

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

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2022 U.S. SKI & Snowboard Congress  
Virtual Meetings - Zoom

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### SPORT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Mike Page - Chairperson/BOD Representative  
Troy Murphy - Athlete BOD Representative  
Konrad Rotermund - At Large Representative  
Mike Papke - Mogul, Subcommittee Representative  
Jack Boyczuk - Aerial, Subcommittee Representative  
Thom Schaefer - Official, Subcommittee Representative  
Deb Newson - Eastern FSC Chair  
Adam Leseur - Rocky Mountain/Central FSC Chair  
Erick Panelli - IM/FW/N/PNW FSC Chair  
Dani Loeb - Athlete Representative  
Emerson Smith - Athlete Representative  
Zac Amidan - Athlete Representative  
Trace Worthington - Athlete Representative  
Matt Gnoza - U.S. Ski & Snowboard Director of Freestyle

### **Freestyle Executive Committee**

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

5:00 - 6:00 PM MT

Updated Committee Membership:

Mike Page - Chairperson - Present

Konrad Rotermund - At Large Representative - Present

Mike Papke/Jack Boyczuk - Mogul Subcommittee or Aerial Subcommittee Representative - Present

Troy Murphy - Athlete Board Representative - Present

Emerson Smith/Dani Loeb Mogul Athlete Representative or Aerial Athlete Representative - Present

Matt Gnoza - USSS Freestyle Ski Development Director (Non-Voting) - Present

### **Also in attendance:**

Chris Seemann, Bryon Wilson, Zac Amidan

1. New FSC Structure - Konrad Rotermund
  - a. Executive
    - i. Designed it so MO or AE will be present depending on who needs to discuss items
    - ii. Chair: Mike Page
    - iii. At Large: Konrad
    - iv. MSC: Mike Papke
      1. or
    - v. ASC: Jack Boyczuk
    - vi. Athlete Rep: Troy Murphy
    - vii. AE rep: Dani Loeb

1. or
  - viii. MO rep: Emerson Smith
- b. New FSC
  - i. Very similar but now 33% athlete representation.
  - ii. Past chairs are now in the chairman advisory group.
  - iii. AAC vets out athletes for every sport and includes them on the committee.
  - iv. Chair and BOD Rep (one vote only): Mike Page
  - v. Athlete BOD: Troy Murphy
  - vi. At Large: Konrad Rotermund
    1. Only one now not two
    2. Will be chosen by chairman advisory group
    3. At Large will be on all subcommittees
  - vii. Eastern Division Rep: TBD
  - viii. Rocky/Central rep: TBD
  - ix. IM/FW/N/PNW Rep: TBD
  - x. Athlete Rep 1: Trace Worthington
  - xi. Athlete Rep 2: Emerson Smith
  - xii. Athlete rep 3: Zac Amidan
  - xiii. Athlete rep 4: Dani Loeb
  - xiv. MSC rep: Mike Papke
  - xv. ASC rep: Jack Boyczuk
  - xvi. Official Sub committee rep: TBD
  - xvii. USSS FS Development (non-voting): Matt Gnoza
- c. Advisory Groups
  - i. Chairman's Advisory Group: Past chairmans
  - ii. Divisional Chairs Advisory Group: Consisted of each chairman from the division
  - iii. Events Advisory Group: Staff led. Lindsay Arnold is the head of the group and will form the group.
- d. Google drive will be created where all important documents, committee membership, etc will live.
2. Review ASC Agenda
  - a. ASC has a lot of work cut out for them.
  - b. Jack compiled a working document to keep track of ongoing projects.
  - c. Mogul bottom air, reallocating Nationals funds, jump qualification proposals are expected to be big discussion topics.
  - d. Steer towards development discussions.
3. Review MSC Agenda
  - a. Reviewed all proposals in the previous MSC meeting.
  - b. Will review the few that needed edits in the upcoming meeting.
4. Review R&O Agenda
  - a. Will spend some time on the committee as a whole.
  - b. Will look at the proposals.
  - c. Give an update on FIS rules.
  - d. Will discuss DM seeding.
  - e. No F3 in Moguls anymore.
  - f. DM is on a good path and the IOC will vote to have a meeting around the 17th.
  - g. Expecting a lot of discussion on remote judging.
5. Open Discussion
  - a. Zac: Should look at what other countries are doing to get athletes involved in Aerials.

## Division Chairs Working Group

Thursday, May 5, 2022

9:00 - 10:00 AM MT

### Committee Membership:

Deb Newson - Chairperson/Eastern Division Chair - Present

Adam Leseur - Rocky Mountain Division Chair - Present

Lewis Sundquist - Rocky Mountain Division Chair - Absent

Konrad Rotermund - Intermountain Division - Present

Erick Panelli - Far West Division Chair - Present

Mike Papke - Northern Division Chair - Present

N/A - Alaska Division Chair

**Also in attendance:** John Kavas, Matt Gnoza, Jeff Lange, Andy Wise, Lindsay Arnold, John Kavas, John Gandolfo, Chris Seemann, Stephen Mergenthaler, Jeff Lange, Thom Schaefer, Eric Webster, Mike Page

## Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Review all FSC sub-committee proposals.
  - a. [See addendum 1.](#)
  - b. Reviewed all housekeeping and proposals
    - i. Agreed with MSC decisions.
  - c. Proposal 8 A-C
    - i. Will only choose one—either A, B, or C.
  - d. Proposal 11 A/B
    - i. There needs to be a change made to this rule.
    - ii. Deb has a committee of people working on another option.
    - iii. By adding “recommended” to the rule, allows clubs to make their own calls.
      1. Gives coaches something to fall back on if being pressured to allow an athlete to do a certain jump.
      2. Seedog: Freeskiing not hindered by not having a jump qualification process.
    - iv. Could allow any coaches who used to be athletes to be grandfathered into the system based on the jumps they competed with as an athlete.
    - v. Some clubs worried about losing this all together because it will impact their ability to still enforce a certification system.
    - vi. What divisions follow the qualification process accurately?
      1. Eastern
      2. Intermountain follows but doesn't log athletes into the system very well
3. New Business/Open Discussion
  - a. Division Chairs should be invited to all mogul subcommittee meetings.
  - b. Push freestyle points presentation to MSC agenda.
    - i. Put points list 5 after President's Day weekend.
  - c. There should be a shared document as we are developing the schedule so division chairs can give feedback.

## **Aerial Subcommittee Meeting**

Thursday, May 5, 2022

10:15 AM -12:15 PM MT

### Updated Committee Membership:

Jack Boyczuk - Meeting Chair - Present

Bill McNice - Rules and Officials Subcommittee Chair - Present

Konrad Rotermund - FIS Representative - Present

Tim Massucco - Eastern/Rocky/Intermountain/Far West/Northern Representative - Present

Mark DePeters/David Von Derau - Buffalo Ski Center Club Representative - Present

Kelley and Corey Hacker - Holimont Club Representative - Present

Johnny Kroetz - Bristol Mountain Representative - Present

Nik Seemann - Athlete Representative, Aerials - Present

Trace Worthington - Athlete Representative, Aerials - Present

Zac Amidan - Athlete Representative, Aerials - Present

Dani Loeb - Athlete Representative, BOD - Present

Konrad Rotermund - At Large Representative - Present

Matt Gnoza - USSS Freestyle Sport Director - Present

## **Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Agenda Review and Approval
3. Review of Committee Membership - Jack Boyczuk/Konrad Rotermund
  - a. Konrad discussed committee restructure needs.
  - b. Jack remains as chair for two more years through new restructure.
4. Old Business
5. Working Action Plan - Jack Boyczuk
  - a. [See addendum 2.](#)
  - b. Regional Aerial Site specifications
    - i. Retool to fit mogul style landing hill.
    - ii. Tim Massucco moved and David Von Derau seconded the motion to adopt new site specifications. The committee unanimously voted to remove the Aerial recommended guidelines from Appendix B and add in the new specifications instead.
  - c. Tour of Mogul Clubs
    - i. Seedog: Membership isn't much better in Moguls - don't want to cannibalize
    - ii. Troy: Good to give people options and let them choose their path.
  - d. Team up with USOPC to create road show similar to Luge
    - i. Zac: U.S. Ski & Snowboard has connections at USOPC. Would be good to talk to USA Luge to see how they did it
    - ii. Hatch: John Owen runs the Luge program at the UOP and we can talk to him.
  - e. David: How do we make it easier for us to get video review and help others see our sport?
    - i. Zac: Need membership numbers before you can get publicity.
    - ii. Mike: Need to focus on the grassroots first. Been able to do live streams at local level for Moguls.
  - f. Dani Loeb will make promotional video
    - i. Need to highlight that the US has had a strong history, and that we have the

- programs that can take athletes to the top.
    - ii. Give the clubs a toolkit to help promote the sport, including this video.
  - g. Adjust DD Chart related to uprights
    - i. Currently, kids doing a spread eagle are beating kids doing a back layout.
    - ii. Glad that neutral jump made it in but the DD is too high. Some older kids should be moving on and progressing but they're resorting back to a neutral jump to win comps.
    - iii. Konrad: Original goal was to get more upright kids to jump in nationals so we tried to raise the DDs. We did grow the amount of people participating in aerials through this approach. Currently, there is no section in the book for this so we would need to vote to add it and then vote to change the numbers to 7000. Would refer to it as USSS Non-Fis Events. Need to eliminate everything in the old book from 6000.1.3 because all other rules are FIS rules and we would follow those regardless.
    - iv. Konrad Rotermund moved and Tim Massucco seconded the motion to add section 7000 to the book relating to the DD chart. The committee unanimously voted to add section 7000 with an updated DD chart.
- 6. AE Goals and Strategies - Chris Seemann
  - a. [See addendum 3.](#)
  - b. AE Nationals Event funding re-allocation - Chris Seemann
    - i. [See addendum 4.](#)
    - ii. Zac: By taking away a major goal for athletes, how do we motivate mid-level athletes?
      1. Konrad: We don't have numbers for Nationals.
      2. Seedog: It's a points event—doesn't result in a World Cup spot.
      3. Bergy: Bristol's events are important for promotion, so it's still important to have an event at Bristol
      4. Hatch: Redirect energy to junior nationals and could add a senior category.
      5. Lindsay: Still an opportunity to award a national champion at a Nor-Am instead of making it its own event and still have media surrounding the national champion.
    - iii. Committee unanimously votes to reallocate NC funding.
    - iv. Trace: What is our strategy to reallocate the money?
      1. Matt will work with the ASC if the reallocation gets approved by the board.
  - c. Goals/Measurements for Junior Nationals
    - i. Have Aerials and Moguls in the same location.
    - ii. Yardstick is the attending competitors.
    - iii. Talks about hosting Junior Nationals with Steamboat and a resort on the East coast.
    - iv. Moguls has redesigned the Junior Nationals format and invitations have increased. Would need to look to hosts to see if they would designate an Aerial day at the end of the schedule and then take a look at the reworked bottom air to see if one of the hosts would be willing to take that on.
    - v. Keep it open and allow anyone to sign up that made it for Moguls
      1. Need to be careful that it doesn't merge into a Big Air event.
      2. Need to be prepared as far as scoring—this can be addressed in the new 7000 section.

3. Could allocate a number of spots given out through an online competition.
  4. Could do a summer bag event where the winner earns a spot at Junior Nationals.
7. New Business
  8. Action Items / Proposals
    - a. [See addendum 1.](#)
    - b. Proposal 11a & 11b - Chris Seemann
      - i. Current qualification is outdated and people aren't using it properly as is.
      - ii. If jump qualification gets passed, then coach education will get adjusted.
      - iii. Zac: Don't see the benefit of restructuring—don't see the jump qualification as a barrier and don't see how removing it is a positive thing and won't negatively impact the safety of athletes.
        1. Seedog: This is about removing barriers
        2. Jack: Still have coaches education which keeps some responsibility
        3. Troy: Streamline process so qualification process is more easily attainable.
        4. Tim: Uncomfortable with current proposal. Need to revisit the coach education piece. Maybe roll back the qualification process to just being on snow but removing it altogether is scary.
        5. Dave: Liability is a big issue. But I agree that coaches' education needs to be adjusted.
        6. Dani: Qualification is especially important at the higher level of the sport with more difficult tricks
      - iv. Proposal is tabled until after Moguls discusses it and then can work together with the MSC to rework it.
9. Adjournment
  - a. There being no further business, Trace Worthington moved and Jack Boyczuk seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 pm.

### **Mogul Subcommittee Meeting**

Thursday, May 5, 2022

1:00-3:00 PM MT

Updated Committee Membership:

Mike Papke - Chairperson - Present

Thom Schaefer - Officials Subcommittee Chair - Present

Scott Lounsbury - FIS Representative - Present

Kris Pepe - Eastern Division Representative - Present

Sam Tarrant - Rocky Mountain Division Representative - Present

Jon O'Brien - Intermountain Division Representative - Absent

Jimeel Ferris - Far West Division Representative - Absent

Mike Papke - Northern Division Representative - Present

Bryon Zemba - Athlete Representative, Moguls - Absent

Mikaela Wilson - Athlete Representative, Moguls - Present

Morgan Schild - Athlete Representative, Moguls - Absent

Alex Jensen - Athlete Representative, Moguls - Present

Ali Kariotis - Athlete Representative, FSC - Absent

Troy Murphy - Athlete Representative, Board of Directors - Present

Glen Eddy - At Large Representative - Present  
Matt Gnoza - USSS Freestyle Sport Director - Present  
Emerson Smith - Assistant USSS MO Coach - Present

**Also in attendance:**

John Dowling, Seedog, Jeff Yingling, Andy Wise, Konrad Rotermund, Jeff Lange, Ann Battelle, Deb Newson, Lindsay Gang, Trace Worthington, TJ Johnson, Tim Mancusso, Travis Widger, John Kavas, Adam Lesseur, John Gandolfo, Grigs, Crispy, Rob Dresser, Zac Amidan, Mike Page

**Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Review Committee Membership
  - a. Konrad explained the new restructure to come in compliance with the USOPC rules.
3. Event schedule - Lyndsay Arnold
  - a. [See addendum 5.](#)
  - b. Received one excellent bid for Junior Nationals so far.
  - c. NorAm will stay at Deer Valley for the next four years.
    - i. John D: The Deer Valley course is great for the higher level of competition, but too strong a test for development level.
    - ii. Lindsay: This is a great opportunity for the events advisory group to work on. We wanted to lock in locations, especially after COVID to create some consistency, but still open to conversations for the future.
  - d. Selections
    - i. Not locked into a venue.
  - e. We like resorts to have a few other events under their belt before a World Cup
  - f. Hosting a World Cup requires:
    - i. Make sure it works on the FIS World Cup schedule
    - ii. Funding
    - iii. FIS Side:
      1. Goal is two locations in both Canada and US for MO/AE WCs
      2. Overall want to have four locations in North America
  - g. Matt: Working to create a US FIS Open event (two starts) in April to stop the flow over to Sweden and Finland and keep it here in the US. Will work with the U.S. National Team to ensure their participation and ensure the points are there.
4. Action Items / Proposals
  - a. [See addendum 1.](#)
  - b. Proposal 8A-C
    - i. 8 A
      1. We would use the points list sooner. After selections, top 25 US basic nation spots are named from the Grand Prix List. If any of the 25 athletes say no, we go to the points list instead of going back to GPL to fill those spots. If we ever have access to Canadian basic nations starts or unused host nation spots or foreign spots, we would also use the points list.
      2. Use the GPL one time after Selections and from then on, use points list associated with each NorAm.
      3. Discussion:
        - a. Any in favor of 8A?
          - i. Bryon: Opportunity from selections to get head to head

to fill 13-17 spots that will be available from that. Maybe that is enough? If we go down to 40, do we lose quality?

- ii. Deb: 8B may be more appealing because it takes a little pressure off of the U.S. Team if they're unsure who will be competing at NorAms.
- iii. Sam: In favor of 8A. Naming the NorAm team after selections is like your "varsity squad". This group made major commitments to get to this point. After that, we need a little more competition to decide the rest of the spots and the in-season qualification allows for that.
  - 1. Bryon: Agreed. Once you get past 25, athletes should keep competing to qualify for those spots.
  - 2. Kris: Last year, in-season qualification wasn't as realistic as we thought it was. Not as big of an opportunity to raise your points. We want to create opportunities for up and coming athletes who do have solid performances and are working hard to level up.
- iv. Sam motioned but no second so move on.

ii. 8B - Compromise

- 1. Deb: Anytime we have basic nation spots open, we would use GPL only to the 40th person on that list. If we get to 40, we go to the appropriate FSP. This way, we keep the head to head feature but also get to bring in other athletes performing well.
- 2. Discussion
  - a. Bryon: In favor.
- 3. Proposal passed unanimously.

iii. 8C - the process used this year

- 1. Deb: If there were ever any basic nation spots—the top 25 U.S. or if we had access to any Canadian spots, we used GPL to name any U.S. or Canadian starts. If we exhausted the list, we went to the points list. We used the points list if we had extra host nation spots or unused foreign spots.
- 2. After 8b passed, Deb withdrew 8c.

c. 12 a/b - Eastern Alternatives to Jump Qualification

- i. Mikaela: I like it. It protects us as coaches in some fashion. I like that coaches who have completed the maneuver as an athlete can qualify tricks.
- ii. Konrad: Could table it to work on it and send it to executive before the book is published.
- iii. Motion to table 12a/b
  - 1. Bryon moved and Alex seconded the motion to table 12 A/B.
  - 2. Will be rewritten, sent to subcommittees and sent to executive committee to be put into the book.

5. Open Discussion

a. PSA - NorAM Outcome Clarification - Konrad/Matt

- i. Right now, on the WC, we've gone to a two tour system. Going to see the same system on NAC.



1. NAC Mogul Winner and NAC Dual Mogul Winner are invited to World Cup finals for that discipline.
2. NAC Overall Winner receives a World Cup start.
- b. PSA - Meet customer expectations for events - Konrad/Matt
  - i. Working to get out invite lists in a timely fashion.
  - ii. Will set up communication platforms on WhatsApp.
  - iii. Will hand out World Cup starts at Selections.
- c. Brainstorm for growth
  - i. Bryon: Start to involve more resorts and ski areas and present them information on how to host events.
    1. Konrad: Agreed.
    2. Trace: Don't always have to be a competition, could do showcasing events.
  - ii. Troy: Utilize Jaelin's success to help grow the sport.
  - iii. Bryon: Get a group together to see how we can execute some of these ideas and formalize strategies to make them happen.
  - iv. Deb: Need to consider ourselves marketing strategists. To carry out these ideas we need to hire outside support. Need to make sure we are providing a product for kids who want to ski until they graduate high school and then be done. Don't always need to push the idea of everyone making the ski team.
  - v. Deb: Request the data from Ellen.
  - vi. "World Mogul Day"
    1. Mike: Possible for every club to host an introduction event? Grassroots but actionable.
    2. Trace: Keep it consistent across the country with the same name so people know what to expect.
    3. Matt: Pick the same weekend across the country.
    4. Troy: Have resorts on the same page and have alumni present.
    5. Konrad: Do it on World Snow Day.
    6. Deb: If you have an intro to the sport then you need a series where kids can compete close by and at a local level. Kids want competition.
    7. Are there board members involved at ski areas who could help?
    8. Lindsay is happy to help get a learn to ski event going
- d. Will look to form a sport growth group.
6. New Business
  - a. Restructure
    - i. After FSC, and prior to June 1, the MSC has to structure themselves to meet the USOPC guidelines, which is 33% athlete involvement on committees.
  - b. Would be good in future meetings to brain dump ways to strategize and market our sport
7. Adjournment
  - a. There being no further business, Mike Papke moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM.

## **Rules and Officials Subcommittee**

Thursday, May 5, 2022

3:45 - 5:30 PM MT

Updated Committee Membership:

Thom Schaefer - Chairman - Present

Scott Lounsbury - FIS Representative - Present  
Chuck Search - Judges Representative - Absent  
TJ Soar - TD Representative - Present  
Adam Lesseur - Divisional Representative (Central, East, Rocky) - Present  
John Kavas - Divisional Representative (IM, PNSA, FW, North) - Present  
Jeff Lange - At Large Representative - Present  
Alex Jensen - Athlete Representative - Absent  
Dani Loeb - Athlete Representative - Absent  
Tom Wallisch - Athlete Representative - Absent  
Morgan Schild - Athlete Representative - Absent

**Also in attendance:**

Mike Page, TJ Johnson, John Gandolfo, Andy Wise, D Lewis, Jim B, Deb Newson, Bryon Wilson

1. R&O General Information - Thom Schaefer
  - a. Welcome
  - b. Thom moved and Konrad seconded the motion to approve the 2021 minutes.
2. TD Season Review and Updates - Craig Mathews
  - a. Domestic Training / FIS Clinic
    - i. A clinic was held in December, and we had 15 TDs in attendance.
    - ii. Plans to do another clinic in November next year.
  - b. TD Reports
    - i. 80% of reports are in.
  - c. Encourage each division to help recruit new TDs.
  - d. A big challenge is finding more FIS TDs. Right now there are 5 in the U.S..
  - e. Two TDs from the East have started their certification process but the difficulty is getting the shadowing in.
3. Judges Season Review and Updates - Chris Ellis (Domestic) Scott Lounsbury (FIS)
  - a. Domestic Judges
    - i. Lot of 5 judge format.
    - ii. Picked up half a dozen judges in Rocky.
    - iii. Could do judging clinics on-hill so people have a better understanding of sport.
  - b. FIS Level Judges
    - i. Couple new judges in the East, including ex-athletes.
    - ii. Need to continue looking at recruiting and training over different divisions.
    - iii. Had two in-person clinics - Park City (had a remote option) and Montreal (in-person only). Both were well attended.
    - iv. Remote judging poses a challenge to recruiting judges.
    - v. Remote Judging - Konrad
      1. It's the organizers' choice to use remote judging.
        - a. Organizers cannot be dictated to spend money and fly in judges when they can do it cheaper.
        - b. Global fee used to be fixed, now it will likely go back to two tiers—one for remote and one for in person.
      2. Looks as if this year all World Cups except for Kazakhstan will be remote judged events.
      3. Organizers can choose to have the national judge at the event.
      4. Losing 23% of judging A license pool because there's a war. Lost 40% of AE WC tour because of the war.

5. Scott: Challenge to keep judges as a lot aren't interested in remote judging.
  6. Jim: Need to show organizers why having judges on site is important.
  7. Abby: Having the opportunity to travel to events was why I got into judging.
- c. Recruiting of new Judges
    - i. Parents are a great source.
    - ii. Could improve communication regarding assignments and also touch on things like how to deal with organizers, etc.
    - iii. We need to create a system that is encouraging for people to get involved—can't lose sight of the human element.
4. New Business/ Proposals
    - a. [See addendum 1.](#)
    - b. The USOPC now has a requirement for 33% Athlete participation throughout USSS. This applies to R&O Subcommittee. Current membership is 13. We need to decide to reduce the size of the committee, add more athlete reps., or a combination of both.
      - i. Freestyle Sport Committee will be restructured at the FSC meeting. This may impact this committee's membership, so the restructure will be more clear after the FSC meeting.
    - c. Name change to Officials Subcommittee.
    - d. Subcommittees will need to be reorganized by June 1.
5. Adjournment
    - a. Thom Schaefer moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm.

### **Freestyle Sport Committee Meeting**

Friday, May 6, 2022 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM MT  
Virtual Meetings - Zoom Meeting Platform

Meeting Chairman: Mike Page  
Committee Members Present: 14  
Committee Members Excused: 0  
Additional Attendees: 45

#### **1. Chairman calls the Agenda**

Mike Page called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

#### **2. Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum**

Konrad Rotermund made roll call and noted that a quorum was present.

#### **3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Konrad Rotermund moved and Thom Schaefer seconded the motion to approve the minutes from 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Committee Appointments**

Konrad moved and Troy Murphy seconded the motion to approve the committee members and structure. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Membership Report - Jennie Holdorf/Sheryl Barnes**
  - a. [See addendum 6.](#)
6. **Introductions - Sophie Goldschmidt/Anouk Patty**
  - a. Big thanks to everyone who works tirelessly for the athletes.
  - b. Passion for the sport is incredibly special.
  - c. Exciting time for Freestyle. Want to create an even stronger community at the grassroots level as we can't achieve collective goals without that community.
  - d. We are taking Safesport and any allegations seriously.
  - e. We are dedicated to improving the team culture.
  - f. Getting more specific with targeting partnerships for each sport
7. **Coaches Education Report - Gar Trayner**
  - a. [See addendum 7.](#)
8. **Athlete Report - Troy Murphy**
  - a. New athlete reps - Dani Loeb, Zac Amidan, Trace Worthington, Emerson Smith.
  - b. If anyone has ideas on who to include as athlete reps on subcommittees, reach out to Troy.
  - c. If having athlete participation issues, reach out to Troy.
9. **Review 2020 - 2021, Tentative US Events Schedule - Lindsay**
  - a. [See addendum 5.](#)
10. **U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team Reports**
  - a. Moguls Team Report - Bryon Wilson
    - i. [See addendum 8.](#)
  - b. Aerials Team Report - Vladimir Lebedev
    - i. Megan Nick earned Bronze at Olympics and the U.S. took gold in Team Event.
    - ii. Good and successful season
    - iii. Goals for next season:
      1. Have success at World Championships
      2. Have success at World Cups
      3. Opportunity to continue to improve in Team events
    - iv. Dryland kicks off on May 10 and then the team will begin jumping at UOP at the end of May.
    - v. Train all summer and first month of fall, then go to Ruka in the middle of November, and do short snow camps before the WC season.
    - vi. First WC is at the beginning of December.
    - vii. U.S. athletes earned three JWC medals this year
11. **U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freestyle Department Update - Jeremy Forster**
  - a. Past two years have been challenging.
  - b. We're focusing on building and creating again as we go into the new Olympic cycle.
  - c. Excited about the new leadership at USSS.
  - d. Big success at the Olympics this year.
  - e. Bryon Wilson is the new MO head coach.
  - f. Placing a greater emphasis on team culture and cohesion going forward.
  - g. Alexis is the new Senior Team Manager.
  - h. Matt Gnoza is new Freestyle Sport Development Director.
  - i. Support and discussion for DM in 2026 Games is positive and hopefully will result in a good outcome this summer
12. **U.S. Ski & Snowboard Development Update - Matt Gnoza**
  - a. I'm excited about my new position.
  - b. Goal is to bring another World Cup stop back to the US.

- c. Another goal is to find a key host site for development events (Junior Nationals, NC, NorAMs, etc).
- d. Placing a big focus on clear communication from organization into the community.
- e. Want to build the sport of Freestyle and help athletes and clubs promote themselves as well.

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

- a. No big updates.

### 14. FSC Review and Voting on Proposals

- a. [See addendum 1.](#)
- b. AE Report - Jack Boyczuk
  - i. Proposal 14 - needs to go in Competition Phase - Divisional Events
- c. R&O Report & Proposals - Thom Schaefer
- d. MO Report & Proposals - Mike Papke
  - i. Proposal 7
    1. Deb: In 2020 we voted to increase the NorAm start group to 10 athletes from NorAm cup standings but didn't get to put it into play because we didn't have any NorAms. In 2021, there were two different proposals - one with top 5 and one with top 10 from the previous season's NorAm Cup standings. Which is right?
    2. Konrad: In the 2021 book (referencing 2020 meeting), it was top 10 from NorAm standings and top 5 from base list. In the 2022 book (referencing 2021 meeting) it was changed to top 5 from NorAm standings and top 5 from the base list.
    3. Bryon: One of the reasons we didn't want to go to 10 is to promote more head to head competition at Selections. If we did go 10 and 5 then we thought there wouldn't be very many spots available to get at Selections.
    4. Deb: Our intent in 2020 was to recognize and provide what we thought was best for our development athletes in the sense that 10 of them could move into the summer knowing they had qualified for the NAC tour. For Bryon's reasons, we went to 5. I wonder if when we went to five if we knew that the NAC quota was 25 for all the NorAms. Something to keep in back pocket and let this proposal go through this year. Having looked at the GPL, the athletes that would be named to the NAC start group this year would crush anyway so it doesn't matter.
    5. Matt: Wonder if we should go top 5 from FIS base points list and then go to top 10 from NAC standings. You are likely talking about the same athletes.
    6. Sam: When we passed the COVID precision, we struck out criteria #2 and changed criteria #3 5 to 10 because we just cut out 5 people and needed to get 5 back. In favor of keeping original as written in 2021 comp guide to help with planning athletes' season.
    7. Kris: Changed it back to five and five because we felt like we had prequalified too many athletes with the ten and five in 2020. In support of 5 from GPL and next five from the FIS base points list who aren't qualified from the GPL.

### 15. New Business

- a. Proposal 16
  - i. Seedog: If we want athletes to be incentivized to stay in sport through coaching, let's make it as easy as possible.
  - ii. Gar: Supportive of providing national team athletes' coaching certification free of charge, but I would advise against moving in the direction of giving certifications away. Need to support athletes in their transition from athlete to coach and provide them the tools to switch gears that will help them become great coaches.

- iii. Seedog: Agree level 100 is critical but we have a backlog because we haven't been able to run Aerial 200 clinics.
  - iv. Gar: Let's table this or move forward to create a task force that will come back to the group with a solution.
  - v. Seedog: Have 10 athletes that want to coach right now but if we don't get this solved, they will give up.
  - vi. Gar: Big challenge is accessibility.
  - vii. Konrad motioned and Deb Newson seconds the motion to vote on this proposal. Motion passes unanimously.
- b. Proposal 17 - 3070 Jump Qualification - reworked version of proposals 11 and 12
- i. Seedog: Initial proposal was a little aggressive in eliminating everything. So we came to a good compromise with this proposal. Changes are minimal but have a big impact on barriers to the sport. This proposal allows the national database for putting jumps online or you retain it yourself. This proposal uses recommended language for qualifications. Changes the level three coaches cert for on snow qualifying to whatever the club recommends. Everything from coaches cert will move to a new section in the book. We need to clean up coaches' certs in the future.
  - ii. Papke: I'm in support of this. Looking from a small division, I'm the only level three and it's not as easy as it should be.
  - iii. Bryon: I'm in favor of this and removing this barrier.
  - iv. The level of coach required to certify a jump is now just a recommendation. Actual process of doing the five jumps doesn't change.
  - v. Sam: Jonny Kroetz had the most issues because he is leaning on this jump qualification for insurance purposes.
  - vi. Seedog: Still in the book as a rule, it's just softened.
  - vii. Approved by the FSC.

**16. Floor Open for Comments/Questions**

**17. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mike Page moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin McNeely, Secretary of Meeting

## **Addendum 1**

### **R&O Proposals**

- [Proposal 1](#)

### **Moguls Specific Proposals**

- Housekeeping 1-8
  - FSC: Proposals passed
- [Proposal 2-3](#)
- [Proposal 7](#)
- [Proposal 8B](#)
- [Proposal 10](#)

### **Jump Qualification Proposals**

- [Proposal 11A - 12B](#)

### **Aerial Specific Proposals**

- [Proposal 13](#)
- [Proposal 14](#)
- [Proposal 15](#)

### **New Business**

- [Proposal 16](#)
- [Proposal 17 \(3070 Jump Qualification\)](#)
  - Moving to floor of FSC: Proposal passed with acknowledgment from ASC and MSC

# Housekeeping: 1

Description	Review the registration process
Current Rule	Registration  The registration process should be reviewed annually at FSC Congress.  1. Registration for U.S. Mogul Selection Events will open on Nov. 15.  2. From the initial posting and as invitations are updated, invitations should be accepted by registering online within the registration deadline posted. Athletes that are unable to register before the deadline should contact the Event Organizer.  3. The invitation and registration process will continue online until midnight prior to the first competition at the event, at which point the website will freeze with all registration directed to the event organizer when official registration opens.
Proposed change	Utilize the recommended procedure for NA's and ask the coaches to accept invite, and then the athletes register by the deadline. This could happen NOW and on a rolling basis so athletes on the alternate list are aware well in advance; Athlete Right to Start if someone changes mind about retirement.
Proposed change - this was approved by MSC but not actually rewritten as	The registration process should be reviewed annually at FSC Congress.  1. <b>The invite list for US Selections will be posted on July 1.</b>  2. <b>From the initial posting and as invitations are updated, invitations should be accepted by the coaches via e-mail to the Freestyle Coordinator and confirmed</b>

discussed in the pre-Meeting.	<p><b>by the athletes by</b> registering online within the registration deadline posted. Athletes that are unable to register before the deadline should contact the Event Organizer.</p> <p>3. Registration for U.S. Mogul Selection Events will open on Nov. 15.</p> <p>4. The invitation and registration process will continue online until midnight prior to the first competition at the event, at which point the website will freeze with all registration directed to the event organizer when official registration opens.</p>
Discussion/ Reason	It says we should review annually.
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	MSC - proposal is passed

## Housekeeping: 2

Description	Adjust language regarding quotas.
Current Rule	<p>Quotas U15: 70 U17: 70 U19: 50</p> <p>Quotas for the age group competitions will be based on a percentage of the entire age eligible population. Secondly, quotas for the genders within each age group will be determined based on a ratio of the age group's total population. All quotas will ensure equal access to both genders where a minimum of 40% of athletes per age group, per gender are invited. Quotas for the genders in each age group will be determined based on a ratio of the total population from FSP List #1.</p>
Proposed change	It should read "Estimated Quotas"
Discussion/ Reason	Since the quotas listed are simply estimates until the exact numbers can be generated from MO FFSP List 1
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	MSC - Proposal is passed

## Housekeeping: 3

Description	Change FFSP list used for qualification.
Current Rule	<p><b>Criteria</b></p> <p>1. The athletes will qualify to the U.S. Junior National Championships for moguls and dual moguls from the FFSP List #4 based on the quota for the event for the following Age Groups: U15 (inclusive of any U13's that qualify within the U15 age group quota), U17 and U19. 2. Qualified athletes in moguls or dual moguls will be granted</p>



starts in both mogul and dual mogul events; These athletes must be ranked on the FFSP List used for selection in the discipline that they didn't qualify.

3. All divisions are guaranteed a minimum of three men and three women in the age group competitions. Athletes may be allocated by the division, if they have less than three in any age group competition.

4. Ten athletes per gender will be named as alternates to compete in the events at U.S. Junior National Championships. These alternates are to be named off the initially posted invitation and will represent the next ten names on the FFSP List used to qualify per gender and per discipline. No more than ten alternates will be entered in the event even if greater than ten athletes decline their spots. Alternates must be placed into the event prior to the time of the draw for the event in which they are named as alternates. All alternates must be registered and paid prior to entry into the event.

5. The host club/team of U.S. Junior National Championships can enter one athlete per discipline, per gender to U.S. Junior National Championships as a host allocation spot.

6. Divisions may not add to or change requirements for the invited athletes described in this section apart from those spots designated as the divisional allocations.

7. Foreign athletes will be allocated 3 spots per gender per discipline per age group above the U.S. athlete quota. A foreign athlete must be ranked within their age group quota of the FFSP used to qualify.

**Invitations**

1. Invitations will be determined from the FFSP List #4.

2. Invitations will be posted on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website [usskiandsnowboard.org/](http://usskiandsnowboard.org/)

[index.php/sport-programs/criteria/freestyle-junior-nationals-criteria](http://index.php/sport-programs/criteria/freestyle-junior-nationals-criteria). 45

3. Athletes must RSVP to their invite using the Registration process listed below

Proposed change	<p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The athletes will qualify to the U.S. Junior National Championships for moguls and dual moguls from the <b>FFSP List #5</b> based on the quota for the event for the following Age Groups: U15 (inclusive of any U13's that qualify within the U15 age group quota), U17 and U19.</li> <li>2. Qualified athletes in moguls or dual moguls will be granted starts in both mogul and dual mogul events; These athletes must be ranked on the FFSP List used for selection in the discipline that they didn't qualify.</li> <li>3. All divisions are guaranteed a minimum of three men and three women in the age group competitions. Athletes may be allocated by the division, if they have less than three in any age group competition.</li> <li>4. Ten athletes per gender will be named as alternates to compete in the events at U.S. Junior National Championships. These alternates are to be named off the initially posted invitation and will represent the next ten names on the FFSP List used to qualify per gender and per discipline. No more than ten alternates will be entered in the event even if greater than ten athletes decline their spots. Alternates must be placed into the event prior to the time of the draw for the event in which they are named as alternates. All alternates must be registered and paid prior to entry into the event.</li> <li>5. The host club/team of U.S. Junior National Championships can enter one athlete per discipline, per gender to U.S. Junior National Championships as a host allocation spot.</li> <li>6. Divisions may not add to or change requirements for the invited athletes described in this section apart from those spots designated as the divisional allocations.</li> <li>7. Foreign athletes will be allocated 3 spots per gender per discipline per age group above the U.S. athlete quota. A foreign athlete must be ranked within their age group quota of the FFSP used to qualify.</li> </ol> <p><b>Invitations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Invitations will be determined from the <b>FFSP List #5</b>.</li> <li>2. Invitations will be posted on the U.S. Ski &amp; Snowboard website <a href="http://usskiandsnowboard.org/index.php/sport-programs/criteria/freestyle-junior-nationals-criteria">usskiandsnowboard.org/index.php/sport-programs/criteria/freestyle-junior-nationals-criteria</a>. 45</li> <li>3. Athletes must RSVP to their invite using the Registration process listed below</li> </ol>
Discussion/ Reason	Change List #4 to #5.
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	MSC - Proposal is passed

## Housekeeping: 4

Description	Adjust language regarding injured athletes for divisional championships
Current Rule	<p>Procedure for athletes injured, sick or unable to attend divisional championships</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Divisional championships must be set on the schedule before the season begins and named divisional championships.</li> <li>2. An athlete who is sick, injured or unable to compete in divisional championships must inform their divisional chair at the time of the event. How each division requires notification is up to that division.</li> </ol>

	<p>3. The divisional chair must notify Ashley Deibold, via email or voice mail, by 5 p.m. MST Feb. 27 if any disciplines have been canceled or of any athletes that should not be removed from list 4, valid Mar. 1.</p> <p>4. Once list 4 is run it will not be re-run for individual athletes or divisions that failed to notify national staff of canceled disciplines. The FFSC Executive Committee will then hear all individual requests.</p>
Proposed change	<p>Procedure for athletes injured, sick or unable to attend divisional championships</p> <p>1. Divisional championships must be set on the schedule before the season begins and named divisional championships.</p> <p>2. An athlete who is sick, injured or unable to compete in divisional championships must inform their divisional chair at the time of the event. How each division requires notification is up to that division.</p> <p>3. The divisional chair must notify the USSS Freestyle Office via email or voice mail, by 5 p.m. MST on the closing date of the point list used to generate US National invites <b>Feb. 27</b> if any disciplines have been canceled or of any athletes that should be removed .</p> <p>4. Once the list is run it will not be re-run for individual athletes or divisions that failed to notify national staff of canceled disciplines. The FFSC Executive Committee will then hear all individual requests.</p>
Discussion/ Reason	Rule book clean up
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	MSC - Proposal is passed

## Housekeeping: 5

Description	Adjust language regarding athletes who don't participate in divisional championships
Current Rule	Freestyle Athletes who do not compete in their divisional championships will not be included on List 4 in moguls and dual moguls except as approved by divisional chairs. A list of athletes who do not meet the requirements will be provided to national staff by the Divisional Chairs.
Proposed change	<b>Division chairs can remove division athletes who do not compete in their divisional championships from the FFSC MO and DM Points Lists used to generate US National invitations to the mogul and dual mogul events; A list of athletes who do not meet the requirements must be provided to national staff by the division chairs. Divisional chairs may make exceptions to this requirement due to extenuating circumstances.</b>
Discussion/ Reason	Clarification for division champs and nationals in bold.
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	MSC - Proposal is passed

# Housekeeping: 6

Description	Adjust point list number in Comp Guide
Current Rule	<p><b>Fall Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carryover points as calculated on the last list from the prior season.</li> <li>• If a competitor does not have points from the last list of the prior season, they will be assigned zero points for the fall.</li> </ul> <p><b>List 1 – List 3</b> Select the highest points from the following scenarios:</p> <p><u>MO, DM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall points,</li> <li>• 2 or more results: best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results; summed and divided by 2, 26</li> <li>• 1 result: if fall points are zero, use the 1 result. If fall points are greater than zero, sum fall and 1 result and divide by 2,</li> <li>• No results: use fall points.</li> </ul> <p><u>AE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 or more jumps: best 4 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 3 jumps: 3 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 2 jumps: 2 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 1 jump: 1 jump divided by 4,</li> <li>• No jumps: use fall points divided by 2.</li> </ul> <p><b>List 4</b></p> <p><u>MO</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 or more results: best 3 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 3,</li> <li>• 2 results: 2 results summed, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, and divided by 3,</li> <li>• 1 result: 1 result, fall points may be used as a result, divided by 3,</li> <li>• No results: points drop to zero. DM</li> <li>• 2 or more results, best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 2,</li> <li>• 1 result: 1 result, fall points may be used as the result, divided by 2,</li> <li>• No results: points drop to zero.</li> </ul> <p><u>AE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 or more jumps: best 4 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 3 jumps: 3 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 2 jumps: 2 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 1 jump: 1 jump divided by 4,</li> <li>• No jumps: use fall points divided by 4.</li> </ul> <p><b>List 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall points will not be used for MO, DM, and AE,</li> <li>• Athletes remain on the list except those not meeting divisional requirements,</li> <li>• The competitor must have results in at least 2 of the first 4 scoring periods. The scoring periods are listed earlier in this chapter. If they do not, then the points will drop to zero for that discipline.</li> </ul> <p><u>MO</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 or more results; best 3 results, summed and divided by 3,</li> <li>• 2 results; 2 results summed, and divided by 3,</li> <li>• 1 result: 1 result, divided by 3,</li> <li>• No results: points drop to zero.</li> </ul>

	<p><u>DM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 or more results/scores: best 2 results, summed and divided by 2,</li> <li>• 1 result/score: 1 result, divided by 2,</li> <li>• No results: points drop to zero.</li> </ul> <p><u>AE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 or more jumps: best 4 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 3 jumps: 3 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 2 jumps: 2 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 1 jump: 1 jump divided by 4, 27</li> <li>• No jumps: points drop to zero. List 6 – List 8 MO, DM, AE</li> <li>• Fall points will not be used,</li> <li>• Same calculation as List 5.</li> </ul>
Proposed change	<p>Fall Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carryover points as calculated on the last list from the prior season.</li> <li>• If a competitor does not have points from the last list of the prior season, they will be assigned zero points for the fall.</li> </ul> <p><b>List 1 – List 4</b></p> <p>Select the highest points from the following scenarios:</p> <p><u>MO, DM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall points,</li> <li>• 2 or more results: best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results; summed and divided by 2, 26</li> <li>• 1 result: if fall points are zero, use the 1 result. If fall points are greater than zero, sum fall and 1 result and divide by 2,</li> <li>• No results: use fall points.</li> </ul> <p><u>AE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 or more jumps: best 4 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 3 jumps: 3 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 2 jumps: 2 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 1 jump: 1 jump divided by 4,</li> <li>• No jumps: use fall points divided by 2.</li> </ul> <p><b>List 5 (Juniors List)</b></p> <p><u>MO</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 or more results: best 3 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 3,</li> <li>• 2 results: 2 results summed, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, and divided by 3,</li> <li>• 1 result: 1 result, fall points may be used as a result, divided by 3,</li> <li>• No results: points drop to zero.</li> </ul> <p><u>DM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 or more results, best 2 results, fall points may be used as 1 of the results, summed and divided by 2,</li> <li>• 1 result: 1 result, fall points may be used as the result, divided by 2,</li> <li>• No results: points drop to zero. AE</li> <li>• 4 or more jumps: best 4 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 3 jumps: 3 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 2 jumps: 2 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 1 jump: 1 jump divided by 4,</li> <li>• No jumps: use fall points divided by</li> </ul> <p><b>4. List 6 (Nationals List)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall points will not be used for MO, DM, and AE,</li> <li>• Athletes remain on the list except those not meeting divisional requirements,</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The competitor must have results in at least <b>2 of the first 5 scoring periods</b>. The scoring periods are listed earlier in this chapter <b>and represent a list period</b>. If they do not, then the points will drop to zero for that discipline.</li> </ul> <p><u>MO</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 or more results; best 3 results, summed and divided by 3,</li> <li>• 2 results; 2 results summed, and divided by 3,</li> <li>• 1 result: 1 result, divided by 3,</li> <li>• No results: points drop to zero.</li> </ul> <p><u>DM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 or more results/scores: best 2 results, summed and divided by 2,</li> <li>• 1 result/score: 1 result, divided by 2,</li> <li>• No results: points drop to zero. AE</li> <li>• 4 or more jumps: best 4 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 3 jumps: 3 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 2 jumps: 2 jumps summed and divided by 4,</li> <li>• 1 jump: 1 jump divided by 4, 27</li> <li>• No jumps: points drop to zero.</li> </ul> <p><b>List 7 – List 8</b></p> <p><u>MO, DM, AE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall points will not be used,</li> <li>• <b>Same calculation as List 6.</b></li> </ul>
Discussion/ Reason	Changed Points List numbers to correspond with the past
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	MSC - Proposal is passed

## Housekeeping: 7

Description	Adjust point list number in Nationals criteria
Current Rule	<p>Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All U.S. Freestyle Ski Team athletes.</li> <li>2. The top 35 ranked U.S. athletes in moguls and dual moguls from the FFSP List #5 per gender per discipline after the U.S. Ski Team. Additional athletes will not be invited to replace those athletes that are not FIS age eligible in the top 35, on the alternate list, excluded by their division, injured or competing in conflicting events.</li> <li>3. The next five (5) U.S. athletes on the FFSP List #5 per gender per discipline that have not already qualified via criteria 1 or 2 will be named as alternates to the event. Alternates will be placed into the events in the order they are named and will be notified immediately. The alternates will only compete if any of the skiers qualified via criteria 1 and 2 do not accept their spot.</li> <li>4. Divisions will be allotted one spot per gender, per discipline to be used at the divisions' discretion. Divisions should notify the Freestyle Office of their allocations 48 hours after invitation becomes valid. If the spot remains unused, or divisions do not notify by the 48- hour deadline the spot may be lost. If division allocation is invited to the event via criteria 3 as an alternate, the division will be allowed to choose a new division allocation. Divisions may not add to or change requirements for the quota spots described in this section apart from those spots designated as the divisional allocations.</li> </ol>

	5. All athletes that qualified via criteria 2-4 in one discipline and not the other discipline will be granted a start if they are ranked in the top 60 U.S. athletes on the FFSP List #5 in that discipline.
Proposed change	<p>Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All U.S. Freestyle Ski Team athletes.</li> <li>2. The top 35 ranked U.S. athletes in moguls and dual moguls from the FFSP List #5 per gender per discipline after the U.S. Ski Team. Additional athletes will not be invited to replace those athletes that are not FIS age eligible in the top 35, on the alternate list, excluded by their division, injured or competing in conflicting events.</li> <li>3. The next five (5) U.S. athletes on the <b>FFSP List #6</b> per gender per discipline that have not already qualified via criteria 1 or 2 will be named as alternates to the event. Alternates will be placed into the events in the order they are named and will be notified immediately. The alternates will only compete if any of the skiers qualified via criteria 1 and 2 do not accept their spot.</li> <li>4. Divisions will be allotted one spot per gender, per discipline to be used at the divisions' discretion. Divisions should notify the Freestyle Office of their allocations 48 hours after invitation becomes valid. If the spot remains unused, or divisions do not notify by the 48- hour deadline the spot may be lost. If division allocation is invited to the event via criteria 3 as an alternate, the division will be allowed to choose a new division allocation. Divisions may not add to or change requirements for the quota spots described in this section apart from those spots designated as the divisional allocations.</li> <li>5. All athletes that qualified via criteria 2-4 in one discipline and not the other discipline will be granted a start if they are ranked in the top 60 U.S. athletes on the <b>FFSP List #6</b> in that discipline.</li> </ol>
Discussion/ Reason	Changed Points List numbers
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	MSC - Proposal is passed

## Housekeeping: 8

Description	NorAm Cup wording
Current Rule	<p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NorAm Cup winners are named in each gender based on points accumulated over the season in the events on the tour, according to the World Cup point scale. The full podium is recognized at the conclusion of the season.</li> <li>• The top North American athlete is granted personal starts in all World Cups in the following season.</li> </ul> <p>See rule the FIS World Cup rule book, rule 3.4.8.1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletes ranked in the Top 10 of the NorAm Tour at the conclusion of the season are granted starts in all of the NorAm Tour events in the following season.</li> </ul>

Proposed change	<p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NorAm Cup winners are named in each gender based on points accumulated over the season in the events on the tour, according to the World Cup point scale. The full podium is recognized at the conclusion of the season.</li> <li>The top North American athlete is granted personal starts in all World Cups in the following season.</li> </ul> <p>See rule the FIS World Cup rule book, rule 3.4.8.1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The top athlete in the NorAm Cup Mogul and Dual Mogul Standings will have a start at the World Cup Finals of the same competition season of the Tour.</li> <li>Top 5 U.S. Athletes from the NorAm Tour at the conclusion of the season are granted starts in all of the NorAm Tour events in the following season.</li> </ul>
Discussion/ Reason	Changed in 2022
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	MSC - Proposal is passed

## Proposal: 1

Description	This proposal provides a directive to have 7 scoring judges to the NorAm Committee at the US events.
Current Rule	<p><b>4001.1.2 Number of Judges:</b></p> <p><u>Aerials (including Team):</u></p> <p>OWG, WSC, WC: 1 Head Judge + 5 to 7 scoring Judges</p> <p>At all other competitions: 1 Head Judge + 5 scoring Judges</p> <p>USA: 1 Head Judge + 2-5 scoring Judges. Head Judge may also be a scoring Judge</p> <p><u>Moguls, Dual Moguls (including Team):</u></p> <p>OWG, WSC, WC: 1 Head Judge + 7 scoring Judges</p> <p>At all other competitions: 1 Head Judge + 5 scoring Judges</p> <p>In special cases, fewer judges can be scheduled.</p>
Proposed change	<p><b>4001.1.2 Number of Judges:</b></p> <p><u>Aerials (including Team):</u></p> <p>OWG, WSC, WC: 1 Head Judge + 5 to 7 scoring Judges</p> <p>At all other competitions: 1 Head Judge + 5 scoring Judges</p> <p>USA: National Competitions (Junior Nationals and US Nationals), US NorAm events and US Selection Events: 1 Head Judge +7 scoring judges.</p>



	<p>USA: Regional Competitions: 1 Head Judge + 2-5 scoring Judges. Head Judge may also be a scoring Judge</p> <p><u>Moguls, Dual Moguls (including Team):</u></p> <p>OWG, WSC, WC: 1 Head Judge + 7 scoring Judges</p> <p>USA: National Competitions (Junior Nationals and US Nationals), US NorAm events and US Selection Events: 1 Head Judge +7 scoring judges.</p> <p>At all other competitions: 1 Head Judge + 5 scoring Judges</p> <p>In special cases, fewer judges can be scheduled.</p>
Discussion/Reason	
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	<p>MSC - Proposal passed to R&amp;O</p> <p>R&amp;O - Proposal passed</p> <p>FSC - Proposal passed</p>

## Proposal: 2

Description	More pathways for Juniors to U.S. Nationals and Selection events
Current Rule	<p><b>U.S. Junior National Championships</b></p> <p>The U.S. Junior National Championships bring together the top junior competitors from each division for an age group championship competition.</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>1. Athletes may advance in the pipeline via the results from U.S. Junior National Championships to the following events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. U.S. Mogul Selection Events <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Invitations to the U.S. Mogul Selection Events in the upcoming competition season will be awarded to the top finishing athlete within each age group, not otherwise qualified and age appropriate.</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. U.S. Freestyle Mogul Team Gold Project Camp <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Invitations to the U.S. Freestyle Mogul Team Gold Project Camp(s) will be awarded to top performers in each age group.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
Proposed change	<p><b>U.S. Junior National Championships</b></p> <p>The U.S. Junior National Championships bring together the top junior competitors from each division for an age group championship competition.</p> <p>Outcome</p> <p>1. Athletes may advance in the pipeline via the results from U.S. Junior National Championships to the following events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>U.S. Nationals of the same competition season, if held prior to US Nationals, will be awarded to the top finishing athlete within each age group, not otherwise qualified and FIS age appropriate.</b></li> <li>b. U.S. Selection Events <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>In the event that Junior Nationals happens after US Nationals, then Invitations to the U.S. Selection Events for the upcoming</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p><b>competition season will be awarded to the top finishing athlete within each age group, not otherwise qualified and FIS age appropriate.</b></p> <p>c. U.S. Freestyle Mogul Team Gold Project Camp i. Invitations to the U.S. Freestyle Mogul Team Gold Project Camp(s) will be awarded to top performers in each age group.</p> <p>2. A Divisions Cup will be awarded, using the FIS World Cup points system for the mogul events, where divisions gain points for the cup based on the athletes ranking in the top 10 of each age group competition. <b>The Division Cup (cowbell) should be presented during the dual mogul award ceremony, unless the result can be calculated before the mogul awards.</b></p>
Discussion/ Reason	We have plenty of room at US Nationals. Let's make sure the athletes skiing well at Juniors are at the big event, by adding 6 athletes from the Juniors Age Group Competition, and recognizing success in head to head competition.
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	MSC - Proposal passed FSC - proposal passed

## Proposal: 3

Description	Adding Super Finals to U.S. Nationals
Current Rule	<p><b>Run Orders</b></p> <p>Moguls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualification/16 person final</li> <li>• Run 1 - all competitors, top 30 seeded</li> <li>• Final - 16 athletes from Run 1</li> </ul>
Proposed change	<p><b>Run Orders</b></p> <p>Moguls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualification/16 person final</li> <li>• Run 1 - all competitors, top 30 seeded</li> <li>• <b>Final 1 - 16 athletes from Run 1</b></li> <li>• <b>Optional Final 2 - Top 6, "Super Finals"</b></li> </ul>
Discussion/ Reason	Why no Super Finals when the event format could support it? We are supposed to prepare our athletes for the next level.
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	MSC - Proposal passed FSC - Proposal passed

## Proposal: 4

Description	Adopt FIS Pace time
Current Rule	<p><b>4207.2</b> — page 94 in competition guide</p> <p>Pace-Time</p> <p>The Pace Times for Women's and Men's Moguls are set according to the standards determined by the FIS Sub-Committee Moguls / Aerials. To calculate the Pace Time for a specific course, take the length of the course in metres and divide by the Pace</p>

	<p>Time in metres/sec.</p> <p>Men's Pace Time: 10.30 metres / per second. Women's Pace Time: 8.80 metres / per second.</p> <p>USA: Men's Pace Time: 9.70 metres / per second. Women's Pace Time: 8.20 metres / per second.</p>
Proposed change	<p><b>4207.2</b> Pace Time</p> <p>The Pace Times for Women's and Men's Moguls are set according to the standards determined by the FIS Sub-Committee Moguls / Aerials. To calculate the Pace Time for a specific course, take the length of the course in metres and divide by the Pace Time in metres/sec.</p> <p>Men's Pace Time: 10.30 metres / per second. Women's Pace Time: 8.80 metres / per second.</p> <p>USA: Men's Pace Time: 9.70 metres / per second. Women's Pace Time: 8.20 metres / per second.</p>
Discussion/ Reason	To help establish scoring standards more in line with standards around the world
Submitted by	Bryon Wilson
Status of Proposal	Withdrawn

## Proposal: 5

Description	Adjust Moguls event scoring
Current Rule	<p>Current Rule: Page 23 2022 Competition Guide</p> <p><b>Moguls and Aerials Event Scoring</b></p> <p>1. Each mogul and dual mogul event is rated by the quality of competitors entered. Therefore, the point worthiness of each competition will vary with the caliber of skiers participating. Meet rating points will be equal to the average of the two highest FFSP among the top four finishing mogul competitors in that event and among the top four finishing dual mogul competitors in that event. Aerial events do not have event ratings. The winner of the mogul event is awarded freestyle points (FFSP's) equal to the average FFSP of the people who rated the competition. All other competitors in that event are given FFSP's in the same proportion to the winner's FFSP's that their score was to the winner's score. (Example: winner scores 70 in a 724 point event; competitor scores 64. That competitor will be awarded <math>(64/70) \times 724 = 661.94</math>). If none of the competitors in an event have any FFSP's in the event, then the minimum event ranking is 100.</p>

Proposed change	1. Each mogul and dual mogul event is rated by the quality of competitors entered. Therefore, the point worthiness of each competition will vary with the caliber of skiers participating. Meet rating points will be equal to the average of the two highest FFSP among the top four finishing mogul competitors in that event and among the top four finishing dual mogul competitors in that event. Aerial events do not have event ratings. The winner of the mogul event is awarded freestyle points (FFSP's) equal to the average FFSP of the people who rated the competition. All other competitors in that event are given FFSP's in the same proportion to the winner's FFSP's that their score was to the winner's score. (Example: winner scores 70 in a 724 point event, competitor scores 64. That competitor will be awarded $(64/70) \times 724 = 661.94$ ). If none of the competitors in an event have any FFSP's in the event, then the minimum event ranking is 100. <del>If the winner of the event has the highest FFSP for the event he/she will receive the same amount of FFSP they entered the event with.</del>
Discussion/ Reason	To prevent points carrier in an event from receiving less points than they came to the event with and to help eliminate the averaging down problem happening at events.
Submitted by	Bryon Wilson
Status of Proposal	Withdrawn

## Proposal: 6

Description	FFSP Result Adjustment for Dual Moguls
Current Rule	<p><b>Current Rule:</b> Page 24 in 2022 Competition Guide</p> <p>FFSP Result Adjustment for Dual Moguls</p> <p>In Dual Moguls, event points are assigned to final place based on a regressive scale, assigning these points starting with 100. For events with 13 or fewer athletes, a scale that blocks between finishing positions of 1-2, 3-4, 5-8, 9-13 is used. For events with 14 or more athletes, points are assigned to place with a consistent regressive scale as decided annually by the Freestyle Sport Committee.</p>
Proposed change	<p>FFSP Result Adjustment for Dual Moguls</p> <p>In Dual Moguls, event points are assigned to final place based on a <b>regressive</b> progressive scale, assigning these points starting with 100. <del>For events with 13 or fewer athletes, a scale that blocks between finishing positions of 1-2, 3-4, 5-8, 9-13 is used. For events with 14 or more athletes,</del> points are assigned to place with a <b>consistent regressive</b> progressive scale as decided annually by the Freestyle Sport Committee.</p> <p>Instead of a consistent 3.5% regressive scale for dual, I propose a progressive scale based on what round the athletes made it to:  Places 1-4 = 1% reduction  Places 5-8 = 1.5% reduction</p>

	<p>Places 8-16 = 2% reduction Places 16 and beyond = 3.5% reduction</p> <table border="1"> <caption>Approximate data from the graph</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Place</th> <th>Current Points</th> <th>New Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>100</td><td>100</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>85</td><td>95</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>70</td><td>85</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>60</td><td>75</td></tr> <tr><td>20</td><td>50</td><td>65</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>45</td><td>55</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td>40</td><td>45</td></tr> <tr><td>35</td><td>35</td><td>38</td></tr> <tr><td>40</td><td>30</td><td>32</td></tr> <tr><td>45</td><td>25</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>47</td><td>20</td><td>25</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Place	Current Points	New Points	1	100	100	5	85	95	10	70	85	15	60	75	20	50	65	25	45	55	30	40	45	35	35	38	40	30	32	45	25	28	47	20	25
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Discussion/Reason	This would reward athletes more who make later rounds.																																				
Submitted by	Bryon Wilson																																				
Status of Proposal	Withdrawn																																				

## Proposal: 7

Description	<b>Reorganization of the NorAm section in the competition guide</b>
Current Rule	<p>The following athletes will be prequalified for the current season's NorAm Events, as the "NorAm Start Group".</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. U.S. Team Athletes</li> <li>2. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from the previous season's NorAm Cup standings</li> <li>3. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from the current season's FIS Base Points List - not already qualified via criteria 1-2.</li> <li>4. Any athlete with a World Cup start in the previous season.</li> <li>5. While NorAm Start Group athletes should accept their spot by notifying the National Office, no additional athletes will be named if any athlete declines due to retirement or injury.</li> <li>6. NorAm Start Group Athletes must participate in all event days in the U.S. Moguls Selection Events.</li> <li>7. If a NorAm Start Group athlete is injured and unable to compete in the U.S. Moguls Selections Events, the athlete must provide all medical documentation stating that they are unable to compete. Once medically cleared to compete, they would retain their NorAm start.</li> </ol> <p>48</p> <p>Athletes who qualify for the NorAm Start Group must contact the U.S. Ski &amp; Snowboard office by Nov. 1 of the current season to accept their spot. Please email Erin McNeely at <a href="mailto:erin.mcneely@usskiandsnowboard.org">erin.mcneely@usskiandsnowboard.org</a>. If spots are not accepted by the Nov. 1 deadline the spots will be passed to the In-Season Qualification Criteria.</p>
Proposed change	<p><b>NorAm Start Group</b></p> <p>The following athletes will be prequalified for the current season's NorAm Events, as the "NorAm Start Group".</p>

	<p><b>Qualification Criteria:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. U.S. Team athletes</li> <li>2. Top 5 U.S. athletes from the previous season's NorAm Cup standings</li> <li>3. Top 5 U.S. athletes from the current season's FIS Base Points List - not already qualified via criteria 1-2.</li> <li>4. Any athlete with a World Cup start in the previous season.</li> </ol> <p><b>Please note the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NorAm Start Group athletes will be named in a timely manner, once the U.S. Team nomination process is complete in the spring.</li> <li>• The NorAm Start Group list of athletes will be published to the NorAm page on the website.</li> <li>• Athletes who qualify for the NorAm Start Group must contact the U.S. Ski &amp; Snowboard Freestyle Development Coordinator by Sept 1 <del>Nov. 1</del> of the competition <del>current</del> season to accept his/her spot.</li> <li>• No additional athletes will be named to the NorAm Start Group <del>athletes should</del> <b>must accept their spot by notifying the National Office</b>, if a NorAm Start Group athlete declines <del>due to retirement or injury</del> <b>for any reason</b>.</li> <li>• If a NorAm Start Group athlete is injured and unable to compete in the U.S. Selection Events, the athlete must provide all medical documentation stating that they are unable to compete. Once medically cleared to compete, he/she would retain NorAm Start Group status. <del>their start</del>.</li> <li>• NorAm Start Group athletes will lose status if they do not compete in all event days in the U.S. Selection Events. <del>must participate in all event days in the U.S. Selection Events.</del></li> </ul> <p><del>D. Athletes who qualify for the NorAm Start Group must contact the U.S. Ski &amp; Snowboard Freestyle Development Coordinator by Nov. 1 of the current season to accept their spot. Please email Erin McNeely at erin.meneely@usskiandsnowboard.org. If spots are not accepted by the Nov. 1 deadline the spots will be passed to the In-Season Qualification Criteria.</del></p>
Discussion/ Reason	Housekeeping plus a change to when the NorAm Start Group is named and published.
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	MSC - proposal is passed FSC - Proposal passed

## NorAm Notes for Proposal 8A-C

### \*Formerly Proposals 8 & 9\*

- Basic Nation - US and CAN quota of 25 each (Either nation may use these starts if the US or CAN cannot fill.)
- Foreign - Only the host nation may use any unused foreign starts.
- Unused Host Nation - The event organizers from the host nation have the option to extend starts up to 130.

# Proposal: ~~8A (FSP Only)~~

Description	<p><del>Reorganization of the NorAm section in the competition guide, including criteria that uses ONLY the FSP List to name athletes when ANY starts become available after the initial naming of the U.S. Basic Nation starts after US Selection Events.</del></p>
Current Rule	<p>The following athletes will be prequalified for the current season's NorAm Events, as the "NorAm Start Group":</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. U.S. Team Athletes</li> <li>2. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from the previous season's NorAm Cup standings</li> <li>3. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from the current season's FIS Base Points List — not already qualified via criteria 1-2.</li> <li>4. Any athlete with a World Cup start in the previous season.</li> <li>5. While NorAm Start Group athletes should accept their spot by notifying the National Office, no additional athletes will be named if any athlete declines due to retirement or injury.</li> <li>6. NorAm Start Group Athletes must participate in all event days in the U.S. Moguls Selection Events.</li> <li>7. If a NorAm Start Group athlete is injured and unable to compete in the U.S. Moguls Selections Events, the athlete must provide all medical documentation stating that they are unable to compete. Once medically cleared to compete, they would retain their NorAm start.</li> </ol> <p>48</p> <p>Athletes who qualify for the NorAm Start Group must contact the U.S. Ski &amp; Snowboard office by Nov. 1 of the current season to accept their spot. Please email Erin McNeely at <a href="mailto:erin.meneely@usskiandsnowboard.org">erin.meneely@usskiandsnowboard.org</a>. If spots are not accepted by the Nov. 1 deadline the spots will be passed to the In-Season Qualification Criteria:</p> <p>In-Season Qualification Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any remaining basic Nation quota spots after NorAm Start Group spots have been confirmed (up to a total of 25 spots per gender — see NAC rule 10.3) after criteria 1-4 are satisfied will be granted based on the best two single mogul events and best one dual moguls event from U.S. Mogul National Championships and U.S. Mogul Selection Events using place points. Foreign athletes will be excluded from the place point tally at both the U.S. Mogul National Championships and the U.S. Mogul Selection Event. If there are not at least two dual-mogul events, the best three single mogul events may be used. Ties will be broken by the best finish, then the second best finish, then the third best finish. If a tie still exists, the best finish from the U.S. Mogul Selection Events will break the tie.</li> <li>2. Any remaining Host Nation or Unused (see NAC rule 10.3) quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using the MO FFSP List that is valid when those spots become available.</li> </ol>
Proposed change	<p><del>In-Season NorAM Tour Pre-Season Qualification Criteria</del></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Any remaining U.S. Basic Nation quota spots, after criteria 1-4 in the NorAm Start Group section (up to a total of 25 spots per gender — see NAC rule 10.3), after NorAm Start Group athlete spots have been confirmed, will be named using the U.S. Grand Prix List for the upcoming season's NorAm Tour, immediately following the dual mogul competition at US Selection Events. Once the 25 U.S. Basic Nation spots have been named on this day, the GPL will not be used to name any additional starts. See Criteria 6.</li> </ol> <p><b>Please note: The "U.S. Grand Prix List" will represent a ranking of the U.S. athletes utilizing the best two single mogul events and best one dual moguls event from U.S. Nationals and U.S. Selection Events using place points. Foreign athletes will be excluded from the place</b></p>

	<p><del>point tally at both the U.S. Nationals and the U.S. Selection Events. If there are not at least two dual mogul events, the best three single mogul events may be used. Ties will be broken by the best finish, then the second best finish, then the third best finish. If a tie still exists, the best finish from the U.S. Selection Events will break the tie.</del></p> <p><b>NorAM Tour In-Season Qualification Criteria</b></p> <p><del>6. Any remaining U.S. NorAm starts (Basic Nation, Foreign or Unused Host Nation) will be filled using the FSP, national points list, after NorAm Start Group spots and the NorAm Tour Qualification <b>using the FSP and the “FSP Schedule for NorAm Starts”</b>.</del></p> <p><del>2. Any remaining Host Nation or Unused (see NAC rule 10.3) quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using the MO FFSP List that is valid when those spots become available, using the annual schedule of FSP Lists set to name these remaining spots.</del></p> <p><del>Please note: The “FSP Schedule for NorAm Starts” will represent a table produced by the Freestyle Coordinator and approved by the MSC. The table should represent the appropriate in-season FSP Lists to be used to name NorAM starts, taking into consideration travel time and logistics for athletes. This table shall be produced once the NorAm schedule is final and approved prior to the start of U.S. Selection Events.</del></p>
Discussion/ Reason	
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	MSC – Motion not received.

## Proposal: 8B (GPL and FSP - compromise)

Description	<b>Reorganization of the NorAm section in the competition guide, including criteria that uses both the GPL and FSP List to name athletes when specific starts become available.</b>
Current Rule	<p>The following athletes will be prequalified for the current season’s NorAm Events, as the “NorAm Start Group”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. U.S. Team Athletes</li> <li>2. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from the previous season’s NorAm Cup standings</li> <li>3. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from the current season’s FIS Base Points List - not already qualified via criteria 1-2.</li> <li>4. Any athlete with a World Cup start in the previous season.</li> <li>5. While NorAm Start Group athletes should accept their spot by notifying the National Office, no additional athletes will be named if any athlete declines due to retirement or injury.</li> <li>6. NorAm Start Group Athletes must participate in all event days in the U.S. Moguls Selection Events.</li> <li>7. If a NorAm Start Group athlete is injured and unable to compete in the U.S. Moguls Selections Events, the athlete must provide all medical documentation stating that they are unable to compete. Once medically cleared to compete, they would retain their NorAm start.</li> </ol> <p>48</p> <p>Athletes who qualify for the NorAm Start Group must contact the U.S. Ski &amp; Snowboard office by Nov. 1 of the current season to accept their spot. Please email Erin McNeely at <a href="mailto:erin.mcneely@usskiandsnowboard.org">erin.mcneely@usskiandsnowboard.org</a>. If spots are not accepted by the Nov. 1 deadline the spots will be passed to the In-Season Qualification Criteria.</p> <p>In-Season Qualification Criteria</p>



	<p>1. Any remaining basic Nation quota spots after NorAm Start Group spots have been confirmed (up to a total of 25 spots per gender - see NAC rule 10.3) after criteria 1-4 are satisfied will be granted based on the best two single mogul events and best one dual moguls event from U.S. Mogul National Championships and U.S. Mogul Selection Events using place points. Foreign athletes will be excluded from the place point tally at both the U.S. Mogul National Championships and the U.S. Mogul Selection Event. If there are not at least two dual mogul events, the best three single mogul events may be used. Ties will be broken by the best finish, then the second-best finish, then the third-best finish. If a tie still exists, the best finish from the U.S. Mogul Selection Events will break the tie.</p> <p>2. Any remaining Host Nation or Unused (see NAC rule 10.3) quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using the MO FFSP List that is valid when those spots become available.</p>
Proposed change	<p><b>NorAM Tour Pre-Season Qualification Criteria</b>  5. Athletes ranked in the top 40 of the GPL will be named to any remaining <b>U.S. Basic</b> Nation quota spots, after criteria 1-4 in the NorAm Start Group section (up to a total of 25 spots per gender - see NAC rule 10.3).</p> <p>Please note: The "U.S. Grand Prix List" will represent a ranking of the U.S. athletes utilizing the best two single mogul events and best one dual moguls event from U.S. Nationals and U.S. Selection Events using place points. Foreign athletes will be excluded from the place point tally at both the U.S. Nationals and the U.S. Selection Events. If there are not at least two dual mogul events, the best three single mogul events may be used. Ties will be broken by the best finish, then the second-best finish, then the third-best finish. If a tie still exists, the best finish from the U.S. Selection Events will break the tie.</p> <p><b>NorAM Tour In-Season Qualification Criteria</b>  6. Athletes ranked in the top 40 of the GPL will be named to any remaining <b>Basic</b> Nation quota spots.  7. Any remaining Basic Nation, Foreign or Unused Host Nation starts in the U.S. NorAM events will be filled using the FSP and the FSP Schedule for NorAm Starts.</p> <p>Please note: The "FSP Schedule for NorAm Starts" will represent a table produced by the Freestyle Coordinator and approved by the MSC. The table should represent the appropriate in-season FSP Lists to be used to name NorAM starts, taking into consideration travel time and logistics for athletes. This table shall be produced once the NorAm schedule is final and approved prior to the start of U.S. Selection Events.</p>
Discussion/ Reason	This proposal represents a compromise to Proposals 8 and 9.
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	MSC - Proposal passed FSC - Proposal passed

## ~~Proposal: 8C (GPL and FSP - status quo)~~

Description	<del>Reorganization of the NorAm section in the competition guide, including criteria that uses the GPL and FSP List to name athletes when specific starts become available.</del>
Current Rule	The following athletes will be prequalified for the current season's NorAm Events, as the "NorAm Start Group":

	<p>1. U.S. Team Athletes  2. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from the previous season's NorAm Cup standings  3. Top 5 U.S. Athletes from the current season's FIS Base Points List —not already qualified via criteria 1-2-  4. Any athlete with a World Cup start in the previous season-  5. While NorAm Start Group athletes should accept their spot by notifying the National Office, no additional athletes will be named if any athlete declines due to retirement or injury:  -6. NorAm Start Group Athletes must participate in all event days in the U.S. Moguls Selection Events-  7. If a NorAm Start Group athlete is injured and unable to compete in the U.S. Moguls Selections Events, the athlete must provide all medical documentation stating that they are unable to compete. Once medically cleared to compete, they would retain their NorAm start.  48</p> <p>Athletes who qualify for the NorAm Start Group must contact the U.S. Ski &amp; Snowboard office by Nov. 1 of the current season to accept their spot. Please email Erin McNeely at erin.mcneely@usskiandsnowboard.org. If spots are not accepted by the Nov. 1 deadline the spots will be passed to the In-Season Qualification Criteria-</p> <p>In-Season Qualification Criteria</p> <p>1. Any remaining basic Nation quota spots after NorAm Start Group spots have been confirmed (up to a total of 25 spots per gender – see NAC rule 10.3) after criteria 1-4 are satisfied will be granted based on the best two single mogul events and best one dual moguls event from U.S. Mogul National Championships and U.S. Mogul Selection Events using place points. Foreign athletes will be excluded from the place point tally at both the U.S. Mogul National Championships and the U.S. Mogul Selection Event. If there are not at least two dual mogul events, the best three single mogul events may be used. Ties will be broken by the best finish, then the second best finish, then the third best finish. If a tie still exists, the best finish from the U.S. Mogul Selection Events will break the tie.</p> <p>-2. Any remaining Host Nation or Unused (see NAC rule 10.3) quota spots for the NorAm Tour will be named using the MO FFSP List that is valid when those spots become available.</p>
<p>Proposed change</p>	<p><b>n-Season <del>NorAM Tour Pre-Season Qualification Criteria</del></b>  5. Any remaining <del>U.S. Basic</del> Nation quota spots, after criteria 1-4 in the NorAm Start Group section (up to a total of 25 spots per gender— see NAC rule 10.3), after NorAm Start Group athlete spots have been confirmed, will be named using the U.S. Grand Prix List.</p> <p><del>Please note: The "U.S. Grand Prix List" will represent a ranking of the U.S. athletes utilizing the best two single mogul events and best one dual moguls event from U.S. Nationals and U.S. Selection Events using place points. Foreign athletes will be excluded from the place point tally at both the U.S. Nationals and the U.S. Selection Events. If there are not at least two dual mogul events, the best three single mogul events may be used. Ties will be broken by the best finish, then the second best finish, then the third best finish. If a tie still exists, the best finish from the U.S. Selection Events will break the tie.</del></p> <p><b>NorAM Tour In-Season Qualification Criteria</b>  6. Any remaining Basic Nation starts will be filled using the FSP, national points list, after NorAm Start Group spots and the NorAm Tour Qualification <b>using the GPL:</b>  7. Any remaining Foreign or Unused Host Nation starts in the U.S. NorAM events will be filled using the FSP and the FSP Schedule for NorAm Starts.</p> <p><del>Please note: The "FSP Schedule for NorAm Starts" will represent a table produced by the Freestyle Coordinator and approved by the MSC. The table should represent the appropriate</del></p>

	<del>in-season FSP Lists to be used to name NorAM starts, taking into consideration travel time and logistics for athletes. This table shall be produced once the NorAm schedule is final and approved prior to the start of U.S. Selection Events.</del>
Discussion/ Reason	<del>This is what we did this year with simplification in how it is stated.</del>
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	Withdrawn.

## Proposal: 10

Description	Adjust team selection criteria
Current Rule	Team Selection criterias
Proposed change	Take out any age-related criteria. Eliminate the FIS points system.
Discussion/ Reason	<p>The age criteria is discouraging, irrelevant, and doesn't encourage athletes that might have later developments.</p> <p>The FIS points system compares the US athletes with the international community competing on different circuits or competitions. It is an unfair system that encourages points chasing and not local events. It is also based on MO and DM events which can go back further than 2 years old. The US has to come up with a better and more accurate system to rank athletes properly within the country.</p>
Submitted by	Philippe Marquis
Status of Proposal	Noted. Not for the FSC to talk about national team selection criteria but USSS will review and listen and take it to the criteria review group. (Matt)

## PROPOSAL: 11a – Jump Qualification

Description	Jump Qualification
Current Rule	<p><b>3070 Jump Qualifications</b> This section identifies jump qualification requirements for aerial maneuvers (jumps) used in all moguls, dual moguls and aerial events. This section does not apply to half pipe, big air venues or slopestyle. If there are conflicts regarding jump qualifications with any other section of this Competition Guide, this section shall have precedence.</p> <p><b>3070.1 Responsibilities</b> Both the athlete and athlete's coach share responsibility for ensuring that the athlete is fully qualified to perform any jump in a USSA competition. Qualified jumps must be recorded on the USSA Jump Qualification List. The procedure for recording the jumps will be published on the USSA website on a yearly basis. If an athlete performs a jump in a USSA or FIS event that is not listed on the USSA Jump Qualification List, then the athlete will be disqualified from the event if the jump has not been properly qualified with proper documentation.</p>

**3070.2 Age Limitations for Jumps**

In moguls and dual moguls competitions, a competitor may not perform more than a single inverted maneuver.

**3070.3 Jump Qualification Process**

**3070.3.1 Jumps Greater than 720° and all Off-axis Jumps greater than 720°** and all off-axis jumps require qualification by a Level 2 aerial coach or better. Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. 360° to 540° would require a qualification upgrade). For qualification, the athlete shall successfully perform the maneuver five consecutive times on water, foam, air bag or snow for the qualifying coach. Submission of the qualification as defined in 3070.4 is required for these jumps.

**3070.3.2 Inverted jumps.** Inverted jumps, including all straight over front flips, straight over back flips, will be qualified in accordance with the following table:

Inverted Jump	Recommended minimum number of jumps	Minimum Certified Coach Level to qualify jump
• Single somersault (including single twists) OA up to 720° and rotations of more than 720°	100	Level 2 Aerial coach
• Single somersault with two or more twists and OA over 720° (not including double OA)	100	Level 3 Aerial coach
• Double somersault (including twists) and all Double OA jumps	125	Level 4 Aerial coach
• Triple somersault (including twists) and all other acrobatic maneuvers	75	Level 5 Aerial coach

Athletes must qualify a back layout on water, air bag or foam without position before training other back flips with position (such as back iron cross). Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. back flip to back flip with a twist or bF to bdF or front flip to double front flip would require a qualification upgrade). To receive qualification for an inverted jump, the recommended minimum number of jumps shall first be performed on water and the 5 jump qualification procedure successfully completed before attempting the jump on snow. Submission of the qualification as defined in 3070.4 is required for all inverted jumps.

**3070.3.2.1** For moguls and dual moguls, in addition to the qualification procedure required by 3070.3.3, before an inverted jump is allowed to be performed in competition it must be further qualified on snow by a level 3 or higher Aerial Coach. This qualification must use the on snow qualifier process as posted at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org) under rules and regulations. Once the athlete successfully completes the on snow qualifier, the qualifying coach must enter the qualification as outlined in 3070.4.

**3070.3.3 Positions.** It is not necessary to include body positions or grabs (i.e., cross, mute grab, tuck, lay-out, misty, or bio, etc.) when qualifying a rotational, off-axis or single inverted maneuver.

**3070.4 Submitting Qualifications** When required by these rules, the qualifying coach shall enter the athlete's qualification information using the USSA Online Jump list. Coaches will use the current Qualification Sheet to qualify the jump. This form, instructions for completing it and the link and instructions for the online Jump List, can be found on the USSA website [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org). The Qualifying coach must retain all athlete qualification forms for a period of 7 years.

**3070.5 New Maneuvers.**

**3070.6 Suspension of Qualification** Competitors are subject to suspension for that competition of his/her qualifications by any member of the jury with agreement of the jury if they have shown an inability to perform the maneuver in a safe manner for which they have been qualified.

**3070.7** The national ski associations have the right to further restrict their athletes from participation in inverted aerials.

**3070.8 Coach Certification Process**

Coaches shall prescribe to the following requirements for certification:

	<p>Mogul Coaching Level Requirements  Level 1 - Level 100 clinic / First Aid / ASEP  Level 2 - Level 200 clinic / Level 1 Mogul cert. / Level 2 Aerial cert. / min 2years.  Professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 2 years, but not less than 2 years)  Level 3 under development  Aerial Coaching Level Requirements (this will also include Freeride off axis jumps)  Level 2 - Attend a Level 200 clinic / Level 100 cert. (any USSA discipline, USASA or other snow sport which must include First Aid, CPR &amp; ASEP / Must complete the level 2 Coaching knowledge / Skills Assessment / Must have 2 years professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 2 years, but not less than 2 years)  Level 3 – Level 2 certification, Must complete the Level 3 Coaching Knowledge / Skills Assessment. Must have 2 years professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 2 years, but not less than 2 years)  Level 4 - Level 3 certification, Must complete the Level 4 Coaching Knowledge / Skills Assessment, Must have 5 years professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 5 years, but not less than 5 years)  Level 5 - Level 4 certification, Must complete the Level 5 Coaching Knowledge / Skills Assessment, Must have 10 years professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 10 years, but not less than 10 years)  What the coaching Levels allow:  Coaching Certification levels:  Level 2 Mogul or Aerial coach may qualify upright and off axis aerial maneuvers. Rotational maneuvers of more than 1080 and single somersaults (including single twists and all loops)  Level 3 Aerial Coach may qualify single flips with more than one twist and “standard” off axis jumps over 1080 (but not including “double” off axis) also minimum level to be a USSA designated on snow qualifier)  Level 4 Aerial Coach may qualify double somersaults (including twists) and “double” off axis jumps.  Level 5 is unlimited  Note that Level 2 Mogul cert requires Level 2 Aerial cert. as prerequisite.</p>
<p>Proposed Change</p>	<p>Delete section 3070 in its entirety.</p> <hr/> <p>If we want to go down this path, this change will create changes in other chapters and current policies in USSS. These will need to be worked through.</p> <p>One of the major areas that will need to be redefined will be all the coaches' certifications that previously supported the jump qualification process.</p> <p>I think this change will provide USSS with an opportunity to create new Coaching certifications that are more relevant to our sports athlete skill development.</p>
<p>Discussion/ Reason</p>	<p>Aerials, Moguls and Dual Moguls are currently the only sports under USSS that require this jump "qualification" process.</p> <p>I feel that this process has become a barrier for not only new athletes into our sports, but also new coaches.</p> <p>I think that the coach and the athlete both will make responsible decisions as to what maneuvers they are prepared to perform.</p>

	<p>Coaches / Clubs can use whatever process they would like, to ensure an athlete is ready to perform a maneuver in competition.</p> <p>Lastly, I do think this rule was necessary in the past, but is no longer relevant, nor being administered at the current time.</p> <p>Freestyle membership analysis:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tmwXL18UdbUM1LLq7fOhRPERAMFtbw3E/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tmwXL18UdbUM1LLq7fOhRPERAMFtbw3E/view?usp=sharing</a></p>
Status of Proposal	<p>ASC - Motioned to table the proposal.  MSC - Motioned to table the proposal and will be reworking 12a/b instead.</p>
Submitted by	Chris Seeman

## PROPOSAL: 11b – Coaches Certification

Description	<p>Coaches Certifications</p> <p>I feel this change can better align the coaches certifications to current athlete development and sport progressions. In the below proposal, I have tried to tie the coaches certifications directly to the athlete's skill levels they would be coaching.</p>
Current Rule	This information used to reside in 3070 with the jump qualification information.
Proposed Change	<p><b>Moguls</b>  <u>Mogul 100</u>  Coaching concepts, skills and techniques to support Mogul Development, B's and RQS level athletes.  Course building &amp; maintenance techniques for Development, B's and RQS Mogul courses.</p> <p><u>Mogul 200</u>  Coaching concepts, skills and techniques to support Mogul Junior and FIS level athletes.  Course building &amp; maintenance techniques for FIS Mogul courses.  (The Mogul 200 would need a jump coaching, techniques and shaping section added to it.)</p> <p><b>Aerials</b>  <u>Aerial 100</u>  Coaching concepts, skills and techniques to support Aerial Divisional &amp; Junior level athletes.  Course building, maintenance and jump shaping techniques for Divisional &amp; Junior Aerial sites.</p> <p><u>Aerial 200</u>  Coaching concepts, skills and techniques to support Aerial FIS level athletes.  Course building, maintenance and jump shaping techniques for FIS Aerial sites.  (Aerial 200 could return to being an Aerial Specific clinic.)</p>

Discussion/ Reason	<p>Above is a proposed summary for the updated coaches certifications. There will need to be a reshuffle of where the Mogul Jump Coaching is taught, it currently resides in the Aerial 200.</p> <p>We will also need to identify a home for this Coaches Certification information, If this change happens, this information used to reside in 3070 with the jump qualification information. I think a better location, would be to create a new Coaches certification section in 3025 (or wherever it fits best).</p> <p>Obviously these changes would need input / detail from the affected sub committees, the Freestyle Sport development director and USSS Coaches education;</p>
Status of Proposal	<p>ASC - Motioned to table the proposal. MSC - Motioned to table the proposal and will be reworking 12a/b instead.</p>
Submitted by	Chris Seeman

## PROPOSAL: 12a – Jump Qualification (Alternative to Proposal 11A)

Description	Jump Qualifications
Current Rule	<p><b>3070 Jump Qualifications</b></p> <p>This section identifies jump qualification requirements for aerial maneuvers (jumps) used in all moguls, dual moguls and aerial events. This section does not apply to half pipe, big air venues or slopestyle. If there are conflicts regarding jump qualifications with any other section of this Competition Guide, this section shall have precedence.</p> <p><b>3070.1 Responsibilities</b></p> <p>Both the athlete and athlete's coach share responsibility for ensuring that the athlete is fully qualified to perform any jump in a competition. <b>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.</b></p> <p><b>3070.2 Age Limitations for Jumps</b></p> <p>In moguls and dual moguls competitions, a competitor may not perform more than a single inverted maneuver.</p> <p><b>3070.3 Jump Qualification Process</b></p> <p><b>3070.3.1 Jumps Greater than 720° and all Off-axis Jumps greater than 720° and all off-axis jumps require qualification by a Level 2 aerial coach or better. Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. 360° to 540° would require a qualification upgrade).</b></p>

For qualification, **it is recommended** that the athlete shall successfully perform the maneuver five consecutive times on water, foam, air bag or snow for the qualifying coach. Submission of the qualification as defined in 3070.4 is required for these jumps.

3070.3.2 Inverted jumps. Inverted jumps, including all straight over front flips, straight over back flips, will be qualified in accordance with the following table:

Inverted Jump	Recommended minimum Certified Coach	<b>Recommended</b>	Minimum
	number of jumps		Level to qualify jump
• Single somersault (including single twists) OA up to 720° and rotations of more than 720°	100		Level 2 Aerial coach
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• Double somersault (including twists) and all Double OA jumps	125		Level 4 Aerial coach
• Triple somersault (including twists) and all other acrobatic maneuvers	75		Level 5 Aerial coach

~~Athletes must qualify a back layout on water, air bag or foam without position before training other back flips with position (such as back iron cross).~~ Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation **it is recommended that** they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. back flip to back flip with a twist or bF to bdF or front flip to double front flip would require a qualification upgrade). To receive qualification for an inverted jump, **it is recommended** that the recommended minimum number of jumps shall first be performed on water and the 5 jump qualification procedure successfully completed before attempting the jump on snow. **Submission of the qualification as defined in 3070.4 is required for all inverted jumps.**

3070.3.2.1 For moguls and dual moguls, in addition to the qualification procedure ~~required~~ **recommended** by 3070.3.3, before an inverted jump is allowed to be performed in competition **it is recommended that must be the jump is** further qualified on snow by ~~a level 3 or higher Aerial coach.~~ **This qualification must use the on snow qualifier process as posted at [usskiandsnowboard.org](http://usskiandsnowboard.org) under rules and regulations. Once the athlete successfully completes the on snow qualifier, the qualifying coach must enter the qualification as outlined in 3070.4.**

3070.3.3 Positions. It is not necessary to include body positions or grabs (i.e., cross, mute grab, tuck, lay-out, misty, or bio, etc.) when qualifying a rotational, off-axis or single inverted maneuver.

3070.4 Submitting Qualifications

**When required by these rules, the qualifying coach shall enter the athlete's**



	<p>qualification information using the Online Jump list. Coaches will use the current Qualification Sheet to qualify the jump. This form, instructions for completing it and the link and instructions for the online Jump List, can be found at <a href="http://usskiandsnowboard.org">usskiandsnowboard.org</a>. The Qualifying coach must retain all athlete qualification forms for a period of 7 years.</p> <p>3070.5 New Maneuvers.</p> <p>3070.6 <b>Suspension of Qualification</b></p> <p>Competitors are subject to suspension for that competition of his/her qualifications by any member of the jury with agreement of the jury if they have shown an inability to perform the maneuver in a safe manner for which they have been qualified.</p> <p>3070.7 The national ski associations have the right to further restrict their athletes from participation in inverted aerials.</p>
Proposed change	<p>Need to figure out data collection system</p> <p>Is this valid?</p> <p>Proposed change</p>
Discussion/ Reason	<p>Removes coach level language in the main rule and adds "Recommended" to the chart of coach levels to allow clubs/coaches to decide which coaches are appropriate to qualify jump.</p>
Submitted by	MO Working Group
Status of Proposal	MSC - motioned to table the proposal. Proposal will be reworked and resubmitted to the subcommittees and executive committee.

## PROPOSAL: 12b – Coach Certification (Alternative to Proposal 11B)

Description	Coach Certification Process
Current Rule	<p>3070.8 Coach Certification Process</p> <p>Coaches <del>shall</del> <b>should</b> prescribe to the following requirements for certification:</p> <p><b>Recommended Mogul Coaching Level Requirements</b></p> <p>Level 1: Level 100 clinic / First Aid / ASEP</p> <p>Level 2: Level 200 clinic <b>or an athlete that competed this level of aerial maneuver</b> / Level 1 Mogul <del>cert.</del> / Level 2 Aerial <del>cert.</del> / min 2 years.</p> <p>Professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 2 years, but not less than 2 years)</p> <p>Level 3: Level 300 clinic, i <b>or an athlete that competed this level of aerial maneuver</b> / Level 1 Mogul <del>cert.</del> / Level 2 Aerial <del>cert.</del> / min 2 years.</p>

	<p><b>Recommended Aerial Coaching Level Requirements (this will also include freeride off axis jumps)</b></p> <p>Level 2: Attend a Level 200 clinic / Level 1 cert. (any discipline, USASA or other snow sport which must include First Aid, CPR &amp; ASEP / Must complete the Level 2 Coaching knowledge / Skills Assessment / Must have 2 years professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 2 years, but not less than 2 years)</p> <p>Level 3: Level 2 certification / Must complete the Level 3 Coaching Knowledge / Skills Assessment / Must have 2 years professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 2 years, but not less than 2 years)</p> <p>Level 4: Level 3 certification / Must complete the Level 4 Coaching Knowledge / Skills Assessment / Must have 5 years professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 5 years, but not less than 5 years)</p> <p>Level 5: Level 4 certification / Must complete the Level 5 Coaching Knowledge / Skills Assessment / Must have 10 years professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 10 years, but not less than 10 years)</p> <p><b>What are the suggested coaching levels needed to qualify jumps the coaching Levels allow:</b></p> <p>Coaching Certification levels:</p> <p>Level 2 Mogul or Aerial coach may qualify upright and off axis aerial maneuvers. Rotational maneuvers of more than 1080 and single somersaults (including single twists and all loops)</p> <p>Level 3 Aerial Coach may qualify single flips with more than one twist and “standard” off axis jumps over 1080 (but not including “double” off axis) also minimum level to be a designated on snow qualifier)</p> <p>Level 4 Aerial Coach may qualify double somersaults (including twists) and “double” off axis jumps.</p> <p>Level 5 is unlimited</p> <p><b>Note that Level 2 Mogul certification requires Level 2 Aerial cert. as prerequisite.</b></p>
Proposed change	<p><b>Need to figure out coach certification recording system</b></p> <p><b>Is this valid?</b></p> <p><b>Proposed change</b></p>
Discussion/ Reason	<p><b>CHANGE: Delete “level 3 or higher Aerial” from the on snow qualification rule to allow coaches/clubs to decide which coaches are appropriate to qualify jump.</b></p>
Submitted by	<p>MO Working Group</p>
Status of Proposal	<p>MSC - motioned to table the proposal. Proposal will be reworked and resubmitted to the subcommittees and executive committee.</p>

# PROPOSAL: 13

Description	Reallocate funds from National Championships
Current Rule	Host a National Championships on it's own standing
Proposed Change	Combine National Championships with another event, freeing funds for Jr Nationals, Regional competitions and other recruitment efforts
Discussion / Reason	<p>I think the ASC should recommend to USSS that we discontinue USSS funding of AE National Championships until a certain number of Junior National AE competitors is met.</p> <p>My Example; discontinue USSS AE National Champs funding until there are 40 AE competitors at our Junior National Championships (with a minimum of 15 per gender). All Junior National AE athletes would be required to qualify through the USSS Aerial points list.</p> <p>My thought is, with the current lack of Junior AE athletes, it is a better use of our resources (time and money) to focus on the growth of Junior AE National Champs.</p> <p>We then ask USSS to re-allocate the funds (approx. 30k annually) saved from AE Nationals to support AE sport development initiatives (recruitment, event cost support, camps &amp; marketing). This would be in effect until the threshold is met.</p> <p>This reallocation of funds would support both athlete recruitment and development, as well as, re-establish the Aerial pipeline by supporting the running of divisional Aerial events (using the AE points list).</p>
Submitted by	Chris Seemann
Status of Proposal	ASC - Proposal passed FSC - Proposal passed

# PROPOSAL: 14

Description	Replace Appendix B / Allow Aerial Regional competitions to use the sides of bottom
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	air of a mogul course
Current Rule	<p>Technical Specifications for Divisional Aerial Novice Difficulty Courses* (Terrain Park may be used) *Note: Eastern B events may exclude the Single Invert Kicker (Jump 5) and replace with a double block Small** as defined in the specs below. Aerials recommended guidelines Inrun: Length: 35 m - 70 m Width: 12 m - 20 m Pitch: 23° ± 3° Transition: Length: 9 m ± 3 m Table: Width: 12 m - 20 m Pitch: 0° ± 3.5° Landing Hill: Length: 18 m - 30 m with a min. 15 m chopped for inverts Top Width: 6 m - 20 m Bottom Width: 12 m - 20 m Pitch: 32° ± 4° Finish Area: 30 m - 60 m The in-run must not be so long as to offer skiers speed that would place them too far down the hill. It must provide a smooth transition to outrun area large enough for the skier to come to a safe and controlled stop. Depending on the venue and the level of competitors, appropriate combinations of these jumps may be used. Jump Dimensions: Small *Small Med. (7 m) Distance to knoll: 4 m 4 m 7 m Length of jump: 5 m 5 m 4.5 m Height of jump: 1.2 m 1.2 m 1.6 m Width of jump: 1.2 m 2.4 m 2 m - 5 m Pitch of takeoff: 32° ± 2° 47° ± 2° 36° ± 2° Large Single Novice (optional) Distance to knoll: 14 m 4 m 1.5 m Length of jump: 7 m 5.5 m 3 m Height of jump: 3 m 2 m 0.8 m Width of jump: 2 m - 5 m 1.5 m 1.2 m Pitch of takeoff: 36° ± 4° 50° 28° ± 2° *A Small may be offered as a double wide block with novice invert specs (Eastern B meets will offer these specs for non-scored events)</p>
Proposed Change	<p><b>Regional Aerial Site specifications</b> : May use both sides of bottom air on Mogul course where no moguls exist, a freeski knoll or a stand alone Aerial site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Landing : 15m / Gradient 26°</li> <li>● Inrun : 20m</li> <li>● Knoll : 2-4m long / 10m wide</li> <li>● Jumps : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mogul - 50-60 cm tall / 26°-30° pitch / 130 cm wide / 1.5 m from knoll</li> <li>○ Hybrid - 1.25 m - 1.5 m tall / 40°-50° pitch / 150cm wide / 4m from knoll</li> <li>○ Single (optional) - 2m / 54° pitch / 150cm wide / 4m from knoll</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Competition format : 3 jumps best 2 count, repeats allowed once. Jump skill plan does NOT need to be declared before. Apply this to Jr Nationals as well.</p> <p>The in-run must not be so long as to offer skiers speed that would place them too far down the hill.</p>
Discussion / Reason	Current rule is complex with unneeded information. I have simplified the information in order to make it easier for clubs to build their sites. Allows for two competitions Moguls/Aerials to happen at the same place
Submitted by	Jack Boyczuk
Status of Proposal	<p>ASC - Proposal passed  FSC - Proposal passed  *Needs to go in Competition Phase - Divisional Events</p>

## PROPOSAL: 15

Description	Add section 7000 for a DD Chart
Current Rule	N/A
Proposed Change	Add the DD chart back into Competition Guide book
Discussion / Reason	Show athletes and parents the clear vision and progression of tricks and the points earned. Adjusted DD for upright maneuvers to come, as spread eagle should not beat a good back layout. This could be used as a trick cap for Regional aerial competitions.
Submitted by	Corey & Kelley Hacker
Status of Proposal	ASC - Proposal passed FSC - proposal passed

## PROPOSAL: 16

Description	Coaching certification for retired National Team members
Current Rule	N/A
Proposed Change	Recommend to the USSS Sport Development Director that retiring National Team athletes should receive an automatic coaching certification from USSS.
Discussion / Reason	In the spirit of Freestyle Sport growth and reducing barriers, the FSC wants to incentivize retiring athletes to move back into the sport as a coach.
Submitted by	Chris Seemann
Status of Proposal	FSC - Proposal passed

## PROPOSAL: 17 (3070 Jump Qualification)

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Proposed Change

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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 USSS competition. Qualified jumps must be recorded on the USSA Jump Qualification List or be retained by the qualifying coach for Seven years.  
~~The procedure for recording the jumps will be published on the USSA website on a yearly basis.~~ If an athlete performs a jump in a USSA or FIS event that is not properly qualified ~~on the USSA Jump Qualification List~~, then the athlete will be disqualified from the event. ~~if the jump has not been properly qualified with proper documentation.~~

3070.2 Age Limitations for Jumps  
 In moguls and dual moguls competitions, a competitor may not perform more than a single inverted maneuver.

3070.3 Jump Qualification Process  
 3070.3.1 Jumps Greater than 720° and all Off-axis Jumps greater than 720° and all off-axis jumps require qualification by a ~~Level 2 aerial~~ coach ~~or better~~. Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. 360° to 540° would require a qualification upgrade). For qualification, ~~it is recommended that~~ the athlete shall successfully perform the maneuver five consecutive times on water, foam, air bag or snow for the qualifying coach. Submission of the qualification ~~or record retention~~ as defined in 3070.14 is required for these jumps.

3070.3.2 Inverted jumps. Inverted jumps, including all straight over front flips, straight over back flips, will be qualified in accordance with the following table:

Inverted Jump	Recommended minimum	Recommended	Minimum
Certified Coach			
	number of jumps		Level to qualify jump
• Single somersault (including single twists) OA up to 720° and rotations of more than 720°	100		Level 2 Aerial coach
• Single somersault with two or more twists and OA over 720° (not including double OA)	100		Level 3 Aerial coach
• Double somersault (including twists) and all Double OA jumps			

125

Level 4 Aerial coach

- Triple somersault (including twists) and all other acrobatic maneuvers

75

Level 5 Aerial coach

~~Athletes must qualify a back layout on water, air bag or foam without position before training other back flips with position (such as back iron cross). Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation **it is recommended** they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. back flip to back flip with a twist or bF to bdF or front flip to double front flip would require a qualification upgrade). **To receive qualification for an inverted jump, it is recommended the recommended minimum number of jumps shall first be performed on water and the 5 jump qualification procedure successfully completed before attempting the jump on snow.** Submission of the qualification as defined in 3070.4 is required for all inverted jumps.~~

3070.3.2.1 For moguls and dual moguls, in addition to the qualification procedure required ~~required~~ **recommended** by 3070.3.3, before an inverted jump is allowed to be performed in competition, ~~it is recommended that must be the jump is must be~~ further qualified on snow. ~~by a level 3 or higher Aerial Coach.~~ This qualification must use the on snow qualifier process as posted at www.usa.org under rules and regulations. Once the athlete successfully completes the on snow qualifier, the qualifying coach must enter the qualification **or retain records** as outlined in 3070.14.

3070.3.3 Positions. It is not necessary to include body positions or grabs (i.e., cross, mute grab, tuck, lay-out, misty, or bio, etc.) when qualifying a rotational, off-axis or single inverted maneuver.

3070.4 **Submitting Qualifications**

~~When required by these rules, the qualifying coach shall enter the athlete's qualification information using the USSA Online Jump list. Coaches will use the current Qualification Sheet to qualify the jump. This form, instructions for completing it and the link and instructions for the online Jump List, can be found on the USSA website www.usa.org. The Qualifying coach must retain all athlete qualification forms for a period of 7 years.~~

3070.5 New Maneuvers.

3070.6 **Suspension of Qualification**

The jury may suspend the qualification of a competitor for a specific jump for the duration of the competition if the competitor demonstrates a dangerous inability to perform the jump.

3070.7 The national associations have the right to further restrict their athletes from participation in inverted aerials

~~3070.6~~ **Suspension of Qualification**

~~Competitors are subject to suspension for that competition of his/her qualifications by any member of the jury with agreement of the jury if they have shown an inability to perform the maneuver in a safe manner for which they have been qualified.~~

~~3070.7~~ The national ski associations have the right to further restrict their athletes from participation in inverted aerials.

Create a new Chapter for Freestyle Coaches Certifications

~~3070.8~~ **Coach Certification Process**

~~Coaches shall should prescribe to the following requirements for certification:~~

~~Recommended Mogul Coaching Level Requirements~~

~~Level 1 - Level 100 clinic / First Aid / ASEP~~



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Level 2 – Level 200 clinic or an athlete competed this level of aerial maneuver / Level 1 Mogul cert. / Level 2 Aerial cert. / min 2years.</del></li> <li><del>Professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 2 years, but not less than 2 years)</del></li> <li><del>Level 3: Level 300 clinic, or an athlete that competed this level of aerial maneuver / Level 1 Mogul, Level 2 Aerial / min. 2 years</del></li>   <li><del>Recommended Aerial Coaching Level Requirements (this will also include Freeride off axis jumps)</del></li> <li><del>Level 2 – Attend a Level 200 clinic or an athlete competed this level of aerial maneuver / Level 100 cert. (any USSA discipline, USASA or other snow sport which must include First Aid, CPR &amp; ASEP / Must complete the level 2 Coaching knowledge / Skills Assessment / Must have 2 years professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 2 years, but not less than 2 years)</del></li> <li><del>Level 3 – Level 2 certification, or an athlete competed this level of aerial maneuver / complete the Level 3 Coaching Knowledge / Skills Assessment. Must have 2 years professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 2 years, but not less than 2 years)</del></li> <li><del>Level 4 – Level 3 certification, or an athlete competed this level of aerial maneuver / complete the Level 4 Coaching Knowledge / Skills Assessment, Must have 5 years professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 5 years, but not less than 5 years)</del></li> <li><del>Level 5 – Level 4 certification, or an athlete competed this level of aerial maneuver / complete the Level 5 Coaching Knowledge / Skills Assessment, Must have 10 years professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 10 years, but not less than 10 years)</del></li> <li><del>What The suggested coaching levels needed to qualify jumps: the coaching Levels allow:</del></li> <li><del>Coaching Certification levels:</del></li> <li><del>Level 2 Mogul or Aerial coach may qualify upright and off axis aerial maneuvers. Rotational maneuvers of more than 1080 and single somersaults (including single twists and all loops)</del></li> <li><del>Level 3 Aerial Coach may qualify single flips with more than one twist and “standard” off axis jumps over 1080 (but not including “double” off axis) also minimum level to be a USSA designated on snow qualifier)</del></li> <li><del>Level 4 Aerial Coach may qualify double somersaults (including twists) and “double” off axis jumps.</del></li> <li><del>Level 5 is unlimited</del></li> <li><del>Note that Level 2 Mogul cert requires Level 2 Aerial cert. as prerequisite.</del></li> </ul>
Discussion / Reason	Remove barriers to Freestyle.
Submitted by	Chris Seemann
Status of Proposal	FSC - Proposal passed.

## **Addendum 2**

**Regional Aerial Site specifications option:** May use sides of bottom air on Mogul course where no moguls exist, a freeski knoll or a stand alone Aerial site.

- Landing : 15m / Gradient 26°
- Inrun : 20m
- Knoll : 2-4m long / 10m wide
- Jumps :
  - Mogul - 50-60 cm tall / 26°-30° pitch / 130 cm wide / 1.5 m from knoll
  - Hybrid - 1.25 m - 1.5 m tall / 40°-50° pitch / 150cm wide / 4m from knoll
  - Single (optional) - 2m / 54° pitch / 150cm wide / 4m from knoll

Competition format : 3 jumps best 2 count, repeats allowed once. Jump skill plan does NOT need to be declared before. Apply this to Jr Nationals as well.

### **Divisions and Resorts with or without Regional Events :**

\*Chair positions subject to change soon

- Central : NO
  - Chair - Lewis Sundquist
  - Possible locations : ?
- Eastern : YES
  - Chair - Deb Newsom
  - Locations : Buffalo Ski Center, Bristol Mountain, Waterville Valley, Whaleback
  -
- Far West : NO
  - Co-Chairs - Sebastien Cayolle & Erick Panelli
  - Possible locations : ?
- Intermountain : IN PROGRESS
  - Chair : Konrad Rotermund
  - Possible locations : PCSS (UOP)
- Northern : NO
  - Chair : Mike Papke
  - Possible locations : ?
- Rocky Mountain : NO
  - Chair : Adam H. Leseur
  - Possible locations : Steamboat (Moguls Jrs 2023), Winter Park, Vail, Copper

### **Jr Nationals :**

- Vote (we can not tell USSS to do this it's just a strong suggestion) Yes or No to reallocate funds from Nationals to Jrs and other regional events (Seedog's "Reallocating AE National Event Fund")
- Where : Steamboat is looking to host Mogul Jrs. Should we team up?
- Is \$3,000 enough from USSS to the host club for Jrs?
- PCSS is willing to offer labor to help build site for free (2 coaches, 10 athletes)
- Podium of Jrs (M/W) get invites to Project Gold? Or is there something better

### **DD Change Proposal :**

- See Corey and Kelley "Draft Proposal to adjust Aerial DD Chart related to Uprights"
  - Lower upright airs DD
  - Put DD chart back in the Comp Guide

### **Create online promotional video :**

- Dani Loeb to use her resources to create a promotional video for all clubs to use
  - Make it clear Mogul athletes can use Aerials
  - US Strong history
  - Gymnasts to aerials

### **Tour of the Mogul Clubs :**

- Talk with existing mogul clubs about :
  - New regional sized air sites / using bottom air
  - Possibility for \$ from USSS (How much? \$1000 enough?)
  - Podium of Jrs gets Project Gold invite
- What is the best way to reach as many clubs at once?

### **Team up with USOPC to eventually create a road show :**

- Luge has USOPC / Team USA backing for their tour
- Who has connections here and is willing to start the initiative? John Owen
- Is there a connection to get more video exposure

## **Follow up Meetings :**

- First Thursday of every month @ 5pm MST
- Topics for future meetings
  - Coaches education - How does Jack put on a clinic?

## **Addendum 3**

### **2023 AE Goal - 40 Aerial athletes to compete at the 2023 AE Junior Nationals.**

1. Must be a minimum of 15 athletes per Gender.
2. Athletes must compete a minimum of one inverted Aerial maneuver?
3. Athletes will be selected from the USSS Aerial points list.

2024 forward Aerial Goal - Continue 10% growth year over year in Competitors at AE Junior Nationals.

## **Strategy One**

Each Division in the U.S. to Hold at least one Divisional Aerial Competition.

Identify a club / resort in each division to host an AE event. Support clubs & resorts that are currently hosting AE events.

Make the event a double header to maximize training and judging.

Remote Judging could be a great fit for these small events.

USSS will contribute \$1,000 (enough?) to each host resort to help support site fees / event costs. (How many athletes would need to compete at a Divisional AE event to get USSS \$?)

USSS & AE Subcommittee will provide "Junior" Site design, specifications and technical support to host resorts.

Locate a host site for AE Junior Nationals ASAP.

USSS will contribute \$3,000 (?) to the host site to help support site fees / event costs.

Top three athletes (M/W) at Juniors (age group?) get invites to Project Gold, summer of 2023

USSS will contribute \$500 per athlete to assist with camp costs (\$3,000)

USSS & AE Subcommittee will provide Site design, specifications and technical support to host resort.

(this strategy may have potential for \$14,000 - \$16,000 in needed support)

## **Strategy Two**

Create an online presence for Aerials. Rebrand the sport to gain awareness (see Women's ski Jumping "Fly Girls" <http://wsjusa.org/fly-girls>)

Partner with the USOPC and online sport marketing companies such as Game Time

<https://gmtm.com/>

Create an online talent search program. Use the Super Unknown concept that was very successful for Freeski.

<https://level1productions.com/pages/superunknown>

Host a virtual "aerial" competition.

Top three athletes (M/W) from both online programs, get invites to AE Junior Nationals.

(this strategy may have potential for \$4,000 in needed support?)

### **Strategy Three**

Scout Trampoline and tumbling events to search for possible age appropriate candidates. Be extremely conscious regarding the "acquisition costs" for these athletes.

Create a "road show" see USA Luge Slider Search  
<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-luge/slider-search%20>

Take this road show to Schools in the SLC and Denver (other markets?) areas.

Activate the road show possibly with trampoline demos, mini tramp demos, tumbling, video, etc.

Message for the road show - Drive excitement for the sport of AE. Push Local Clubs and AE events that are currently happening. Push Online programs and events.

(this strategy may have potential for \$10,000 in needed support?)

Total Financial support for these three supporting Strategies - Approximately \$30,000

### **Addendum 4**

#### **Reallocating AE National Events Funding**

Submitted by Chris Seemann

I think the ASC should recommend to USSS that we discontinue USSS funding of AE National Championships until a certain number of Junior National AE competitors is met.

My Example; discontinue USSS AE National Champs funding until there are 40 AE competitors at our Junior National Championships (with a minimum of 15 per gender). All Junior National AE athletes would be required to qualify through the USSS Aerial points list.

My thought is, with the current lack of Junior AE athletes, it is a better use of our resources (time and money) to focus on the growth of Junior AE National Champs.

We then ask USSS to re-allocate the funds (approx. 30k annually) saved from AE Nationals to support AE sport development initiatives (recruitment, event cost support, camps & marketing). This would be in effect until the threshold is met.

This reallocation of funds would support both athlete recruitment and development, as well as, re-establish the Aerial pipeline by supporting the running of divisional Aerial events (using the AE points list).

### Addendum 5

	AERIALS WC	MOGULS WC	Other Mogul Events	AERIAL NORAM	MOGULS NORAM		AERIALS WC	MOGULS WC	Other Mogul Events	AERIAL NORAM	MOGULS NORAM		AERIALS WC	MOGULS WC	Other Mogul Events	AERIAL NORAM	MOGULS NORAM		AERIALS WC	MOGULS WC	Other Mogul Events	AERIAL NORAM	MOGULS NORAM		
Th 1-Dec-22						Sun 1-Jan-23						W 1-Feb-23							W 1-Mar-23						
F 2-Dec-22						M 2-Jan-23						Th 2-Feb-23	Deer Valley						Th 2-Mar-23						
Sat 3-Dec-22	Ruka	Ruka				T 3-Jan-23						F 3-Feb-23	Deer Valley						F 3-Mar-23	SUI or ITA					
Sun 4-Dec-22						W 4-Jan-23						Sat 4-Feb-23							Sat 4-Mar-23						CAN Noram
M 5-Dec-22						Th 5-Jan-23						Sun 5-Feb-23							Sun 5-Mar-23						
T 6-Dec-22						F 6-Jan-23						M 6-Feb-23							M 6-Mar-23						
W 7-Dec-22						Sat 7-Jan-23						T 7-Feb-23							T 7-Mar-23						
Th 8-Dec-22						Sun 8-Jan-23						W 8-Feb-23							W 8-Mar-23						
F 9-Dec-22						M 9-Jan-23						Th 9-Feb-23							Th 9-Mar-23						
Sat 10-Dec-22						T 10-Jan-23						F 10-Feb-23	SUI/ITA						F 10-Mar-23						
Sun 11-Dec-22						W 11-Jan-23						Sat 11-Feb-23	Chiesa (ITA)						Sat 11-Mar-23						
M 12-Dec-22						Th 12-Jan-23						Sun 12-Feb-23							Sun 12-Mar-23						
T 13-Dec-22						F 13-Jan-23						M 13-Feb-23							M 13-Mar-23						
W 14-Dec-22						Sat 14-Jan-23						T 14-Feb-23							T 14-Mar-23						
Th 15-Dec-22						Sun 15-Jan-23						W 15-Feb-23							W 15-Mar-23						
F 16-Dec-22						M 16-Jan-23						Th 16-Feb-23							Th 16-Mar-23						
Sat 17-Dec-22						T 17-Jan-23						F 17-Feb-23							F 17-Mar-23						
Sun 18-Dec-22						W 18-Jan-23						Sat 18-Feb-23							Sat 18-Mar-23						
M 19-Dec-22						Th 19-Jan-23						Sun 19-Feb-23							Sun 19-Mar-23						
T 20-Dec-22						F 20-Jan-23						M 20-Feb-23							M 20-Mar-23						
W 21-Dec-22						Sat 21-Jan-23						T 21-Feb-23							T 21-Mar-23						
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### Addendum 6



### Membership Reminders

- Members 17 & older need to have their own My U.S. Ski & Snowboard account to access membership requirements
- Requirements may include any combination of background screening, SafeSport training, Introduction to Avalanches and Coaching Fundamentals
- Requirements timelines:
  - SafeSport training required once per season (season runs from July 1 through June 30, annually)
  - Background screening currently required every two seasons
  - Introduction to Avalanches required every two seasons
- FIS registrations will only be activated once all U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership requirements are successfully completed. Please note the following exceptions.
  - SafeSport cannot be completed until July 1
  - Background screening for those who turn 18 years old must be completed within 45 days of 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Coaching Fundamentals is not required to activate any membership other than coach

## Membership Updates



### Membership pricing increase

- Strategic increases are across all sports
- Pricing has been consistent since 2020
- Carriers like Nationwide have exited the NGB marketplace completely
- SafeSport costs on the rise

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## Membership Updates - Pricing



Membership Category	Age Category	Price	SafeSport	Screen	Avalanche	Sanctioned Competition	Notes
General	0-17	\$35					Restricted to those 17 & Under
Non-Scored Athlete	18-100	\$100X	X	X	X		Meets compliance requirements for corresponding USASA membership category
Competitor U11 & Under	0-10	\$75				X	
Competitor U13	12-13	\$110				X	
Competitor U15 & Over	13-100	\$200X	X	X	X		Meets compliance requirements for corresponding USASA membership category
Official	18-100	\$80X	X	X			Meets compliance requirements for corresponding USASA membership category
Coach w/Official	18-100	\$150X	X	X			Meets compliance requirements for corresponding USASA membership category
Volunteer	18-100	\$65X	X	X			Meets compliance requirements for corresponding USASA membership category
Short-term	0-17	\$35/day				X	Restricted to those 17 & Under
Short-term Foreign	18-100	\$35/day				X	Available to foreign athletes coming to the U.S. for an event All short-terms are restricted to 1 event per season
Where requirements are noted they apply to anyone turning 18 at anytime during the season							
Family Cap Refund is \$500							
Additional memberships may be purchased at the cost of the highest membership							

## Background Screening



- All adult members, excluding short-term foreign members, are required to undergo background screening every two seasons (term subject to change)
- Registering for screening alone does not fulfill this requirement; a green light screening determination is required to activate memberships for those 18 and over
- Please allow several weeks for the screening process to be completed
  - Individual screening times will vary
  - Foreign screenings may take a month or more
- **Members turning 18 during the season (July 1 – June 30) will need to register for screening upon turning 18**
  - A separate email with background screening instructions will be sent on members 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard will need to receive a green-light screening determination within 45 days of member turning 18
- On the 46th day the member will be placed on pending status and prohibited from participation in U.S. Ski & Snowboard events and **will be dropped from any points list occurring during pending status**

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## SafeSport Training



- All members 17 and older are required to complete SafeSport training through the U.S. Center for SafeSport to activate membership. Substitutions are not permitted
- There is no charge for core curriculum. Do **NOT** pay for the course. U.S. Ski & Snowboard does not reimburse for training.
- Courses displayed will be limited to the Center's Core curriculum noted below
  - SafeSport Course and Refresher Schedule
  - Year 1 – Core SafeSport Trained Course
  - Year 2 – Refresher 1 Course
  - Year 3 – Refresher 2 Course
  - Year 4 – Refresher 3 Course
  - Year 5 – The training schedule begins again

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## SafeSport Training



- **Please use the same email on SafeSport as you do for your [my.us skiandsnowboard.org](https://my.us skiandsnowboard.org) account**
- Member Services can update your SafeSport email and/or password. Please **DO NOT** create another SafeSport account. It's important that your history is maintained under a single account
- Members may get credit for SafeSport training completed under other NGB's or affiliated entities under USOPC and/or U.S. Center for SafeSport umbrella if training occurred during the appropriate season timeline
- Member Services can request your SafeSport account be affiliated with our organization if needed
- If your SafeSport status shows as pending and you've completed the course July 1, 2022 or later, please email your certificate to [membership@us skiandsnowboard.org](mailto:membership@us skiandsnowboard.org)

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## Introduction to Avalanches Course



- All members 17 and older are required to complete training to activate their membership
- This brief course was developed through a partnership between the Utah Avalanche Center, BRASS, and U.S. Ski & Snowboard
- The purpose of this course is to make you aware of avalanche and snow safety, and to make you think twice before going off-piste or entering the backcountry without the proper gear and training

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## Coaching Fundamentals



- Coaching Fundamentals is a prerequisite for all coach memberships, excluding those Certified Level 100 or higher
- Level 100 certification is now required for all coaches
- Final exam score of 70% or higher is required
- **Members have 30 days to complete the course. If the course isn't completed within 30 days, the members access will expire. At that time members will be required to repurchase the course at \$10**

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## Club Registration Process



- The deadline for club registration is December 31, 2022, after which a \$50 late fee will apply. This deadline will be implemented for the 2022-23 season
- All club minimum standards must be met for clubs to be in good standing. Those standards include the following requirements.
  - **Ensure those in a position of authority over or in regular contact with athletes are members at a level which triggers background screening and SafeSport training. This includes board members, staff, adult athletes, and volunteers**
  - The club volunteer membership is sufficient to fulfill Board membership compliance
  - Club must provide a list of board members for auditing purposes. Club must provide updates to board member list as changes occur
  - **All club coaches regardless of participation in U.S. Ski & Snowboard events must be members**
- Please plan ahead. Early registration is key!

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## Club Board of Directors Requirement Exemptions



U.S. Ski & Snowboard has been afforded the following exemptions by the U.S. Center for SafeSport

- Board members of 501(c)(3) Foundation or Booster Clubs that are separate from Member Clubs and would not be considered an LAO because they do not have any role in managing or delivering programs or have any In-Program Contact (as defined below);
- Educators at schools, colleges, and universities where their roles are independent of athletic programs associated with U.S. Ski & Snowboard and/or a Member Club and do not have any In-Program Contact (as defined below).
- Management/Leadership over resort operations where their roles are independent of athletic competition programs with U.S. Ski & Snowboard and Member Clubs and do not have any In-Program Contact (as defined below).
- Board members of Multi-sport community recreational clubs/programs that have a small competition program. In this case, at least three (3) Board members must be identified as leading or having authority over the ski and snowboard activities of the club and must form an athlete safety committee and they must be members of U.S. Ski & Snowboard and they will be considered Adult Participants.

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## Important Dates and Info



- May 31<sup>st</sup> – must be renewed and **complete membership requirements** to be on 1<sup>st</sup> FIS points list and to compete in the Southern Hemisphere
- August 15<sup>th</sup> – FIS late fee goes into effect
- **October 15<sup>th</sup> - Early bird registration deadline**
- Saturday coverage runs October – March
- Contact Information
  - [membership@usskiandsnowboard.org](mailto:membership@usskiandsnowboard.org)
  - 435-647-2666
  - Online Chat

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## Addendum 7



## USOPC - Opinion



### **U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Sport Education Department**

*“The U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Sport Education department is acknowledged as a leader in the nation and the innovative process, content and delivery methods utilized are world-class. U.S. Ski & Snowboard are a highly valued partner”.*

*Kelly Skinner - Vice President, High Performance, US Olympic and Paralympic Committee.*

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# Sport Education & DEI



## Set an example and raise the bar on best practices

- Recruit, develop, and retain more women as coaches and leaders
- Represent athletes from more diverse backgrounds
- Collaborate with partners who introduce youth from underrepresented minorities to snowsports

Success =

- Larger talent pool for coaches and athletes
- Staff and athlete satisfaction and retention
- Increased sponsor support

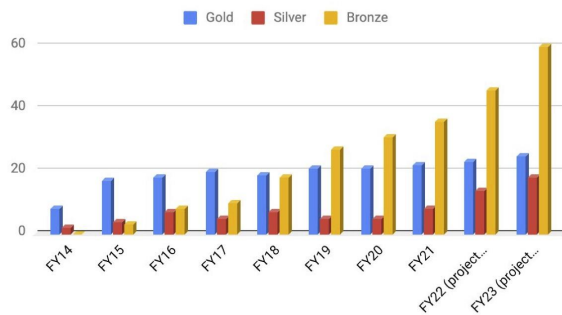


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# FY22 Total Certified Clubs



Gold, Silver and Bronze



Total Podium Certified Clubs

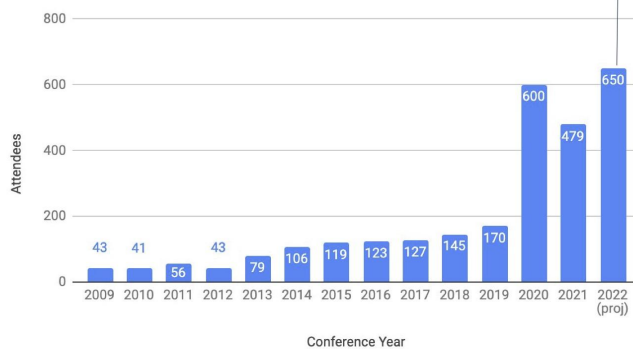
FY14	10
FY15	25
FY16	33
FY17	35
FY18	46
FY19	53
FY20	57
FY21	66
FY22(proj)	69
FY23 (proj)	78

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# Club Excellence Conference



Club Excellence Conference Attendance



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## CLUB DEVELOPMENT - FY 22 RECAP



- ❖ **Certifications** - 33 Active Applications
- ❖ **Outreach and Education** - Club Excellence, Fall Summit
- ❖ **Recognition** - Development Club of the Year, DEI Champion Award
- ❖ **Resources** - Comp Study, Consulting Projects, Guide to Excellence
- ❖ **Partnerships** - Kelly Brush Foundation, World Cup Supply, BRASS, Stop the Bleed, USOPC, YES, SOS Outreach, NBS, Share Winter, all of YOU!!!!

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## CLUB DEVELOPMENT - FY23 LOOK AHEAD



### LET'S RAISE THE BAR



- More data
- Additional Educational Opportunities
- Broader engagement of coaches and athletes
- Increased retention

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## 2021/22 Accomplishments



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# LMS Upgrade



The screenshot shows the LMS Upgrade interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Dashboard, Calendar, Content bank, Portfolio, Coaches Community, Your Certificates, and Site administration. The main area is titled 'My Courses' and displays a grid of course cards. The cards include: '2021 CLUB EXCELLENCE: A Culture of Athlete Safety and Well-being' (11% complete), '2020 FALL SUMMIT: Level 200 Alpine Level 200 Coach Certification Course' (27% complete), '2020 FALL SUMMIT: Level 300 Alpine Level 300 Coach Certification Course' (0% complete), '2020 FALL SUMMIT: Continuing Ed... Attention, Cueing, and Questioning' (0% complete), '2020 FALL SUMMIT: Coaching Fundamentals' (0% complete), '2020 FALL SUMMIT: Coaching Philosophy: Your' (0% complete), '2020 FALL SUMMIT: Community Fo... Community Forum - Coach' (0% complete), and '2020 FALL SUMMIT: Community Fo... Community Forum -' (0% complete). On the right, there are sections for 'Upcoming events' (listing '2022-23 Alpine 200 Club Delivery' and '2022-23 Alpine 300 - Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, CA') and 'Configurable Reports' (listing various reports like 'All Site Badges Report', 'All teachers in courses', etc.).

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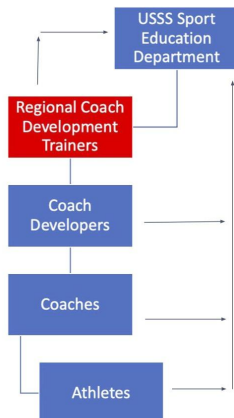
# Course Development



<p><b>2020 FALL SUMMIT</b></p> <p>Continuing Education</p> <p>Coaching Philosophy: Your Why, Values, and Mission</p> <p>Price: \$20.00</p> <p><b>Enroll</b></p>	<p><b>2020 FALL SUMMIT</b></p> <p>Continuing Education</p> <p>Planning: Intentions, Standards, and Communication</p> <p>Price: \$20.00</p> <p><b>Enroll</b></p>	<p><b>2020 FALL SUMMIT</b></p> <p>Continuing Education</p> <p>Coaching: Attention, Cues, and Questions</p> <p>Price: \$20.00</p> <p><b>Enroll</b></p>	<p><b>2020 FALL SUMMIT</b></p> <p>Continuing Education</p> <p>Reviewing: Debriefs, Feedback, and Next Steps</p> <p>Price: \$20.00</p> <p><b>Enroll</b></p>
<p><b>2021 CLUB EXCELLENCE</b></p> <p>Continuing Education</p> <p>Resources to Support Creating a Culture of Athlete Safety and Wellbeing</p> <p>Price: \$20.00</p> <p><b>Enroll</b></p>	<p><b>2021 CLUB EXCELLENCE</b></p> <p>Continuing Education</p> <p>Snowball Effect: Growing and Keeping Momentum for Championing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Our Sport</p> <p>Price: \$20.00</p> <p><b>Enroll</b></p>	<p><b>2021 CLUB EXCELLENCE</b></p> <p>Continuing Education</p> <p>Reflections on a Year of Covid: Wins, Losses, and Positive Opportunities for Change</p> <p>Price: \$20.00</p> <p><b>Enroll</b></p>	<p><b>2021 CLUB EXCELLENCE</b></p> <p>Continuing Education</p> <p>Emotional Awareness for Improving the Coach-Athlete Dynamic</p> <p>Price: \$20.00</p> <p><b>Enroll</b></p>
<p><b>2021 CLUB EXCELLENCE</b></p> <p>Continuing Education</p> <p>Mental Health Programs and Resources for Your Club</p> <p>Price: \$20.00</p> <p><b>Enroll</b></p>	<p><b>2021 CLUB EXCELLENCE</b></p> <p>Continuing Education</p> <p>Cornerstones of Quality Parenting in the U.S. Ski &amp; Snowboard Ecosystem</p> <p>Price: \$20.00</p> <p><b>Enroll</b></p>	<p><b>2021 CLUB EXCELLENCE</b></p> <p>Continuing Education</p> <p>Alpine 100 Continuing Education</p> <p>Price: \$80.00</p> <p><b>Enroll</b></p>	

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# Alpine Regional Coach Development Trainer

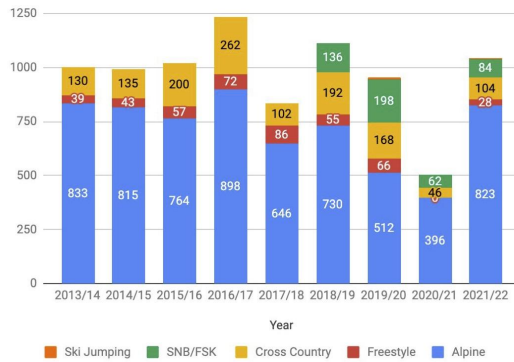


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# 2021-22 Participants



Number of Assessment Participants

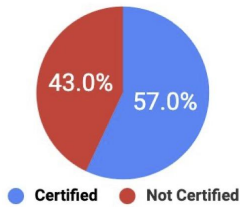


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# Certified vs Non-certified (FY22)



Total Coach Membership



6,781	Total Coach Members
2,890	Total Coaches Not Certified
3,891	Total Coach Members Certified
More coach members than 1,040 2020-21 season	

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# 2022/23 Initiatives



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## What's coming in 2022-2023



- Optimise Learning Center to Provide a Better User Experience
- Regional Coach Certification Projects L100 - L300
- Finalise 200 Curriculum for All Sports
- Continue Summer Webinar Series
- Build upon Continuing Education Courses
- Enhance Coach Development Trainer Program
- Enhance Coach Developer Onboarding Program
- Return of Fall Symposium and National Coaches Academy
- Continued Work with USOPC's Apollo Program and National Team Coaches
- USASA Strategic Alignment
- Further develop a department marketing strategy

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## New Course Development



- Alpine Introduction to Course Setting Coach Developer Training Course
- Alpine Level 200 Coach Developer Training Course
- Alpine Level 300 Coach Developer Training Course
- Snowboard Level 200 Coach Certification Course
- Snowboard Level 200 Coach Developer Training Course
- Snowboard Level 200 Continuing Education Course
- Freeski Level 200 Coach Certification Course
- Freeski Level 200 Coach Developer Training Course
- Freeski Level 200 Continuing Education Course
- Freestyle Level 200 Coach Certification Course
- Freestyle Level 200 Coach Developer Training Course
- Freestyle Level 200 Continuing Education Course
- Ski Jumping Level 200 Coach Certification Course
- Ski Jumping Level 200 Coach Developer Training Course
- Ski Jumping Level 200 Continuing Education Course

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### **Addendum 8**

#### **2021/2022 Moguls Season Review**

##### **Highlights**

###### **Jaelin Kauf:**

Olympic silver medal  
2 World Cup Podiums

###### **Olivia Giaccio**

World Cup Win in Ruka Finland  
Ranked 4th Overall WC Tour

###### **Tess Johnson and Kai Owens:**

2 world cup podiums each

###### **Elizabeth Lemely**

Nor Am Grand Prix Winner

3 F2 WC appearances  
Junior World Champion  
Rookie of the Year  
Moved from D team to A team

**Nick Page**

5th place at the Olympics  
Junior World Champion duals

**Cole McDonald**

5th place in his World Cup debut in Ruka Finland  
Rookie of the year  
Junior World Champion  
Moved from D Team to A Team

**Hannah Soar**

11 top 10 WC finishes

**Charlie Mickel and Sami Worthington**

Made US D Team for their performances at US Nationals

**Targets for 2022/2023**

Win 20% of podiums available  
Win Nations cup for Moguls and Dual Moguls  
Win NorAm Grand Prix for men and women

**Plan to achieve goals.**

1. Develop specific personalized targets for each individual based on extensive scoring data review.
2. Where does each athlete need to spend attention to close the gap that exists between where they are now and the best in the world?
3. Hire a D Team coach dedicated to developing and executing plans for each athlete on the D Team. Also to set them up for success when they transition to the World Cup.

We plan to have 43 ramp days and 37 on snow days scheduled prior to starting the 2022/2023 season.

We have and on snow projects planned in  
Whistler, BC June 21-July 2  
Mt Hood, OR July 23-31  
Europe. Hintertux or Sweden snow dependent October dates could vary  
Idre or Ruka in November based on venue quality.



## Division Reports



### CONGRESS 2022 Freestyle Division Report Eastern - Deb Newson, Division Chair

#### Program Update

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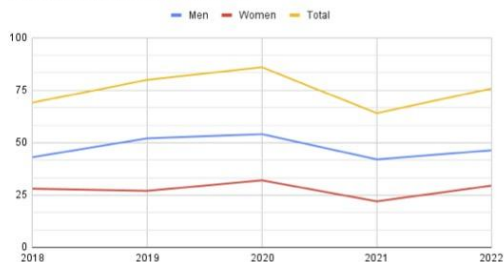
- Divisional Program updates
  - Will add to report in 2023
- Health of clubs
  - Will add to report in 2023
- Any recent changes or interest
  - See report below
- Changes in club certification status
  - Will add to report in 2023
- Info on local/club initiatives of interest – programing changes, infrastructure updates?
  - To be covered in 2023 under Divisional program updates section above
  - Bristol Freestyle is building a water ramp facility in NY

#### Events

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- Regional Events - ECS A Events
  - 6 events (11 competition days)
- National Events
  - None
  - Junior Nationals: Female - 23 (26%); Male - 29 (30%)
  - US Nationals: Female - 9 (19%); Male - 11 (26%)
- Participation
  - Overall participation in our scored events (ECS A events) was up from last year and almost back to where we were in 2020.

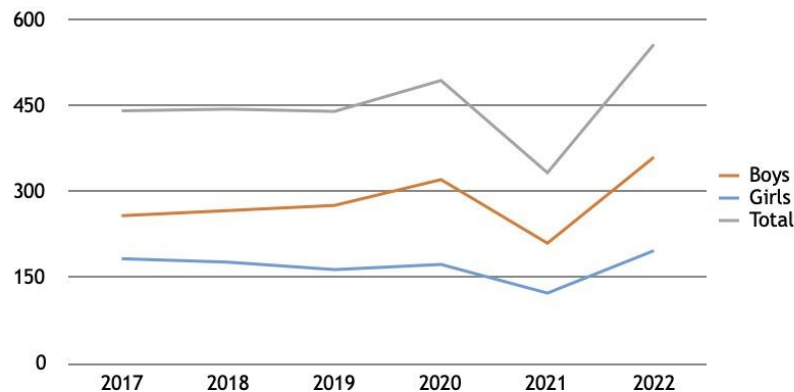
5 Year Event ESC Participation





## CONGRESS 2022 Freestyle Division Report Eastern - Deb Newson, Division Chair

- Regional Events - EQS B Events
  - Eastern Region
    - 8 events (8 mogul, 2 aerial, 3 slopestyle competitions)
    - Worked with USASA to provide USSS mogul - USASA slope
    - weekends
    - Changed name of Preston Cup to Kearney Klassic
  - Western Region
    - 7 events (9 mogul, 3 aerial, 3 slopestyle competitions)
  - Central Region
    - 7 events (12 mogul events, 1 dual mogul event)
    - Dual moguls on schedule for development level with adjusted judging rules for speed
  - East Coast Young Gun and Junior Champs 2 Bristol
    - After two year break due to Covid, celebration of sport was back and firing with approximately 200 athletes.
    - 3 days of events - moguls, slopestyle and aerials
    - 2 age classes - Young Gun and Junior
- Participation
  - Overall participation in our three regions of non-scored events (EQS B events) is at an all time high for the division.





**CONGRESS 2022**  
**Freestyle Division Report**  
**Eastern - Deb Newson, Division Chair**

**Education**

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- Coaches education not scheduled
- Officials education - fall clinics for judges and td's

**Strengths and Concerns**

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- We hosted a full schedule of events and kicked butt at Juniors/Nationals.
- We elected 3 new board members to join our Board of Directors in hopes of better engagement and support from this group for our volunteer competition committee and as well to provide guidance and direction for new initiatives like sponsorship, marketing and scholarships.
- Early season events were tough with lack of snow.
- We are struggling to recruit new officials with the budget limitations.
- Resorts continue to raise the price of lift tickets, causing an increase in registration fees.
- With several clubs running events in the East, we struggle to provide consistency and to meet our customer expectations.

**Goals for 2021/2022**

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- Event Organizer support programs - clinics and outreach
- Consistency at Events - event customer surveys
- Officials Recruitment and Appreciation programming
- Marketing (Social media and website) initiatives
- Sponsorships
- Athletic Scholarships

**Summary**

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- It was great to have a full schedule of competition again this year.
- Summarize the season for your division and repeat your main goals - stated above.
- Put any other relevant information here - stated above.



## CONGRESS 2022

### Freestyle Division Report

### FAR WEST FREESTYLE – Sebastien

#### Program Update

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- Divisional program updates: nothing to report, unfortunately couldn't host US Nationals at Palisades, this time due to snow conditions
- Health of clubs: FWF has 2 clubs: Olympic Valley Freestyle (FKA SquawFree) and the Northstar Freestyle Team. Both saw their memberships grow to capacity again this year.
- Any recent changes or interest: high interest from young athletes and we successfully retained 4 athletes post high-school
- Changes in club certification status
- Info on local/club initiatives of interest – programming changes, infrastructure updates? For the second year in a row, Northstar hosted an event at a local mountain (Homewood) which doesn't have a Freestyle program with the goal of generating broader general public interest. This was successful. We also tried to host an event at another mountain (Sky Tavern) near Reno to tap into the Reno talent pool but couldn't make it work from a schedule standpoint.

#### Events

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- Regional Events
  - We held 5 events with athletes ranging from NorAm level to U9. We averaged 70+ competitors
- National Events
  - National events your region hosted – none (...sore subject)
  - The Far West Freestyle contingent was around 30 for Junior Nationals and about a dozen for US Nationals. We won 1 podium at JN and 2 podiums at Nationals
- Participation
  - General trend in participation – up-significantly from pre-pandemic levels

#### Education

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- Share any coach clinics that were executed
- Officials education: hosted one judges' clinic, and provided season long scorer's training
- Share any other relevant information on education – in house trainings, etc.? Our divisional head-judge (Chuck Search) hosted an online "judging 101" session for

parents and athletes. We also hosted a virtual fireside chat with Matt Gnoza. (thank you Matt!)

### **Strengths and Concerns**

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- Share the highlights of the season - Return to normalcy...how sweet that was!
- Explain the weaknesses of the season and/or the concerns your division may have. It is very difficult to recruit and sign-up new judges. We actively recruited amongst the local community, but we were largely unsuccessful. Fortunately, through the broader networks of officials we added 2 new judges to our pool. We ran 2 events with 3-judge panels, one event with a 4-judge panel, and 2 events with 5 judges. Judging is our “single-point of failure”. We really need to rethink the need for judges to be SafeSport certified from the start.

We think it is time to move away from WinFree and adopt Live-Scoring technology for regional event scoring. What are the hurdles to doing so?

### **Goals for 2022/2023**

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- Board Governates
- Recruitment of Judges
- Athlete Scholarships

### **Summary**

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- Summarize the season for your division and repeat your main goals.
  - 2022 was a good season for FWF. Our membership is growing steadily, our parent community is active and engaged, and the level of competition is improving.
- Put any other relevant information here.
  - Change of divisional leadership. Sebastien Cayolle is stepping down. Erick Panelli is taking the Chair position. Lana Tam is stepping down as Head of Scoring but Avani Gupta and Kristin Renaudin will share the job.

We would like to thank the Competition Services group and J.J. Ehlers in particular (our hero!), as well as the Member services team, and the Sports Development department for navigating through the rough seas of rule changes.



## CONGRESS 2022

### Freestyle Division Report

### Rocky Mountain Division (Adam Leseur – Chair)

#### Program Update

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- Overall good season, decent conditions, no COVID restrictions that affected scheduled competitions.
- Member Clubs remain the same and in good standing.
- Any recent changes or interest – None.
- Changes in club certification status – None reported.
- Info on local/club initiatives of interest – programming changes, infrastructure updates – Ski & Snowboard Club Vail bought online a new mogul venue built on the Golden Peak competition venue at Vail Mountain. The course is scheduled to be FIS Homologated.

#### Events

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- Regional Events
  - COMP Series: 7 MO / 6 DM (3 MO / 1 DM = Cancelled)
  - RQS Series: 6 MO / 1 DM
  - DEVO Series: 6 MO / 1 DM
  - Note: Average annual events 21 so this is a significant drop in events due to either lack of conditions or available venues.
- National Events
  - National events your region hosted – US Selections, Winter Park.
- Participation
  - Flat: Participation was strong in all events and the demand is there for more events but there is a lack of available venues/dates.

#### Education

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- Share any coach clinics that were executed – None reported.
- Officials' education – Steamboat Springs, November 2021
  - Rocky has a robust official's training program utilizing classroom training for judges/officials as well as on-the-job training using assistants in key positions to develop next level Officials. Efforts to attract new officials are ongoing.

## **Strengths and Concerns**

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- Highlights:
  - Increased donor interest in funding Rocky programming.
  - The addition of a world class new mogul venue at Vail.
  - Prospects of a new mogul venue at Copper Mountain.
  - The athletes continue to demonstrate their commitment to the sport and their “love” of the sport.
  - Coaching remains a strong aspect of the Rocky programs.
- Weaknesses/Threats:
  - Early and late season snow conditions and access to available snowmaking.
  - Venues: Impacts of the “new” resort business model that seeks to make everything profitable and a lack of involvement in youth sports.
  - Schedule: There is demand, but there are not enough weekends, staff, and venues to schedule more events.
  - Cost of running events is escalating which will impact registration fees, dues, etc.

## **Goals for 2021/2022**

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- Robust schedule of events.
- New programming because of recent donations.
- New division leadership.

## **Summary**

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- Overall, good season. COVID did not play a role in affecting events allowing all events to take place with full numbers. Early season events were canceled due to a lack of snow and late season events canceled due to the availability of a venue.

