

FREESKING SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress 2018
Center of Excellence, Park City, Utah
May 2, 2018

HALFPIPE/SLOPESTYLE SUBCOMMITTEE

Tom Yaps – Chairperson – present
Jeremy Forster – U.S. Ski & Snowboard – present
Elana Chase - Coaches Rep – present
Chris Haslock - R & O Rep – present
Tai Robinson – Judges – present
Michael Spencer – AFP – present
Wes Preston – R & O – present
Tom Wallisch - Slopestyle Rep – present
Maddie Bowman – Halfpipe Rep – excused, Brita Sigourney proxy
Mike Mallon – USASA Pres – present
Chris Haslock - At Large – present
Martin Sundquist – Central – absent
Tony Lodico – Rocky – present
John Kimble – East – by phone
Coggin Hill – PNSA – by phone
Ryan Carey – Far West – absent, Ben Wisner proxy
Dave Euler – Intermountain – present
Mike Papke – Northern – present
Abbi Nyberg – present

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

DJ Montigny – U.S. Ski & Snowboard	Kim Raymer – USASA Big Mountain Rep
Peter O'Brien – U.S. Ski & Snowboard	Mike Jankowski – U.S. Ski & Snowboard
Ben Wisner – Mammoth	Lisa Kosglow – U.S. Ski & Snowboard BOD
Greg Janecky – Northstar	Tiger Shaw – U.S. Ski & Snowboard CEO
Greg Ruppel – AVSC	Ritchie Date – FIS
Ryan Devine – FLY	Eric Knight – AVSC
Rob LaPier – Jackson Hole Ski and Snowboard Club by phone	John – Minnesota Duluth
Andy Wise – TD	Tyler Conway – SVSEF
Jeff Juneau – KMS	Skogen Sprang – U.S. Ski & Snowboard
Gar Trayner – KMS	Tyle Conway - SVSEF
Nick Alexakos – U.S. Ski & Snowboard	CB Bechtold
Tricia Byrnes – U.S. Ski & Snowboard	Dick Stone – Winfree
Eric Webster – U.S. Ski & Snowboard	Mike Doyle – Judge
Cath Jett – CJ Timing	Morgan Haymans – Squaw Skicross
Sarah Welliver – U.S. Ski & Snowboard	Justin Perry – NYSEF
Dan Shuffleton – WVBBS by phone	Tim Masucco – SMS

Tom Yaps welcomed the group and called the meeting to order. Yaps asked for a motion to approve the May 2017 Minutes. Motioned by West Preston, seconded by Dave Euler

Membership Update – Sheryl Barnes

Sheryl Barnes detailed the changes within the membership department for the coming season.

Review of Committee Membership

The following positions were motioned by Michael Spencer, seconded by Dave Euler, approved by acclamation:

Tyler Conway – Intermountain Representative
Tai Robinson – Judges Representative
Brita Sigourney – Athlete Representative, Halfpipe
Chris “Hatch” Haslock – At-Large
Dan Shuffleton – At-Large
Wes Preston – R&O Representative

Coaches' Education Update – Jon Casson

Jon Casson gave a brief update on the current coaches' education program and the future for the program.

Regional Representative Reports

2018 Eastern Freeskiing Report – John Kimble

It was another great season for our eastern athletes. The weather did throw a few curve balls at us, but we were able to reschedule and/or re-work courses to make things happen. All of our eastern events were held on safe, appropriate courses due to the high standards that we/each of our hosting mountains set for the East Free Tour events. All events had technically appropriate options to encourage and ensure development of all our eastern East Free Tour athletes.

- Our events numbers have continued to hold Male/Female
- The tour continues to provide a very important stepping stone for our EQS(B) athletes and our northeastern USASA athletes to REV Tour
- The tour continues to have many crossover athletes competing in both U.S. Ski & Snowboard (US) as well as USASA
- The EFT was again successful in having many of its athletes qualify and compete in the U.S. Ski & Snowboard (US) Junior nationals as well as having many athletes competing at the REV Tour level and beyond.
- We add a tour manager this year who TDs, judges, and helps with EFT social media posts, etc. (Jake Payson) which has improved the consistency and quality of our events.

Competition Numbers

2018

18 Waterville Valley BA1 1F 32M BA2 1F 29M SS 6F 33M (Div Opener) / (Rev Qual)
18 Sunday River SS1 4F 33M SS2 4F 31M
18 Okemo ss 6F 37M

2017

17 Waterville Valley SS 7F 60M (REV Qual)/ (Div Opener)
17 Okemo SS 4F 42M BA1-2F 28M BA2 -2f 28M
17 Sunday River R SS 1F 28M HP1M
17 Whiteface SS 2f 23M (Champs/AFP)

2016

16 WV BA1 3F 21M-BA2 3F 22M S 6F 55M
16 Okemo S 5F 59M
16 SR 3F 49M USSA/AFP/ Sanctioned

Other Eastern Freeskiing Events

Rails to Riches, Killington, VT 12/9/17
Rev Tour Waterville Valley, NH 2/11-16/18
Empire State Games, Whiteface, NY 2/3-4/18
Step Up Tour, Le Relais, QC 3/27-1/18
Carinthia Open, Mt Snow, VT Scheduled

USASA Events = Three USASA regions (Central, East, New England) 12 +/- series within those regions that roughly cover what the USSA Eastern Division covers as well.

Concerns Suggestions

Comp schedules Rev/USASA/AFP/ USSA/Other comp events

Coaches Ed/ (300 On-snow) Eastern On-snow

Having coaches Judge/TD (good and/or bad)

Add age group awards to East Free Tour to encourage 'B's to step up/ visit like ECS Eastern Moguls

Far West Region – Ben Wisner

Overview: It was a tough season for the Far West resorts and programs with inconstant snow conditions causing terrain not to be built for training or when there was terrain, we had bad weather. There was a lack of halfpipes again this season but terrain parks seemed to be good and getting better. Programs are growing in California and more kids are being brought into the competitive pipeline with access to coaching.

Competitions

USASA: It was a challenging season for USASA Series across the Far West with many events rescheduled or canceled. Series Directors did an amazing job to pull off the events they did under the circumstances and a big shout out to the USASA for understanding the challenges the West faced. All the work of the USASA and its Series Directors resulted in another great Nationals with a good share of medals going to athletes from the West.

REV TOUR QUALIFIER: Rev Tour qualifiers in slopestyle and halfpipe were held at Mammoth this season. The Slopestyle event was well attended by visiting teams and athletes and went off in great conditions. The Halfpipe event was less attended with only one women's open class competitor. Not sure if this was due to rescheduling of events but definitely something that needs to be looked at in the future.

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD GRAND PRIX: Mammoth Mountain hosted the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Grand Prix and US Team naming under lights. The event was great with many spectators.

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD REV TOUR: Mammoth Mountain hosted the Revolution Tour for Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Big Air. Mother Nature decided that she did not want this event to run smoothly. Thanks again to everyone's efforts we were able to get results in challenging conditions for athletes and organizers.

Camps: With the abundance of snow, the camp business in the Far West is beginning to grow with options at Squaw and Mammoth.

Looking Ahead: Far West in my opinion is growing and heading in the right direction. Programs are growing in the Tahoe region and Big Bear is now formalizing a professional program under new leadership. There are dedicated coaches who are seeking knowledge and trying to pass that onto their athletes. USASA events are happening across the area and riders are being introduced into the pipeline correctly. Halfpipes continue to be an issue with fewer and fewer being built. Slopestyle is strong and will continue to be with the parks that are being produced by nearly all mountains. The future is bright in the Far West for snowboarding. We are not perfect but we are producing some great athletes across all disciplines in all areas. Thanks to the efforts of motivated snowboarders who care about the sport and get involved.

Northern Report – Mike Papke

The 2017-18 season we had a full tour set up for our Slopestyle athletes including a couple interdivisional events. With the lack of snow in some locations outside of MT, our competition schedule shrunk a little. Northern Division held 4 sanctioned slope events this past season. These events were held at Big Sky and Bridger Bowl. We continued to work with USASA again this season in Montana. When schedules permitted, we pooled resources with judges etc. Both Tours USASA and US Ski & Snowboard tours we are seeing roughly around the same number of athletes competing in each tour but mostly different faces. Our numbers on the female side is very low and we continue to try to bring these numbers up.

Our competitive athletes in Northern stayed flat this season, however we did have several athletes move away. New competitive faces in the gate at these events are still looking good. We are limited in MT to find resorts that have quality features to hold SS events. This is why we took the approach of traveling a little more to get to great venues. We held our second event this past season at Big Sky Resort which provides the best venue for our Slope athletes in the state. On the snowboard side of things we have 2 programs in MT and seeing growth in both teams. Our snowboard athletes competed in USASA events this season.

The 2018-19 season we are planning to continue to host events at Big Sky and Bridger Bowl and continue to travel outside of the state for additional events. Our judges' panel has been put together by ex athletes from outside of the state of MT and they have done a good job for us. We are expecting our Judges' panel to continue judging next season. Freeskiing in MT is healthy and we look forward to some of our younger athletes to get in the gate this competitive season.

Pacific Northwest Report – Coggin Hill

This last fall it looked like it was shaping up to a great start to the season in Oregon but right when the resorts opened it got warm and we only had 2 solid storms until the end of January. It stayed colder up in Washington and they maintained a much better snowpack through the first couple months of the season. Once February rolled around the storms started coming and didn't really let off until late March. It was a typical "you want it when you don't have it but then hope for it to clear up, so you can get a decent training day in" kind of year in the NW.

Regional Events:

- USASA Mt. Hood series and Central Oregon series continue to be strong but struggled with conflicting event dates and crossover
 - These 2 series really need to merge to provide a better experience for the athletes
 - Increase the quality and limit the quantity of the events
- The Western Washington Series added 2 SBX/skiercross events this year for a total of 6 events
- The Dirksen Derby returned in prime fashion despite difficult snow conditions, Josh and Mt. Bachelor continue to host one of the top banked slalom events in North America
- The Mt. Baker Banked Slalom got innovative this season adding a toilet bowl to tunnel finish and continues to be the premier banked slalom event around
- The 3rd annual 10 Barrel Big Air at Mt. Bachelor was the best it has been yet with a jump relocation/redesign and a very competitive field
- Mt. Hood brought back one of its classic events in Revegate at Meadows this spring and it sounds like it was a success

National Competition Participation:

- PNW athletes competed in all the Revolution Tours, Grand Prix's, Dew Tour, X-Games, US Open, Hole Shot Tour, Speed Nation Canada, Canadian Open and USASA Nationals

- Season highlights were Central Oregon Series alumni Ben Ferguson and Kent Callister both qualified for the 2018 PyeongChang Olympics in snowboard halfpipe, finishing 4 and 12 respectively
- Hunter Hess and Jake Mageau competed in all of the Olympic ski halfpipe qualifying events but were unable to secure a spot for the 2018 Olympics
 - Both had great seasons and continue to finish in the top 20 consistently
- Sean Fitzsimons of Hood River competed in the Dew Tour, Grand Prix, Rev Tours and the Canadian Open with a 2nd in the Park City Rev, 3rd at the Air Nation National Championship in Alberta and 2nd at USASA Nationals, all in slopestyle
 - Sean was recently nominated to the US Rookie Slope Team
- 16 Snowboarders and 30+ skiers from MBSEF competed at USASA Nationals and approx. another 40+ from the Mt. Hood, Western Washington and Inland Northwest Series

Camps, Coaches Clinics and Training

- A great winter last season set-up Mt. Hood for a great summer of Camps last year
- Mt. Bachelor did not hold any June Camps last year and there are no plans to this season
- Fall USASA clinics were down this last year with only a Level 100 being held with 7 participants

Summary: Washington got hit early and maintained a good snowpack for the majority of the season. Oregon had a very slow start but caught back up in February. This greatly affected the quality of the terrain parks in Oregon with limited jump features until mid-February and very small halfpipes. Regional events maintained consistent numbers with a little growth but not as much as in years past. Participation was up in higher-level events with a decent group of athletes testing the waters of National level events in the US and Canada as well as a strong showing at International level events for PNW athletes.

Intermountain Report – Dave Euler

Generally low snow year caused delayed events, and venue openings. The region lost half pipes in Sun Valley, and Jackson Hole; while Park City went from a 22' to an 18' pipe. Sun Valley and Park City both hosted regional U.S. Ski & Snowboard IMD events. Park City also hosted a Rev Tour Stop, and Jr. Nationals. The Park City IMD events were dual sanctioned with USASA. All athletes were required to obtain a USASA license, with the events using USASA judges, and rules. Athletes could choose to have the event count towards their U.S. Ski & Snowboard points for \$25 extra per event. The dual sanctioning process allowed the athletes to save money, travel less, and spend more time skiing. It was also beneficial to the club by spending less money on resort fees.

IMD Athletes won events (and overall titles) at NorAm Cups, Rev Tours, Jr Nationals, and USASA Nationals. Athletes also competed in the Olympics, and World Cups.

Big Air participation continues to grow within the region, slopestyle remains steady, and halfpipe continues to decline.

IMD Clubs:

- . Park City Ski and Snowboard
- . Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation
- . Jackson Hole Ski and Snowboard Club
- . Bogus Basin Ski Education Foundation

Athletes/Clubs from Northern, Rocky, Far West / PNSA attended events.

Training Venues: 1 18' HP (Park City)

Variety of quality SS venues throughout the region. IMD hosted 4 SS events, 3 HP events, and 2 BA events. Sun Valley event (Rev Tour Qualifier) average participation: SS X 2

Men's SS: 63

Women's SS: 5 Park City event average participation: SS X 2 ; HP X 3 ; BA X 2
 Men's HP:
 Women's HP: 3 (4 including USASA)
 Men's BA: 23
 Women's BA: 2
 29 (52 including USASA) 3 (8 including USASA) 12 (24 including USASA)
 Jr. Nationals at Park City 7 of 8 divisions attended (no Alaska).
 Participation:
 Men's SS: 85 (7 divisions + international)
 Women's SS: 12 (6 divisions + international)
 Men's HP: 34 (6 divisions + international) (26 less than two years ago).
 Women's HP: 13 (5 divisions + international)
 Men's BA: 56 (7 divisions + international) 20 less than last year (Many left for Mammoth Rev Tour)
 Women's BA: 6 (4 divisions)

Rocky Report – Tony Lodico

Once again the 2017-18 winter, started a bit slow in the Rocky Mountains. Copper Mountain went full force to get their pipe up in time for the first U.S. Ski & Snowboard Rev Tour Pipe event in early December. We saw USASA and U.S. Ski & Snowboard hold competitive Freeskiing events in the region with USASA being far more active.

The USASA Rocky Mountain Series has continued to attract development level athletes from across the nation and world, with several competitors finding new winter homes in Summit County.

One development affecting the Colorado region is the addition of the IKON pass by Alterra as a counterpart to the Vail Resorts Epic Pass Product.

USASA competitive numbers (average attendance) - *Max min were used in place of average this season due to large participant swings*

Rocky Mountain Series	14/15: Pipe 70	Slopestyle 100
	15/16: Pipe 40	Slopestyle 95
	16/17 Pipe 45	Slopestyle 95
	17/18 Pipe 50max 26min	Slope 91/ 67
Aspen Snowmass Series	14/15: Pipe 15	Slopestyle 55
	15/16 Pipe 35	Slopestyle 40
	16/17 Pipe 20	Slopestyle 45
	17/18 Pipe 35/19	Slope 57/22
Southern Colorado Series	14/15: No Pipe	Slopestyle 30
	15/16: Pipe 4	Slopestyle 25
	16/17: Pipe 2	Slopestyle 20
	17/18: Pipe 3/2	Slope 17/11

USSA Rocky Mountain Freestyle

Vail attendance	14/15: Pipe 31	Slopestyle 50	Big Air 27
Vail	15/16: Pipe 48	Slopestyle 58	Big Air 39
Aspen	16/17: Pipe 22	Slopestyle 27	Big Air 19
Aspen	17/18: Pipe 15	Slopestyle 29	Big Air 20

Once again Freeskiing and Snowboarding has a strong presence at many resorts in the region, with full size parks and 22ft pipes at many of the 170 resorts, along with the X Games in Aspen and a strong commitment to Slopestyle in Winter Park.

The IFSA became more organized this season with the creation of the RMFS, who ran their first events this season. The presence of Big Mountain skiing offers another pathway within skiing that many freeskiers are drawn to.

Topics that are more national but seen here in the Rocky series.

- Boy numbers are much stronger than the Girls.
- Creating Young Professional coaches remains a challenge for all (from USASA Coach forum)
- It's Generally agreed that the creation of Freeskiing Sport Education is important, but most coaches are tapped and building this will take time that's hard to come by.
- USASA has 5221 (4639 full memberships) athletes Ski/Board total, U.S. Ski & Snowboard has 3500 U10 alpine, 3684 U12alpine (7000 under 12s) This core of young skiers are still in alpine development programs, getting these athletes exposure and skills will help sport presence, as they approach middle school.

<u>TEAM LEVELS</u>	<u>MEN'S HALFPIPE SKIING</u>	<u>WOMEN'S HALFPIPE SKIING</u>
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PRO TEAM	Blunck, Aaron (22) Wise, David (27) Yater-Wallace, Torin (22) Ferreira, Alex (23)	Bowman, Maddie (24) Logan, Devin (25) Sigourney, Brita (28)
	Kenworthy, Gus (26) Irving, Birk (18) Currier, Lyman (23) Seaton, Taylor (27)	Drew, Annalisa (24) Margulies, Carly (20)
ROOKIE TEAM	Hess, Hunter (19) Beebe, Jacob (18) Hoerter, Jaxin (17) Schuiling, Sammy (17) Ladd, Dylan (16)	Hansen, Abigale (19) Irving, Svea (16) Gorham, Anna (17)

<u>TEAM LEVELS</u>	<u>MEN'S SLOPESTYLE SKIING</u>	<u>WOMEN'S SLOPESTYLE SKIING</u>
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PRO TEAM	Goepper, Nick (24) Kenworthy, Gus (26) Hall, Alex (19)	Voisin, Maggie (19) Claire, Caroline (17)
	Brown, Bobby (26) Christensen, Joss (26) Stevenson, Colby (20) Williams, McRae (27)	Stevens, Darian (21) Krass, Julia (20) Logan, Devin (25)
ROOKIE TEAM	LaPlante, Cody (16) Borm, Willie (20) Forehand, Mac (16) Thomas, Richard (16)	Hamill, Marin (17) Henderson, Grace (16) Harwood, Rell (16)

Grand Prix Reports – Nick Alexakos

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Event Report - Toyota U.S. Grand Prix Copper Mountain Resort, CO – December 8-10, 2017



David Wise take 1st in FS HP

Teammates celebrate Julia's Podium

US Women Sweep podium in SB HP

EVENT FACTS

Location: Copper Mountain Resort, Copper, CO

Event: Toyota U.S. Grand Prix: Copper

Spectators: Approximately 10,375 (Freeski HP- Friday- 1,550, Snowboard HP- Saturday- 5,325, Snowboard Big Air- Sunday-3,500)

VIP's: 329 (comprised of sponsors, athletes, industry VIPs, Copper Mountain and other U.S. Ski & Snowboard guests)

Participants: Approximately 406 (International and domestic athletes, coaches, technicians, officials, industry representatives, family, volunteers)

Accredited Media: 94

Major Print Media: The Associated Press, Freeskier Magazine, Snowboarder Magazine, Snowboarding Magazine, Denver Post

International Media: Tokyo Broadcasting System, EuroSport, The Yomiuri Shimbun, Sports Travel Magazine

Broadcast Media: NBC, NBC Sports, Team USA, NBC Universal

Website Media: Denver Post, Chicago Tribune, Newschoolers, Getty Images, Freeskier, Summit Daily News

Top USA Results: Men's SB HP: Ben Ferguson 2nd, Shaun White 3rd, Danny Davis, 5th, Gabe Ferguson 6th, Chase Josey 7th, Greg Bretz 8th, Louie Vito 10th

Women's SB HP: Chloe Kim 1st, Maddie Mastro 2nd, Kelly Clark 3rd, Arielle Gold 5th, Elena Hight 8th

Men's FS HP: David Wise 1st, Torin Yater-Wallace 5th, Birk Irving 7th, Aaron Blunck 8th

Women's FS HP: Devin Logan 2nd, Annalisa Drew 4th, Maddie Bowman 5th, Brita Sigourney 6th, Carly Margulies 7th

Men's SB BA: Chris Corning 2nd, Chandler Hunt 3rd, Ryan Stassel 4th, Judd Henkes 10th

Women's SB BA: Julia Marino 2nd, Jamie Anderson 4th

Video Highlights:

Toyota U.S. Grand Prix- <http://videos.ussa.org/freeskiing>

Toyota U.S. Grand Prix- <http://videos.ussa.org/snowboarding>

U.S. Snowboard HP 5 Podiums Highlight-

<https://www.facebook.com/usskiandsnowboard/videos/510049602727186/>

U.S. Snowboard Big Air Podiums Highlight-

<https://www.facebook.com/usskiandsnowboard/videos/510225216042958/>

Social Media Reach: 1.6 Million

International TV Exposure: InFront Media, Eurosport-Asia, Europe, CBC (Canada), ORF

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Event Report - 2017 Toyota U.S. Grand Prix – Snowmass, CO January 12-14, 2018



EVENT FACTS

Location: Snowmass Resort, CO

Event: Toyota U.S. Grand Prix: Men's and Women's Snowboard Slopestyle, Halfpipe. Men's and Women's Freeski Slopestyle, Halfpipe

Spectators: Approximately 10,000

Other Event: Approximately 697: (Sponsors, international and domestic athletes, coaches, Participants: technicians, officials, industry representatives, media, broadcasters, volunteers)

VIPs: 100 (comprised of Sponsors, Industry VIPs, and other USSA guests)

Media: Accredited Media: 87

Television Coverage: NBC, NBC Sports, Eurosport, CNN, Dallas Morning News, Universal Sports, CBS, TV Tokyo, CBC, ORF (AUS), CCTV (China), Fuji Television Network (JPN)

Major Print/ Web Media: The Associated Press, Getty Images, CNN, Denver Post, Dallas Morning News, Freesports UK, NBC Sports, Team USA, MTV3, Newschoolers, Snowboarder Magazine, SNOWboard Magazine

Top USA Results:

Men's Snowboard Slopestyle: Red Gerard 1st, Ryan Stassel 7th, Chandler Hunt 8th

Women's Snowboard Slopestyle: Jessika Jenson 5th, Ty Walker 7th

Men's Freeski Halfpipe: David Wise 1st, Alex Ferreira 2nd, Aaron Blunck 3rd, Gus Kenworthy 7th

Women's Freeski Halfpipe: Brita Sigourney 2nd, Maddie Bowman 4th, Devin Logan 5th, Carly Margulies 7th

Men's Freeski Slopestyle: McRae Williams 4th

Women's Freeski Slopestyle: Maggie Voisin 2nd, Devin Logan 6th

Men's Snowboard Halfpipe: Shaun White 1st, Jake Pates 4th, Ben Ferguson 5th, Chase Josey 6th

Women's Snowboard Halfpipe: Chloe Kim 2nd, Maddie Mastro 3rd, Kelly Clark 4th, Arielle Gold 6th

Men's Freeski Slopestyle: Gus Kenworthy 1st, Nick Goepper 2nd, Quinn Wolferman 4th

Women's Freeski Slopestyle: Maggie Voisin 2nd, Julia Krass 2nd, Darian Stevens 7th, Caroline Claire 8th

Highlights:

2018 Toyota U.S. Grand Prix returned to Aspen/Snowmass after a 20+ year hiatus with great resort partnership and dedication to deliver world-class venues and competitions.

On the final run of Men's SB HP, Shaun White scores a perfect 100 to clinch the win and his 4th Olympic Team nomination.

Men's U.S. Freeski HP sweep the podium! 1st-Wise, 2nd-Ferreira, 3rd-Blunck

**U.S. Ski & Snowboard Event Report
Toyota U.S. Grand Prix – Mammoth, CA. – January 18-21, 2018**



EVENT FACTS

Location: Mammoth Mountain Resort, CA

Event: Men's and Women's Snowboarding and Freeskiing Halfpipe and Slopestyle

Entertainment: January 20-21 (Sat, Sun)- U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team Nomination Ceremony presented by Visa

Spectators: Total Approx 12,300= Thursday-1,700, Friday-3,600, Saturday-5,800, Sunday-1,200

USSA VIP's: 540 (sponsors, athletes, industry VIPs and other U.S. Ski & Snowboard guests)

Live Webcast: NBC Live. Olympic Channel Streaming

Media: Accredited Media: 72 Accredited Photo and Media

Highlights: AFP, Freeskier, Newschoolers, Sports Illustrated, Getty Images, Reuters, Transworld Snowboarding, NBCSN, Kyodo News, ESPN, Red Bull, LA Times, San Jose Mercury News, Mammoth

US Results: Women's Freeskiing Slopestyle: Caroline Claire 3rd, Taylor Lundquist 5th, Darian Stevens 6th

Men's Freeskiing Slopestyle: McRae Williams 6th, Joss Christensen 7th, Nick Goepper 8th

Men's Freeskiing Slopestyle: Gus Kenworthy 2nd, Nick Goepper 3rd, McRae Williams 5th

Men's Freeskiing Halfpipe: Kyle Smaine 1st, Alex Ferreira 2nd, Torin Yater-Wallace 3rd, David Wise 4th

Women's Freeskiing Halfpipe: Brita Sigourney 1st, Maddie Bowman 2nd, Devin Logan 3rd, Carly Margulies 4th

Women's Snowboard Slopestyle: Jamie Anderson 1st, Julia Mario 2nd, Hailey Langland 3rd,

Men's Snowboard Slopestyle: Kyle Mack 1st, Red Gerard 2nd, Brock Couch 3rd,

Women's Snowboard Halfpipe: Kelly Clark 1st, Chloe Kim 2nd, Maddie Mastro 3rd, Arielle Gold 4th

Men's Snowboard Halfpipe: Chase Josey 1st, Ben Ferguson 2nd, Greg Bretz 3rd

Highlights: Mammoth Mountain Resort delivers two successful night HP finals under the lights.

Over 20 Olympic Team Nominations secured in Freeskiing and Snowboarding in both Halfpipe and Slopestyle.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team Members dominate the weekend claiming 21 of 27 podiums .

Over 200 U.S. Ski & Snowboard VIP's and sponsors in attendance to celebrate the Team Nominations presented by Visa.

BROADCASTS:

Copper

Event	Airdate	Network	Time (Est)	Length	Rating	Households	Total Viewers	Cumulative Households	Viewers Per Household	Total Cumulative Viewers
SB HP	12/9/17	NBC	4:00 PM	120 mins	.73	871,620	1,830,402	871,620	2.1	1,830,402
FS HP	12/10/17	NBC	1:00 PM	60 mins	.47	561,180	1,178,478	561,180	2.1	1,178,478
SB BA	12/10/17	NBCSN	8:00 PM	60 mins	.06	87,000	182,700	87,000	2.1	182,700

Snowmass

Event	Airdate	Network	Time (est)	Length	Rating	Households	Total Viewers	Cumulative Households	Viewers per household	Total Cumulative Viewers
FS HP	1/12/18	NBCSN	9:30 PM	60 mins	.10	185,000	388,500	185,000	2.1	388,500
SB SS	1/12/18	NBCSN	10:30 PM	60 mins	.09	177,000	371,700	177,000	2.1	371,700
SB HP	1/14/18	NBC	3:00 PM	90 mins	0.58	693,680	1,456,728	693,680	2.1	1,456,728
FS SS	1/14/18	NBCSN	1:30 AM	60 mins	.04	51,000	107,100	51,000	2.1	107,100
FS SS	1/15/18	NBCSN	11:00 PM	60 mins	.05	57,000	119,700	57,000	2.1	119,700

Mammoth

Event	Airdate	Network	Time (Est)	Length	Rating	Households	Total Viewers	Cumulative Households	Viewers Per Household	Total Cumulative Viewers
FS HP	1/19/18	NBCSN	1:00AM	60 mins	.02	26,000	54,600	26,000	2.1	54,600
FS SS	1/20/18	NBC	4:00PM	60 mins	0.81	968,760	2,034,396	968,760	2.1	2,034,396
SB SS	1/2018	NBC	5:00PM	60 mins	1.08	1,291,680	2,712,528	1,291,680	2.1	2,712,528
SB HP	1/21/18	NBC	5:00PM	60 mins	0.61	729,560	1,532,076	729,560	2.1	1,532,076
FS SS	1/23/18	NBCSN	1:30AM	60 mins	.03	41,000	86,100	41,000	2.1	86,100



2018/19 Goals:

- Deliver elite competition venues that provide opportunity for US athletes to compete domestically
- Continued support and development of Slopestyle, Halfpipe, Big Air, SBX / SX as Olympic Sports
- Enhance media, sponsor, and spectator engagement at events
- Strengthen integration of Revolution Tour and GP competitions
- Strengthen integration between FIS-WST- AFP at Grand Prix Events
- Continued support of U.S. Ski & Snowboard environmental sustainability mission

2018/19 Tentative Schedule & Sanctioning:

- Dec 3-8, 2018- Toyota U.S. Grand Prix- Copper Mountain Resort, CO- HP
 - SB- FIS World Cup, WST International
- FK- FIS World Cup, AFP Platinum
 - January 28-Feb 10, 2019- FIS World Champs- Solitude/ Park City
 - SBX, BXT, SX, PGS, PSL, HP, SS, BA
- March 4-9, 2019- Toyota U.S. Grand Prix- Mammoth Mountain Resort, CA- HP, SS
 - SB- FIS World Cup, WST International
 - FK- FIS World Cup, AFP Platinum

2018 USASA BY THE NUMBERS...

2018 Season Membership Stats:

Snowboarders:

Paid: 2957 (up 20 from 2017)

One Day: 298 (up 138 from 2017)

Skiers:

Paid: 1682 (Up 26 from 2017)

One Day: 284 (Up 144 from 2017)

TOTAL COMPETITOR MEMBERSHIP:

PAID: 4639 (Up 46 from 2017)

ONE DAY: 582 (Up 278 from 2017)

TOTAL: 5221 (UP 324 from 2017)

2018 Nationals:

Total Competitors: 1885

Snowboarders: 1249 (Up 169 from 2017 Nationals)

Skiers: 636 (Down 170 from 2017 Nationals)



FREESKI

USASA Events

Big Air - 0

Rail Jam-96

Regional 92
Championships 4

Halfpipe-49

Regional 30
Rev Q 4
Championships 15

Slopestyle-127

Regional 112
Rev Q 3
Championships 15

Total Regional 241
Total Championships 34
Total 275

Ski Cross

Regional 96
Championships 15

Total 111

Total Freeski Events 386

US Ski and Snowboard Events

Big Air- 14

Rev Tour /Q 3
Regional/Championships 11

Rail Jam-1

Regional 1

Halfpipe- 15

Grand Prix 3
Rev Tour/Q 4
Regional/Championships 8

Slopestyle- 39

Grand Prix 3
Rev Tour/Q 5
Regional/Championships 31

Total Regional 51
Total GP/REV/Q 18
Total 69

Ski Cross

Hole Shot 6
Rev Tour 3

Total 9

Total Freeski Events 78



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SNOWBOARD AND FREESKI ASSOCIATION

Membership Y2Y	2017					2018					Difference	
	Paid		One Day		2017 Total	Paid		One Day		2018 Total	Count	by %
Series	SB	Skier	SB	Skier		SB	Skier	SB	Skier			
Adirondack Series	41	69	2	4	116	34	64	8	12	127	11	9.48%
Appalachian Series	88	59	4	6	157	97	73	12	8	207	50	31.85%
Aspen Snowmass Series	65	46	0	0	111	64	38	3	0	106	-5	-4.50%
Big Alaska Series	7	3	0	0	10	4	3	0	0	7	-3	-30.00%
Big Mountain West Series	161	110	6	4	281	139	117	11	8	283	2	0.71%
Catskill Mountain Series	75	79	0	11	165	67	74	7	18	174	9	5.45%
Central Oregon	71	62	0	0	133	63	70	0	4	151	18	13.53%
Grand Canyon	41	13	6	5	65	33	8	8	7	64	-1	-1.54%
Great Lakes Series	91	27	6	0	124	82	29	9	4	128	4	3.23%
Idaho Mountain Free Ride Ser	16	43	11	10	80	10	40	19	26	98	18	22.50%
Inland Northwest Series	20	27	10	11	68	18	23	15	16	73	5	7.35%
Maine Mtn. Series	85	76	3	13	177	88	61	5	15	177	0	0.00%
Massachusetts Series	45	24	6	7	82	48	16	6	13	88	6	7.32%
Mid Atlantic Series	128	44	7	4	183	136	59	11	5	219	36	19.67%
Midwest Best Series	105	10	16	1	132	134	12	37	1	191	59	44.70%
Mt. Hood Series	41	59	1	6	107	51	51	1	8	121	14	13.08%
New Hampshire Series	105	95	1	5	206	98	127	5	9	244	38	18.45%
North Tahoe Series	117	73	1	7	198	133	85	1	7	244	46	23.23%
Northern Vermont Series	108	62	0	1	171	108	47	20	8	188	17	9.94%
Raging Buffalo Series	41	4	0	0	45	22	1	0	0	23	-22	-48.89%
Rocky Mountain Series	432	232	19	0	683	484	207	0	0	739	56	8.20%
Snow Ohio Series	36	8	5	0	49	27	9	5	0	41	-8	-16.33%
South Tahoe Series	86	71	1	3	161	110	85	19	24	249	88	54.66%
Southeastern Series	38	9	5	5	57	47	11	8	7	76	19	33.33%
Southern California Series	62	15	2	0	79	90	15	5	0	118	39	49.37%
Southern Vermont Series	226	140	2	3	371	209	140	5	13	386	15	4.04%
Southwest Colorado Series	61	53	19	6	139	65	46	28	9	151	12	8.63%
Southwest Freeride Series	60	36	5	7	108	52	38	22	12	130	22	20.37%
The Unbound Series	82	50	0	0	132	82	51	0	1	137	5	3.79%
Upper Midwest Snow Series	260	29	3	0	292	228	28	4	2	278	-14	-4.79%
Western New York Series	102	17	10	2	131	87	12	4	6	109	-22	-16.79%
Western Washington Series	41	11	9	23	84	47	42	20	41	157	73	86.90%
	2937	1656	160	144	4897	2957	1682	298	284	5221	324	6.62%
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										324		

Rule Proposals

(Current Rule): 4605.3

The placement of the finish line is determined by the Head Judge and marked by painting a colored line across the bottom of the pipe and up the walls. For a trick to count towards a competitor's score, the competitor must take off on or before the finish line.

(New Rule): 4605.3

For a trick to count towards a competitor's score, the competitor must take off on or before the conclusion of the usable pipe.

Approved to use FIS Rules following the FIS Congress

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(Existing Rule): 4803.2 Modified Formats

The qualifications format for a Big Air event may be modified, providing: the modified format is approved by the Jury (art. 2004).

Modified Formats could include using a double-up judging panel, Jam formats and a Ranking system and could be used both in the qualification or finals. Please note that all modified formats are variations of heats and use either one judge team or a double-up judge format.

(New Rule): 4803.2 Modified Formats

The qualification for a Big Air event may be modified, providing the jury approves the modified format. Modified formats may include but are not limited to: Best 1 of 3 jump Qualifiers, Jam Formats and Double-Up judges' panels.

Approved to adjust to match the current FIS Rules for Big Air Formats.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Wes Preston, second by Tom Wallisch