

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD FREESTYLE SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Heather McPhie Watanabe - Athlete Representative, BOD Athlete Representative
Konrad Rotermund - At-Large
Jeff Lange - At-Large
Ashley Deibold - Sport Development Manager

Division Chairs Subcommittee Meeting

Tuesday May 4th, 2021
4:00pm - 5:00 pm MDT

Committee Membership:

Deb Newson - Meeting Chair / Eastern Division Chair - Present
Adam Leseur - Rocky Mountain Division Chair - Present
Mike Morse - Intermountain Division Co-Chair - Absent
Henrik Warn - Intermountain Division Co-Chair - Absent
Central Division Chair - Open
Sebastien Cayolle - Far West Division Chair - Present
Mike Papke - Northern Division Chair - Present
Alaska Division Chair - Open

Also in attendance: Mike Page, Konrad Rotermund

1. Welcome
 - a. So excited for us to be on this call together.
 - b. This committee meeting before the FSC is important because of the need to discuss any financial impacts the proposals may have on our divisions.
2. Agenda Review and Approval
 - a. Ashley Deibold moved and Sebastien Cayolle second the motion to approve the agenda. There were no comments and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Old Business
 - a. At some point it would be good for all of us to come together and find more consistency among divisions on websites, schedules, communication, etc.
4. Development - Ashley Deibold
 - a. Our focus this year is to get back on track from the last COVID year.
 - b. Looking to get the NorAm tour going again with Canada.
 - c. Potential expansion on mogul development.
 - d. Talent development and ID camps this summer pending approval from the medical department.
5. Coaches Education - Ashley Deibold
 - a. Level 100 modules are created and they will be an extension of coaching fundamentals. It will be rolled out over the summer.
6. Review all FSC sub-committee proposals

Proposal 1

Description	Fall Points remain valid from the 2019-2020 competition season through the 2020-2021 FSP List 8 and athletes will retain those points unless and until they earn higher points in the current season
20/21 Covid Precision	<p>Fall Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carryover points as calculated on the last list from the prior season. • If a competitor does not have points from the last list of the prior season, they will be assigned zero points for the fall. <p>List 1 – List 3</p> <p>Select the highest points from the following scenarios:</p> <p>MO, DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points, • 1 or more results: Fall points or, if higher, best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results; summed and divided by 2, • No results: use fall points. <p>List 4 - 8</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes remain on the list except those not meeting divisional requirements. <p>MO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points, • 1 or more results: Fall points or, if higher, best 3 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 3, • No results: use fall points. <p>DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points, • 1 or more results, Fall points or, if higher, best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 2, • No results: use fall points.
Proposed change	<p>Fall Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carryover points as calculated on the last list from the prior season. • If a competitor does not have points from the last list of the prior season, they will be assigned zero points for the fall. <p>List 1 – List 3</p> <p>Select the highest points from the following scenarios:</p> <p>MO, DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points, • 2 or more results: best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results; summed and divided by 2, • 1 result: if fall points are zero, use the 1 result. If fall points are greater than zero, sum fall and 1 result and divide by 2, • No results: use fall points. <p>List 4</p> <p>MO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 or more results: best 3 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 3, • 2 results: 2 results summed, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, and divided by 3, • 1 result: 1 result, fall points may be used as a result, divided by 3, • No results: points drop to zero. <p>DM</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or more results, best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 2, • 1 result: 1 result, fall points may be used as the result, divided by 2, • No results: points drop to zero. <p>List 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points will not be used for MO, DM, and AE, • Athletes remain on the list except those not meeting divisional requirements, • The competitor must have results in at least 2 of the first 4 scoring periods. The scoring periods are listed earlier in this chapter. If they do not, then the points will drop to zero for that discipline. <p>MO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 or more results; best 3 results, summed and divided by 3, • 2 results; 2 results summed, and divided by 3, • 1 result: 1 result, divided by 3, • No results: points drop to zero. <p>DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or more results/scores: best 2 results, summed and divided by 2, • 1 result/score: 1 result, divided by 2, • No results: points drop to zero. <p>List 6 – List 8</p> <p>MO, DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points will not be used, • Same calculation as List 5.
Discussion/ Reason	Due to the pandemic we made a provision for athletes to keep their points from the 19/20 season. With the hope that we return to a normal season in 21/22 we need to ensure that everyone knows the list will return to it's normal calculation process.
Status of Proposal	

- a. Just rescinding the precision so doesn't need to be voted on because it's just going back—not an actual proposal

Proposal 2

Description	Right and left tricks in moguls
Current Rule	Does not acknowledge or repeat tricks (spin direction is not mentioned)
Proposed Change	Athletes should be able to spin both ways and be rewarded for it. When spinning both ways, the second spin gets a .04 addition. Also coding would have to be slightly changed so this makes sense (7g would

	change to L7g and R7g, BF would change to RBF and LBF) this would cover the “repeat tricks” and it’s a way to progress the sport of mogul skiing without having to change the current course at all (bigger landing pads will not be needed)
Discussion/ Reason	coding would have to be slightly changed so this makes sense (7g would change to L7g and R7g, BF would change to RBF and LBF) this would cover the “repeat tricks” and it’s a way to progress the sport of mogul skiing without having to change the current course at all (bigger landing pads will not be needed) I see this as a big step in progression that will either happen after double flips are allowed, or before. I believe that it should be before.
Status of Proposal	
Submitted by	Robert Dresser

b. Discussion:

- i. Ashley: I think it’s a great idea but don’t know if this is the right place to institute it.
- ii. Konrad: It would be something different than FIS has and we just moved over to FIS rules. It’s a little harder for judges and something extra to miss.
- iii. Ashley: Feels like it should be a top down change. Not sure if it makes sense to get athletes used to spinning both ways and then get to FIS level events and have that not work.
- iv. Mike: I think you’re on track, Ashley. This one might merit more energy and discussion.

Proposal 3

Description	Duals-remove USA
Current Rule	need to participate
Proposed Change	too many athletes getting hurt...not an Olympic sport...make it a different sport
Discussion/ Reason	Too many athletes getting hurt...not an Olympic sport...what is the goal if not an Olympic sport? Singles needs to be the focus for the sport. More singles...duals are dangerous and degrade the progression of singles which is the Olympic sport
Status of Proposal	
Submitted by	Michael Beauregard

c. Discussion

- i. Deb: Maybe reach out to the parent and ask if they want to retract this

proposal because it seems emotional, especially since their kid got injured during this event.

- ii. Adam: Dual moguls is important for the development of young mogul athletes and the athletes love it so I don't think it should go away. It's also one part of the sport that draws good spectating.
- iii. Ashley: I was going to reach out to Brian to see if he would talk to the person about retracting it.
- iv. Konrad: You could just move this proposal to executive review and then it doesn't go to a subcommittee and then it can get killed in executive review and never be brought forward.

Proposal 4

Description	US Selections Quota
Current Rule	<p>Selection/Quotas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All U.S. Freestyle Ski Team A, B, and C Team. 2. All athletes who competed in the prior season's U.S. Freestyle Championships. 3. All athletes who are ranked in the top 45 in moguls, top 45 in dual moguls and top 30 in aerials, on the final FFSP of the previous season that are not qualified via criteria 1 and 2. 4. All athletes that finished in the top 10 in moguls, top eight in dual moguls and top 10 in aerials in the prior season Junior Nationals that are not qualified via criteria 1, 2 and 3. No alternates will be taken from Junior Nationals. 5. If by virtue of criteria 1, 2, 3 and 4, a division does not have an athlete competing in a discipline in each gender, then that division will be granted a spot in that discipline and that gender to use as it wishes. If the spot remains unused it will then be lost. 6. There will be five alternates per gender per discipline. These alternates are to be named off the final FFSP list of the previous season and will represent the next five names on the FFSP list per gender and per discipline that have not already qualified for the event. 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 don't accept their spots or get injured. 7. International quotas as outlined by U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS. 8. Additional athletes may qualify to compete at the U.S. Selection Events in aerials by having a minimum of two different inverted jumps qualified.
Proposed Change	<p>Selection/Quotas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All U.S. Freestyle Ski Team A, B, and C Team. 2. All athletes who were invited to the prior season's U.S. Freestyle Championships.

	<p>3. All athletes who are ranked in the top 45 in moguls, top 45 in dual moguls and top 30 in aerials, on the final FFSP of the previous season that are not qualified via criteria 1 and 2.</p> <p>4. All athletes that finished in the top 10 in moguls, top eight in dual moguls and top 10 in aerials in the prior season Junior Nationals that are not qualified via criteria 1, 2 and 3. No alternates will be taken from Junior Nationals.</p> <p>5. If by virtue of criteria 1, 2, 3 and 4, a division does not have an athlete competing in a discipline in each gender, then that division will be granted a spot in that discipline and that gender to use as it wishes. If the spot remains unused it will then be lost.</p> <p>6. There will be five alternates per gender per discipline. These alternates are to be named off the final FFSP list of the previous season and will represent the next five names on the FFSP list per gender and per discipline that have not already qualified for the event. 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 don't accept their spots or get injured.</p> <p>7. International quotas as outlined by U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS.</p> <p>8. Additional athletes may qualify to compete at the U.S. Selection Events in aerials by having a minimum of two different inverted jumps qualified.</p>
Discussion/ Reason	Criteria 2. Change from "competed in" to "invited to" the prior seasons US Championship. In the unique circumstance that an athlete is invited the US Championships but is unable to attend and does not meet any other US Selections criteria, that athletes will still be invited to US Selections.
Status of Proposal	
Submitted by	Kris Pepe

d. Discussion

- i. Ashley: Should this be a precision because of COVID or an all the time rule?
- ii. Deb: His motivation is probably due to his injured athlete and it's true that sometimes injured athletes feel like they need to ski at championships in order to ski at Selections events. But not sure if we want to blanket approve a rule that exempts people from going to Nationals. That particular situation could have been handled by an injury appeal.
- iii. Adam: We shouldn't rewrite a rule for the sake of one athlete. There are other ways to deal with entry into the following season—use the petition process.
- iv. Konrad: This change wouldn't promote competition. If it's a valid injury or

reason, you can usually get into Selections.

Proposal 5

Description	Nor Am Tour Criteria
Current Rule	<p>Criteria</p> <p>NorAm Start Group Criteria</p> <p>The following athletes will be prequalified for the 2021 NorAm Events, as the “NorAm Start Group”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. U.S. Team Athletes 2. Top 10 U.S. Athletes from 2020 NorAm Cup standings 3. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from 2021 FIS Base Points List - not already qualified via criteria 1-2. 4. Any athlete with a World Cup start in the previous season. 5. While NorAm Start Group athletes should accept their spot by notifying the National Office, no additional athletes will be named if any athlete declines due to retirement or injury. 6. NorAm Start Group Athletes must participate in all event days in the U.S. Selection Events. 7. If a NorAm Start Group athlete is injured and unable to compete in the U.S. Selections Events, 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>Athletes who qualify for the NorAm Start Group must contact the U.S. Ski & Snowboard office by Nov. 1, 2021 to accept their spot. Please email Elise Saarela at elise.saarela@usskiandsnowboard.org. If spots are not accepted by the November 1st deadline the spots will be passed to the In-Season Qualification Criteria.</p> <p>In-Season Qualification Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any remaining quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using FFSP List that captures U.S. Selection Events. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. The next highest ranked, age eligible athletes will be graded starts by alternating between the Moguls and Dual Moguls lists, starting with the Moguls list 2. When the NorAm starts become available, these in-season starts will be distributed using the valid FFSP list, in accordance to the Continental Cup rules for the FIS NorAm Tour.
Proposed Change	<p>Moguls/dual moguls NorAm starts up to 25 per gender will be granted based on the best two single moguls events and best one dual moguls event from U.S. National Championships, and U.S. Freestyle Selection Events using place points. Foreign athletes will be excluded from the place point tally at both the U.S. National Championships and the U.S. Freestyle Selection Event. If there are not at least two dual moguls events, the best three single moguls events may be used. Ties will be broken by the best finish, then the second-best finish, then the third-best finish. If a tie still exists, the best finish from the U.S.</p>

	<p>Selection Events will break the tie and then ties will be broken by the most current FFSP List #5.</p> <p>In-Season Qualification Criteria</p> <p>1. Any remaining quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using FFSP List that captures U.S. Selection Events.</p> <p>A. The next highest ranked, age eligible athletes will be graded starts by alternating between the Moguls and Dual Moguls lists, starting with the Moguls list</p> <p>2. When the NorAm starts become available, these in-season starts will be distributed using the valid FFSP list, in accordance to the Continental Cup rules for the FIS NorAm Tour.</p>
Discussion/ Reason	Without a 2021 Nor Am tour, 2022 Nor Am tour criteria needs to be revisited.
Status of Proposal	
Submitted by	Kris Pepe

e. Discussion

- i. Ashley: NorAm tour criteria needs to be reworked. We could do a COVID precision to adjust to pulling more athletes from the FIS base points list instead of going back to the manual list that has to be managed.
- ii. Deb: I agree. I think it should be a combination.
- iii. Ashley: May need to write a counterpoint proposal before the mogul subcommittee meeting.
- iv. Deb: Does everyone agree that it should be a combo instead of going back to nationals and selection events?
 1. Yes
- v. Mike Papke will reach out to Kris about amending it before the mogul subcommittee

Proposal 6

Description	The purpose of this proposal is to tighten up our National Duals points list. Dual event ranking would be based on the top points carrier in the top 4. Instead of a regressive scale using 3.4% I propose a tiered percentage drop. 1% for places 1-4, 1.5% for places 5-8, 2.25% for places 9-16, and 3.375% for anything below 16th.
Current Rule	Each mogul and dual mogul event is rated by the quality of competitors entered. Therefore, the point worthiness of each competition will vary with the caliber of skiers participating. Meet rating points will be equal to the average of the two highest FFSP among the top four finishing mogul competitors in that event and among the top four finishing dual mogul competitors in that event.

	In Dual Moguls, events points are assigned to final place based on a regressive scale, assigning these points starting with 100. For events with 13 or fewer athletes, a scale that blocks between finishing positions of 1-2, 3-4, 5-8, 9-13 is used. For events with 14 or more athletes, points are assigned to place with a consistent regressive scale as decided annually by the Freestyle Sport Committee.
Proposed Change	Meet rating points will be equal to the average of the two highest FFSP among the top four finishing mogul competitors in that event and the highest FFSP among the top four finishing dual mogul competitors in that event. The regressive scale is 1% for places 1-4, 1.5% for places 5-8, 2.25% for places 9-16, and 3.375% for anything below 16th.
Discussion/ Reason	The drop off of points in duals is too steep and the value of events is continuing to become less and less. This would lessen the steepness of the curve and award those who performed well.
Status of Proposal	
Submitted by	Bryon Wilson

f. Discussion

- i. Ashley: JJ said if it makes it through the subcommittee, she is happy to run simulations with it prior to it going to FSC for a vote.
- ii. Adam: I think we should run some simulations and see if it makes a difference. Hard to look at it and know what the impact will be.
- iii. Konrad: Some of the changes can amplify the problem. We don't have a good set of systems in duals where a lot of people get together and attend similar events all the time, so people get parked in a particular area. We could do simple things to get a more robust list like having more events that count in dual moguls list. You can change the curve but ultimately you're going to end up with people in different spots. We could flatten the starting part of the curve so that first through fourth places are farther apart. If we get back to competing normally some of these things may become more robust, but one thing to look at is maybe you don't have enough events for people to jump around so you get locked in a dual mogul event.
- iv. Ashley: At FIS level there are no separate FIS point list for moguls and dual moguls so why not adopt that same approach?
- v. Deb: It's been discussed but never had unanimous support.
- vi. Konrad: At FIS level, they're not looking to implement a FIS points list this coming season for duals, but they are looking at a dual moguls FIS points

list for the next season. I've tried a whole lot of ways to do the points list but all still result in people locked in certain spots. One idea is to take people who are tied and break ties with mogul points instead of dual mogul points.

- vii. Deb: That would depend on people agreeing that the FSP moguls list is a good ranking of athletes.
- viii. Konrad: I agree there. This proposal wants to tighten it up and move out the curve as it goes out. But it still comes down to that people are still tied and when you put the curve out there, people get stuck. Duals rewards first through fourth not many others.
- ix. Deb: Using three events for dual moguls for rankings could help.
- x. Konrad: More events you bring in the more robust it will be but with too many events there will be no change, so 3-4 would be ideal. The philosophy in this proposal isn't bad, but 1-4 get a lot more points, 5-8 get more points and then it's going to drop like a rock for all those who are tied. This may actually push 5-8 too high maybe.
- xi. Seb: My division doesn't have that many kids so you could end up 5-8 and get shot up.
- xii. Konrad: You'd get blocked into that category—good for those in the top four. 10-25th place is the hardest place to take the system and make it work. As long as you're above a line, which the list still does a decent job at you're still getting to all of the major events.

Proposal 7

Description	In-season qualification criteria for NorAms
Current Rule	<p>In-Season Qualification Criteria</p> <p>1. Any remaining quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using FFSP List that captures U.S. Selection Events.</p> <p>A. The next highest ranked, age eligible athletes will be graded starts by alternating between the Moguls and Dual Moguls lists, starting with the Moguls list</p> <p>2. When the NorAm starts become available, these in-season starts will be distributed using the valid FFSP list, in accordance to the Continental Cup rules for the FIS NorAm Tour.</p>
Proposed Change	<p>1. Any remaining basic Nation quota spots after NorAm Start Group spots have been confirmed (up to a total of 25 spots per gender - see NAC rule 10.3) will be determined using athletes two best results via place points from U.S. Selection Results. Athletes can use either their two best Moguls results or their best Mogul and Dual Mogul result. •</p> <p>Ties will be broken using the athletes best finishes from U.S. Selections, starting with first best finish, then second best finish, then third best finish. If the tie still cannot be broken using the finishes from</p>

	U.S. Selections the athlete with the highest FIS points on the FIS MO points list valid on Jan 30, 2021 will prevail. 2. Any remaining Host Nation or Unused (see NAC rule 10.3) quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using the MO FFSP List that is valid when those spots become available.
Discussion/ Reason	Update the competition guide to include this proposal approved by the executive committee in November 2020
Status of Proposal	
Submitted by	Ashley Deibold

- a. Housekeeping - the executive motion passed to clarify how athletes would be brought in in season qualification for NorAms.
- 7. FIS ICR Exceptions
 - i. None deal with budgets so let the mogul subcommittee work through that document.
- 8. Adjournment

Rules and Officials Subcommittee Meeting

Tuesday May 4th, 2021

5:00pm - 6:30 pm MDT

Committee Membership:

Thom Schaefer - Chairman - Present
Craig Matthews - Head TD - Present
Scott Lounsbury - FIS Head Judge - Present
Chris Ellis - USSS Head Judge - Present
Abby Miles - Judges Representative - Present
Bill McNice - Judges Representative - Present
Adam Leseur - TD Representative - Present
TD Representative - Open
Ashley Deibold - USSS Representative - Present
Heather Watanabe - Athlete Representative - Absent
Bryon Wilson - Athlete Representative - Present
Mikaela Mathews - Athlete Representative - Absent
Wes Preston - At-Large - Absent

Also in attendance: Mike Page, Konrad Rotermund, John Gondolfo, Sam Tarrant

- 1. Welcome
 - a. Thanks Ashley for putting this together.
- 2. Review of Committee Membership
 - a. One new member voted in last year—Abby Miles.

- b. There's an open TD rep position that will be voted on at the end of the meeting.
- 3. TD Season Review and Updates – Craig Matthews
 - a. Domestic Training
 - i. None this past fall, but could look at hosting a domestic training again in fall of 2021.
 - ii. Didn't have any requests for new training and I typically do it on demand.
 - b. FIS TD clinic
 - i. No dates so far but expecting there will be a FIS TD clinic in the fall, just not sure if it will be virtual or in-person—good chance it will be virtual because it's more accessible.
 - ii. What is the requirement for keeping your FIS TD license re: attending a clinic every two years? Does virtual count? This is something that needs to be discussed at FIS level—maybe Konrad can look into it.
 - iii. Scott: Got an email from Tina that implied they're looking to do traditional judges clinics in the fall but no hard decisions yet, but they are planning locations.
 - c. TD Reports/Injuries
 - i. Have most of the USSA TD reports and most reports came in a timely manner.
 - ii. I recommend that TDs use the electronic format as it has most of the info already filled out.
 - iii. For injury reports, I'm encouraging TDs to use Zurich Buchner online incident filing report that automatically goes into the system.
 - iv. A few injuries this season but nothing too major or out of the ordinary.
 - v. Updated the TD report included with Winfree with a new logo and instructions and pushed it out midseason.
- 4. Judges Review of Season - Chris and Scott
 - a. Chris
 - i. Many events were during the week and it was always a question of if we are going to be able to pull it off, but we persevered.
 - ii. Lot of events with 3 or 4 judges, and we ended up being short on judges for some national FIS events.
 - iii. Did a lot of aerial events with three judges—not ideal but it is doable.
 - iv. Pulled off a lot of events that were still staffed adequately despite everything.
 - v. Definitely some challenges but we have a few new people stepping up as far as judging recruitment goes.
 - vi. Video judging
 - 1. There were time delays a little bit on some stuff but it did okay most of the time. But depending on your internet, I could foresee problems getting started or doing certain things.
 - 2. I think the details could be ironed out but I don't think it's optimal.
 - 3. Felt like I spent more time making sure internet scores were entered properly and passing on that information than facilitating

my job as head judge at events.

4. At times I felt like I didn't get to watch the runs. I wasn't doing what I usually do as head judge, which is to facilitate the team of people, and I felt like that suffered a little bit because of it.
5. People had different delays at different parts of Deer Valley and NorAm events.
6. We made it work, but I wouldn't prefer it.

b. Scott

- i. We are forging ahead and preparing education material for fall. We have dates and places, but I wouldn't count on sessions being in person but it is a possibility.
- ii. Wasn't an ideal season but we persevered and hopefully athletes got fair and good evaluations of their performances.
- iii. Video judging
 1. Used it at a test event last summer in prep for fall.
 2. It's adequate but doesn't give you the same 3D perspective you get in person. I personally have some fears about remote judging that have to do with being responsible for your attention and ensuring no outside collaboration.
 3. Lots of issues with video judging that haven't been addressed yet.
 4. I know a fair amount of judges that have concerns (not just North America judges). Many have no interest in remote judging and it could have a drastic effect on the pool of judges.
 5. Let's just see what FIS does with it—but I hope we get back to in person judging.

5. Recruiting of new TDs

a. Craig:

- i. I mostly assume that every division is recruiting their own TDs. They seem to be doing a pretty good job of figuring out how many they need and sharing the responsibility, so from a national perspective I don't think we need to recruit divisional TDs
- ii. Eastern has quite a few TDs and seems to be doing well.
- iii. Rocky has 4 and that seems like plenty for the events we have
- iv. Intermountain just has John and Konrad and sometimes Ryan.

b. Thom:

- i. Would like to see more judges working up to FIS level.
- ii. When scheduling NorAm and FIS events, it can be hard to find enough judges.
- iii. There are only 4 judges that are FIS TDs at world cup level.
- iv. Even for NorAm level there are just 4, and they were spread thin this year due to mostly US events. When things are back to normal with Canada, judges might not be spread so thin.
- v. Just a thought to recruit some regional guys to become FIS level judges.

c. Scott

- i. We need to bring more judges up and get them involved on a regional level. It's not an easy jump from entry level judging to regional judging and it takes some years to develop.
 - ii. I've asked eastern programs for lists to email blast former athletes, but I've only had a few people actually follow up on giving me lists. I'd like to ask all divisions if they could do that.
 - iii. With 40 events/year and many falling on World Cup and NorAm weekends so we could need 15-18 judges to pull our weekend events off.
 - d. Chris
 - i. Need young blood in judging—this past year we had some former athletes involved.
 - ii. Rocky had events in the middle of the week when people weren't available so this last year was difficult.
 - iii. Could always use more judges.
- 6. New Business
 - a. The North American TD Subcommittee for FIS passed a rule about increased TD pay but there's been confusion on how that can be enforced.
 - i. Ashley: The rule is not enforceable because it hasn't been passed by FIS. The standard is still 100 Swiss Francs/day. We've paid TDs 175 for the past couple years and CAN has had a lukewarm reaction. This rule just needs to keep being proposed to FIS.
 - b. Ashley: One more thing to address is what Mikaela wrote to us about loss of ski in single moguls.
 - i. Scott: There was an editing error on the exceptions list. We were supposed to remove that for duals only and we were supposed to leave it for singles, and I think what ended up on the website was it was removed from both.
 - ii. John: I remember that it was removed from duals only. When I downloaded exceptions, I noticed it was gone from both sections, so I sent a note to Scott. At our first meet, I brought it up to Konrad and we decided to go by what was published, so we ran our division that the loss of a ski was a DNF. I ended up judging Juniors and at Juniors we changed rules based on an email that was being sent around. If it's not available and published to everyone as a whole, then how are we supposed to know everyone is notified of change in process? I never received an email stating that we were going to go to what we said in the meeting versus what was published on the website.
 - iii. Craig: Was the email a link to the published exceptions list on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard's website?
 - iv. John: It was a link to the previous year's exceptions.
 - v. Craig: I thought that was still the current one.
 - vi. John: No. I raised it once with the head judge. If we have stuff published on the U.S. Ski and Snowboard website should we be able to go by what is sent in an email?

- vii. Craig: I agree we should go by published version and thought that was what we were doing.

7. Proposals

- a. Good for R&O to take a look at proposals before they move forward to ensure there are no implications that people aren't thinking of in terms of rules. Then they will go to the moguls subcommittee and then to the FSC.

Proposal 1

Description	Fall Points remain valid from the 2019-2020 competition season through the 2020-2021 FSP List 8 and athletes will retain those points unless and until they earn higher points in the current season
20/21 Covid Precision	<p>Fall Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carryover points as calculated on the last list from the prior season. • If a competitor does not have points from the last list of the prior season, they will be assigned zero points for the fall. <p>List 1 – List 3</p> <p>Select the highest points from the following scenarios:</p> <p>MO, DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points, • 1 or more results: Fall points or, if higher, best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results; summed and divided by 2, • No results: use fall points. <p>List 4 - 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes remain on the list except those not meeting divisional requirements. <p>MO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points, • 1 or more results: Fall points or, if higher, best 3 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 3, • No results: use fall points. <p>DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points, • 1 or more results, Fall points or, if higher, best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 2, • No results: use fall points.
Proposed change	<p>Fall Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carryover points as calculated on the last list from the prior season.

- If a competitor does not have points from the last list of the prior season, they will be assigned zero points for the fall.

List 1 – List 3

Select the highest points from the following scenarios:

MO, DM

- Fall points,
- 2 or more results: best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results; summed and divided by 2,
- 1 result: if fall points are zero, use the 1 result. If fall points are greater than zero, sum fall and 1 result and divide by 2,
- No results: use fall points.

List 4

MO

- 3 or more results: best 3 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 3,
- 2 results: 2 results summed, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, and divided by 3, • 1 result: 1 result, fall points may be used as a result, divided by 3,
- No results: points drop to zero.

DM

- 2 or more results, best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 2,
- 1 result: 1 result, fall points may be used as the result, divided by 2,
- No results: points drop to zero.

List 5

- Fall points will not be used for MO, DM, and AE,
- Athletes remain on the list except those not meeting divisional requirements,
- The competitor must have results in at least 2 of the first 4 scoring periods. The scoring periods are listed earlier in this chapter. If they do not, then the points will drop to zero for that discipline.

MO

- 3 or more results; best 3 results, summed and divided by 3,
- 2 results; 2 results summed, and divided by 3,
- 1 result: 1 result, divided by 3,
- No results: points drop to zero.

	<p>DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or more results/scores: best 2 results, summed and divided by 2, • 1 result/score: 1 result, divided by 2, • No results: points drop to zero. <p>List 6 – List 8</p> <p>MO, DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points will not be used, • Same calculation as List 5.
Discussion/ Reason	Due to the pandemic we made a provision for athletes to keep their points from the 19/20 season. With the hope that we return to a normal season in 21/22 we need to ensure that everyone knows the list will return to it's normal calculation process.
Status of Proposal	Housekeeping Approved by R&O-

- Deemed as housekeeping.
- Voted to move this on to the Mogul Subcommittee.

Proposal 2

Description	Right and left tricks in moguls
Current Rule	Does not acknowledge or repeat tricks (spin direction is not mentioned)
Proposed Change	Athletes should be able to spin both ways and be rewarded for it. When spinning both ways, the second spin gets a .04 addition. Also coding would have to be slightly changed so this makes sense (7g would change to L7g and R7g, BF would change to RBF and LBF) this would cover the "repeat tricks" and it's a way to progress the sport of mogul skiing without having to change the current course at all (bigger landing pads will not be needed)
Discussion/ Reason	coding would have to be slightly changed so this makes sense (7g would change to L7g and R7g, BF would change to RBF and LBF) this would cover the "repeat tricks" and it's a way to progress the sport of mogul skiing without having to change the current course at all (bigger landing pads will not be needed) I see this as a big step in progression that will either happen after double flips are allowed, or before. I believe that it should be before.
Status of Proposal	R&O voted to move to Moguls Subcommittee
Submitted by	Robert Dresser

- Discussion

- b. There will be a learning curve for judges but shouldn't be a huge issue.
- b. Only applies to regional level events and juniors because Selections, NorAM, and Nationals are FIS events and this rule would have to make its way up to FIS for those events to adopt this rule.
- c. This would go on the exemptions list.
- d. We adopted FIS rules two years ago, so we should keep the amount of exceptions low to stay in accordance with FIS.
- e. Athletes would prefer more tricks, not the same trick in a different direction.
- f. Voted to move this proposal on to the Mogul Subcommittee.

Proposal 3

Description	Duals-remove USA
Current Rule	need to participate
Proposed Change	too many athletes getting hurt...not an Olympic sport...make it a different sport
Discussion/ Reason	Too many athletes getting hurt...not an Olympic sport...what is the goal if not an Olympic sport? Singles needs to be the focus for the sport. More singles...duals are dangerous and degrade the progression of singles which is the Olympic sport
Status of Proposal	Executive Review, pulled before Mogul Subcommittee
Submitted by	Michael Beauregard

- a. The Division Chair decided to take this proposal to executive review and pull it before it goes to the Mogul Subcommittee.

Proposal 4

Description	US Selections Quota
Current Rule	<p>Selection/Quotas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All U.S. Freestyle Ski Team A, B, and C Team. 2. All athletes who competed in the prior season's U.S. Freestyle Championships. 3. All athletes who are ranked in the top 45 in moguls, top 45 in dual moguls and top 30 in aerials, on the final FFSP of the previous season that are not qualified via criteria 1 and 2. 4. All athletes that finished in the top 10 in moguls, top eight in dual moguls and top 10 in aerials in the prior season Junior Nationals that are not qualified via criteria 1, 2 and 3. No alternates will be taken from Junior Nationals. 5. If by virtue of criteria 1, 2, 3 and 4, a division does not have an athlete competing in a discipline in each gender, then that division will be granted a spot in that discipline and that gender to use as it wishes. If the spot remains unused it will then be lost.

	<p>6. There will be five alternates per gender per discipline. These alternates are to be named off the final FFSP list of the previous season and will represent the next five names on the FFSP list per gender and per discipline that have not already qualified for the event. 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 don't accept their spots or get injured.</p> <p>7. International quotas as outlined by U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS.</p> <p>8. Additional athletes may qualify to compete at the U.S. Selection Events in aerials by having a minimum of two different inverted jumps qualified.</p>
Proposed Change	<p>Selection/Quotas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All U.S. Freestyle Ski Team A, B, and C Team. 2. All athletes who were invited to the prior season's U.S. Freestyle Championships. 3. All athletes who are ranked in the top 45 in moguls, top 45 in dual moguls and top 30 in aerials, on the final FFSP of the previous season that are not qualified via criteria 1 and 2. 4. All athletes that finished in the top 10 in moguls, top eight in dual moguls and top 10 in aerials in the prior season Junior Nationals that are not qualified via criteria 1, 2 and 3. No alternates will be taken from Junior Nationals. 5. If by virtue of criteria 1, 2, 3 and 4, a division does not have an athlete competing in a discipline in each gender, then that division will be granted a spot in that discipline and that gender to use as it wishes. If the spot remains unused it will then be lost. 6. There will be five alternates per gender per discipline. These alternates are to be named off the final FFSP list of the previous season and will represent the next five names on the FFSP list per gender and per discipline that have not already qualified for the event. 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 don't accept their spots or get injured. 7. International quotas as outlined by U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS. 8. Additional athletes may qualify to compete at the U.S. Selection Events in aerials by having a minimum of two different inverted jumps qualified.
Discussion/ Reason	<p>Criteria 2. Change from "competed in" to "invited to" the prior seasons US Championship. In the unique circumstance that an athlete is invited the US Championships but is unable to attend and does not meet any other US Selections criteria, that athletes will still be invited to US Selections.</p>

Status of Proposal	R&O voted to move to the Mogul Subcommittee
Submitted by	Kris Pepe

- a. Discussion
 - i. This is a significant change. The Division Chair was not in favor of this change. Be careful of letting a word get changed here.
- b. Voted to pass this proposal on to the Mogul Subcommittee.

Proposal 5

Description	Nor Am Tour Criteria
Current Rule	<p>Criteria</p> <p>NorAm Start Group Criteria</p> <p>The following athletes will be prequalified for the 2021 NorAm Events, as the “NorAm Start Group”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. U.S. Team Athletes 2. Top 10 U.S. Athletes from 2020 NorAm Cup standings 3. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from 2021 FIS Base Points List - not already qualified via criteria 1-2. 4. Any athlete with a World Cup start in the previous season. 5. While NorAm Start Group athletes should accept their spot by notifying the National Office, no additional athletes will be named if any athlete declines due to retirement or injury. 6. NorAm Start Group Athletes must participate in all event days in the U.S. Selection Events. 7. If a NorAm Start Group athlete is injured and unable to compete in the U.S. Selections Events, 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>Athletes who qualify for the NorAm Start Group must contact the U.S. Ski & Snowboard office by Nov. 1, 2021 to accept their spot. Please email Elise Saarela at elise.saarela@usskiandsnowboard.org. If spots are not accepted by the November 1st deadline the spots will be passed to the In-Season Qualification Criteria.</p> <p>In-Season Qualification Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any remaining quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using FFSP List that captures U.S. Selection Events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The next highest ranked, age eligible athletes will be graded starts by alternating between the Moguls and Dual Moguls lists, starting with the Moguls list 2. When the NorAm starts become available, these in-season starts will be distributed using the valid FFSP list, in accordance to the Continental Cup rules for the FIS NorAm Tour.

Proposed Change	<p>Moguls/dual moguls NorAm starts up to 25 per gender will be granted based on the best two single moguls events and best one dual moguls event from U.S. National Championships, and U.S. Freestyle Selection Events using place points. Foreign athletes will be excluded from the place point tally at both the U.S. National Championships and the U.S. Freestyle Selection Event. If there are not at least two dual moguls events, the best three single moguls events may be used. Ties will be broken by the best finish, then the second-best finish, then the third-best finish. If a tie still exists, the best finish from the U.S. Selection Events will break the tie and then ties will be broken by the most current FFSP List #5.</p> <p>In-Season Qualification Criteria</p> <p>1. Any remaining quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using FFSP List that captures U.S. Selection Events.</p> <p>A. The next highest ranked, age eligible athletes will be granted starts by alternating between the Moguls and Dual Moguls lists, starting with the Moguls list</p> <p>2. When the NorAm starts become available, these in-season starts will be distributed using the valid FFSP list, in accordance to the Continental Cup rules for the FIS NorAm Tour.</p>
Discussion/ Reason	Without a 2021 Nor Am tour, 2022 Nor Am tour criteria needs to be revisited.
Status of Proposal	R&O voted to move to Mogul Subcommittee
Submitted by	Kris Pepe

- a. Discussion
 - i. Is this a one-time COVID change?
 - 1. That's the question we're reaching out to Kris about and asking him to amend it.
- b. Voted to pass this proposal on to the Mogul Subcommittee.

Proposal 6

Description	The purpose of this proposal is to tighten up our National Duals points list. Dual event ranking would be based on the top points carrier in the top 4. Instead of a regressive scale using 3.4% I propose a tiered percentage drop. 1% for places 1-4, 1.5% for places 5-8, 2.25% for places 9-16, and 3.375% for anything below 16th.
Current Rule	Each mogul and dual mogul event is rated by the quality of competitors entered. Therefore, the point worthiness of each competition will vary with the caliber of skiers participating. Meet rating points will be equal to the average of the two highest FFSP among the top four finishing

	<p>mogul competitors in that event and among the top four finishing dual mogul competitors in that event.</p> <p>In Dual Moguls, events points are assigned to final place based on a regressive scale, assigning these points starting with 100. For events with 13 or fewer athletes, a scale that blocks between finishing positions of 1-2, 3-4, 5-8, 9-13 is used. For events with 14 or more athletes, points are assigned to place with a consistent regressive scale as decided annually by the Freestyle Sport Committee.</p>
Proposed Change	<p>Meet rating points will be equal to the average of the two highest FFSP among the top four finishing mogul competitors in that event and the highest FFSP among the top four finishing dual mogul competitors in that event.</p> <p>The regressive scale is 1% for places 1-4, 1.5% for places 5-8, 2.25% for places 9-16, and 3.375% for anything below 16th.</p>
Discussion/ Reason	<p>The drop off of points in duals is too steep and the value of events is continuing to become less and less. This would lessen the steepness of the curve and award those who performed well.</p>
Status of Proposal	<p>R&O voted to move to Mogul Subcommittee</p>
Submitted by	<p>Bryon Wilson</p>

- a. Discussion
 - i. Does it solve the issue that we see?
 - ii. If we're trying to separate sports, trying to make it so duals has a list that reflects proper ranking, which is what this proposal tries to solve by bringing the point value up in every event and also create a less steep curve and a more rounded one so points don't just fall off right of the bat.
- b. Voted to pass this proposal on to the Mogul Subcommittee.

Proposal 7

Description	In-season qualification criteria for NorAms
Current Rule	<p>In-Season Qualification Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any remaining quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using FFSP List that captures U.S. Selection Events. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. The next highest ranked, age eligible athletes will be graded starts by alternating between the Moguls and Dual Moguls lists, starting with the Moguls list 2. When the NorAm starts become available, these in-season starts will be distributed using the valid FFSP list, in accordance to the Continental Cup rules for the FIS NorAm Tour.

Proposed Change	<p>1. Any remaining basic Nation quota spots after NorAm Start Group spots have been confirmed (up to a total of 25 spots per gender - see NAC rule 10.3) will be determined using athletes two best results via place points from U.S. Selection Results. Athletes can use either their two best Moguls results or their best Mogul and Dual Mogul result. •</p> <p>Ties will be broken using the athletes best finishes from U.S. Selections, starting with first best finish, then second best finish, then third best finish. If the tie still cannot be broken using the finishes from U.S. Selections the athlete with the highest FIS points on the FIS MO points list valid on Jan 30, 2021 will prevail.</p> <p>2. Any remaining Host Nation or Unused (see NAC rule 10.3) quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using the MO FFSP List that is valid when those spots become available.</p>
Discussion/ Reason	Update the competition guide to include this proposal approved by the executive committee in November 2020
Status of Proposal	R&O voted to move to Mogul Subcommittee
Submitted by	Ashley Deibold

- a. Housekeeping, this is more about making this language official in the rule book
- b. Voted to pass this proposal on to the Mogul Subcommittee.

8. Exceptions List

- i. Thom: Original idea in adopting FIS was to use FIS rules as many other countries do. I can see there's places for a few things, but there are a lot of possible exceptions here.
- ii. Scott: A lot of the list has to do with the rewrite of FIS ICR and a lot of things in other sections that we originally didn't plan on accepting that have now been shuffled and are now in sections we agreed to use (4200, 4300). It comes down to whether or not we want to take a closer look at 4000 section to see if we want to propose to use it as well.
- iii. Konrad: It's just little things. There are things in 4000 that you would never file. Some of the stuff is things we've always had. Some of this stuff should be in there and we should look at it. A lot of it was in general ICR and was part of operating agreements as a whole but some of these things are good things that TDs need to have and should be in our book. It also simplifies our book a little bit and gets rid of the extra things we have. Two years ago, we decided to accept the FIS rule book and this is the FIS rule book and I think it's still acceptable. The rule book prepares people to move up the ladder and we can't have so many exceptions.
- iv. Craig: Since we've adopted FIS rules we should stick to those and have

as few exceptions as possible.

- v. Thom: Let's give everyone a couple weeks to look the list over and everyone come up with suggestions and let me know. I'd like to include Head TDs and Head Judges. Then we'll put a final draft together in the next month or so and send it out to everyone.
- vi. Adam: Are we cross referencing the current ICR that is published on FIS?
 - 1. Yes, the one on the website is the right one to reference.
- vii. Konrad: What Scott has done should end up in the mogul subcommittee meeting tomorrow to review it. But then just say that you guys are going to review the rules and where the exceptions lie.

9. Nominations

- a. Chairman
 - i. Craig Matthews moved and Ashley Deibold seconded the nomination of Thom Schaefer as Chairman. Thom Schaefer was elected by acclamation for Chairman. Thom Schaefer abstained from vote.
- b. Head TD
 - i. Thom Schaefer moved and Ashley Deibold seconded the nomination of Craig Matthews as Head TD. Craig Matthews was elected by acclamation for Head TD. Craig Matthews abstained from vote.
- c. TD Representative
 - i. Thom Schaefer moved and Craig Matthews seconded the nomination of Konrad Rotermund as TD Representative.
 - ii. Scott Lounsbury moved and Craig Matthews seconded the nomination of TJ Soar as TD Representative.
 - iii. TJ Soar was elected by acclamation for TD Representative. TJ Soar abstained from vote.
- d. At-Large
 - i. Wes Preston is the incumbent for the At Large position.
 - ii. Chris Ellis nominated Konrad Rotermund for the At Large position.
 - iii. Konrad Rotermund was elected by acclamation for the At Large position. Konrad Rotermund abstained from vote.

10. Open Discussion

- a. Wes: One thing for Scott, it's more of a FIS level thing. Trying to correlate scoring cross the board from selections or NorAm to World Cup event. Some of our scores are inflated and makes it hard to use scores to teach and help athletes develop a plan to move on to the next level. When they're scoring an 87 that would be winning World Cups it's hard to give them a good perspective and baseline to work from.
 - i. Scott: That's something you, me and Chris should talk about because that comes down to divisional training of judges and trying to be consistent from division to division. So I'd be glad to discuss that in further detail.
- b. Adam: Good time to put out a thank you to all officials who worked this winter. It was hard and everyone did an awesome job.
- c. Chris: Everyone is doing W9s now. We are getting taxed on per diems and travel

expenses. People are being reimbursed for their travel and getting taxed on all of it. All in one check.

- i. Ashley: I had no idea that was happening. I'll follow up with our accounting department.

11. Adjournment

Moguls Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday May 5th, 2021

5:00pm - 6:30 pm MDT

Committee Membership:

Mike Papke - Meeting Chair - Present

Thom Schaefer - Rules and Officials Subcommittee Chair - Present

Matt Gnoza - FIS Representative - Absent

Sam Tarrant - Eastern Representative - Present

Bobby Aldighieri - Rocky Mountain Representative - Present

Jon O'Brien - Intermountain Representative - Present

Jimeel Ferris - Far West Representative - Absent

Mike Papke - Northern Representative - Present

Mikaela Wilson - Athlete Representative, Moguls - Absent

Alex Jensen - Athlete Representative, Moguls - Present

Bryon Wilson - Athlete Representative, FSC - Present

Heather McPhie Watanabe - Athlete Representative, BOD Athlete Representative - Excused

John Dowling - At-Large - Present

Kris Pepe - At-Large - Present

Wes Preston - At-Large - Present

Nick Preston - At-Large - Present

Ashley Deibold - Sport Development Manager - Present

Also in attendance: Mike Page, Konrad Rotermund, Scott Lounsbury, John Gandolfo, Glenn Eddy

First half of the meeting was not recorded, so no minutes were taken.

1. Welcome
2. National Champs Proposals
 - a. Kris: After last meeting we were split on filling National spots by population, smaller divisions weren't as interested in that. So, I propose that every division gets the same number of allocations to US Championships that they earned in the 19/20 season and it's up to each division to determine how they distribute those allocations.
 - b. Bryon: My proposal was adding on to Kris's to try to capture some athletes that are coming up and aren't on points list so adding one more discretionary spot to the one we already have.
 - c. Kris: Would we be adding more spots to Nationals by doing that?

- i. Bryon: It would expand the field by 5 per gender per discipline if we added one spot per division.
- d. Mike: I like both of them—I think it's the fairest way to go about it.
- e. Ashley: I would want to check on our ability to add more spots to the event knowing that there are COVID restrictions on field sizes. I think if it's up to the division how to allocate spots that seems like it gives the opportunity for divisions to give a spot to up and comers. I don't think we should add spots until we get the go ahead from events.
- f. Sam: What are some ideas on how to allocate spots? Seems like a lot of work for the divisions.
 - i. Jonathan: You could refer to the points list.
 - ii. Glenn: In the East where there are fewer events, we would probably do it a bit differently.
 - iii. Kris: The concept is that every division is dealing with someone different so the point of this proposal is that it's case by case.
- g. Bryon: One thing to think about is that in a normal year if an athlete makes it in singles but not duals they are in both events and vice versa. So we need to think about how we determine those spots because we could overload the field size.
 - i. Glenn: Just go by disciplines. Whatever you had last year for spots you get this year. If the division gives an athlete only a dual spot then that's all they get.
 - ii. Bryon: Yeah that's a good solve. If you get 6 singles spots they're just singles spots and same for duals. Just need to clarify that to the athletes that if they get a singles spot it doesn't mean they get a duals spot as well.
 - iii. Deb: So in the rule book it says that if you qualify for moguls and you're ranked in the top 60 for duals then you qualify for duals. So are we striking out criteria 5?
 - iv. Glenn: I think we're striking out all criteria because this year cause it totally changes the process.
- h. Spots per division for duals and singles combined:
 - i. East: 15 men, 16 women
 - ii. Far West: 8 men, 7 women
 - iii. Rocky: 21 men, 24 women
 - iv. Intermountain: 14 men, 12 women
 - v. Northern: 4 men
 - vi. Ashley: We should vote on concrete numbers otherwise it becomes nebulous.
- i. Ashley: How would regions with multiple programs decide what is fair in allocating those spots if we aren't using points list?
 - i. Kris: I think that's a discussion for each division.
 - ii. Ashley: So would you use your division boards and vote on a proposal?
 - iii. Kris: Yes

- iv. Jonathan: Same with Intermountain. We would create criteria, vote on it, and use it for regional meets we've been able to get to and we'd refer to points list when appropriate.
- j. Sam: When putting the list together, I noticed that for the guys in the top 35 there are very few that haven't competed already this year. I hate to overcomplicate the situation by pushing it back to the divisions. Looks like they're fulfilling a good portion of their season.
 - i. Kris: The challenges expand beyond our ability to compete—it involves our ability to train and prepare, which is where it becomes into the divisions.
 - ii. Glenn: Nobody in our program has competed this year.
 - iii. Mike: Leaving power up to division seems the fairest way because there are so many situations.
 - iv. Bryon: That's why I think adding discretionary spots would help alleviate some of the stress especially in East or Far West where they can't compete.
 - v. Jonathan: I agree. Wiggle room would alleviate stress.
- k. Bryon: What are the numbers based on?
 - i. Glenn: Last year anyone invited to duals in top 60 got a singles spot and vice versa. That gives you your numbers. But you can't double your spots, you get what you get from last year.
- l. Ashley: May be some discrepancies between duals and singles if some athletes weren't ranked high enough to compete in both. If that happens, which list would you want to go off of—singles or duals?
 - i. Glenn: If someone got a duals last year but not a singles then that would be a duals spot for the division but it wouldn't include a singles spot. That spot is a half-spot basically.
 - ii. Bryon: Could potentially have a singles only, duals only, or combined spot.
 - iii. Deb: We could have more kids invited/in attendance by doing half spots. Field size will remain the same.
- m. Deb: How are you thinking you'll qualify kids in the Eastern division without using the points list?
 - i. Kris: We would get into that in the Eastern division meeting. Need to talk to more people.
- n. Ashley: Should we give divisions the opportunity to check with their boards before the chair votes to approve it? Could get contentious.
 - i. Kris: We talked about it in the Eastern meeting and it was popular there. The point of contention is interdivisional competition. I think most see it as fair and equitable way to move forward and keep development pipelines healthy for next year. I think we should vote now.
 - ii. Sam: I'm happy to vote yes.
- o. Vote for Proposals 6
 - i. Unanimous yes

- p. Vote for Proposal 7
 - i. Unanimous yes
- 3. Junior Nationals Proposal
 - a. Mikaela: UOP only has space for one course so can't run side by side format. Looked a lot of different schedules to accommodate the age group format we passed this spring, but none were feasible. Don't know if it's responsible to increase field size during the pandemic. The age group proposal is good for subsequent years when we aren't in a pandemic, but don't have the capacity to accommodate that this year. But we would like to host Junior Nationals in general because it's important for development of sport and important to the kids.
 - b. Kris: I think the proposed change is smart. What are other's opinions on the importance of juniors? Really doesn't get you anywhere as far as qualifying for other events.
 - c. Mikaela: Kids can age out of it so if we don't host it for a year, there's a year of kids that miss out on it. It may not qualify them but for some it is their goal for their ski career.
 - d. Ashley: I don't think we should be pushing hard to host Juniors this year. I've spoken to people on the executive committee that feel the same. Like Chris Seeman feels it's not the right thing to do this year.
 - e. Kris: It would also be another long trip for these young kids because it would be a Juniors to Nationals trip.
 - f. Jimeel: What would Nationals look like?
 - i. Mikaela: No spectators, daily health check, masks. We've considered activities like ice skating and tubing where it's not a big group thing, not planning on doing a banquet. Open to COVID testing.
 - ii. Jimeel: Unless there is some sort of COVID testing protocol we can't send a coach or call it a team activity.
 - g. Nick: Traveling goes against what all the medical experts are saying. I would hold Juniors in December to let the pandemic calm down.
 - h. Mikaela: I think there are safe ways to host it. I think it's important to keep kids hungry and give them something to train for.
 - i. Jonathan: i'm supportive of Mikaele's efforts.
 - j. Ashley: Good job to Intermountain for the events you just ran. I would anticipate more travel involved with Junior Nationals. Any club hosting Junior's has a financial stake, so there's a level of objectivity that is hard to attain.
 - k. Bryon: It's not about the payday, it's about athlete retention. The event isn't mandatory participation—if people want to go they can make that choice. We could take a big hit in the sport as far as retention goes—from talking to my athletes Juniors is super important to them.
 - l. Mikaela: Hosting at the UOP is private so we minimize crowding and grouping—it's a more controlled environment.
 - m. Glenn: I don't think it will spread at the event but with mixing and mingling between parents and kids after and before the event.

- n. Nick: We don't want to encourage human contact. We need to do the right thing for the country. Any division should run what competitive level they can but we have to do it without traveling. Hard to call someone a Junior National Championship when East and Far West are locked down. We can do it but we can't rush it. Maybe we take the year and think it through as a committee and run important events in December.
 - o. Mikaela: There are safe ways to travel. For some of these kids it's what they've trained their whole life for.
 - p. Bobby: I agree with Nick. We want to be smart with this and all the travel involved. The story we tell the athletes matters and we can encourage them to hang in there and keep training for next year.
 - q. Jimeel: The consensus in our community was that a coach isn't essential but the complication is that it is essential for athletes to travel to get points for Juniors.
 - r. Nick: What we're really engaged in is the next Olympic cycle. We can take our time and by the next Olympics have a great group of mogul skiers.
 - s. Mike: I think we should table this.
 - t. Mikaela: Don't want to keep putting this off and not having an answer.
 - u. Nick: On USSA site it ranks activities as high to low risk. Juniors falls under highest risk, which means COVID medial approach is necessary.
 - v. Mikaela: I think we should vote so we can move forward with planning or not planning.
 - w. Mike: We can make a motion to cancel Juniors or we can leave it up to Exec.
 - x. Mikaela: I think we can leave it up to Exec I would just urge them to have that convo in the near future.
 - y. Mike: We will send it to Exec and report back. We should be able to get a decision easily by Friday.
4. NorAm Questions
- a. Kris: Any word on the next NorAm?
 - i. Ashley: We don't know. We're looking around for other opportunities. PTSS has been supportive of hosting it out there but there weren't the human hours to make it happen. There's a couple other places we can look into. There's not a likelihood to have an event President's day week.
 - b. Bryon: Is there a chance of extending NorAm season through December and having another one then?
 - i. Ashley: That would take a FIS decision because beginning and end of northern hemisphere season is defined in ICR. But there is opportunity to look at alternative solutions.
 - c. Jimeel: Talk of doing some sort of combination with Nationals. Is there a deadline date for it to be a NorAm?
 - i. Ashley: If we're going to change any event we have to put it out two weeks out if its FIS sanctioned so we would have to decide beginning of March.
 - d. Bobby: Aspen is holding FIS-level events with international fields in alpine.
 - i. Ashley: We'll add Aspen to our list of leads to reach out to.

Aerials Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday May 6th, 2021

5:00pm - 5:30pm MDT

Committee Membership:

Jack Boyczuk - Meeting Chair - Present

Bill McNice - Rules and Officials Subcommittee Chair - Present

Konrad Rotermun - FIS Representative - Present

Central Representative - N/A

John Kroetz - Eastern Representative - Present

Rocky Mountain Representative - N/A

Intermountain Representative - N/A

Jimmel Ferris - Far West Representative - Absent

PNSA Representative - N/A

Northern Representative - N/A

Wes Preston - Coaches Representative - Absent

Jon Lillis - Athlete Representative, Aerials - Absent

Mac Bohannon - Athlete Representative, Aerials - Absent

Dani Loeb - Athlete Representative, Aerials - Present

Dave Von Derau - At Large - Absent

Kelly and Corey Hacker - At Large - Absent

Tim Massucco - At Large - Present

Vlad Lebedev - U.S. Ski & Snowboard - Present

Also in attendance: Mike Page, Konrad Rotermund, John Gondolfo, Sam Tarrant

1. Welcome
2. Agenda Review and Approval
 - a. Jack Boyczuk moved, and Ashley Deibold seconded the motion to approve the agenda.
 - b. Jack: The biggest thing I think we should be talking about is recruitment. Only about 6 FIS athletes not on the U.S. Ski team. It's tough to get people involved because of money and it's a smaller sport. Would love to come together as an aerial community and get more people involved.
3. Old Business
 - a. Jack: Tough year because of COVID.
4. Season Recap
 - a. Johnny: We were able to hold one mogul comp and did 5 contests across three days but we never built anything on our air site this year. Sad to see that building and site empty this year.
 - b. Jack: Lake Placid built a freeride jump instead of an aerial one.
 - c. Vlad:
 - i. Last season was challenging but the team did well and finished with 11 podiums. 5 athletes finished in top 10 in World Cup ranking.
 - ii. NorAms weren't a big success but I think we did the best we could. Big thanks to everyone who was in charge and put them on. We had NorAm

- events at the UOP.
 - iii. Still expecting changes to the winter schedule for 21/22. Only confident in November - December. We're planning to go to Ruka for a prep snow camp and World Cup on Dec 3rd and the Deer Valley World Cup. We proposed that China host their World Cup at an Olympic venue instead of in a different city but waiting to hear back on that. Right now China also still has a 21 day quarantine that would need to be adjusted for the World Cup to be feasible. World Cup in Canada is still undecided. Based on the World Cup schedule, we will decide dates for NorAms.
 - iv. For team nomination we have 12 athletes who all met the criteria.
5. Development - Recruitment
- a. Jack: Where is the U.S. Ski team trying to take recruitment with numbers so low? Are we building it back up?
 - i. Ashley:
 1. We are planning on doing a development group again this year. Depending on COVID, we would like to implement our plans for tryout camps for crossover athletes.
 2. We also have budget set aside to go to tramp and tumbling nationals to do recruiting there.
 3. For coaches' education, we have our level 100 freestyle coaches ed content ready and that will be rolled out. Our hope is that through that effort we will see people use benchmarks to develop athletes foundationally including aerials and mogul skills and see more organic development through clubs too. The Canadian model works well because they develop athletes in both moguls and aerials and have a large pool of athletes, so we're hoping to see that happening in our foundation as well. Johnny has a strong relationship with a gym in Rochester where there is crossover programming and opportunity to do development of athletes there.
 - b. Jack: Did we do recruitment this year?
 - i. The U.S. didn't because of COVID.
 - c. Quinn: Are there any plans to do a water ramp camp on the east coast?
 - i. Johnny:
 1. We're converting the pond from a 3 acre to a 5.5 acre lined pond and building an artificial hill with two kickers with tops that go up and down.
 2. The facility will be 20 miles from the largest gym in western in NY with a lot of elite athletes, some of who already know how to ski.
 3. Hope to have it running in August of this year.
 4. We're going to try to get gymnasts who are training at the gym interested in trying out water ramping in Bristol.
 5. We're hoping the facility will give us a jumpstart in recruiting and we'll be able to run camps there. We have full control over everything at that site.
 6. Once the jump site is set up it will run training 3 days a week early May through October.
 7. This year our program went from 35 to 54 athletes and then jumped to 70 during our trial month. Now, we're having to turn athletes away. A lot of the increase has to do with the mogul course that was under our main chair for two months.
 - d. Dani: Could be a good idea to go to schools and get kids stoked about aerials,

especially since it's an Olympic year. And good to target younger, pre-teen kids before they get too settled in their sports.

- i. There was a little girl who joined the freestyle team because she met Morgan.
 - ii. Quinn: I bet most of the team would be stoked to get some kids excited about the sport.
 - iii. Committee agreed it's a good idea
6. New Business
- a. Johnny: What would it take to get a level 2 aerial clinic at the new site once it's running?
 - i. Tim: I'm level 400 and would be open to doing it. We'd just need a formal outline and to set something up.
 - ii. Johnny: Okay, I guess I'm formally asking if the site is running in August, can we do something then or in early September?
 - iii. Ashley: We'd be happy to work with you on that. Let's keep talking through the summer and as we get closer to your anticipated opening date and we can plan around that knowing it's an Olympic year and our coaches are going to be stretched pretty thin. We have an education department that we can work with for it.
 - b. Great job this season, Vlad and everyone.
 - c. Tim: Performance looked really good and we're really excited to see how the team does going into the Olympic year.
7. Action Items / Proposals
- a. Jack: Konrad, what is the timeline for the schedules this year?
 - i. The timeline for the aerials World Cup schedule is at about 90% and you should see it after the FIS meeting in a couple weeks. It's a pretty full season. For NorAm, the moguls schedule is pretty much done and we need to in the aerials. Will be an earlier season for NorAms. For the UOP, there will probably be an event in December and one other. Canada is debating whether they're going to build a site in Apex, and if not, then there might be one NorAm on the eastern side. We're planning on the World Cup in Canada in January. Cut off date for the Olympics is the 16th or 17th so all World Cup events will happen by then for the decision process and then there are some events that happen after that are worked into the travel plans to the Olympics.
8. Adjournment
- a. There being no further business, Konrad Rotermund moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Freestyle Sport Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Meetings - Go To Meeting Platform

Meeting Chairman: Mike Page

Committee Members Present: 15

Committee Members Excused: 0

1. Chairman Calls the Meeting to Order

Mike Page called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum

Ashley Deibold made a roll call and noted that a quorum was present.

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Chris Seeman moved, and Heather McPhie Watanabe seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes from 2020. There were no comments and the motion passed unanimously.

4. FSC Review and Voting on Proposals

- a. AE Report - Jack Boyczuk
- b. R&O Report & Proposals - Thom Schaefer
 - i. Abby Miles is new the Judges rep, Konrad Rotermund filled the At Large position, TJ Soar is new TD rep, Heather resigned from being the Athlete Rep this year - Troy Murphy will replace her, Thom Schaefer re-elected as Chairman, Craig Matthews re-elected Head TD
 - ii. TDs
 1. As far as training goes, we're still waiting on FIS dates and it will most likely be a video conference.
 2. TD Domestic training for the upcoming year will be based on demand.
 - iii. Judges
 1. In need of new judges, so if you have recommendations let Scott or Chris know.
 - iv. Old Business
 1. Higher pay for North American TDs was not approved by FIS, but last year U.S. organizers were paying TDs extra and the TDs really appreciated that.
 2. TD pay will be brought up to FIS again this year, so as we get more info about TD pay, we will pass that along.
 - v. New Business
 1. No proposals sent to us. We went through mogul proposals and passed them on to the mogul subcommittee.
 - vi. Rules update - Konrad Rotermund
 1. Consolidating US comp guide with FIS rules and exceptions list. See [addendum 1](#) for exceptions list.
 2. Anything in the 4000 section of the comp guide will be replaced by the document everyone received ([see addendum 2](#)).
 3. Items that are crossed out in normal FIS book will stay crossed out

and things that were added or updated will start with “USA:” and then give rule for USA events at varying levels.

4. Two items in judges handbook that aren't in the 4000 rules, so we will work to update that and work to make the FIS judges handbook a USA judges handbook as well to create one book for everything.
5. Comp guide review page ([see addendum 3](#)).
 - a. Many parts of the 3000 section are contradictory or no longer needed due to the new 4000 section. We'll look through that section before the comp guide is printed and send out a report on that process.

Mike Page moved, and Chris Seemann seconded the motion to approve the FIS merger and R&O positions. There was no comment and the motion passed unanimously.

- c. MO Report & Proposals - Mike Papke
 - i. Mike Papke was re-elected to mogul subcommittee chair.
 - ii. Bringing three proposals to the committee ([see addendum 4](#)):
 1. Housekeeping #1: Going back to business as usual and no anchoring of the points list
 2. Proposal #2: COVID precision, adjusting quotas since we didn't have a NorAm tour
 3. Proposal #2B: NorAm start group criteria

Mike Page moved, and Chris Seemann seconded the motion to approve the MO proposals and MO positions. There was no comment and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Committee Appointments

Aerials Athlete Rep:

Ashley Deibold moved and Konrad Rotermund seconded the nominations of Dani Loeb to the Committee for Athlete Aerials Rep. Dani Loeb was elected by acclamation for Athlete Aerials Rep term. Dani Loeb abstained from vote.

At Large Position:

Chris Seemann moved and Thom Schaefer seconded the nominations of Konrad Rotermund to the Committee for At Large Position. Konrad Rotermund was elected by acclamation for At Large position. Konrad Rotermund abstained from vote.

Welcome Troy Murphy as the Athlete BOD rep.

6. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Membership Update - Sheryl Barnes

[See addendum 5.](#)

7. Review 2020 - 2021, Tentative US Events Schedule - Lindsay

- a. Aerials:
 - i. Still working through a few things with Canada
 - ii. Early season NorAm
 - iii. January nationals
 - iv. Second NorAm
 - v. Work with Canada on their two NorAms
- b. Moguls:
 - i. Selections at Winter Park in December (pre-Christmas)
 - ii. NorAm during the week at Deer Valley after the Deer Valley World Cup
 - 1. Deer Valley WC will be Wed-Fri
 - iii. Apex Mountain in January 27-30
 - iv. Stay in Canada the following week, February 2-6
 - v. Killington, February 7-11
 - vi. Nationals in March at Squaw
- c. Conversations this year are much more confident this year. We're going to have a conversation with Canada to finalize events.

8. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Staff Reports

- a. Moguls Team & FIS Report - Gnoza
 - i. The team just wrapped up our May camp for Olympic prep season. The camp moved from Squaw to Snowbird, which ended up working out really well. We got to access the resort even after it closed to the public. Looking to continue that partnership with Snowbird.
 - ii. 2020/21 Season Recap
 - 1. In Scandinavia from the beginning of November until Mid December.
 - a. Flats training in Ruka, full course training in Sweden, back to Ruka for full course training and first World Cup, back to Sweden for second World Cup
 - 2. The original 8 stop tour with 12 World Cups turned into 4 stop tour.
 - 3. Proud of the way the team did. We won the Nations Cup this year.
 - 4. Kenzie Radway and Nessa Dziemian retired. Avital

Shimko requested release from the U.S. to represent Austria and Sabrina Cass is switching to represent Brazil.

iii. 2021/22 Season

1. Looking forward to ramp season. We'll do a ramp to Mt. Hood in June and July. Hoping to attend a camp in Chile in August. We'll be in Zermatt during September and October and head back up to Scandinavia at the beginning of the season.
2. We have five World Cups in December. Within the OWG qualification period, there are two World Cups in Canada and then the period will end with the Deer Valley World Cup.

iv. FIS Report

1. I think we will see Dual Moguls in 2026 games, lot of good energy around it, we just need to have an in-person meeting to vote it in
2. Next season there will be the addition of a Dual Mogul Globe
3. U.S. proposal to increase size of Mogul team with even gender split was postponed again until Fall
 - a. Partly postponed because with Dual Mogul Globes there will likely be more personal spots on World Cup level as well as coming out of the other Cups, so until that has been sorted out the quota increase proposal was postponed.
4. World Cup Finals
 - a. A lot more athletes will be invited to attend the World Cup finals, including the top 30 men and women, Continental World Cup winners, Juniors World champions, plus one from the host nation.
 - b. No quota rules so U.S. could have different people in each event so could be a large U.S. contingency.
5. FIS Base List
 - a. 2 year running list and going to do whatever benefits the athlete the most.
 - b. Injured athletes get the benefit of the doubt but still lose their 10%.
6. Personal Spots
 - a. Didn't hold the NorAm tour this past year so didn't requalify any athletes into personal spots. Ongoing debate on whether those spots will

remain to individuals who won those spots or if they'll enter a pool and belong to the nation that earned those spots.

- b. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freestyle Department Update - Jeremy Forster
 - i. Thanks to everyone for adjusting to a COVID season.
 - ii. Congratulations to aerials and moguls on their performance this season with Nation Cups in both sports. We have great momentum going into an Olympic season.
 - iii. We approved OWG criteria last year, but we will be meeting with the US Olympic Committee to evaluate any amendments that make sense to be made to the criteria.
 - iv. OWG planning
 - 1. What is usually a 24+ month process is now condensed into a much shorter time period this year.
 - 2. Decision on spectators to be made after the Tokyo games.
 - 3. Abby and Luke contracting with us so we will gain good Olympic knowledge and support from those two.
 - v. Dual Mogul Olympic proposal
 - 1. Coordinated with 10 other nations on a proposal for dual moguls to be included in future Olympics, but it got delayed last year when the FIS congress was delayed and it will be delayed this year again as all congress proposals will be delayed until next spring.
 - 2. When dual moguls are added to the Olympics there will be 12 medal opportunities in moguls that we should compete for and look at how to best target. This will likely require additional investment and programming for moguls. As part of those efforts, we would like to see a second US World Cup on the calendar.
 - 3. We are also moving towards supporting a mogul development team that will likely be piloted this season and launched next season.
- c. Development - Ashley Deibold
 - i. NorAm tour personal spots from 19/20
 - 1. Looking like what will be supported globally is the spots going back to the people that earned them in 2019
 - ii. Development Camps
 - 1. Hoping to get back on track this year, but don't have a concrete plan yet
 - 2. Figuring out how many athletes we can get together, as vaccine age eligibility changes that will change our plans
 - 3. Eager to get development camps going again

- iii. Coaches Roundtables
 - 1. Looking to host these in early summer
 - 2. Focused on sharing knowledge that people can take and implement it into their program next year
- iv. Main focus is getting NorAm tour back on next year and a lot of that depends on Canada and their quarantine regulations

9. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board of Directors' Report - Mike Page

- a. Search for Tiger's replacement is top of mind
- b. DEI remains a top priority
- c. Organization is in solid financial shape
- d. Good initiatives in discussion about coaches development, education, and retention

10. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Coaches Education Update - Gar Trayner absent so Ashley Deibold presented

- a. Level 100 coach certification has been developed into a new format that uses the same type of interface as coaching fundamentals. It will be paired with on-snow clinics. Will be rolled out this summer.
- b. Coach education courses typically take place in the fall. Level 100 and 200 are usually heavier in the fall before people get on snow with their athletes, but we usually keep a few going throughout the season. Level 300 is usually offered in the spring so it's paired with one of our development camps and we can have interaction between national team coaches and high-level development athletes to add to their education process.
- c. We are way ahead of the curve for NGBs for coaches education.
- d. Moving into 2023, all who hold a coach membership will be required to be a level 100 coach.
- e. Looking at ways to include DEI initiatives around coaching.

11. Floor Open for Comments/Questions

Mike Page asked if there were any questions.

12. Closing Comments & Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business, Chris Seemann moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Erin McNeely, Secretary of Meeting

Addendum 1

FIS Mogul Exception Discussion 2021

4200 - Moguls

4202.1 The Judges.
See 4001.1

US Ski & Snowboard has not opted to use section 4000 which this rule points to. In its place we use the Governance and Guidelines Handbook.

Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard has not chosen to adopt FIS ICR section 4000 and will instead follow the US Ski & Snowboard's Freestyle Governance and Guidelines Handbook for the selection of judges.

4203 Competition Formats.
Full text of ICR rule not copied here.

This section refers to all international FIS Competitions which do not apply to US Ski & Snowboard events. While this rule states FIS authorized competitions there is no harm in making an exception to this section.

Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard does not sanction FIS competitions and as such excepts this rule in its entirety.

4208 Calculation of Scores
See 4008

US Ski & Snowboard has not opted to use section 4000 which this rule points to. In its place we use the Governance and Guidelines Handbook.

Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard has not chosen to adopt FIS ICR section 4000 and will instead follow the US Ski & Snowboard's current scoring format(s).

4209 Start Order
The start order for the first round will be determined by a random draw (see 2022.1 and 4011).

US Ski & Snowboard has not opted to use section 4000 which this rule points to. In its place we use the current US Ski & Snowboard start order rules.

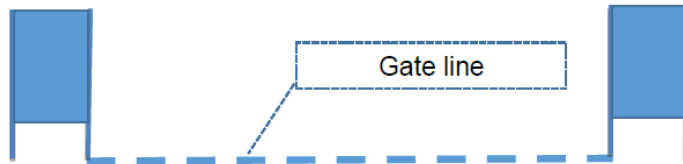
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4210.5 Passage across the Gate Line

4210.5.1 A gate must be passed according to art. 4210.5.2.

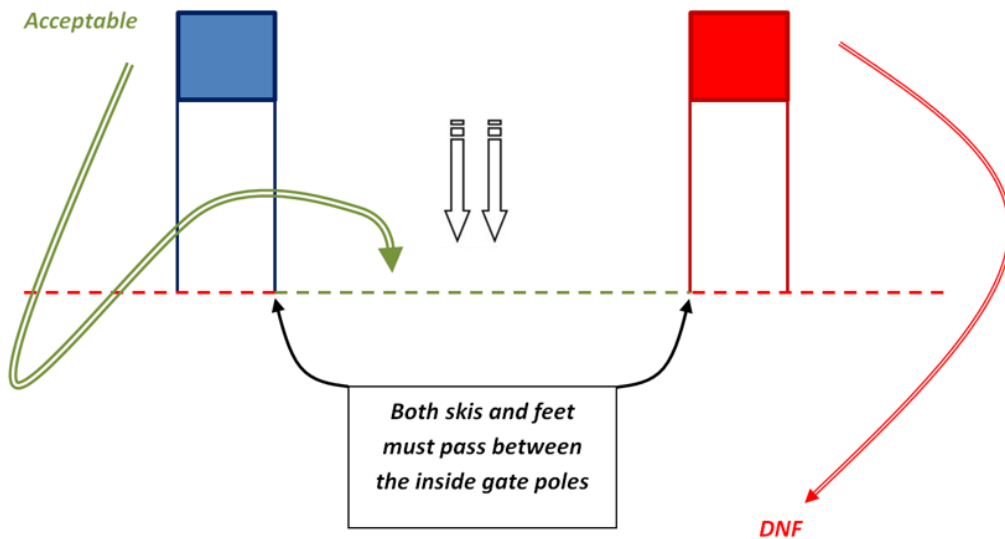
4210.5.2 A gate has been passed correctly when both ski tips and both feet of the competitor have crossed the gate line. The gate line is the imaginary shortest line between the two inside poles. (see drawing)



4210.5.3 Requirements after a Gate Fault

A competitor who misses a gate must no longer continue through further gates.

In US Ski & Snowboard sanctioned events judges follow rule 3058.6 which allows the competitor to regain the gate line if it fell within the 10 second rule – meaning the skier is able to walk back up the hill to go through the gate line properly if it doesn't take longer than 10 seconds. See image below:



If the competitor doesn't regain the gate line within 10 seconds we have scored the athlete to that point and did not issue a DNF.

Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard excepts this rule in its entirety and will follow US Ski & Snowboard Freestyle rule 3058.6 in its place.

4210.7 Qualified for the Final.

4210.7.1 The Finals generally consist of the following number of competitors:

Type of Event	Moguls (W/M)
OWG	20/20
WSC	16/16
WC	12-16/12-16
CoC	8-16/8-16

4210.7.2 If there is a tie among Finalists after the Qualifications, see 4007.3. The running order for the first or only final phase shall be reverse of the order of placement in the Qualifications. The start order for any second phase can be the reverse of the competitors' rankings following the first phase.

These rules are new to section 4200 and as with the start order rule, this does not apply to US Ski & Snowboard events and there is no harm in excepting the rule.

There could be some discussion to insert or point this exception to the Junior National format passed at the 2019 meetings.

4210.8 Interruption of Competition

If there is an interruption of a competition, the competition should be resumed when conditions warrant. The results completed before the interruption will re-main valid if it is possible to complete the competition on the same day. Other-wise, the results prior to the interruption will be cancelled except if the Qualifications or some phases or rounds of the Finals have been fully completed. In that case, only the uncompleted Finals phases or rounds will be postponed but must be completed on the same competition site. If the Finals cannot be fully completed, the results of the Qualifications or different phases of the Final will be valid.

This section is open for discussion.

4300 - Dual Moguls

4302.1 The Judges
See 4001.1

US Ski & Snowboard has not opted to use section 4000 which this rule points to. In its place we use the Governance and Guidelines Handbook.

Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard has not chosen to adopt FIS ICR section 4000 and will instead follow the US Ski & Snowboard's Freestyle Governance and Guidelines Handbook for the selection of judges.

4303 Competition Formats

Full text of ICR rule not copied here.

This section refers to all international FIS Competitions which do not apply to US Ski & Snowboard events. While this rule states FIS authorized competitions there is no harm in making an exception to this section.

Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard does not sanction FIS competitions and as such excepts this rule in its entirety.

4304 The Dual Mogul Course

4304.1 Joint Regulations for Women's and Men's Dual Moguls Course

Full text of ICR rule not copied here. Most of the information in this section is informational but is different than specifications found in Appendix A of the Freestyle Competition Guide but may warrant a discussion.

US Ski and Snowboard has their own course specifications found in Appendix A of the Freestyle Competition Guide.

Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard excepts this rule in its entirety and will follow course specifications found in the Appendix A of the Freestyle Competition Guide.

4304.2.4 Dual Mogul Start Device

4304.2.4.1 Approval by FIS

All start devices must be approved by the FIS before they can be used in competition.

US Ski and Snowboard has their own start device specifications and as such the dual mogul start devices do not need FIS approval.

Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard does not sanction FIS competitions and as such excepts this rule in its entirety.

4304.2.4.2 The Start Ramp

The Start Ramp shall be prepared in such a way that the competitors can stand relaxed on the starting line and can quickly reach full speed after leaving the start.

4304.2.4.3 Placement of the Gate

The specifications can be adjusted to the needs of the specific course.

The start gates are to be placed in the centre of each of the courses. The gates have to open simultaneously and it must be impossible for a competitor to open the gates themselves or cause the gates to lock by applying pressure to them.

4304.2.4.4 Dual Moguls Gate Standards

Two hinged gates each 200-cm wide and 40 cm in height shall be attached to a horizontal pole. A start handle is attached at 90° to the horizontal pole in the centre of the two start gates. The starting block (behind the board) must be covered with plastic to protect the skis. The weight for each hinge gate is 15 kg.

4304.2.4.5 Opening System

The opening system shall operate in such a way that both gates open outwards on operation of a single control mechanism. Mechanical controls are preferred over electrical ones, for reasons of reliability and portability.

There does not appear to be a set of standards in the Freestyle Competition Guide for the dual mogul start device. Discussion topic would be whether to stick with the FIS ICR specification or make an exception for US Ski & Snowboard competitions.

4304.3 Air Bump Criteria and Specifications

Maximum Distance to:

- the end of the last Bump to the Takeoff	4.0m – 8.0m
- the Airbump Takeoff to end of landing	15.0m (top) – 20.0m (bottom)
Jump Height	50 – 80cm
Landing Zone Angle	Greater than 28°
Takeoff Angle	26° to 35°
Air Bump Width	130cm ±10cm
Jump take off to landing Knuckle	2.0m – 4.0m

US Ski and Snowboard has their own course specifications found in Appendix A of the Freestyle Competition Guide.

Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard excepts this rule in its entirety and will follow course specifications found in the Appendix A of the Freestyle Competition Guide.

4304.4 Control Gates

Nine (9) control gates (defined by flags maximum of 0.75m wide by 1.20m high) designating the outside of the course and centre line shall be located on the course at equally spaced intervals, with each track width measuring 6.5 ± 0.5 metres. Track width does not include the width of the flags.

US Ski and Snowboard has their own course specifications found in Appendix A of the Freestyle Competition Guide.

Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard excepts this rule in its entirety and will follow course specifications found in the Appendix A of the Freestyle Competition Guide.

4304.6.6.1 Electronic Timing

For all Dual Moguls competitions where Single Format Qualifications are scheduled, electric timing with communication between Start and Finish must be used as specified in the Freestyle Timing Booklet.

US Ski and Snowboard has their own timing specifications found in section 3041.2 of the Freestyle Competition Guide

Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard excepts this rule in its entirety and will follow US Ski & Snowboard Freestyle rule 3041.2 in its place.

4304.6.6.2 Hand Timing

A hand timing system must be used at all times, as a back up to the electric timing system. Hand timing systems and their use shall comply with the provisions of the Freestyle Timing Booklet.

US Ski and Snowboard has their own timing specifications found in section 3041.3 of the Freestyle Competition Guide

Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard excepts this rule in its entirety and will follow US Ski & Snowboard Freestyle rule 3041.3 in its place.

4308 Calculation of Scores

See 4008

US Ski & Snowboard has not opted to use section 4000 which this rule points to. In its place we use the Governance and Guidelines Handbook.

Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard has not chosen to adopt FIS ICR section 4000 and will instead follow the US Ski & Snowboard's current scoring format(s).

4309 Start Order

The start order for the first round will be determined by a random draw (see 2022.1 and 4011).

US Ski & Snowboard has not opted to use section 4000 which this rule points to. In its place we use the current US Ski & Snowboard start order rules.

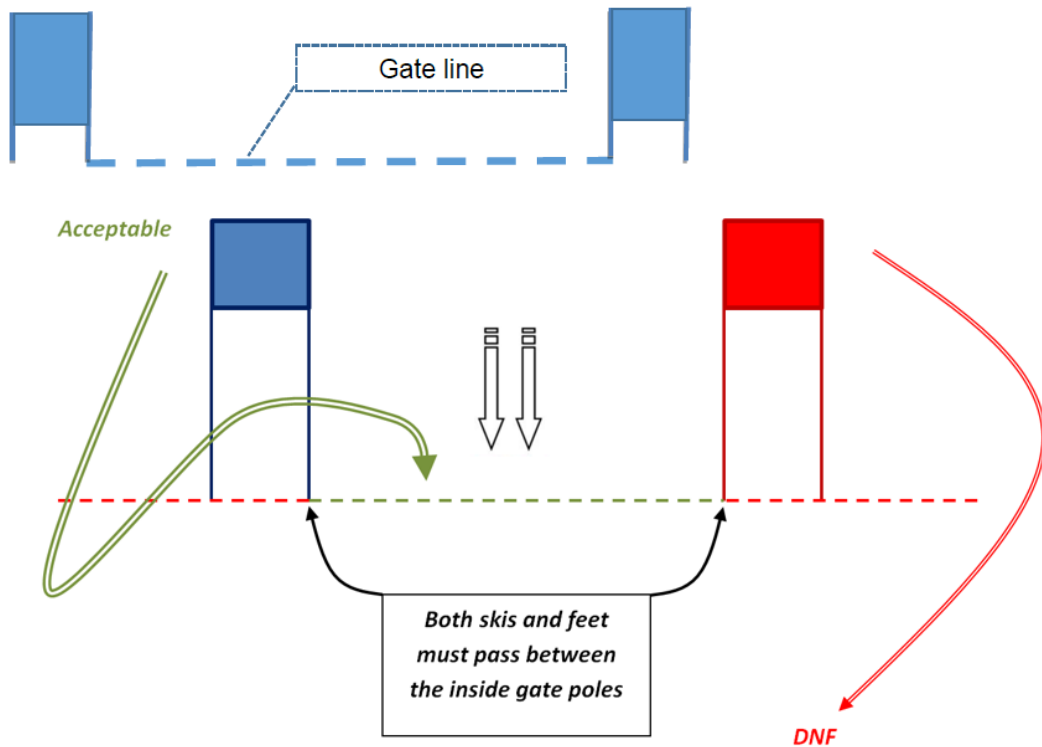
Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard has not chosen to adopt FIS ICR section 4000 and will instead follow the US Ski & Snowboard's current scoring format(s).

4311.4 Passage across the Gate Line

4311.4.1 A gate must be passed according to art. 4311.4.2.

4311.4.2 A gate has been passed correctly when both ski tips and both feet of the competitor have crossed the gate line. The gate line is the imaginary shortest line between the two inside poles. (see drawing)



*In US Ski & Snowboard sanctioned events judges follow rule 3058.6 which allows the competitor to regain the gate line if it fell within the 10 second rule – meaning the skier is able to walk back up the hill to go through the gate line properly if it doesn't take longer than 10 seconds. See image below:
If the competitor doesn't regain the gate line within 10 seconds we have scored the athlete to that point and did not issue a DNF.*

Exception could read as follows:

US Ski & Snowboard excepts this rule in its entirety and will follow US Ski & Snowboard Freestyle rule 3058.6 in its place.

4312 Ranking and Tie Breaking of those eliminated in Dual Moguls knock out rounds

This is new and may not apply to US Ski & Snowboard events. Additional review is needed on this on. I don't see anything in the Freestyle Competition Guide that illustrates how athletes are ranked based on the results of a dual mogul event.

May need to add a ranking section to the Freestyle Competition Guide unless I've missed it.

Addendum 2
[Section 4000 Merge](#)

Addendum 3

USSS Competition Guide Review - KXR:

Page 34 - Format - Conflicts with page 42

Page 41 - FIS ICR would now be 4001,4002

Page 42 - It states FIS ICR w/out mention of Addendums. This could move to Reference 4001-3 Page 43 - Reference to DM Rules that do not exist. New section would include run to 8th. Page 43 - Schedule #3 - Seems like a statement that would never happen?

Page 43 - Criteria - #6. Delete a negative statement representing the obvious.

Page 44 - Event Organizer - All other section represent a USSS Club/Resort except here. Page 47 - Run Orders - COC Section A 7.1 --- does not exist. ICR handles the seeding and would be included in 4001-3 Sections.

Page 51 - Event Rating - Delete "This would be Floating with a...:"

Page 51 - Title Change to US Mogul Championships (adjust Aerial Champs as well)

Page 54-57 - DELETE

Section 3000:

3032.2.3 - DELETE

3032.3.1 - DELETE

3030 > 3045.5 - DELETE

3050 > 3066.7 - DELETE

Section 4500 - DELETE - None of these rules in SX are valid.

Addendum 4

**Freestyle Proposals
Congress May 2021**

HOUSEKEEPING -1

Description	Fall Points remain valid from the 2019-2020 competition season through the 2020-2021 FSP List 8 and athletes will retain those points unless and until they earn higher points in the current season
20/21 Covid Precision	Fall Points <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carryover points as calculated on the last list from the prior season.• If a competitor does not have points from the last list of the prior season, they will be assigned zero points for the fall. List 1 – List 3 <p>Select the highest points from the following scenarios:</p>

	<p>MO, DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points, • 1 or more results: Fall points or, if higher, best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results; summed and divided by 2, • No results: use fall points. <p>List 4 - 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes remain on the list except those not meeting divisional requirements. <p>MO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points, • 1 or more results: Fall points or, if higher, best 3 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 3, • No results: use fall points. <p>DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points, • 1 or more results, Fall points or, if higher, best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 2, • No results: use fall points.
Proposed change	<p>Fall Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carryover points as calculated on the last list from the prior season. • If a competitor does not have points from the last list of the prior season, they will be assigned zero points for the fall. <p>List 1 – List 3</p> <p>Select the highest points from the following scenarios:</p> <p>MO, DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points, • 2 or more results: best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results; summed and divided by 2, • 1 result: if fall points are zero, use the 1 result. If fall points are greater than zero, sum fall and 1 result and divide by 2, • No results: use fall points. <p>List 4</p> <p>MO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 or more results: best 3 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 3,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 results: 2 results summed, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, and divided by 3, • 1 result: 1 result, fall points may be used as a result, divided by 3, • No results: points drop to zero. <p>DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or more results, best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 2, • 1 result: 1 result, fall points may be used as the result, divided by 2, • No results: points drop to zero. <p>List 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points will not be used for MO, DM, and AE, • Athletes remain on the list except those not meeting divisional requirements, • The competitor must have results in at least 2 of the first 4 scoring periods. The scoring periods are listed earlier in this chapter. If they do not, then the points will drop to zero for that discipline. <p>MO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 or more results; best 3 results, summed and divided by 3, • 2 results; 2 results summed, and divided by 3, • 1 result: 1 result, divided by 3, • No results: points drop to zero. <p>DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or more results/scores: best 2 results, summed and divided by 2, • 1 result/score: 1 result, divided by 2, • No results: points drop to zero. <p>List 6 – List 8</p> <p>MO, DM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall points will not be used, • Same calculation as List 5.
Discussion/ Reason	Due to the pandemic we made a provision for athletes to keep their points from the 19/20 season. With the hope that we return to a normal season in 21/22 we need to ensure that everyone knows the list will return to it's normal calculation process.
Status of Proposal	Division Chairs – move to housekeeping R&O- supported MSC – proposal is passed

PROPOSAL: 2 – Covid Precision

Description	Nor Am Tour Criteria
Current Rule	<p>Criteria</p> <p>NorAm Start Group Criteria</p> <p>The following athletes will be prequalified for the 2021 NorAm Events, as the “NorAm Start Group”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. U.S. Team Athletes 2. Top 10 U.S. Athletes from 2020 NorAm Cup standings 3. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from 2021 FIS Base Points List - not already qualified via criteria 1-2. 4. Any athlete with a World Cup start in the previous season. 5. While NorAm Start Group athletes should accept their spot by notifying the National Office, no additional athletes will be named if any athlete declines due to retirement or injury. 6. NorAm Start Group Athletes must participate in all event days in the U.S. Selection Events. 7. If a NorAm Start Group athlete is injured and unable to compete in the U.S. Selections Events, 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>Athletes who qualify for the NorAm Start Group must contact the U.S. Ski & Snowboard office by Nov. 1, 2021 to accept their spot. Please email Elise Saarela at elise.saarela@usskiandsnowboard.org. If spots are not accepted by the November 1st deadline the spots will be passed to the In-Season Qualification Criteria.</p> <p>In-Season Qualification Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any remaining quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using FFSP List that captures U.S. Selection Events. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. The next highest ranked, age eligible athletes will be graded starts by alternating between the Moguls and Dual Moguls lists, starting with the Moguls list 2. When the NorAm starts become available, these in-season starts will be distributed using the valid FFSP list, in accordance to the Continental Cup rules for the FIS NorAm Tour.
Proposed Change	<p>Criteria</p> <p>NorAm Start Group Criteria</p> <p>The following athletes will be prequalified for the current season’s NorAm Events, as the “NorAm Start Group”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. U.S. Team Athletes 2. Top 10 U.S. Athletes from 2020 NorAm Cup standings 3. Top 5 10 U.S. Athletes from current season’s FIS Base Points List - not already qualified via criteria 1-2. 4. Any athlete with a World Cup start in the previous season.

	<p>5. While NorAm Start Group athletes should accept their spot by notifying the National Office, no additional athletes will be named if any athlete declines due to retirement or injury.</p> <p>6. NorAm Start Group Athletes must participate in all event days in the U.S. Selection Events.</p> <p>7. If a NorAm Start Group athlete is injured and unable to compete in the U.S. Selections Events, 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> <p>Athletes who qualify for the NorAm Start Group must contact the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freestyle Sport Development Department by Nov. 1 of the current season to accept their spot. If spots are not accepted by the November 1st deadline the spots will be passed to the In-Season Qualification Criteria.</p> <p>In-Season Qualification Criteria</p> <p>1 Any remaining basic Nation quota spots after NorAm Start Group spots have been confirmed (up to a total of 25 spots per gender - see NAC rule 10.3) after criteria 1-4 are satisfied will be granted based on the best two single moguls events and best one dual moguls event from U.S. National Championships and U.S. Freestyle Selection Events using place points.</p> <p>Foreign athletes will be excluded from the place point tally at both the U.S. National Championships and the U.S. Freestyle Selection Event. If there are not at least two dual moguls events, the best three single moguls events may be used.</p> <p>Ties will be broken by the best finish, then the second-best finish, then the third-best finish.</p> <p>If a tie still exists, the best finish from the U.S. Selection Events will break the tie.</p> <p>2. Any remaining Host Nation or Unused (see NAC rule 10.3) quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using the MO FFSP List that is valid when those spots become available.</p>
<p>Discussion/ Reason</p>	<p>No NorAm Tour last season – need to adjust criteria</p> <p>Potential Scenario: NorAm Start Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - US Team – 3 women 3 men - FIS list – 10 women 10 men - WC Starts – 0 women 3 men <p>Total - 13 women 16 men</p> <p>Leaves – 12 women 9 men spots to be filled thru NC/Selections</p>

Status of Proposal	MSC – precision is passed
Submitted by	

PROPOSAL: 2b – 2022/23 NorAm Criteria

Description	Nor Am Tour Criteria
Current Rule	<p>Criteria</p> <p>NorAm Start Group Criteria</p> <p>The following athletes will be prequalified for the 2021 NorAm Events, as the “NorAm Start Group”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. U.S. Team Athletes 2. Top 10 U.S. Athletes from 2020 NorAm Cup standings 3. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from 2021 FIS Base Points List - not already qualified via criteria 1-2. 4. Any athlete with a World Cup start in the previous season. 5. While NorAm Start Group athletes should accept their spot by notifying the National Office, no additional athletes will be named if any athlete declines due to retirement or injury. 6. NorAm Start Group Athletes must participate in all event days in the U.S. Selection Events. 7. If a NorAm Start Group athlete is injured and unable to compete in the U.S. Selections Events, 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>Athletes who qualify for the NorAm Start Group must contact the U.S. Ski & Snowboard office by Nov. 1, 2021 to accept their spot. Please email Elise Saarela at elise.saarela@usskiandsnowboard.org. If spots are not accepted by the November 1st deadline the spots will be passed to the In-Season Qualification Criteria.</p> <p>In-Season Qualification Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any remaining quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using FFSP List that captures U.S. Selection Events. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. The next highest ranked, age eligible athletes will be graded starts by alternating between the Moguls and Dual Moguls lists, starting with the Moguls list 2. When the NorAm starts become available, these in-season starts will be distributed using the valid FFSP list, in accordance to the Continental Cup rules for the FIS NorAm Tour.
Proposed Change	<p>Criteria</p> <p>NorAm Start Group Criteria</p>

	<p>The following athletes will be prequalified for the current season's NorAm Events, as the "NorAm Start Group".</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. U.S. Team Athletes 2. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from the previous season's NorAm Cup standings 3. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from the current season's FIS Base Points List - not already qualified via criteria 1-2. 4. Any athlete with a World Cup start in the previous season. 5. While NorAm Start Group athletes should accept their spot by notifying the National Office, no additional athletes will be named if any athlete declines due to retirement or injury. 6. NorAm Start Group Athletes must participate in all event days in the U.S. Selection Events. 7. If a NorAm Start Group athlete is injured and unable to compete in the U.S. Selections Events, 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>Athletes who qualify for the NorAm Start Group must contact the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freestyle Sport Development Department by Nov. 1 of the current season to accept their spot. If spots are not accepted by the November 1st deadline the spots will be passed to the In-Season Qualification Criteria.</p> <p>In-Season Qualification Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any remaining basic Nation quota spots after NorAm Start Group spots have been confirmed (up to a total of 25 spots per gender - see NAC rule 10.3) after criteria 1-4 are satisfied will be granted based on the best two single moguls events and best one dual moguls event from U.S. National Championships and U.S. Freestyle Selection Events using place points. Foreign athletes will be excluded from the place point tally at both the U.S. National Championships and the U.S. Freestyle Selection Event. If there are not at least two dual moguls events, the best three single moguls events may be used. Ties will be broken by the best finish, then the second-best finish, then the third-best finish. If a tie still exists, the best finish from the U.S. Selection Events will break the tie. 2. Any remaining Host Nation or Unused (see NAC rule 10.3) quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using the MO FFSP List that is valid when those spots become available.
Discussion/	No NorAm Tour last season – need to adjust criteria

Reason	Potential Scenario: NorAm Start Group - US Team – 3 women 3 men - FIS list – 10 women 10 men - WC Starts – 0 women 3 men Total - 13 women 16 men Leaves – 12 women 9 men spots to be filled thru NC/Selections
Status of Proposal	MSC – Proposal passes
Submitted by	

Addendum 5

Freestyle Membership Categories



Membership Category	Age Category	SafeSport	Screen	Avalanche	Sanctioned Competition	Notes
General	0-17					Restricted to those 17 & Under
Non-Scored Athlete	18-100	X	X	X	X	
Competitor U11 & Under	0-10				X	
Competitor U13	12-13				X	
Competitor U15 & Over	13-100	X	X	X	X	
Official	18-100	X	X	X		
Coach w/Official	18-100	X	X	X		
Volunteer	18-100	X	X	X		
Short-term	0-17				X	Restricted to those 17 & Under
Short-term Foreign	18-100				X	Available to foreign athletes coming to the U.S. for an event All short-terms are restricted to 1 event per season

Where requirements are noted, they apply to anyone turning 18 at anytime during the season

Family Cap Refund is \$500

Members may still add additional memberships for only the cost of the highest membership

Membership Updates



Important Reminders:

- Membership renewal deadline returns to October 15th
- Membership cards will only display those memberships for which all requirements have been met
- Those with incomplete requirements will remain on pending (ineligible) status until all requirements have been met*
- Members on pending status are not eligible to participate in U.S. Ski & Snowboard events until all requirements are met
- FIS registrations will be activated once all U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership requirements are successfully completed
- Membership business hours – Sunday coverage to be determined

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Background Screening



Members turning 18 **at any time during the season** (July 1 – June 30 annually)

- Those turning 18 at any time in the season must register for screening at their 18th birthday
- There is a 45-day window for screening to be completed and for U.S. Ski & Snowboard to receive a green light determination
- On the 46th day the member will be placed on pending status and prohibited from participation in U.S. Ski & Snowboard events and **will be dropped from any points list occurring during pending status**

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Background Screening



- All adult members, excluding some alpine masters and short-term foreign members, are required to undergo background screening every other season (term subject to change)
- A green light screening determination is required to fulfill this requirement
- Please allow several weeks for the screening process to be completed
 - Individual screening times will vary
 - Foreign screenings may take a month or more
- Other requirements such as SafeSport training, Introduction to Avalanches Course, and Coaching Fundamentals may also apply
- **Must be completed to activate FIS License**

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Coaching Fundamentals



- All coach members, excluding those Certified Level 100 or higher, are required to complete Coaching Fundamentals every two seasons
- Final exam score of 70% or higher is required
- **Members have 30 days to complete the course. If the course isn't completed within 30 days, the members access will expire. At that time members will be required to repurchase the course at \$10**
- Completion of this course is a prerequisite in order to be certified as a Level 100 Coach
- Other requirements such as background screening, SafeSport training and the Introduction to Avalanches Course may also apply

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SafeSport Training



- **All members turning 18 & older at any time during the season are required to complete SafeSport training through the U.S. Center for SafeSport to activate your membership. Substitutions are not permitted.**
- SafeSport Course and Refresher Schedule
 - Year 1 – Core SafeSport Trained Course
 - Year 2 – Refresher 1 Course
 - Year 3 – Refresher 2 Course
 - Year 4 – Refresher 3 Course
 - Year 5 – The training schedule begins again
- **All SafeSport Courses have been moved to new Learning Management System (LMS) Platform - <https://safesporttrained.org/>**
- **Members will be required to reset their password**

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SafeSport Training



- Those turning 18 at any time during the season will be required to complete SafeSport training upon registration
- Members may use training from other NGB's and affiliated entities under USOPC and/or U.S. Center for SafeSport umbrella
- Please use the same email on SafeSport as you do for your my.us skiandsnowboard.org account
- Other requirements such as background screening, Introduction to Avalanches Course and Coaching Fundamentals may also apply
- Must be completed prior to FIS License activation

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Introduction to Avalanches Course



- This brief course was developed through a partnership between the Utah Avalanche Center, BRASS, and U.S. Ski & Snowboard
- The purpose of this course is to make you aware of avalanche and snow safety, and to make you think twice before going off-piste or entering the backcountry without the proper gear and training
- All members turning 18 and older are required to complete training to activate membership
- Other requirements such as background screening, SafeSport training and Coaching Fundamentals may also apply
- Must be completed prior to FIS License activation

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Club Registration Process



- The deadline for club registration is December 31, 2021, after which a \$50 late fee will apply
- All club minimum standards must be met in order for clubs to be in good standing
- Please plan ahead. Early registration is key!

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Club Minimum Standards Update



Club Membership Requirements

- Ensure those in a position of authority over or in regular contact with athletes are members at a level which triggers background screening and SafeSport training. This includes board members, staff, adult athletes, and volunteers.
- The club volunteer membership is sufficient to fulfill Board membership compliance
- Club must provide a list of board members for auditing purposes. Club must provide updates to board member list as changes occur
- All club coaches regardless of participation in U.S. Ski & Snowboard events must be members.

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Club Minimum Standards Update



Athlete Safety Compliance

- MAAPP:
 - Club must adopt and enforce U.S. Ski & Snowboard Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) and provide education to all constituents including club board members, staff, parents, athletes and volunteers on limiting one-on-one interactions between certain adults who have regular contact with authority over minor athletes.
 - Club must offer and give training to minor athletes with parent/legal guardian consent using the U.S. Center for SafeSport's youth athlete online trainings (available from the Center and in age-appropriate categories).
 - Parent and age-appropriate training may be found on the [U.S. Ski & Snowboard's SafeSport Resource page](#).
 - Club must certify to U.S. Ski & Snowboard that it has implemented MAAPP and, when required, has obtained the appropriate parent/legal guardian consent as allowed under the MAAPP.
- Adhere to U.S. Ski & Snowboard's concussion policy.

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Business Entity

- Provide evidence of legal existence in their state of primary business operations.
 - For example, clubs must show that they are a licensed business entity in good standing.
- Examples of documentation may include a current business license, certificate of good standing from state in which the club is incorporated, a link to the business' page in the Secretary of State's business lookup in the state you are incorporated or other proof of business existence.

General Liability Insurance

- Demonstrate club possesses general liability insurance.
- This requirement may be satisfied either by joining U.S. Ski & Snowboard's CLIP program or providing U.S. Ski & Snowboard with satisfactory evidence of coverage with minimum coverage substantially similar to what is provided by CLIP.

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Club Minimum Standards Update



CLIP Requirements

- Membership is required for club members/participants. All club participants (board members, staff, all athletes, officials, and select volunteers) must hold an appropriate and current U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership
- The low cost "General Non-Competitor" membership option is available for those 17 and under who participate with the club but do not need a competitor's membership

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Important Dates and Info



- October 15th - Early bird registration deadline
- December 15th – FIS late fee goes into effect
- Weekend Coverage (Sunday TBD) runs October – March
- Contact Information
 - membership@usskiandsnowboard.org
 - 435-647-2666
 - Online Chat