

FREESTYLE SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 2019

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress
DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT
May 15-17, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Chairman 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	Scott Lounsbury - Present
Divisional Rep - Rocky	Adam Leseur - Present
Divisional Rep – Central	Martin Sundquist - Present
Sport Development Manager	Katie Fieguth - Present
At – Large	Konrad Rotermund - Present
At – Large	Jeff Lange – Present
Athlete Representative	Bryon Wilson - Present
Athlete Representative	TBD
Athlete B.O.D. Representative	Heather Watanabe - Present

Thursday May 16, 2019

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 (Rotermund, 2nd Wise)
3. Approval of May 2018 Minutes – Seedog (Lounsbury, 2nd Papke)
4. Executive Committee Report – Seedog
5. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board of Directors' Report – Seedog
6. Staff Reports – Gnoza and Cook
7. FIS Report – Lounsbury / Rotermund
8. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Updates / Membership / Coaches Ed – Barnes / Trayner
9. Adjourn until Friday May 17, 2019 – Seedog

10:15am - 11:45am Division Chair Meeting – Mike Papke MSC Chair

- Junior Nationals separating between Freestyle and Freeski
 - Community felt that both sports would benefit from separating at this level
- Division Collaboration to Promote Freestyle
 - Produce **resources** to send to clubs that do not currently have freestyle programs
 - Gold Club Members in each division could collaborate to create resources for U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freestyle Weekend Competition Programs
 - Design **branding** to use across the country versus using only division branding, like Eastern Freestyle, Intermountain Freestyle, Far West Freestyle, Rocky Mountain Freestyle, PNW Freestyle, Alaska, Northern, Central...
 - Use U.S. Ski & Snowboard logo for signs and banners to promote events
 - Create division websites with similar use of branding
 - Design **Digital Marketing** Message to use on all channels
 - Social Media Collaborative Effort
 - Do some posts that are the same on every division's social media channels

- Use similar hashtags
- Recruit a team of parents to help get the message out - expand reach
- Share information across divisions on best practices like:
 - How to support social media in division
 - How to create and support division website
 - Should we have a home page that links to all division websites?
 - How to recruit, educate and compensate officials
- Ensure Divisions are hosting age-appropriate events at the development level to encourage kids and families to want to continue in the sport

12:00pm – 1:30pm Aerial Subcommittee – Jana Johnson Chair
 2:00pm – 5:00pm Mogul Subcommittee – Mike Papke Chair

Friday May 17, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. FSC – Seemann Mountain View
 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. R&O Sub Committee – Thom Schaefer Chair
 11:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Freestyle Sport Committee Meeting

Reconvene from Thursday, May 16, 2019

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

- This will be Chris Seemann’s last year as BOD and FSC Chair – will be here until next year’s meetings. Election will take place then. Nominations for these seats will be until January 8th, 2020. Letters of interest should come to Katie Fieguth directly.

Position	Name	Term	Anniversary Date
Chairman	Chris "Seedog" Seemann	2 yr.	2020
B.O.D. Representative	Chris "Seedog" Seemann	2 yr.	2020
Past Chair	Andy Wise	-	-
Mogul Subcommittee Chair	Mike Papke	2 yr.	2021
Aerial Subcommittee Chair	Jana Johnson	2 yr.	2020
R & O Subcommittee Chair	Thomas Schaefer	2 yr.	2021
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.	2021
At - Large	Jeff Lange	2 yr.	2020
Athlete Representative	Bryon Wilson	2 yr.	2020
Athlete Representative	TBD	2 yr.	2021
Athlete B.O.D. Representative	Heather Watanabe	3 yr.	*

Judicial Committee

Position	Name	Term	Anniversary Date
Chair	Jeff Lange	2 yr.	2020
At Large	Jay Simson	2 yr.	2021
Athlete Rep	Heather Watanabe		*

*Divisions FFSC Rotation

Large divisions: 2020- East; 2021- Intermountain; 2022- Rocky; 2023- East
 Small divisions: 2020- Central; 2021- Far West; 2022- Northern; 2023- PNSA

13. Special Procedure - FSC vote on moving forward March Mogul Series proposals
 - Thanks to Konrad on his in-depth discussion on new possible mogul series
14. Old Business – Seedog
15. New Business – Seedog
16. Adjournment – Seedog (Motioned, 2nd Wise)

Freestyle Executive Committee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 - Judge Room
 Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 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

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

Proposal Number:	EC #1 PASSED – Motioned, 2 nd Wise
Description:	Bring FSC into compliance of 20% athlete representatives
Current Rule:	Must have 20% Athlete Representation on all Committees
Proposed Change:	We currently only have two athlete reps on the FSC, to be in compliance we need to add another athlete rep.
Discussion/Reason:	

Proposal Number:	EC #2 PASSED – Motioned, 2 nd Wise
Description:	Change language for the Exec. Athlete Rep Voting
Current Rule:	Section III: The FSC will annually select at the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress an executive committee that will consist of the following representation, each with vote: The chairperson of the Freestyle Sport Committee, One At-large member selected by vote of the FSC who is a member in good standing. The freestyle program director. The freestyle athlete representative to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard BOD. The U.S. Ski & Snowboard BOD sport representative, if different from the Committee Chair. The Past FSC Chair.
Proposed Change:	The freestyle athlete representative to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard BOD <u>A freestyle athlete representative to the FSC. The freestyle program director manager.</u>

3. FSC Committee Elections
4. Adjournment

Aerials Subcommittee Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 - Mountain View Room
 Thursday, May 16, 2019, 12:00 p.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
- Eastern Rep – John Kroetz - Absent
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard Rep – Todd Ossian - Absent
- Coaches Rep – Wes Preston - Present
- Coaches Rep – Jack Boyczuk- Present
- At Large – Dave Von Derau - Absent
- At Large – Kelly and Corey Hacker - Absent
- R&O Rep – Tai Robinson - Absent
- FIS Rep – Konrad Rotermund - Present
- 1. Welcome - Johnson
- 2. Agenda Review and Approval (Motioned, 2nd Fieguth)
- 3. Old Business
- 4. Development
- 5. Coaches Education
- 6. Action Items / Proposals

Proposal Number:	AE #1 PASSED – Motioned, 2 nd Boyczuk
Description:	Athletes will not have to qualify the jumps they perform in Water Ramp or Airbag competitions
Current Rule:	3070.1 Responsibilities Both the athlete and athlete’s coach share responsibility for ensuring that the athlete is fully qualified to perform any jump in a competition. Qualified jumps must be recorded on the Jump Qualification List. The procedure for recording the jumps will be published at usskiandsnowboard.org on a yearly basis. If an athlete performs a jump in an event that is not listed on the Jump Qualification List, then the athlete will be disqualified from the event if the jump has not been properly qualified with proper documentation.
Proposed Change:	3070.1 Responsibilities Both the athlete and athlete’s coach share responsibility for ensuring that the athlete is fully qualified to perform any jump in a competition. Qualified jumps must be recorded on the Jump Qualification List (<u>with the exception of Airbag, Water Ramp or Foam Pit Events</u>). The procedure for recording the jumps will be published at usskiandsnowboard.org on a yearly basis. If an athlete performs a jump in an event that is not listed on the Jump Qualification List, then the athlete will be disqualified from the event if the jump has not been properly qualified with proper documentation.
Discussion/Reason:	Coaches may feel comfortable having an athlete perform a trick in a Water Ramp or Airbag, but not ready to qualify them to attempt on snow. This came up at an Eastern B Airbag event. The judges were split on whether to allow unqualified jumps or not.

- 7. Election
- 8. Review of Committee Membership
 - Chairman – Jana Johnson
 - Past Chair – Tim Preston
 - Athlete Rep – Jon Lillis
 - Athlete Rep – Mac Bohannon
 - Athlete Rep – Dani Loeb
 - At Large – Tim Massucco
 - Far West Rep – Jimeel Farris
 - Central Rep – Martin and Lewis Sundquist
 - Eastern Rep – Johnny Kroetz
 - U.S. Ski & Snowboard Rep – Katie Fieguth
 - Coaches Rep – Wes Preston

Coaches Rep – Jack Boyczuk
At Large – Dave Von Derau
At Large – Kelly and Corey Hacker
R&O Rep – Bill McNice
FIS Rep – Konrad Rotermund

9. New Business

- Adding Aerial specific coaches' education
- Discussion of adding a mogul or upright jump for U.S. Championships
 - i. Some believed this should stay with Juniors
- Vision in the future for Junior and U.S. Championships is to bring Moguls and Aerials back together.
- Movement of EADP out of the East and put them back into the clubs. EADP will leave Lake Placid in Fall 2019 and will permanently be gone from the OTC.

Moguls Subcommittee Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 - Mountain View Room
Thursday, May 16, 2019, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Committee Membership:

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

1. Welcome
2. Agenda Review and Approval
3. Old Business
4. Development
5. Coaches Education
6. Action Items / Proposals - none
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
Northern Rep – Mike Papke
FarWest Rep – Jimeel Ferris
U.S. Ski & Snowboard Rep – Katie Fieguth
At Large – John Dowling
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

- Sport Development Working Group (SDWG) – Happy to add as many sport directors / program leads to this group as we see fit. The more input from the community, the better.
- Start a Junior Nationals working group to rewrite criteria –
 - i. Deb Newson
 - ii. Katie Fieguth
 - iii. Konrad Rotermund
 - iv. John Dowling
 - v. Laurie Mooney
 - vi. Bryon Wilson
- Complete new Junior Nationals Criteria by July 1st. If no format changes are approved, the criteria from 2018/19 will take affect for 2020 minus Freeski changes.
- We want to stress that we need to move away from what we have done for the past 20 years and create new and inventive ideas
- Selections were moved to January to better allow athletes to prepare, decrease injury, and have more resorts participate in hosting. 90% support from the MSC on this change. In the end – FSC voted to change Selections to a later date.
 - i. Interested Resorts- Steamboat, Killington, Waterville, Vail, Aspen
- NorAms
 - i. Tighten up the bid process
 - ii. FIS Homologated Courses only
 - iii. Interested Resorts – Deer Valley, Killington, Vail, Steamboat, Winter Park
 - iv. Can't conflict with World Cup competition in North America (Deer Valley WC)
- Adopted the FIS system for our handbook – with U.S. Ski & Snowboard exceptions
 - i. Working on retaining FIS handbooks
- John Dowling submitted his proposals and great discussion was created from these. No actions or motions came from the discussion

10. Adjournment (Motioned, 2nd Fieguth)

Rules & Officials Subcommittee Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 - Mountain View Room
Friday, May 17, 2019, 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

At Large – TBD

Judges Rep - Bill McNice

1. Welcome
2. Agenda Review and Approval
3. Review of Committee Membership
 - Chairman – Thomas Schaefer
 - Head TD – Craig Matthews
 - Head Judge FIS – Scott Lounsbury
 - Head Judge Regional – Chris Ellis
 - U.S. Ski & Snowboard Rep – Katie Fieguth

Athlete Rep – Heather Watanabe
 Athlete Rep – Bryon Wilson
 Athlete Rep – Mikaela Matthews
 Coaches Rep – Wes Preston
 TD Rep – Adam Leseur
 TD Rep – Tad Dziemian
 Judges Rep – TBD
 Judges Rep – Bill McNice

4. Old Business

5. Action Items / Proposals

- Action items 2-5 PASSED (Motioned, 2nd Leseur) – **After, it was decided that we would adopt the FIS system with minor exceptions so the below passed housekeeping items are void. Adopt FIS – Motioned, 2nd Lounsbury**
- By July 15th – any exceptions to the USSS comp guide need to be into Katie
- No freeski rep needed on R&O Committee – Motioned, 2nd Lounsbury

Proposal Number:	R&O 1
Description:	Judge Recruitment
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	On an annual basis, each freestyle program shall provide former athletes' contact information to the U.S. Judges Chair exclusively for the purpose of recruiting new judges to the sport. Any and all contact information shared with the U.S. Judges Chair will not be used for any purpose other than recruitment. Contact information will be used by the Judges Chair to solicit former athletes to gauge their interest in judging. If any former athletes are interested, the U.S. Judges chair will then forward their contact information to the regional Judges' chair to provide further information about regional Judges' clinics and events.
Discussion/Reason:	This policy would address an urgent need to generate leads to recruit and train new judges.

Proposal Number:	R&O 2
Description:	Aerials scoring description
Current Rule:	A split scoring system will be used at all aerial events. The competitor's acrobatic skiing will be judged on three basic components as follows: 4003.1 Air; consisting of 20% of the score. 4003.2 Form; consisting of 50% of the score. 4003.3 Landing; consisting of 30% of the score.
Proposed Change:	An overall scoring system will be used at all aerial events. <u>Each judge will evaluate the competitor's acrobatic skiing based upon</u> three basic components as follows: 4003.1 Air; consisting of 20% of the score. 4003.2 Form; consisting of 50% of the score. 4003.3 Landing; consisting of 30% of the score.
Discussion/Reason:	Split scoring system is no longer used.

Proposal Number:	R&O 3
Description:	Aerials Housekeeping
Current Rule:	6003.2-3 Total Score

	The total Judges' Score is calculated by adding the five component totals from 6003.1 (for 5 judges), or the three judges total from 6003.1.1 (for 3 judges). This total is then multiplied by the appropriate Degree of Difficulty (DD) factor to determine the total score for each jump. The total will be truncated to two decimal places.
Proposed Change:	<u>6003.1.2</u> Total Score The total Judges' Score is calculated by adding the five component totals from 6003.1 (for 5 judges), or the three judges total from 6003.1.1 (for 3 judges). This total is then multiplied by the appropriate Degree of Difficulty (DD) factor to determine the total score for each jump. The total will be truncated to two decimal places.
Discussion/Reason:	Housekeeping

Proposal Number:	R&O 4
Description:	Aerials Housekeeping
Current Rule:	6004.1 Air (20% of the Score) Min = 0.0 / Max = 2.0 Air shall be evaluated based upon the take-off, height and distance of the competitor's jump. Take-off involves an evaluation of how the jump is initiated. Height and distance are essentially a product of speed into the jump and the force of the take-off. Take-off, height and distance shall also be evaluated in relation to the length and steepness of the landing hill. The competitor should not land too short (knoll) or too long (beyond the transition area of the landing hill). Air consists of 20% of the score (maximum 2 points per judge) and will be broken down into two parts: 0% Technical Take-Off 10% Height and Distance
Proposed Change:	6004.1 Air (20% of the Score) Min = 0.0 / Max = 2.0 Air shall be evaluated based upon the take-off, height and distance of the competitor's jump. Take-off involves an evaluation of how the jump is initiated. Height and distance are essentially a product of speed into the jump and the force of the take-off. Take-off, height and distance shall also be evaluated in relation to the length and steepness of the landing hill. The competitor should not land too short (knoll) or too long (beyond the transition area of the landing hill). Air consists of 20% of the score (maximum 2 points per judge) and will be broken down into two parts: <u>10% Technical Take-Off</u> <u>10% Height and Distance</u>
Discussion/Reason:	Housekeeping

Proposal Number:	R&O 5
Description:	Aerials Landing
Current Rule:	6004.3 Landing (30% of the Score) Min = 0.0 / Max = 3.0 A proper landing involves a balanced, stable and controlled body position throughout. The competitor should demonstrate precision and grace with minimal interruption upon contact with the landing surface. Absorption should be made primarily with the knees and lower body with only a slight bend at the waist. The evaluation of a landing starts immediately when the competitor touches the snow and continues until the competitor has exhibited and shown sufficient skiing control after landing. Landing consists of 30% of the total score (maximum 3.0 points per landing judge).

	<p>Landing consists of two parts</p> <p>1) Landing - body position in relation to the landing hill following preparation for landing, ski snow contact on impact as well as absorption of the body - Max 2.0 points.</p> <p>2) Exit from the landing following the snow contact, impact and absorption. – Max points 1.0.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>6004.3 Landing (30% of the Score) Min = 0.0 / Max = 3.0</p> <p>A proper landing involves a balanced, stable and controlled body position throughout. The competitor should demonstrate precision and grace with minimal interruption upon contact with the landing surface. Absorption should be made primarily with the knees and lower body with only a slight bend at the waist. The evaluation of a landing starts immediately when the competitor touches the snow and continues until the competitor has exhibited and shown sufficient skiing control after landing.</p> <p>Landing consists of 30% of the total score (maximum 3.0 points per landing judge).</p> <p>Landing consists of two parts</p> <p>1) Landing - body position in relation to the landing hill following preparation for landing, ski snow contact on impact as well as absorption of the body.</p> <p>2) Exit from the landing following the snow contact, impact and absorption.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>Landing is evaluated on both landing and exit but point values are no longer assigned to the individual components. This change would simplify the landing criteria and bring them in line with current FIS standards. This change would simplify the landing criteria and would provide additional clarity to judging procedures. These descriptions would also bring U.S. guidelines in step with current FIS guidelines.</p>

6. New Business

- TD Clinic scheduled for Park City; October 2019

Domestic Event Update: Katie Fieguth

2019-2020 FSP 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.

**Subject to change after new Juniors criteria is published.

	U.S. Ski & Snowboard Close	U.S. Ski & Snowboard Valid
Fall/Base	11/6/19	11/8/19
List 1	1/1/20	1/3/20
List 2	1/21/20	1/24/20
List 3	2/18/20	2/21/20
List 4	3/3/20	3/6/20
List 5	3/17/20	3/20/20
List 6	6/30/20	6/30/20

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freestyle Junior Nationals: March TBD, 2020

Current Bids: Park City, Utah; North Star, CA,

U.S. Freestyle Championships Moguls: March 20-22, 2020

Squaw Valley

U.S. Freestyle Championships Aerials: Tentative March 14, 2020

Current Bids: Bristol

NorAm Proposed Dates:

Feb 15-16 - USA West NorAm
Feb 22-23 - Calgary NorAm
Feb 29-Mar 01 - Quebec NorAM
Mar 7-8 - East USA NorAm

World Cup Schedule: Will be confirmed at FIS Spring Congress

Petition to Start: The “Petition to Start” form is now available on the website. Deadlines to be posted on the site for Selections, Jr. Nationals, and U.S. Championships.

2019-2020 Competition Guide Deadline: July 15th, 2019

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:

Aerials: Interim Head Coach Emily Cook; emily.cook@usskiandsnowboard.org
Moguls: Head Coach Matthew Gnoza; matt.gnoza@usskiandsnowboard.org

Staff-

Jeremy Forster – Freestyle Sport Director
Katie Fieguth- Sport Development Manager (MO/AE/SBX/SX)
Alexis Williams – Team Manager (MO/AE/SBX/SX)
Emily Cook - Interim Head Aerials Coach
Vlad Lebedev - Aerials Coach
Eric Bergoust – Aerials Coach
Bret Kelly – Aerials S&C Coach
Peter Toohey – Aerials PT
Matt Gnoza- Head Mogul Coach
Joe Discoe – Moguls Coach
Riley Campbell– Moguls Coach
Josh Bullock – Moguls S&C Coach
Chuck Williams – Moguls PT

U.S. Freestyle Aerials Report – Todd Ossian

The 2018/19 season for the U.S. Freestyle aerial team proved overall to be a solid building year. Since the beginning of the season, the U.S Aerial Team was awarded three World Cup Podiums. These medals were won by two different athletes, Eric Loughran and Ashley Caldwell and all took place in China, the location of the next World Championships and Olympic Games. Additionally, our team finished second in the Aerial Nation’s Cup behind China.

U.S. Aerial team athletes qualified for the super final (top 6) 15 times, with ten different athletes including: Ashley Caldwell, Madie Varmette, Winter Vinecki, Megan Nick, Morgan Northrop, Jon Lillis, Chris Lillis, Eric Loughran, Nick Novak, and Justin Schoenefeld. The team was represented in World Cup finals (top 12) 33 times throughout the season by 12 different athletes.

Our development program had a successful season as well with Quinn Dehlinger and Megan Smallhouse winning the NorAm Grand Prix and securing themselves their first U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team nominations as well as personal starts for each of the FIS World Cups in the 2019/20 Season.

The U.S. Aerial Team is committed to building and strengthening relationships with our domestic teams especially the ongoing 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 have and will continue to benefit from a complete and supported path to athletic excellence. We also look forward to continuing to build relationships with all club programs interested in aerial programming. This includes, but is not

limited to, Buffalo Ski Club, Bristol Mountain, Mont Chalet, The Fast Tracks Program and Waterville Valley and will encompass athlete recruitment and coaches' education. By transitioning efforts from the EADP program to a focus on greater support for our club programs, we will work to maintain future success for our athletes and growth of the aerials program in the U.S.

Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator John Curran and World Cup coaches, Eric Bergoust and Emily Cook, have continued to grow the list of prospects to the aerial pipeline and we are hoping to see even more trampolinists, gymnasts and skiers at recruitment camps this coming summer. Aerial participation is continuing to grow slowly, and the caliber and number of athletes being recruited is rising steadily.

We are also looking forward to continuing to expand our athletes' and coaches' relationships with our marketing, communications and foundation team to support the push towards the next games. With the Olympics in Beijing coming up in just three years, we expect to see an increase in visibility, exposure and support for our athletes due to the popularity of aerials in China.

We are very thankful for the incredible staff that was with us throughout this season, including our high-performance team of Bret Kelly and Peter Toohey. The addition of Peter to our team was invaluable, and we very much look forward to continuing to build towards the 2020 Olympics in Beijing with the high-performance team's support. We also look forward to continuing and expanding our sport psychology and mental strength work with the guidance of Alex Cohen over the next three years.

There is no doubt that we have much work ahead of us leading into the Beijing 2022 Olympic Games. With transition in the future for our team, we look forward to the changes as an exciting new development and opportunity. We feel that with the knowledge we have gained over the past five years combined with a new perspective, skills and leadership, we head into this summer armed with the tools we need to be the best in the world leading into 2022.

U.S. Freestyle Moguls Report – Matthew Gnoza

The mogul team's 2019-20 season was the first year in the strategy developed for Olympic games success in Beijing 2022.

The prep period during the summer/fall of 2018 included approximately 60 days of on-snow training 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 athlete's skills had been increased on water over prior seasons and focus turned to on-snow performance.

One of the biggest changes we made in last season's prep was to move both of our competition/performance-oriented prep camps into late September/early October and late October/early November. This allowed us to take advantage of U.S. Ski & Snowboard partnerships with Mt. Hood in June-August. We placed 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 gave us more time to make S&C gains longer into the summer before we shift toward top-to-bottom run performance in the fall. The plan not only gave us more time to get stronger and work at skill development in the summer, but it also allowed us to move our performance camps closer to the competition season. Until we secure a reliable North American November training venue, we hope that these adjustments will continue to improve our performance at the early World Cups and enable our athletes to kick off the season with higher performance. We believe beginning the season strong is an integral part of building confidence throughout the season.

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 Mt Hood following UOP water ramp training. We then began the process of building up to full runs with DD 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. When the calendar allowed, we added training days, 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 U.S. Freestyle Ski Team had a successful and progressive 2018/19 season, earning 13 elite-level medals in two disciplines; moguls and dual moguls. The athletes of the moguls team once again faced strong international competition, yet they were able to stay at the top of their game and consistently improved upon their personal bests.

The U.S. Ski Team moguls team had seven FIS Freestyle World Cup podiums over this past season, including two wins from 22-year-old Jaelin Kauf (Alta, Wyo.). Kauf's impressive season landed her in second in the women's overall World Cup moguls standings, for the second consecutive year. Olivia Giaccio (Redding, Conn.) made moguls history when she became the first woman to throw a cork 1080 in moguls competition during the last World Cup event in Kazakhstan. Tess Johnson (Vail, Colo.) finished the season with two World Cup podiums and World Championships hardware in her first World Championships appearance. Throughout the season, the U.S. women consistently finished in the top 10 and the U.S. can claim to have the top women's moguls team in the world.

On the men's side, U.S. Freestyle veteran and sport legend Brad Wilson (Butte, Mont.) claimed his second-consecutive World Championships silver medal in the dual event at the resort he now calls home, Deer Valley Resort in Utah, after a nail-biting final run against Canada's Mikael Kingsbury. Wilson also landed on the podium in third at one of his other favorite World Cup events in Tazawako, Japan. Teammate Casey Andringa (Boulder, Colo.) finished in the top 10 in three World Cup events, and fifth in the World Championships dual event, and both Hunter Bailey (Vail, Colo.) and Jesse Andringa (Boulder, Colo.) had impressive first full seasons on the full World Cup tour, boding well for future competitions.

Overall, two American men and two American women finished in the top 10 in the overall World Cup standings for moguls this season: Jaelin Kauf in second, Tess Johnson in fifth, Brad Wilson in seventh, and Casey Andringa in ninth. The rest of the team improved their positions as well: Olivia Giaccio finished in 11th, Nessa Dziemian (East Hampstead, N.H.) was 12th, Hannah Soar (Somers, Conn.) 18th, Dylan Walczyk (Rochester, N.Y.) 15th, Hunter Bailey 20th, and Jesse Andringa 27th. These results have provided the moguls team with a solid platform to build from for the 2019-20 season and beyond.

Going forward, we've got a strong core of young athletes some 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 athletes who will be joining the team this next year. We aim to take home the Moguls Nation's Cup in the 2020-2021 season.

Nominated National Team Athletes

Moguls:

Avital Shimko
Hannah Soar
Jaelin Kauf
Kai Owens
Kenzie Radway
Morgan Schild
Nessa Dziemian
Olivia Giaccio
Sabrina Cass
Tess Johnson
Thomas Rowley

Alex Lewis
Bradley Wilson
Casey Andringa
Emerson Smith
Jesse Andringa
Joel Hedrick
Nick Page

Aerials:

Ashley Caldwell
Kaila Kuhn

Alex Bowen
Chris Lillis

Madison Varmette
Megan Nick
Megan Smallhouse
Morgan Northrop
Winter Vinecki

Eric Loughran
Jon Lillis
Justin Schoenefeld
Nick Novak
Quinn Dehlinger

Young Guns Athletes

U13 -- 2006-2007

Eliza Lemley
Megan Ciagio
Cristina Morelli
Nate Gendron
TJ Fuller

U17 -- 2002-2003

Kasey Hogg
Alli Macuga
Cole McDonald
Nick Page
Dane Alexander

U15 -- 2004-2005

Zoe Dwinell
Sam Smith
Kai Owens
Mylo Ornowski
Sam Gottesfeld
Jackson True

U19 -- 2000-2001

Madison Hogg
Tori Ware
Lauren Hilgert
Kalman Heims
Wyatt Antkiewicz
Henry Kosinski

Member Services Update -- FY20 Freestyle Membership Structure

Membership Changes for FY20

- General & short-term memberships are now available to those 17 and under
 - Non-Scored Athlete (Replaces Rookie and is age restricted: 18 and over)
 - Short Term Foreign (Not available online, need to contact Member Services directly to purchase and available to those 18 and over)

Membership Categories

- Freestyle General (0 -17) - \$30, does not require screening or SafeSport, does not allow for sanctioned competition, restricted to those under 18
- Freestyle Non-Scored Athlete (18-100) - \$100, requires screening and SafeSport, allows for sanctioned competition, new category/replaces Rookie membership
- Freestyle Competitor U9 & Under (0 – 8) - \$40, does not require screening or SafeSport, allows for sanctioned competition
- Freestyle Competitor U11 (9 – 10) - \$65, does not require screening or SafeSport, allows for sanctioned competition
- Freestyle Competitor U13 (11 – 12) - \$100, does not require screening or SafeSport, allows for sanctioned competition
- Freestyle Competitor U15 & Over (0 – 8) - \$170, may require screening or SafeSport, allows for sanctioned competition
- Freestyle Official (18 and over) - \$80, requires screening and SafeSport

- Freestyle Coach (18 and over) - \$135, requires screening and SafeSport, may require Coaching Fundamentals
- Freestyle Volunteer (18 and over) - \$65, requires screening and SafeSport
- Short-Term Freestyle (0 -17) - \$30 per day, may purchase up to 5 consecutive days, does not require screening or SafeSport, restricted to those under 18
- Short-Term Freestyle Foreign (18-100) - \$30 per day, may purchase up to 5 consecutive days, does not require screening or SafeSport, available to foreign athletes coming to the U.S. for an event

Family Cap is now \$500, and members must contact U.S. Ski & Snowboard to receive
Members may still add additional memberships for only the cost of the highest membership

SafeSport Membership Requirement

- All members turning 18 years of age and older during the season are required to complete SafeSport training through the U.S. Center for SafeSport (substitutions are not permitted).
- Membership cards will only display those memberships for which all requirements have been met
- Those with incomplete requirements will remain on pending status
- Members on pending status are not eligible to participate in U.S. Ski & Snowboard events until requirements are met

Background Screening Membership Requirements


- All adult members, with the exception of some alpine masters and short-term members, are required to undergo background screening
- Membership cards will only display those memberships for which all requirements have been met
- Those with incomplete requirements will remain on pending status
- Members on pending status are not eligible to participate in U.S. Ski & Snowboard events until requirements are met
- Please allow several weeks for screening process to be completed. Individual screening times will vary. Foreign screenings may take a month or more

Key Communication

- Member Services will reach out to all clubs and members on the following topics
 - We cannot put a price on Athlete safety!
 - All U.S. Ski & Snowboard club coaches are required to hold a membership at the Volunteer level or higher to ensure SafeSport training and background screening
 - U.S. Ski & Snowboard member club staff, administrators and board members are required to hold a membership at the Volunteer level or higher to ensure SafeSport training and background screening
 - SafeSport training requirement for all those turning 18 (and older) during the 2019-20 season (includes athletes)
 - Background screening requirement for those 18 and over to register early (includes athletes)
 - Fast Start Coaching Course is now Coaching Fundamentals
 - The days of last minute registration are over. Plan ahead and register early!

New Member Lookup and Public Tools

New Public Tools



Public Tools

- Member Lookup
- Club Directory
- Rankings
- Event Lookup
- Coach Lookup
- Official Lookup

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New Public Tools – Member Lookup



Member Lookup

U.S. Ski & Snowboard ID

Season

Division

Sport

First Name

Last Name

Gender

Birth Year

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New Public Tools – Member Lookup



U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD
2018 - 2019
VALID THROUGH 6.30.19

Member #: 6610877	✓ Current
Name: Matt Lemon	✓ Background Check
Gender: Male	✓ Safe Sport
Birth Year: 1990	
Division: Intermountain	

Staff Membership
VALID THROUGH 6.30.19

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New Public Tools – Member Lookup



U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD
2018 - 2019
PENDING

Member #: [REDACTED]	✓ Current
FIS #: [REDACTED]	✓ Background Check
Name: [REDACTED]	✓ Safe Sport
Gender: Female	✗ Fast Start Course
Birth Year: 1997	
Division: Eastern	

Freestyle Competitor U15 and over
VALID THROUGH 6.30.19

Freestyle Coach (w/ Official)
PENDING

Freestyle Official
VALID THROUGH 6.30.19

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD
2018 - 2019
INVALID

Member #: [REDACTED]	✓ Current
Name: [REDACTED]	
Gender: Male	
Birth Year: 1958	
Division: Eastern	

Short Term Alpine Masters
1.19.19

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New Public Tools – Coach Lookup



Coach

Member #: 4650842	Certifications
Name: Jeff Weinman	Alpine Level 400
Division: Intermountain	
State: UT	

▲ 11 Clinics

Clinic: Continuing Ed	Director: Paul Van Slyke
Date: 10/26/2012	Grade: Pass
Location: FIS TD Update	Notes: Alpine FIS TD Update

Clinic: Continuing Education Credit - .25	Director: SafeSport
Date: 07/11/2013	Grade: Pass
Location: USOC	Notes: HS

Clinic: Continuing Education Credit - .25	Director: CDC
Date: 07/23/2013	Grade: Pass
Location: Online	Notes: Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports

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New Public Tools – Official Lookup



Official

Member #: 4650842	State: UT
Name: Jeff Weinman	Country: USA
Division: Intermountain	

Current Certifications

Sport: Alpine	Position: Chief of Course
Clinic Season: 2018/2019	Level: 2

Sport: Alpine	Position: Competition Official
Clinic Season: 2018/2019	Level: 2

Sport: Alpine	Position: Race Administrator
Clinic Season: 2018/2019	Level: 1

Sport: Alpine	Position: Referee
Clinic Season: 2018/2019	Level: 2

Sport: Alpine	Position: Timing and Calculations
Clinic Season: 2018/2019	Level: 1

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New Public Tools – Club Directory



 Aspen Valley Ski and Snowboard Club VALID THROUGH 6.30.19

Aspen Valley Ski and Snowboard Club 300 AVSC Drive Aspen, CO 81611	Club ID: 5676143 Members: 343 Certification: None Website: www.teamavsc.org Email: mgodamsky@teamavsc.org Phone: +1 (970) 205-5100 Fax: +1 (970) 925-5290
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Alpine
Snowboard
Adaptive Alpine
Freestyle
Jumping/Nordic
Cross Country

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD

Important Dates and Contact Info

- REGISTER PRIOR TO THE START OF YOUR SEASON!
- **October 15th** - Early bird registration deadline
- **December 15th** – FIS late fee goes into effect
- Weekend Coverage runs October – March
- Contact Information
 - membership@ussa.org
 - 435-647-2666
 - Online Chat

Freestyle Sport Committee Meeting Minutes

Follow this web link to the Freestyle Sport Committee meeting minutes:

<https://usskiandsnowboard.org/governance/committees-councils/freestyle-sport-committee>