

FREESTYLE SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 2018

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress
Center of Excellence, 1 Victory Lane, Park City, Utah 84060
May 2-4, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Chairman	Chris "Seedog" Seemann - Present
B.O.D. Representative	Chris "Seedog" Seemann - Present
Past Chair	Andy Wise - Present
Mogul Subcommittee Chair	Mike Papke - Present
Aerial Subcommittee Chair	Jana Johnson - Present
R & O Subcommittee Chair	Thomas Schaefer - Present
FIS Representative	Todd Schirman - Absent
Divisional Rep - Rocky	Adam Leseur - Present
Divisional Rep – Central	Martin Sundquist - Present
Freestyle Director	Todd Schirman – Absent – Katie Fieguth Proxy
At – Large	Konrad Rotermund - Present
At – Large	Jeff Lange - Present
Athlete Representative	Bryan Zemba - Present
Athlete B.O.D. Representative	Heather McPhie - Present

Thursday, May 3rd, 2018

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Keynote Address – Tiger Shaw	Summit A+B+C
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Freestyle Sport Committee Meetings	Mountain View
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	FSC – Chris Seemann Chair	

1. Welcome – Seedog
2. Agenda Review and Approval – Seedog (Lange, 2nd Wise)
3. Approval of May 2017 Minutes – Seedog (Konrad, 2nd Adam)
4. Executive Committee Report – Seedog
5. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board of Directors' Report – Seedog
6. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Updates / membership – Barnes (9am)
7. Staff Reports – Gnoza and Ossian
8. FIS Report – Lounsbury / Rotermund
9. Adjourn until Friday May 3rd, 2018 – Seedog

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Division Chair Meeting – Mike Papke MSC Chair

- Creating a better transition from the divisional level to the national level
- Social Media
 - Impact on suppliers/sponsors
 - Development Instagram for freestyle
- Quarterly phone calls to divisions
- Coaches' Education – review what clinics U.S. Ski & Snowboard are hosting
- Division management and governance
- Collaboration
 - Make an effort to meet outside of Congress in May as a group (divisions)
- There is a big push for USASA to ONLY have those events and not participate in U.S. Ski Team events. Big disappointment for our community.
- Making sure that reps for each committee are present
- Adding division chairs to the FSC so that they have a voice

11:30am – 1:30pm

Aerial Subcommittee – Jana Johnson Chair

2:30pm – 5:00pm

Mogul Subcommittee – Mike Papke Chair

Friday, May 4th, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

FSC – Seemann

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

R&O Subcommittee – Thom Schaefer Chair

11:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Freestyle Sport Committee Meeting

10. Subcommittee Reports / Proposal Review

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

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

12. Elections – Seedog

Discussion: The FSC decided to reunite the BOD seat and the FSC chair seat to be on the same terms (Motioned, Konrad 2nd)

Position	Name	Term	Anniversary Date
Chairman	Chris "Seedog" Seemann	2 yr.	2020
B.O.D. Representative	Chris "Seedog" Seemann	2 yr.	2019
Past Chair	Andy Wise-		
Mogul Subcommittee Chair	Mike Papke	2 yr.	2019
Aerial Subcommittee Chair	Jana Johnson	2 yr.	2020
R & O Subcommittee Chair	Thomas Schaefer	2 yr.	2019
FIS Representative	Scott Lounsbury/Konrad Rotermund		
Divisional Representative	Deb Newson - East	2 yr.	*
Divisional Representative	Patrick Deneen - PNSA	2 yr.	*
Sport Development Manager	Katie Fieguth	-	-
At-Large	Konrad Rotermund	2 yr.	2019
At-Large	Jeff Lange	2 yr.	2018
Athlete Representative	Bryon Wilson	2 yr.	2020
Athlete B.O.D. Representative	Heather Watanabe	3 yr.	*
Judicial Committee			
Chair	Jeff Lange	2 yr.	2020
At-Large	Jay Simson	2 yr.	2019
Athlete Representative	Heather Watanabe		

*Divisions FFSC Rotation

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

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

13. Old Business – Seedog

14. New Business – Seedog

- Discussion of adding a national qualifier to the schedule. National team would not be invited, and we could implement a different format
- Mogul Venue discussion
- Homologation of venues moving forward

15. Adjournment – Seedog (Wise, 2nd Konrad)**Freestyle Executive Committee**

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 - Judge Room

Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Committee Membership

Chair – Chris Seemann (Seedog)

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Rep – Katie Fieguth

Athlete BOD Rep – Heather Watanabe

At Large – Konrad Rotermund
 Past Chair – Andy Wise
 Agenda

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

Proposal Number:	Exec. 1 – Housekeeping PASSED (Motedioned, Konrad 2nd)
Description:	Update FSC Operating Procedures with USS name change and to reflect new Freestyle Skiing staff structure throughout entire operating procedures.
Current Rule:	USSA (US Ski and Snowboard Association) Freestyle Program Director
Proposed Change:	USSA (US Ski and Snowboard Association) (U.S. Ski & Snowboard) Freestyle Program Director Sport Development Manager
Discussion/Reason:	Make FSC Operating Procedures consistent with U.S. Ski & Snowboard name change and reflecting new Freestyle Skiing staff structure

Proposal Number:	Exec. 2 PASSES (Motedioned, Konrad 2nd)
Description:	Adding the MO or AE Subcommittee Chair to Executive committee
Current Rule:	Section III: The FSC will annually select at the USSA Congress an executive committee that will consist of the following representation, each with vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The chairperson of the Freestyle Sport Committee ◆ One At-large member selected by vote of the FSC who is a member in good standing ◆ The freestyle program director ◆ The freestyle athlete representative to the USSA BOD ◆ The USSA BOD sport representative, if different from the Committee Chair ◆ The Past Chairperson
Proposed Change:	Section III: The FSC will annually select at the USSA <u>U.S. Ski & Snowboard</u> Congress an executive committee that will consist of the following representation, each with vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The chairperson of the Freestyle Sport Committee ◆ One At-large member selected by vote of the FSC who is a member in good standing ◆ The freestyle program director <u>development manager</u> ◆ The freestyle athlete representative to the USSA BOD ◆ The USSA BOD sport representative, if different from the Committee Chair ◆ The Past Chairperson ◆ <u>The current MO or AE Subcommittee Chair - based on the sport issue under consideration by Executive</u>
Discussion/Reason:	The addition of the sport specific Chair will add a more focused voice for decisions, especially concerning athlete petitions.

3. FSC Committee Elections
4. Adjournment

Aerials Subcommittee Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 - Mountain View Room
 Thursday, May 3, 2018, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Committee Membership:

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

Agenda

1. Welcome (Jana)
2. Agenda Review and Approval (Wes, Tai 2nd)
3. Old Business
4. Development
5. Coaches Education
6. Action Items / Proposals

Proposal Number:	Aerial #1 PASSED (Motioned, Fieguth 2nd)
Description:	DD for aerial just with upright and invert
Current Rule:	<p>Unclear what the current rule is. Alternative 1 is what has been in the Comp Guide and Winfree. Alternative 2 appears to have passed in 2012, but never made it into the Comp Guide or Winfree in the last 6 years.</p> <p>What passed was: ... Tuck, Pike or any other maneuver from the non-rotational upright category will carry a -0.05 DD when performed in a backwards flipping invert. Tuck, Pike or any other maneuver from the non-rotational upright category will carry a -0.10 DD when performed in a front or side flipping invert.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>ALTERNATIVE 1 ----- Alternative 1 awards points for doing for uprights that are being combined with inverts. This is what is in the Comp Guide and Winfree. RULE CHANGES: None: EXAMPLES: bP = 2.00 bPD = 2.12 = 2.00+.12 bPSDS = 2.32 = 2.00+.10+.12+.10 bPX = 2.12 = 2.00 +.12 l / sP = 2.00 lg / sPg 2.13 = 2.00+.13 DISCUSSION: I believe this is the most reasonable as it awards more points for more difficult jumps. The DDs look reasonable.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE 2 ----- Alternative 2 penalizes the competitor for uprights and grabs that are being combined with inverts. This is what passed in 2012, but did not make it to Comp Guide or Winfree. RULE CHANGES: (1) In 6006.1.1, add a second line: (all DDs apply to 6006.1.1 and 6006.1.2, but not 6006.1.3) (2) In 6006.1.3, add the following line to the table: All uprights from Section 6006.1.1 -0.05 -0.10</p>

	<p>(see codes above) (3) In 6006.1.3, add the following to the Special Provisions: All upright maneuvers and grabs from Section 6006.1.1 will have a deduction of 0.05 when done with a back invert and a deduction of 0.10 when done with a side (off-axis) or forward invert. EXAMPLES: bP = 2.00 bPD = 1.95 = 2.00 -.05 bPSDS = 1.85 = 2.00 -.05 -.05 bPX = 1.95 = 2.00 -.05 l / sP = 2.00 lg / sPg = 1.90 = 2.00 -.10 Discussion: This was voted in 2012. However, I'm not sure whether the change was what was intended. Also, it is not in the Comp Guide. This gives lower DDs for harder jumps – thus preventing them. Also, it prevents people from doing grabs in common off-axis add-ons like a grab and ski crosses in an invert.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE 3 ----- Alternative 2 does not penalize or reward the competitor for uprights and grabs that are being combined with inverts. RULE CHANGES: (1) In 6006.1.1, add a second line: (all DDs apply to 6006.1.1 and 6006.1.2, but not 6006.1.3) (2) In 6006.1.3, add the following line to the table: All uprights from Section 6006.1.1 0 0 (see codes above) (3) In 6006.1.3, add the following to the Special Provisions: All upright maneuvers and grabs from Section 6006.1.1 will have a DD of zero when done with a somersault. EXAMPLES: bP = 2.00 bPD = 2.00 = 2.00+0 bPSDS = 2.00 = 2.00+0+0+0 bPX = 2.00 = 2.00+0 l / sP = 2.00 lg / sPg = 2.00 = 2.00+0</p>
Discussion/Reason:	If we don't want to reward harder jumps, this at least doesn't prevent people from doing them.

7. Election

8. Review of Committee Membership

- Chairman – Jana Johnson
- Past Chair – Tim Preston
- Athlete Rep – Jon Lillis
- Athlete Rep – Mac Bohannon
- Athlete Rep – Jasper Holcomb
- At Large – Jaroslav Novak
- Far West Rep – Jimeel Farris
- Central Rep – Martin and Lewis Sundquist
- Eastern Rep – Johnny Kroetz
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard Rep – Todd Ossian
- Coaches Rep – Wes Preston
- Coaches Rep – Jack Boyczuk
- At Large – Dave Von Derau
- At Large – Kelly and Corey Hacker
- R&O Rep – Tai Robinson
- FIS Rep – Konrad Rotermund

9. New Business

Discussion

DD Proposal

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard DD - bL is less DD than a Back flip with any grab.
- Focus on getting pipeline doing good bL and bF while not alienating young athletes (Example Waterville holding 70+ athlete events on aerial hill)

Conversation about U.S. Nationals and Jr. Nationals/Pipeline

- Jr. Nationals – Question. Do we need to begin to combine this with Nationals? It costs too much to hold Jr. Nationals solo. How do we do this? Cost was \$7,000 at UOP last year. Both events end up not very good because of cost and low participation.
- Lake Placid, Waterville: Both willing to hold Nationals & Jr. Nationals together
- Under 14 years old problem at a FIS event
- **Solution** = Name a Jr. National Champion at U.S. Aerial Championships
- If we want to do both this year, let's do it, but in the future let's talk philosophically about how to do this. Nationals – just aerials. Juniors – we can do it all (grabs, uprights, etc) – with freeski?
- Summary: Lake Placid U.S. Champs – every aerialist who has one single flip qualified (over and under 14)

Exposure

- Seeing the athletes more would make a big difference. The kids need to see the sport, see the athletes so they need to be at these events with the kids.
- What kind of media can we use to drive participation? Genuine strategy.
- It's a lot easier if you're doing one event and do it really well.
- Brings us back to U.S. Champs – inviting more people... but to do this, it can't just be a WC aerial site. For someone doing a 360 compared to a double it looks much more appealing.
- Media is driven from the bottom up... we need a media strategy. Instagram.
- TV is not coming back for Nationals – Seedog. Situation is dire.

Double sites/NorAms continued -

- Doubles only sites for NorAms? Is an option. Canada's only option as they do not have the sites. Are we better off doing fewer NorAms with better sites than doing more with poor sites?
- Discussing the segue from regional to NorAm to World Cup; example - train, train, off, train, train, off, compete, compete
- Summary: 3 NorAms at sites that can hold triples

Progression –

- Kids doing layout, tuck, double tuck instead of layout, full, double full. We need to address this.
- We need to be teaching the tricks that will win the Olympics.
- Example of back full in all ranges as a part of the criteria.
- Should we increase the dd for bF? Let's not drive just for scores, but coaching philosophy.
- Balance...we don't want the athletes to quit – Canada example but we need to have this as a focus.
- Coaches education breakdown. More conversations.

Moguls Subcommittee Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 - Mountain View Room
Thursday, May 3, 2018, 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Committee Membership:

Chairperson – Mike Papke - Present
Past Chair – Matt Gnoza - Present
Rocky Rep – Kate Blamey – Absent Proxy Bobby Aldighieri
Eastern Rep – Sam Tarrant - Present
Intermountain Rep – Jon O'Brien - Present
PNSA Rep – Patrick Deneen Sr. - Present
Northern Rep – Mike Papke - Present

Far West Rep – Jimeel Ferris - Present
 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Rep – Katie Fieguth - Present
 At Large – Nick Preston - Present
 At Large – Kris Pepe - Present
 Athlete Rep – KC Oakley - Absent
 Athlete Rep – Nick Hanscom - Absent
 FSC Athlete Rep – Bryan Zemba – Absent Proxy Heather McPhie
 Aerial Rep – Lance Field - Present
 R&O – Thomas Schaefer - Present
 Development Rep – Wes Preston – Present

Agenda

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

Proposal Number:	Mogul #6 – Amended to include proposal #11 PASSED (Motioned, Konrad 2nd)
Description:	Format of Junior Nationals
Current Rule:	N/A
Proposed Change:	Best of two run qualifications with an option of 16 to 6 finals. If finals are not run, the qualifications become final results.
Discussion/Reason:	

Proposal Number:	Mogul #9 – PASSED (Motioned, Fieguth 2nd)
Description:	At junior nationals, the host club can enter one athlete per gender, per discipline as a host allocation spot to junior nationals
Current Rule:	N/A
Proposed Change:	The host team of junior nationals can enter one athlete per discipline, per gender to junior nationals as a host allocation spot.
Discussion/Reason:	To encourage more clubs to bid for junior nationals. To encourage local clubs and athletes to become more involved in junior nationals. To encourage more volunteer involvement at junior nationals.

Proposal Number:	Mogul #11 – Combined to proposal #6 PASSED (Motioned, Konrad 2nd)
Description:	Junior Nationals Moves to a 2 Run Format
Current Rule:	In moguls the jury will determine the finals format during the mogul draw team captions meeting with a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 40 competitors (men and women) will move into finals. Halfpipe and slopestyle format – see section 4603 and 4703. The results from finals will be used for overall and age group awards.
Proposed Change:	In moguls, each competitor will be given 2 runs. The results from the higher scoring of the 2 runs will be used for overall and age group awards.
Discussion/Reason:	Community interest in giving all athlete 2 runs is more important than keeping a finals format for this championship event.

Proposal Number:	House Keeping #1 *already listed; need clarification - PASSED (Motioned, Konrad 2nd)
Description:	Junior Nationals Moguls Finals
Current Rule:	In moguls the jury will determine the finals format during the mogul draw team captions meeting with a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 40 competitors (men and women) will move into finals.
Proposed Change:	In moguls the jury will determine the finals format during the mogul draw team captions meeting with a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 40 competitors (men and women) will move into finals. The intent is to allow 40 athletes into finals unless there are concerns with the course, safety etc. <u>The organizer will announce the format by January 1st in the year of the event.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	The past 2 Junior Nationals this has been a topic at the team leaders.

7. Election

8. Review of Committee Membership

Chairperson – Mike Papke
 Past Chair – Matt Gnoza
 Rocky Rep – Bobby Aldighieri
 Eastern Rep – Sam Tarrant
 Intermountain Rep – Jon O'Brien
 PNSA Rep – Patrick Deneen Sr.
 Northern Rep – Mike Papke
 Far West Rep – Jimeel Ferris
 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Rep – Katie Fieguth
 At Large – Nick Preston
 At Large – Kris Pepe
 Athlete Rep – Alex Jenson
 Athlete Rep – Mikaela Matthews
 FSC Athlete Rep – Bryon Wilson
 FIS Rep – Chris Marchetti
 R&O – Thomas Schaefer
 Development Rep – Wes Preston

9. New Business

- Add Mogul Qualifier
- Mogul Venue Discussion
- New Young Guns Selection Process
- Junior Nationals Criteria – Scooter

10. Adjournment (Motioned, Preston 2nd)

Rules & Officials Subcommittee Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 - Mountain View Room
 Friday, May 4, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Committee Membership:

Chairman - Thomas Schaefer
 Head TD - Craig Matthews
 Head Judge - Chris Ellis
 FIS Rep - Katie Fieguth
 Athlete BOD Rep - Heather Watanabe
 Athlete Rep - Joe Discoe
 TD Rep - Tad Dziemian

TD Rep - Adam Leseur
Judges Rep - Scott Lounsbury
Judges Rep - Bill McNice

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Agenda Review and Approval
3. Review of Committee Membership
 - Chairman – Thomas Schaefer
 - Head TD – Craig Matthews
 - Head Judges – Chris Ellis/Scott Lounsbury
 - U.S. Ski & Snowboard Rep – Katie Fieguth
 - Athlete Rep – Heather Watanabe
 - Athlete Rep – Bryon Wilson
 - Athlete Rep – Mikaela Matthews
 - Freeskiing Rep – Wes Preston
 - TD Rep – Adam Leseur
 - TD Rep – Tad Dziemian
 - Judges Rep – Tai Robinson
 - Judges Rep – Bill McNice
4. Old Business
5. TD Info –
 - Craig Matthews (head TD) discussed the online TD training program he presented in Nov 2017. There were 8 participants. Plan is to schedule again in 2018. Successful program.
 - TD Reports – Not all the TD reports have been received for the season. It was discussed that events should not be counted for points until a report is received. Discussion was generally against because it would punish the athletes (one comment was that if a new points list was being published a day after an event, that events points would not count). The subcommittee agreed that it is best to continue to have scores count without a TD report submitted. It was suggested to work with the individual TD's that do not submit reports as solution. Discussion regarding updating all officials' information (i.e. Email, phone,) in current database. Agreed to review and update as needed.
6. Judges Info –
 - U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FSC inquired about having a head judge co-chair to help deal with the head judges workload. After discussion Scott Lounsbury volunteered for the position. Approved by a majority vote.
 - There was discussion to replace Scott's judging rep position since he is now co-head judge. Some spoke against because they did not feel the committee needed to be any larger. Adding another member means we will have to add a third athlete rep to have a minimum of 20% athlete representation. Others were in favor. Consensus that Tia Robinson would assume the position. No vote was taken because there were no other nominations for the position.
7. Action Items / Proposals - None
8. New Business
 - TD/Judges Clinics.
 - Freestyle Judges Constitution (guidelines) 10-24-2012 outdated and need to be updated to meet current FSC rules. It has never been approved by R&O or FSC in the past. It will be reviewed, revised, and submitted to FSC for review.
 - FIS TD/Judges Clinics. FIS Judges A Clinic: Late Placid Oct 2018. FIS TD A Clinic: Nov 2018 Canada scheduling.

- Officials code of conduct. A complaint of alleged misconduct was received by the FSC. Chris Seeman has forwarded the info on to U.S. Ski & Snowboard legal for review. Process for official's misconduct will be addressed in judge's constitution (official's guidelines) being revised.
- The subcommittee will need another athlete rep with the additional member added to the subcommittee.
- FSC asked R&O to review the 2019 Competition Guide draft for mistakes.

Domestic Event Update: Katie Fieguth

2018-2019 FFSP List Schedule: Dates will be published after review from Divisional Chairs and all FIS events finalized. This will be in the competition guide and online at usskiandsnowboard.org.

FSP list Dates	Close	Valid
Fall	11/7/18	11/9/18
List 1	1/2/19	1/4/19
List 2	1/22/19	1/25/19
List 3	2/19/19	2/22/19
List 4	3/5/19	3/6/19
List 5	3/19/19	3/22/19
List 6	6/28/19	6/28/19

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freestyle/Freeskiing Junior Nationals: March 4th- 10th, 2019
Current Bids: Park City, Utah

U.S. Freestyle Championships Moguls: March 13th – 17th, 2019
Current Bids: Waterville

U.S. Freestyle Championships Aerials: TBD, 2019
Utah Olympic Park or Lake Placid

NorAm Proposed Dates:

Dec. 16-22 - US Selections - Winter Park
Dec. 18-22 - NorAm - AE - UOP
Jan. 22-24 - US Champs - AE - LP TBD
Jan. 30 - Feb 3 - NorAm - MODM - Stratton
Jan. 30 - Feb 3 - NorAm - AE - Les Relias
Feb. 5-8 - NorAm - AE Finals - LP TBD
Feb. 6-10 - NorAm - MODM - Val St Come
Feb. 20-24 - NorAm - MODM - Steamboat
Feb. 27-Mar. 3 - NorAm - MODM Finals - Apex
Mar. 12-17 - US Champs - MODM - Waterville

World Cup Schedule: Will be confirmed on June 1st, 2018.

Petition to Start: The "Petition to Start" form will be available on the website by July. Deadlines to be posted on the site for Selections, Jr. Nationals, and U.S. Championships petition submission.

2018-2019 Competition Guide Deadline: July 15th, 2018

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

Nationals Team Coaching Contacts: EADP: TBD
Aerials: Todd Ossian; todd.ossian@usskiandsnowboard.org
Moguls: Matthew Gnoza; matt.gnoza@usskiandsnowboard.org

Staff: Jeremy Forster – Sport Director
Katie Fieguth – Sport Development Manager
Alexis Williams – Team Manager (MO/AE/SBX/SX)
Todd Ossian – Head Mogul Coach
TBD – Aerials Coach
Emily Cook – Aerials Coach
TBD – Head EADP Coach
Matt Gnoza – Head Mogul Coach
Caleb Martin – Mogul Coach
Bryan Zemba – Mogul Coach

U.S. Freestyle Aerials Report – Todd Ossian

The 2015 – 2018 quadrennial for the U.S. Freestyle aerial team proved overall to be a solid quad. Since the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, the U.S. Aerial Team has accounted for two Nations Cup wins and has brought home four World Championship medals. These medals were won by four different athletes, with Alex Bowen and Kiley McKinnon taking home silver in 2015 and Ashley Caldwell and Jon Lillis winning World Championship gold in 2017. Over the past four years, three different athletes have won the FIS Grand Prix and brought home Crystal Globes and include Ashley Caldwell, Mac Bohannon, and Kiley McKinnon. Additionally, our team brought home 28 World Cup medals, 139 NorAm medals, three Jr. World Championship medals and four of our athletes were named FIS Rookie of the year.

In the 2017-2018 season, the U.S. National Aerial Team was awarded 2 World Cup medals (1 gold, 1 bronze), including Ashley Caldwell with bronze at the season opener in China, and Kiley McKinnon with her first World Cup Win on the scaffolding site in Moscow. In addition to these podiums our team had eleven different athletes in the top ten at World Cups with 18 individual top-ten results.

We were very pleased to have six of our athletes represented at the PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games with two of our athletes advancing into the finals. During an incredibly exciting and high-scoring men's qualification round, Jon Lillis put on an unbelievable show, leading the field with one of the most beautiful full double full fulls we have seen. Maddy Olsen advanced into the Olympic final as well wowing fans at home and in the stands with a full double full in finals. Jon and Maddy finished 8th and 6th respectively. All of our athletes are jumping great and worked incredibly hard to represent Team USA at the Winter Olympic Games and we are proud of their perseverance and dedication to excellence.

We were very excited to yet again have another of our athletes, Madison Varmette named FIS Rookie of the Year this season. She joins current aerial team members who have won this title in the past, Chris Lillis, Mac Bohannon, Alex Bowen, Jon Lillis and Ashley Caldwell, Kiley McKinnon and Morgan Northrop.

Our development program had a very successful season standing on the podium at the majority of our NorAm competitions. Justin Schoenefeld and Kaila Kuhn accounted for both the men's and women's NorAm Grand Prix titles. Both EADP and Park City Ski and Snowboard made major contributions in securing a total of 29 podiums and 11 out of a possible 12 wins.

This past summer, U.S. Ski and Snowboard Recruitment Coordinator John Curran and C-Team coach Emily Cook traveled with former Tramp and Tumbling athletic director Susan Johnson to the U.S. Trampoline and Tumbling nationals to recruit future aerialists. The list of prospects to the EADP and other clubs looks great and we are hoping to see even more recruits from the trip this coming summer. Aerial participation is continuing to grow, and the caliber and number of athletes being recruited is rising steadily.

the U.S. aerial team is committed to building and strengthening relationships with our domestic teams, starting with a growing partnership with Park City Ski and Snowboard's Aerial Team. By training side by side in Park City and sharing resources, both our National Team and club athletes will benefit from a complete and supported path to athletic excellence.

We are incredibly thankful for our training facility partnerships with ORDA in Lake Placid, The Utah Olympic Park in Park City along with the US Olympic Committee, especially for their support this season in Korea for the Winter Olympic Games.

We are also thankful for the incredible staff that was with us throughout this quad. The addition of Jen Kimball and Celeste Gabai, chiropractor and athletic trainer from the USOC to our medical team during training camps, World Cups and the Olympics was invaluable this season.

There is no doubt we have much work ahead of us leading into the 2019 World Championships next season and over the next four years as we prepare for the Beijing 2022 Olympic Games.

We look to the changes of the future as an exciting new start and commit to bringing in high-level experienced coaches with an aligned mission as we embark into this new quadrennial. We feel that, with the knowledge we have gained over the past four years, we head into this summer armed with insight into new areas to focus on, solid best practices to carry forward, an incredibly talented and motivated team and the tools necessary to prepare to be the best in the world leading into 2022.

U.S. Freestyle Moguls Report – Matthew Gnoza

The mogul team's 2017-18 season was the final year in the overall strategy developed after the Sochi Olympic Games. The four-part strategy started with creating additional training opportunity for the athletes during the prep periods. Once the opportunity was created the team cast a wide net to ensure that all the top athletes in the sport were part of the team. Once the athletes were onboard, criteria were created to identify the Olympic potential athletes, and finally, the process focused on the elite athletes.

The prep period during the summer/fall of 2018 included approximately 60 days of on-snow training (level with the previous season) as well as an increased focus on S&C. Water ramp jumps were reduced from prior season targets while the on-snow jumps increased, as the elite athletes' skills had been increased on water over the prior seasons and focus turned to on snow performance in the final year of the quad.

The prep season focus was to first break the full competition runs into the respective components and train the individual skill sets. During the May on-snow camp at Squaw Valley and into the June Whistler on-snow camp, skiing skills were the focus. Isolated on-snow jump training was introduced at Whistler following UOP water ramp training. After another block of water ramp training, the team immediately went to Mt. Hood for exclusive on-snow jump training. We then began the process of building up to full runs with DD through the August Australia project. The process was finally completed at the Zermatt project in October with the focus on training and polishing competition level runs. The post Thanksgiving, pre-World Cup training in Ruka, was designed to maintain that level and fine tune any missing pieces going into the Ruka World Cup opener in December. Finally, the calendar allowed for five days of training prior to the China WC, in which we again focused on fine tuning top-to-bottom performances and/or specific pieces of the run depending on the athletes' individual needs.

The competition season began with strong performances from the women as Jaelin Kauf (5th) led four athletes finishing in the top 16. The men began more slowly with disappointing Ruka finishes and the loss of PP athlete Tom Rowley to an ACL. The additional training in China proved to be just what the doctor ordered, as the team collected 4 podiums in Thaiwoo. As the season progressed the women's team continued to show its strength with Kauf finishing the OWG qualification period as the World Cup Overall leader, and 8 athletes qualifying for PyeongChang. While it was satisfying to reach our goal of bringing 8 athletes to PyeongChang, it was extremely disappointing to not come away with at least one medal.

At the end of the night, it was hard to ignore the fact that 5 of 6 OWG medals went to athletes with OWG experience, while 7 of the 8 US athletes were experiencing their first Games. WC rookie of the year Casey Andringa posted Team USA's highest men's moguls finish (5th) since 2010, while Kauf and Keaton McCargo went from 2nd & 3rd going into Final 1, only to miss final 2, finishing 7th & 8th. Despite coming home without medals we were proud of the team's preparation at Olympic Camp and effort at the Games; they skied their hearts out. The season concluded on a positive note with 11 World Cup podiums – 3 wins, 2 seconds, and 6 thirds. Our women's team finished the season Best in the World in the overall rankings, with Kauf finishing 2nd on the WC Grand Prix. Our men's team could be compared to where the women's team was a year ago, although the number of podiums was not high (3), 5 different athletes proved the ability to qualify for the super finals this season.

Going forward, we've got a strong core of young athletes with OWG experience who are ready to take the next step from contending to winning during this next quad and into 2022. We are confident in the current players on our roster and excited about the new young blood that will be joining the team this next year. We aim to take home World Championship medals on our home turf and overtake the Moguls Nations' Cup from Canada next season.

One of the biggest changes we will make in next season's prep is to move both of our competition/performance-oriented prep camps into late September/early October and late October/early November. This will allow us to take advantage of U.S. Ski & Snowboard partnerships with Mt. Hood in June-August. We will place a heavy emphasis on developing more difficult jumps and building turning fundamentals in this first year of the next quad, thru completing a series of three water ramp camps at the UOP immediately followed by on-snow camps at Hood. Additionally, it will give us more time to make S&C gains longer into the summer before we shift toward top-to-bottom run performance in the fall.

Going to Europe twice in the fall will not only give us more time to get strong and work at skill development in the summer, but it will also allow us to move our performance camps closer to the competition season. Until we secure a reliable North American November training venue, we hope that this adjustment will improve our historically poor performance at the WC season opener and enable our athletes to kick off the season with higher performance. Part of this plan includes attending a Europa Cup event to conclude the Kaprun project. We believe beginning the season strong is an integral part of building confidence throughout the season, especially with an early World Championship date this year.

EADP Team Staff Report – Jaroslav Novak

The 2017-2018 season was a positive one for the EADP team with some outstanding results as well as some significant challenges. Tragically, in October EADP athlete Mikey Lillis passed away in his sleep while home on a break in between camps. This was a huge loss for our aerial community and especially our athletes. As a team, the athletes did a tremendous job supporting each other and we have worked hard to honor Mikey and to help the athletes cope emotionally with this tremendous loss. Despite this incredibly challenging time, the athletes continued to have a very successful competition season.

At the NorAm level, Kaila Kuhn took home the NorAm Grand Prix title and Karenna Elliott finished the season in third overall. At the U.S. National Championships Kaila Kuhn finished in second place and Dani Loeb finished in third place; and at the Junior National Championships, EADP swept the podium for both men and women with Kaila Kuhn, Megan Smallhouse and Dani Loeb as well as Quin Dehlinger, Evan Dermott and Cole Kozlowski finishing in first, second and third respectively.

This past season, Dani Loeb had the opportunity to compete in her first World Cup competition in Lake Placid, landing her Lay Tuck, and finishing in a respectable 22nd place. Additionally, mid-way through this past summer Justin Schoenefeld, left EADP east to train in Park City and in the fall joined Park City Ski and Snowboard. Justin had a great winter with Jana Johnson and Vladimir Lebedev, finishing the season with the NorAm Grand Prix title and securing his spot on the U.S. Team for the 2018-2019 season.

Currently, EADP East is its youngest team to date. This structure is providing the athletes more time to work on fundamentals and technique, as well as physical and acrobatic readiness. Kaila, Megan, Dani and Karenna will transition to Park City to train with Park City Ski and Snowboard as we continue our partnership, training along with the National team athletes and coaches. This partnership will allow our athletes a more streamlined and smooth transition to the U.S. Team and will allow for more fluidity as they work towards more NorAm and World Cup starts.

Two EADP athletes have chosen not to continue with the sport due to injuries. That combined with the athletes who will be moving to Park City, leaves some open spots on the EADP team. These open places will be easily filled with new athletes from various tryout camps in both Lake Placid and Park City. This last season John Curran and Emily Cook worked diligently to continue recruitment efforts at tramp and tumbling competitions throughout the country and we continue to work to stay connected with our club teams. Overall, we feel very excited about future prospects to the program.

Lastly, the success of the EADP athletes this year would not have been possible without my assistant coach Jack Boyczuk who unfortunately completed his contract with the team in the spring.

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

Nominated National Team Athletes:

Moguls:

Jaelin Kauf – A	Casey Andringa – A
Morgan Schild – A	Dylan Walczyk – B
Tess Johnson – A	Thomas Rowley – B
Keaton McCargo – A	Emerson Smith – B
Olivia Giaccio – A	Joel Hedrick – B
Avital Shimko - B	Hunter Bailey – B
Nessa Dziemian – B	Jesse Andringa – B
Hannah Soar - B	Jack Kariotis - B
Bradley Wilson – A	

Aerials:

Ashley Caldwell – A	Alex Bowen – B
Kiley McKinnon – A	Eric Loughran – B
Madison Olsen – B	Chris Lillis – B
Madison Varmette – C	Nick Novak - C
Morgan Northrop – C	Nik Seemann - C
Megan Nick – C	Harrison Smith - C
Winter Vinecki – C	Justin Schoenefeld – C
Jon Lillis – A	Zach Surdell - C
Mac Bohannon – A	Patrick O’Flynn – C
Chris Lillis - B	

EADP (Elite Aerial Development Program) Athletes:

EADP West: Thomas Coe

EADP East:

Cole Kozlowski	Derek Krueger
Quinn Dehlinger	Katie Swartvagher
Evan Dermott	TBD (5 spots)

Young Guns Athletes

U 13

Samantha Smith
Elizabeth Lemley
Kaya Russel

Jack Petrone
Rex Arnot
Henry Townshend

U 15

Kenzie Radway
Emily Szabo
Kai Owens
Kylie Kariotis
Tegan Large

Cole McDonald
Joseph Eldridge
Ryan Tam
Pj Cass
William Long

U 17

Trudy Mickel
Madison Hogg
Sabrina Cass
Sofia Robinson
Jamie Loyst

Nick Page
Adam Stiefel
Chase Allen
Peter Goldy
Luke Rizzo

U 19

Gabriella Fisher
Tori Ware
Jessica Mulder

Landon Wendler
Kalman Heims
Wyatt Antkiewicz

Member Services Update

2017-18 Season Recap

- Membership Stats
 - 34,500+ members / 386 Member Clubs / 129 CLIP Clubs
- Knowledge Base
 - Over 30,000 visits / over 300 articles / Average daily visits 70
- Ticket System
 - Over 5,400 tickets / Average turnaround less than 24 hours
- Online Chat
 - 1,750 page view / 1,375 visits / 1,011 visitors / Oct 15-16 over 100 chats

2018-19 Season Administrative Update

- Member Lookup now includes special color coding for those with general memberships
- Membership prices remain the same

The New Landscape of SafeSport

- SafeSport and the protection of youths and people of all ages engaged in sport, at all levels, is the number one priority today for NGBs
- The US Government recently passed a law called 'Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017' which now makes failure to report suspected child sexual abuse to police a violation of federal criminal law
- Additionally, federal law now requires that adults who have frequent contact with or are in positions of authority over athletes must receive consistent education on prevention and reporting
- In simple terms, it is the right thing to do to make sure that everyone working in our sport can do so free from abuse, bullying and hazing

What do these changes mean for clubs and members?

- Clubs must criminally background screen
- Clubs must offer consistent education on prevention and reporting
- Clubs must develop and implement policies to limit one-on-one interactions
- Clubs must implement and enforce policies and prepare for and respond to random audits for compliance by the US Center for SafeSport

How can U.S. Ski & Snowboard help clubs and members with SafeSport?

A number of mechanisms needed to aid in managing compliance are in place.

- Background screening: Now required every two seasons
- SafeSport Training: Now required every two seasons with a refresher in between
- Fast Start Coaching Course: Now required for Level 100 certification
- Club Minimum Standards

Other policies and processes are being implemented and will be announced prior to the competition season.

SafeSport Reporting

- Who needs to report?
 - Anyone who has knowledge of or suspects sexual abuse of athletes.
 - If you are a Covered Adult (an individual over the age of 18 who is subject to SafeSport policies), you are also required to report all instances of possible child abuse and/or neglect to appropriate law enforcement within 24 hours of notice.
- To whom is the report made?
 - Should the athlete be a minor, Law enforcement or child protection authorities must be notified
 - If the athlete or suspected victim is not a minor, the report must be made to the U.S. Center for SafeSport
- How is a report submitted to the U.S. Center for SafeSport?
 - Online at https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?SafeSport&layout_id=0
 - By phone to 720-531-0340

Club Minimum Standards

Mandatory beginning 2018-19 season

- Agree to support and align with U.S. Ski & Snowboard's mission, values and code of conduct
- Agree to adhere to SafeSport guidelines
- Certify that club leadership and those whom we appoint to positions of authority over athletes are U.S. Ski & Snowboard members
- Ensure that all those in positions of authority or having frequent contact with athletes complete U.S. Ski & Snowboard's criminal background screening and complete SafeSport training every two years
- Agree to adhere to U.S. Ski & Snowboard's concussion policy
- Is a licensed legal entity in the state of primary business operations
- Maintains valid general liability insurance either through U.S. Ski & Snowboard's CLIP program or another entity

Summary of What's New for 2018-19

- Club Minimum Standards are now mandatory
- Coach, Official, and Club Volunteer age requirement is now 18 years and older
- Screening will now be required every two seasons
- SafeSport Training will now be required every two seasons with a refresher in between
- Fast Start Coaching Course is now a requirement for Level 100 certification