Respectfully,

Matthew Gnoza
Head Mogul Coach – U.S. Ski Team

EADP Team Staff Report – Jaroslav Novak

It has been another successful season for the EADP. After outstanding results at NorAm competitions Megan Nick, Tyra Izor and Kira Tanghe were invited to join the US National C-Team and Patrick O’Flynn was invited to EADP West in Park City to train with national team coaches.

Megan Nick and Patrick Flynn both took second place competing on the NorAm tour while Kira Tanghe took third. At Jr. Nationals Patrick O’Flynn took second and Justin Schoenefeld and Tyra Izor achieved third.

At the national championships, Megan Nick and Patrick O’Flynn took third place, while Tyra Izor finished fourth. Megan Smallhouse also reached the finals.

Looking to the future, from July 10th to July 15th we will be holding an EADP recruitment camp to gain new athletes, as well as arranging private tryouts for any talent not already involved in aerial skiing to potentially train at the EADP.

Lastly, the success of the EADP athletes this year would not have been possible without my assistant coach Matt DePeters who unfortunately ended his employment with USSA.

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

Sincerely,

Jaroslav Novak

Freestyle Nominations:

MOGULS

A Team:

Bradley Wilson
Patrick Deneen
Mikaela Matthews
KC Oakley
Morgan Schild

B Team:

Thomas Rowley
Dylan Walczyk
Troy Murphy
Jaelin Kauf
Nessa Dziemian
Keaton McCargo

C Team:

Troy Tully
Ryan Dyer
Hunter Bailey
Tess Johnson

D Team:

Emerson Smith
Joel Hedrick
Abe Studler
Kaitlyn Harrell
Hannah Soar
Olivia Giaccio

AERIALS:

A Team:

Ashley Caldwell
Kiley McKinnon
Mac Bohannon
Chris Lillis
Jon Lillis

B Team:

Madison Olsen
Morgan Northrop
Alex Bowen
Harrison Smith
Eric Loughran

C Team:

Megan Nick
Avery Driscoll
Kira Tanghe
Tyra Izor
Winter Vinecki
Nik Seemann
Zach Surdell

EADP (Elite Aerial Development Program) Athletes:

EADP West:

Thomas Coe
Maddie Varmette
Elle Gaudette
Nick Novak
Kendal Johnson
Patrick O'Flynn

EADP East:

Brigid Mack
James Meikle
Jasper Holcomb
Justin Schoenefeld
Mikey Lillis
Megan Smallhouse
Dani Loeb
Kate Telles
Cole Koslowski
3 TBD

Development Group Moguls

Sophia Schwartz
Avital Shimko
Lane Stoltzner
Alex Jensen
Hallee Ray

Casey Andringa
Bruce Perry Jr. (Declined)
Bryan Zemba
Robert Carroll
Trevor Reilly
Jack Kariotis

Young Guns Athletes

U13

Female

1. Emily Szabo (2003, 12 yrs PA Freestyle/Vail)
2. Kasey Hogg (2003, 12 yrs, Wasatch)
3. Lauryn Socha 2003, 12 yrs, Holiday Valley)

Male

1. Charlie Gnoza (2003, 12 yrs, Stratton Mountain School)
2. Cole McDonald (2003, 12 yrs, Wasatch)
3. Joseph Eldridge (2004, 13 yrs, Park City United)

U15

Female

1. Trudy Mickel (2001, 15 yrs, Telluride)
2. Madison Hogg (2001, 15 yrs, Wasatch)
3. Marissa Vasatka (2001, 15 yrs, Holimont)

Male

1. Nick Page (2002, 14 yrs, Wasatch)
2. Adam Stiefel (2001, 15 yrs, Sunapee)
3. Hunter Diehl (2001, 15 yrs, Sun Valley)

U17

Female

1. Olivia Giaccio - USFST
2. Hannah Soar - USFST
3. Jessica Mulder (1999, 17 yrs, Waterville Valley)

Male

1. Tanner Lyle (1999, 17 yrs, Winter Park)
2. Alex Lewis (1999, 17 yrs, Killington Mountain School)
3. Cameron Robinson C (1991, 17 yrs, Killington Mountain School)
4. Leo Cyker (1999, 16 yrs, Stratton Mountain School)

U19

Female

1. Maggie Ryan (1998, 18yrs, Steamboat Spring Winter Sports Club)
2. Halle Ray (1998, 18yrs, Winter Park)
3. Hannah Miles (19yrs, Vail)

Male

1. Abe Studler – USFST
2. Jack Kariotis (1997, 19 yrs, Park City United)
3. Jesse Andringa (1997, 19 yrs, Vail)

Member Services Update

Freestyle: Began the process of splitting Freestyle and Freeskiing to provide for clear demographics in each sport. We'll continue to fine tune the split by adding both a Freeskiing General and Freeskiing Short-Term membership.

Department Goals: Our primary department goals remain unchanged for FY17

- Grow Athletic Membership
- Meet/Exceed Customer Service Expectations
- Establish Progressive Systems
- Manage and Enhance Existing Programs

Grow Athletic Membership

It is the USSA's goal to continue to broaden participation and engagement with our sports. We will also continue to work to facilitate participation at every level of skiing and snowboarding.

Where do we stand:

- Growth through industry partnerships and engagement with the Cross Country community garnered a membership increase of over 12.6% or about 3500 members.
- Other positive growth factors included the launch of new membership categories including age based competitor options in most sports, the new short-term membership offerings and price adjustments.
- The Family Membership Cap and additional membership purchase policies noted below were also well received.

What's ahead in FY17:

- Stay the course with membership categories, pricing and policies introduced in May of 2015. As a reminder several of those are noted below.

- Provide a tiered pricing structure for athletes by age class for easy sport entry.
- Offer a short-term membership option for all sports to allow participants to try competitions.
- Recognize family sport participation by capping USSA member fees for a family at \$400.
- Foster multisport participation by allowing member to add additional USSA memberships while paying for only the highest priced membership.
- Continue outreach to potential partners where opportunities have the most potential for growth.

Meet/Exceed Customer Service Expectations

What we accomplished: Extended service availability to include weekends October through March

What's ahead in FY17: Enhance the Member Services web presence by moving resources to the Membership link, adding and expanding categories as needed to provide a more intuitive and central location for membership information.

Establish Progressive Systems

Where we stand: While we remain on our existing database and online registration systems, discovery, system specifications and business rules have been completed.

What's ahead in FY17:

- We look forward to the opportunity to continue work on new systems when resources permit.
- Provide online short-term membership registration. Limitations will apply.
- Launch a searchable customer service knowledge base which will provide staff and potentially members with more readily accessible information to respond to member inquiries.
- Move to a more robust online chat system that will provide metrics to help identify areas of potential improvement and help measure our volume.
- Work toward a ticket system to track and respond to membership inquiries allowing further measurement of department activity and the ability to better manage resolution.

Manage and Enhance Existing Programs

Where we stand:

- Affiliate dues management program – Managed dues for 17 affiliates
- Background screening – Achieved a 90% compliance rate with those required to complete the screening process.
- Fast Start Coaching course – Achieved an 89% compliance ratio of those members required to complete the course.
- FIS inscriptions – Processed inscriptions for almost 3000 athletes across all sports.
- Club registration and CLIP club reconciliation – CLIP club participation grew from 79 clubs to 99 clubs.

What's ahead in FY17: No major changes are anticipated in any of these existing programs.