

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

2023 U.S. SKI & Snowboard Congress

Hybrid - Park City, Utah and Zoom

Mike Page - Chairperson/BOD Representative
Troy Murphy - Athlete BOD Representative
Jeff Lange - At Large Representative
Mike Papke - Mogul, Subcommittee Representative
Jack Boyczuk - Aerial, Subcommittee Representative
Thom Schaefer - Official, Subcommittee Representative
Deb Newson - Eastern FSC Chair
Sam Tarrant - Rocky Mountain/Central FSC Chair
John Kavas - IM/FW/N/PNW FSC Chair
Dani Loeb - Athlete Representative
Alli Kariotis - Athlete Representative
Zac Amidan - Athlete Representative
Trace Worthington - Athlete Representative
Matt Gnoza - U.S. Ski & Snowboard Director of Freestyle

Freestyle Sport Committee Meeting

Friday, May 6, 2022 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM MT

Hybrid Meeting - Park City, Utah and Zoom Meeting Platform

Meeting Chairman: Mike Page

Committee Members Present: 14

Committee Members Excused: 0

Additional Attendees: 26

1. Welcome and Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum

- a. Mike Papke made a roll call and noted that a quorum was present.

3. Approval of 2022 Minutes

- a. The committee unanimously approved the minutes from 2022.

4. Committee Appointments

- a. The Chairman's Advisory Group has selected Jeff Lange to replace Konrad Rotermund as the At Large Rep.
- b. **Motion** by Mike Papke to approve the committee members and structure; **Second** Jack Boyczuk; **Motion carried** unanimously.

5. Agenda Review and Approval

- a. The committee unanimously approved the agenda.

6. Membership Report

- a. The committee reviewed membership updates, important membership dates, membership requirements, SafeSport training, and the club registration process.

7. Athlete Report

- a. Great to see the Nations Cup won in both disciplines.
- b. Been a lot of discussion about development and the pipeline.
- c. Athletes are focused on the health of the sports and are coming up with creative ideas to grow the sports.
- d. Another focus is maintaining and attracting top coaches and developing grassroots events.

8. Season Review

- a. Resorts were great to work with this year.
- b. Don't have a location for Selections yet, but they will likely be in December.
 - i. Talking to a couple different resorts in Colorado about hosting Selections in that time frame.
 - ii. Bid packets have been sent to interested resorts for Selections.
- c. Plenty of time in January for clubs to host divisional series events.
- d. The Waterville Valley Mogul and Dual Mogul World Cup was just added back into the 2023/24 World Cup season calendar. It will take place prior to the Deer Valley World Cup.
- e. The Deer Valley World Cup will take place in the beginning of February.
- f. Deer Valley NorAm will follow the World Cup. There will also be a Stratton NAC—dates still TBD.
- g. Val St. Come NAC will hopefully be under the lights this year.
- h. Junior Champs and National Championships will take place in March. National Champs will be in Waterville again.
- i. FIS Open at Snowbird is tentatively scheduled for April again.
- j. Events calendar is still a work in progress.
- k. Malorie is taking Lindsey's place as the Freestyle and Alpine Event Director. A new manager for the NAC level events has just been hired.

9. Moguls Team Report

- a. The committee reviewed the Moguls A team strengths and opportunities.
- b. Summer camps include Snowbird, Whistler, and New Zealand.
- c. Will head to Europe in the fall. Looking at Hintertux, Austria.

10. Aerials Team Report

- a. The committee reviewed the Aerials team strengths and opportunities.
- b. The committee also went over the FY24 strategies and objectives, as well as performance support.

11. Freestyle Department Update

- a. The committee discussed the Freestyle department update/staff structure.
- b. The committee discussed the 2023 FIS Freestyle Review from the 2023 spring FIS meetings.
- c. Earned all four quota spots (2 men, 2 women) for YOG due to the success of teams at JWC.
- d. YOG will take place at the end of January in South Korea.
- e. MO YOG criteria is complete and we are ready to name our team. After a meeting with the USOPC next week, we will be able to announce the team.
- f. YOG tracker will be updated.

12. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Board of Directors' Report

- a. Have a great board and great support.

- b. It's always a revenue chase but we are seeing that move forward.
- c. Big focus on development.

13. FSC Review and Voting on Proposals

- a. See Addendum 1.
- b. Recommended to have the results of the votes included in notes on proposals moving forward.
- c. AE Report
 - i. All proposals were unanimously approved or denied by the ASC. If they weren't unanimous, they were moved to recommendations.
 - ii. **Motion** by Troy Murphy to approve the AE proposals; **Second** Thom Schaefer; **Motion carried** unanimously.
- d. R&O Report
 - i. Following discussion, Proposal 22 was passed unanimously by the FSC.
- e. MO Report
 - i. The language in Proposals 16-20 were accepted as part of FSP Multi-Level Redo, which was Proposal 15. Proposals 16-20 fell under the umbrella of Proposal 15.
 - ii. Ms. Newson expressed concern that we haven't run a scenario analysis on the list updates.
 - iii. Mr. Tarrant added that the format changes are significant, so we should make sure everyone is aware of and understands them.
 - iv. Is there a way to put divisional championships on the same day so athletes aren't point chasing? Or make it so athletes can only attend one divisional championship?
 - 1. There will be a "championship period" to help prevent that.
 - 2. If you win in three divisions, then you deserve to go to the next level.
 - 3. This issue is not in the proposals and is for divisions to discuss and do as they see fit.
 - v. MSC **motioned** and Mr. Papke **seconded** the motion to bring proposals 15-20 to the floor.
 - 1. Sam Tarrant opposed, Deb Newson opposed. None abstained.
 - 2. Proposals 15-20 **passed** 10-2 in favor.

14. New Business

- a. Mike Page is putting a working group in place for Junior Nationals to have the members review changes and come up with a venue who will host by July 1, 2023.
 - i. Jeff Lange will be chair of the working group.
 - 1. Jack Boyczuk, Deb Newson, Mikaela Wilson, and Bryon Zemba are requested to be in the working group.
 - 2. Group is open to others in the community.
- b. Request for the report of actions of the Executive Committee.
 - i. The committee reviewed the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting that took place in September 2022.
 - ii. Reviewed petitions. Anyone interested in how those decisions were made can reach out to Mike Page or Matt Gnoza.
 - iii. There was a request to change Aerials scoring format. It was not

changed in season and was addressed in the ASC meetings.

- iv. How was the scoring of Junior Nationals decided as it didn't follow the format in the rule book?
 1. With the ceiling and floor, the points were inconsistent among age groups, so it was recommended to be scored as a regional event.
 2. Community was under the impression that the executive committee had discussed it.
 3. The points and quota decisions surrounding Junior Nationals should have gone through the executive committee, but there was a push to make decision. The Freestyle Sport Director recognizes it should have gone through the executive committee and apologized that that process was not upheld.
 4. Committee recommended that the decision on how that situation was handled be ratified by the Executive Committee.
 - a. Executive committee will meet about and vote on that decision and report back on July 1.
- c. Are we going to use the event advisory group?
 - i. Yes, we would like to build that group out. It got lost in transition with staffing changes in USSS, but USSS will work to get it back up and running.

15. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, Mike Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.

Addendum 1

Quick Links - (22 Total Proposals adjusted to 17 - 1 removed, 4 moved to recommendations, 15 accepted, 2 not accepted)

ASC Proposals (13 Total - 4 moved to recommendations, 8 accepted, 1 not accepted)

[Proposal 1](#) - Accepted

[Proposal 2](#) - Moved To Recommendation to USSS

[Proposal 3](#) - Moved To Recommendation to USSS

[Proposal 4](#) - Accepted

[Proposal 5](#) - Moved To Recommendation to USSS

[Proposal 6](#) - Not Accepted

[Proposal 7](#) - Accepted

[Proposal 8](#) - Accepted

[Proposal 9](#) Moved To Recommendation to the MSC Depends on MO JN Host

[Proposal 10](#) - Accepted - Contingent on a combo JNs

[Proposal 11](#) - Accepted - Contingent on a combo JNs

[Proposal 12](#) - Accepted

[Proposal 13](#) - Accepted

MSC Proposals (8-Total - 1 removed, 6 accepted, 1 not accepted)

[Proposal 14](#) - Removed

[Proposal 15](#) - Replaces 14 - Amended Removed the Q2 - Accepted

[Proposal 16](#) - Accepted

[Proposal 17](#) - Accepted

[Proposal 18](#) - Accepted

[Proposal 19](#) - Accepted

[Proposal 20](#) - Accepted

[Proposal 21](#) - Amended - Not Accepted

R&O Proposals (1 - Total, 1 accepted)

[Proposal 22](#) - Accepted

Proposal 1

Advisory Group: Athlete Rep

Item:

Rule Number:

Proposal: WFL - World flip League - Ramp & Bag Hometown Competition Series

Reason(s): Increase participation in Freestyle Skiing via water ramp and Air Bag competitions. Grow the number of Aerial competitors and feed the aerial development pipeline. Serve as a gateway for participants to earn an invite to the World Flip League - International Water Ramp Open to be held in August of 2023 at the UOP. This Aerial Development pipeline will provide the opportunity for talent ID and possible

qualification into the US Aerial Selection Event, Aerial Nor Ams, Aerial World Cups and Possibly the Olympics.

New wording of the Rule: Water ramp and air bag competitions are meant to be fun and inclusive. The goal; have every water ramp and airbag facility in the US hold at least one open WFL Qualifier event by July 31, 2023. The format for all WFL Qualifiers is; the competition will be a best 2 out of 3 jumps. This event can be scored in any manner the organizer desires. Repeat jumps are allowed. Each athlete must perform one inverted jump to qualify, (bT, bL, bF, fT).

On Aug 1st, 2023, all organizers will submit the top 5 Men and top 5 women's results and contact information to USSS. These athlete will then receive invites to the World Flip League International Water Ramp Open to be held in late August 2023 at the Utah Olympic Park in Park City, UT. The WFL International will feature the worlds best athletes from the United States, China, Switzerland, Canada, Australia and Ukraine. The WFL Event will use FIS scoring, to rank the athletes in the event. The WFL event will feature multiple training days with the support of US Team Coaches and Athletes. It will start off with a qualification competition for all WFL Hometown Competition Series Athletes. This competition will be the same, best 2 of 3 jump format with one jump being inverted (at the UOP the sky's the limit, one flip, double, triples or quads). The top 5 Males and the top 5 females will then move on to the WFL Finals , to see how they stack up against the World's best.

Prepared by: Troy Murphy, Trace Worthington, Seedog **Date Submitted:** 4/15/23

Notes – ASC – Approved - Organizers are asked to keep a list of who competed and send a list to Jack and USSS – Participants would be invited to the championship event in AUG at the UOP – Organizers can use the skateboard tab in Winfree or use an Excel sheet to rank competitors.

The above needs to be updated with the updated Seedog proposal.

The championship event needs to be run in conjunction with the AE summer event scheduled for 8/26/23

USST will investigate providing awards to the organizers.

Proposal 2

Advisory Group: ASC

Item:Recruiter/promoter

Rule Number:

Proposal: USSS hires a full time, part time employee or college student seeking work experience to go around the country and pull potential athletes to Intro to Aerials / Talent ID camps for various clubs.

Reason:

New wording of the Rule: N/A

Prepared by: Jack Boyczuk

Date Submitted:4/13/23

Notes – ASC – Recommended to the USST to tack under consideration position would align with the GMTM platform.

Proposal 3

Advisory Group: ASC

Item: EADP

Rule Number:

Proposal: Reinstate the Elite Aerial Development Program in Lake Placid

Reason: The strength and core of Aerials is clearly in the East division. EADP was the pinnacle of Aerials development in the world. Bringing this program back would ensure we are the “best in the world” by the time we hopefully host the Olympics again in the US. Athletes from the East coast who already participate in Aerials won’t have to come across the country to do doubles. The cost to move your 16 or 17 year old athlete from the East to Park City is insurmountable, especially when Lake Placid is sitting left alone. With a place to live, eat and train all at the same location the success and results would be exceedingly high as seen by almost every current US Team athlete today.

New wording of the Rule: N/A

Prepared by: Jack Boyczuk

Date Submitted: 4/13/23

Notes – ASC – Moved to a recommendation to USST

Proposal 4

Advisory Group: ASC

Item: Aerials on Mogul course scoring

Rule Number:

Proposal: Add a new scoring tab labeled “Intermountain Aerials Assault” to Winfree

Reason: To ensure there are more Aerials regional competitions this is necessary for clubs without an Aerial site. Allowing Aerials competitions to happen on Mogul courses more clubs would be willing to host events.

New wording of the Rule: Judges judge from straight on position Best of 2 Jumps - Repeats allowed 2 Scoring Judges Athletes must call jump before start Any upright combo can be done Inverts are straight over only. Off-Axis including Loops will be scored as bP Grabs will not count towards Degree of Difficulty Potential Codes - Upright manoeuvres, bP,bT,bF, bP, dF,ft,fP Scoring will use the MO Program of Winfree Athlete Time will be 99.99 Judge 1,2,3 will be .1 Judge 4 and 5 will be score And then add jump code

Prepared by: Jack Boyczuk

Date Submitted: 4/13/23

Notes – ASC – Approved by the ASC to include this option.

Proposal 5

Advisory Group: ASC

Item: Athlete coaches

Rule Number:

Proposal: Require all Aerial National Team athletes to take Freestyle Level 1 Coaching Certification.

Reason: There are 4 people in the country willing and able to shape a double kicker. We need more. With USSS athletes being more engaged in coaching the up and coming athletes, it promotes a positive and exciting atmosphere. Younger athletes get to connect with the team athletes as they become role models.

New wording of the Rule: N/A

Prepared by: Jack Boyczuk

Date Submitted: 4/13/23

Notes – ASC would like to make this recommendation to the USST athletes – Gnoza to offer access to level 100 course to AE team athletes.

Proposal 6

Advisory Group: ASC

Item:

Rule Number:

Proposal: In order to promote the sport of aerial skiing there needs to be support for the grass roots programs.

Reason: The Buffalo Ski Club Freestyle program has built an air bag venue including an in-ground trampoline. venue was built with no outside funding other than the blood sweat and money from the coaches of the freestyle program.

Since Nationals was not held last year, the money that was set aside for National was going to be used to help the grass root programs. The Buffalo Ski Club Freestyle program is asking for \$5,000.00 to improve the training venue we already have.

We will use the money to buy a bungee/belt system to help our athletes get comfortable doing inverts.

Prepared by: Mark DePeters

Date Submitted: 4-13-2023

Notes – ASC – Not Accepted - further discussion needed ASC would like to see any funds available used to promote the sport and not just in support of individual club needs

Proposal 7

Advisory Group: ASC

Item:

Rule Number:

Proposal: Reinstate the 6006 Degree of Difficulty Chart and Multipliers

Reason: The community wants to see the DD in the comp. guide

New wording of the Rule: Replace section 6006

Prepared by:

Date Submitted: 4/11/23

Notes – ASC – Approved

Proposal 8

Advisory Group: ASC

Item:

Rule Number:

Proposal: Edit 6006 Degree of Difficulty Chart and Multipliers

Reason: Some jumps have too high a DD

New wording of the Rule:

6006.1 Uprights – change Neutral to 0.4

6006.2.1 through 6006.2.3 subtract 0.2 from each group to reward Somersault maneuvers.

Prepared by:

Date Submitted: 4/11/23

Notes – ASC – Approved - Neutral would move from .06 to .04 – Reduce all upright, rotational and off axis tricks by 0.2

Proposal 9

Advisory Group: ASC

Item: Aerials at Jr. Nationals

Rule Number:

Proposal: Add Aerials to the same Junior Nationals event as Moguls

Reason: Promote Aerials skiing and promote Aerials training and competition to mogul skiers.

New wording of the Rule: Aerials will be included at Jr. Nationals alongside Moguls and Dual Moguls.

Prepared by: Wes Preston

Date Submitted: 4/15/2023

Notes – ASC – Priority is to ensure that an AE Jr nationals take place – Priority would be for the AE Jr Nationals to take place with MO Jr Nationals. July 1st deadline to try and coincide with MO Jr Nationals – If this can't happen, ASC would like to move forward with the E Jr National Bristol event

Proposal 10

Advisory Group: ASC

Item: Combined Spots at Jr Nationals

Rule Number:

Proposal: Add 2 combined spots to each gender for each age group at Jr Nationals. Combined skiers will be allowed to compete in Aerials, Moguls and Dual Moguls at Jr. Nationals. The criteria for Combined spots at Jr. Nationals could be discussed. A recommendation is that eligible athletes need to be listed on both the Aerials and Single Moguls FSP lists. The place points from Moguls and Aerials on the final points list used for Jr. Nats selection be added together. The combined list would be based on these place points.

Reason: Promote Aerials as a sport and promote Aerials training and competition for mogul skiers.

New wording of the Rule: Two Combined Spots will be allocated for Combined skiers (Moguls and Aerials) at Jr. Nationals. Eligible athletes need to be listed on both the Aerials and Single Moguls FSP lists. The combined list would be based on place points added together from an athlete's standing on the Moguls FSP and the Aerials FSP. The combined spots will be determined using place points from the same lists that are used for Jr. Nationals selection.

Prepared by: Wes Preston

Date Submitted: 4/15/23

Notes – ASC – Approved – Contingent on Jr Nationals MO and AE being together.

Proposal 11

Advisory Group: ASC **Item:** Combined Awards at Jr Nationals **Rule Number:**

Proposal: Award Combined awards at Jr. Nationals: top 3 for each gender in each age group. Combined will be decided using the traditional method (adding the percentage of the top combined skier's score in each event. The top combined skier in each discipline receives 10 points).

Reason: Promote Aerials skiing and promote Aerials training and competition to mogul skiers.

New wording of the Rule: Award Combined awards at Jr. Nationals: top 3 for each gender in each age group. Combined will be decided using the traditional method (adding the percentage of the top combined skier's score in each event. The top combined skier in each discipline receives 10 points).

Prepared by: Wes Preston

Date Submitted: 4/15/2023

Notes – ASC – Approved – Contingent on Jr Nationals MO and AE being together.

Proposal 12

Nation: USA

Item: Junior Nationals Aerial Event - Schedule / Criteria

Rule Number: Competition Guide Pages 28 & 29

Proposal: Amend Current Junior Nationals Aerial Scheduling, Location and Criteria

Reason: To make the Junior Aerial Nationals more accessible by any interested athletes, a non conflicting event date and early event site selection must be planned and advertised. Also the event Criteria needs to be amended to open this event up to any interested youth in the US that can perform an inverted maneuver, as well as Identify athletes that are truly interested in inverted aerials

New wording of the Rule: In order to help identify and promote the Aerial Development pipeline, I feel it would be in the sports best interest to identify a site and schedule the 2024 Junior Nationals Aerial event by July 1st, 2023.

As the Eastern Freestyle Division is the only division with multiple clubs still holding Aerial events, It makes good sense to support these clubs and support AE growth in this division. With this in mind, I would propose we schedule the Junior National Aerial Event in the Eastern division for the next 3 years.

To get a better measurement of how many true Aerial athletes we have at this level, as well as invite as many athletes as possible, I would also recommend the following event criteria;

This Junior National Event cannot overlap with any other US Freestyle event (AE or MO). Junior Nationals AE can be connected to another event, but we need to make sure there are no scheduling conflicts. I would propose the window for holding this event of 2/15 - 3/31/24.

Secondly, this events format should be a best 2 out of 3 jumps, combined total of the two best jumps for a score. Repeats should be allowed.

To qualify, one of the athletes jumps **must** be an inverted aerial maneuver. (bT, bL, bF or fT). Any athlete, under the age of 18 is eligible for this event, if they are able to perform any of the above inverted maneuvers. For non - USSS Athletes, a single event USSS license will be offered.

Top 5 of each gender would be invited to Project Gold camps either east or west or both. All athletes that enter this event will be automatically invited to all development camps / events in the future (water ramp comps, etc).

I believe these events will have pretty small participation and will require support from USSS to help cover the build costs. I would estimate build costs for an event like this to be around \$2,500 - \$3,000.

I feel a consistently run Junior National Aerial event, in the division with the most Aerial athletes and a criteria that supports talent ID, will give the Aerial community the best chance for future success.

Prepared by: Seedog

Notes – ASC – Approved – Amended to say that the Priority is to ensure that an AE Jr nationals take place – Priority #1 would be for the AE Jr Nationals to take place with MO Jr Nationals. July 1st deadline to try and coincide with MO Jr Nationals –

If this can't happen, ASC would like to move forward with the Jr National Bristol event.

Proposal 13

Advisory Group: Aerial Sub Com **Item:** Aerials National Champs **Rule Number:** Pg 33-34 in 2023 Freestyle Comp Guide

Proposal: Reinstate U.S. Aerials National Championships

Reason: Reinstate U.S. Aerials National Championships.

New wording of the Rule: Amend and activate performance phase - U.S. Aerials National Championships - page 33-34 from the 2023 Freestyle Competition Guide

Prepared by: ASC **Date Submitted:** 5/16/2023

ASC Approved - Unstrike page 33-34 adjust to indicate why it was put back in book

Proposal 21

Advisory Group: Mogul Sub Com **Item:** Junior Champs **Rule Number:**

Proposal: To revert the format and quota process back to the 2019 format.

Reason: We tried this new format and it brought no new value to these age groups. We feel that the sport is not big enough to divide out the age groups and we prefer a format that names a Champion.

New wording of the Rule: As listed in the 2019 Competition Guide.

Prepared by: Wasatch Freestyle **Date Submitted:** Apr 21, 2023

Amended and not passed by MSC. Not moving forward to FSC.

1-11 in favor. Current format remains.

Proposal 18

Advisory Group: Mogul Sub Com **Item:** US Selections **Rule Number:** Page 38-40

Proposal: Bring in line with FSP Redo

Reason: Update

New wording of the Rule:

U.S. Moguls Selection Events

The U.S. Moguls Selection Events provide athletes in the performance phase an early season domestic opportunity to compete against the best divisional athletes in the country, as well as members of the U.S. Ski Team.

Outcome

Athletes may advance to the following events as a result of U.S. Mogul Selection Events

- FIS NorAm Tour Starts
- Domestic World Cup Starts

Event Format and Schedule

Type of Event

U.S. Mogul Selection Events are sanctioned by FIS Freestyle.

Membership / License Required

All U.S. competitors must have a U.S. Ski & Snowboard competitor membership and FIS Freestyle licencelicense.

Competition Rules

FIS ICR and FIS Freestyle WC Rules where applicable.

Run Orders

Moguls

- Q1, top 30 seeded
- Q2 minus top 8 from Q1, same run order
- Final 1, top 8~~16~~ from Q1, next 8 from Q2
- Final 2, top 6 from Final 1 (If the schedule allows for a Super Final.)

Dual Moguls

- Preferred Format: Duals from the start.

Schedule

Day 1: Arrival

Day 2: Mogul Training

Day 3: Mogul Training

Day 4: Women's Mogul Comp #1

Day 5: Men's Mogul Comp Training

Day 6: Women's and Men's Dual Mogul Comp #2

Day 7: Dual Moguls

Quotas

Quotas for FIS events are determined by the Event Organizer.

Criteria

1. U.S. Freestyle Ski Team athletes
2. All athletes who competed in the prior season's U.S. Mogul National Championships.
3. All athletes who are ranked in the top 45 in moguls and dual moguls on the final FFSP of the previous season that are not qualified via criteria 1 and 2.
4. The top finishing age group FIS eligible athletes from the previous season's U.S. Junior National Championships that are not qualified via criteria 1, 2 and 3. No alternates will be taken from U.S. Junior National Championships.

5. If by virtue of criteria 1, 2, 3 and 4, a division does not have an athlete competing in a discipline in each gender, then that division will be granted a spot in that discipline and that gender to use as it wishes. If the spot remains unused it will then be lost.
6. There will be five alternates named per gender per discipline from the final FFSP list of the previous season and will represent the next five names on the FFSP list per gender and per discipline that have not already qualified for the event via criteria 2,3,4,5. Alternates will be placed into the events in the order they are named and will be notified immediately. The alternates will only compete if any of the skiers qualified via criteria 2 and 3 do not accept their spots or get injured.
7. International quotas as outlined by U.S. Ski & Snowboard and FIS Freestyle.

Invitations

1. Invitations will be determined from the previous season final FFSP List.
2. Invitations will be posted usskiandsnowboard.org/index.php/sport-programs/criteria/freestyle-us-selection-events
3. Athletes must RSVP to their invite using the Registration process listed below.

Registration

The registration process should be reviewed annually at FSC Congress.

1. The invite list for U.S. Selections will be posted on July 1.
2. From the initial posting and as invitations are updated, invitations should be accepted by the coaches via e-mail to the Freestyle Office (freestyle@usskiandsnowboard.org) and confirmed by the athletes by registering online within the registration deadline posted. Athletes that are unable to register before the deadline should contact the Event Organizer.
3. Registration for U.S. Mogul Selection Events will open on Nov. 1st and close on December 1st~~15~~.
- ~~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.~~

Event Organization

Event Bid Process

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Staff reviews all event bids. Event bids are due by March 1.

Event Organizer

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Club/Resort

Prepared by: Konrad X Rotermund

NSA: FSC

Accepted by MSC - Language Changes to Align with FSP Multi-Level REDO.

Proposal 20

Advisory Group: Mogul Sub Com

Item: US Champs

Rule Number: Page 45-46

Proposal: Update to incorporate format and align with new FSP

Reason: Update

New wording of the Rule:

U.S. Moguls National Championships

U.S. Mogul National Championships, held in the spring each year after the conclusion of the divisional event schedules, the NorAm Cup Tour and the World Cup season, hosts the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and the top athletes in the performance phase of the pipeline to compete in moguls and dual moguls.

Outcome

- The Divisions Cup will be awarded in the U.S. Mogul National Championships and will include U.S. Team members, using FIS WC Place Points for athletes in the top 30 from mogul and dual mogul events.
- Any athlete starting in the U.S. Mogul National Championships event will gain a start at the U.S. Mogul Selection Events for the following competition season.
- U.S. Junior National podium in each gender in each discipline to be recognized. (U19 and under.)

Event Format and Schedule

Type of Event

U.S. Mogul National Championships are a FIS Freestyle sanctioned event.

Membership / License Required

All competitors must have a FIS license.

Competition Rules

FIS ICR

Run Orders

- Q1, top 30 seeded
- Q2 minus top 10 from Q1, same run order
- Final 1, top 20, 10 from Q1, next 10 from Q2
- Final 2, top 8 from Final 1

Dual Moguls

- Duals from the start.

Moguls

~~Qualification/16 person final~~

~~Run 1 all competitors, top 30 seeded~~

~~Final 16 athletes from Run 1~~

~~Optional Final 2 Top 6, "aka, Super Finals"~~

Duals

~~Preferred Format: Dual from the start.~~

Schedule (men and women alternate years to start out the competition)

Day 1: Arrival

Day 2: Women and Men Training

Day 3: Women's Mogul Comp Women's Moguls/Men's Training

Day 4: Men's Mogul Comp s-Comp

Day 5: Women and Men's Dual Moguls

Quotas

~~The organizer determined the quota in FIS events.~~

Criteria

1. All U.S. Freestyle Ski Team athletes.
2. The top 35 ranked U.S. athletes in moguls and dual moguls from the FFSP List #6 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.

3. The next five (5) U.S. athletes on the FFSP List #6 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.
4. Divisions will be allotted one spot per gender, per discipline to be used at the divisions' discretion. Divisions should notify the Freestyle Office (freestyle@usskiandsnowboard.org) of their allocations 48 hours after the 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 allocation.
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 #6 in that discipline.

Invitations

Invitations will be posted on usskiandsnowboard.org.

Registration

Registration will be managed by either the event organizer or U.S. Ski & Snowboard according to the needs of the event.

Event Organization

Event Bid Process

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Staff reviews all event bids.

Event Organizer

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Events Department. Event bids are due by March 1.

In the case where the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Events Department is unable to support the event, a U.S. Ski & Snowboard Club/Resort will take on the role of Event Organizer.

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Accepted as language Change to align with Multi-Level FSP Redo.

Proposal 19

Advisory Group: Mogul Sub Com

Item: Pipeline

Rule Number: Page 40

Reason:

New wording of the Rule:

Performance Phase - FIS NorAm Cup

The FIS NorAm Cup is the North American series within the FIS Continental Cup circuit which includes the European Cup, NorAM Cup, Asia Cup, South American Cup and Australia New Zealand Cups. The Continental Cups are a notch below the FIS World Cup circuit. The NorAm Cup has proven to be an excellent training and testing ground for both national team and developing regional U.S. and Canadian athletes. Foreign athletes, including World Cup contenders, often compete in these events raising the level of competition.

Outcome

- 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 podiums for moguls, dual moguls and overall are recognized at the conclusion of the season. (See the FIS COC Rules.)
- The top athlete in the NorAm Cup Mogul and Dual Mogul Standings will have a start at the World Cup Finals in the respective events of the same competition season of the Tour. (See FIS World Cup rule 3.9.2)
- The top continental (US or CAN only) athlete in the NorAm Cup Overall Standings will be granted a personal start to next season's FIS World Cup Tour (See FIS World Cup Rule 3.4.8.1)
- 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.

Event Format and Schedule

Type of Event

The FIS NorAm Cup is sanctioned by FIS Freestyle.

Membership / License Required

All competitors must have a FIS Freestyle license.

Competition Rules

FIS ICR, [FIS Freestyle WC Rules where applicable](#) and FIS Continental Cup Rules

Run Orders

Moguls

- Q1, top 30 seeded
- Final 1, top 16 from Q1
- Super Final, top 6 from Final 1

Dual Moguls

- Duals from the start, using ICR Dual Mogul Seeding Rules, ~~4310.1~~.

Schedule

Day 1: Arrival

Day 2: Mogul Training

Day 3: Mogul Training

Day 4: Mogul Comp #1

Day 5: Dual Mogul Comp #1

Quotas

See FIS Continental Cup NAC rules

NorAm Start Group

The following athletes will be prequalified for the current season's NorAm Events, as the "NorAm Start Group".

Qualification Criteria:

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.

Please note the following:

- NorAm Start Group athletes will be named in a timely manner, once the U.S. Team nomination process is complete in the spring.

- The NorAm Start Group list of athletes will be published to the NorAm page on the website.
- Athletes who qualify for the NorAm Start Group must contact the Freestyle Office (freestyle@usskiandsnowboard.org) by Sept. 1 of the **competition** season to accept his/her spot.
- No additional athletes will be named to the NorAm Start Group if a NorAm Start Group athlete declines for any reason.
- 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.
- NorAm Start Group athletes will lose status if they do not compete in all event days in the U.S. Selection Events.

NorAm Tour Pre-Season Qualification Criteria

5. Athletes ranked in the top 40 of the GPL will be named to 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).

Please note: The "U.S. Grand Prix List (GPL)" will represent a ranking of the U.S. athletes utilizing the best ~~three~~**two** single mogul events and best one dual moguls event from the **previous season** U.S. National Championships, **previous season** FIS Open and **current season** U.S. Selection Events using place points. Foreign athletes will be excluded from the place point tally at the U.S. National Championships, **At the FIS Open**, and the U.S. Selection Events **foreign athletes will remain at their place rank**. 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.

NorAm Tour In-Season Qualification Criteria

6. Athletes ranked in the top 40 of the GPL will be named to any remaining Basic Nation quota spots.

7. Any remaining Basic Nation starts in the U.S. NorAM-events will be filled using the FFSP and the "FFSP Schedule for NorAm Starts."

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~~Please note: The "FFSP Schedule for NorAm Starts" will represent a table produced by the Freestyle Office and approved by the FFSC Mogul Sub-Committee. The table should represent the appropriate in-season FFSP 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.~~

Invitations

1. The U.S. athletes named to each NorAm event will be posted at usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-programs/criteria/freestyle-noram-criteria.
2. All athletes and respective coaches are responsible to RSVP when named to the start list by notifying the Freestyle Office (freestyle@usskiandsnowboard.org) in a timely manner.
3. Event starts are not considered confirmed until athletes have registered and paid the event organizer(s).
4. Clubs/Teams must send their team entry to the organizer of the individual NorAm events unless the Freestyle Office sends a US entry list.

Registration

Athletes are responsible to register for the individual NorAm events by the deadline. Registration information can be found on the FIS Freestyle event calendar.

Event Organization

Event Bid Process

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Staff and NorAm Committee review all event bids. Event bids are due by Mar. 1.

Event Organizer

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Club/Resort and CAN Club/Resorts.

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Language Accepted as part of the FSP Multi-Level REDO

Proposal 14

~~**Advisory Group:** Mogul Sub Com **Item:** FSP Redo **Rule Number:** Page 17~~

~~**Proposal:** To align the points system with a performance model that considers USSS events only to formulate the Freestyle Points List.~~

~~**Reason:** Need to start looking at USSS Sanctioned events and those events that provide the door to FIS Events as an exclusive series. Goal to allow regional skiers and divisions to accurately rank in accordance with an equal performance model.~~

~~**New wording of the Rule:**~~

~~**Moguls, Dual Moguls and Aerials Event Scoring**~~

- ~~1. Each mogul and dual mogul event is rated by the quality of competitors entered. Therefore, the point worthiness of each competition will be fixed for the top 3 overall and then vary by~~

performance in relation to the top 3, vary with the caliber of skiers participating. Meet rating points will be fixed, 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 receive do not have event ratings that are equivalent to their final ranking result.

The top 3 winner of the mogul event are awarded freestyle points (FFSP's) as outlined in the table below and depending upon the level of event in attendance, 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 3rd place the winner's FFSP's that their score was to the 3rd place winner's score. (Example: 3rd place winner scores a 70 in a regional 700/724 point event, 4th place competitor scores 694. The competitor in 4th place will be awarded $(694/70) \times 665/724 = 655.5066194$).

If none of the competitors in an event have any FFSP's in the event, then the minimum event ranking is 100.¶

2. The maximum points for an event in all disciplines is 1000, the minimum point value for an event in all disciplines is 100.

3. FIS events will be scored using the FIS event rating.¶

4. Dual mogul events will receive the same fixed points for places 1-3 as moguls, the remaining competitors will receive FFSP's in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Counting Competitors (CC)} = \text{Total Final Ranked Competitors (TFR)} - 3$$

$$\text{Place Rank Reduction (PRR)} = 3\text{rd Place FSP} / \text{CC}$$

4th Place FFSP is 3rd Place FFSP minus PRR, 5th Place FFSP is 4th Place FFSP minus PRR and so on. The Last place Final Ranked Competitor will receive 1 point, with less than 13 competitors will be scored with a special formula determined by the FFSC.

Event Ratings – Moguls and Dual Moguls

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	Max Points Type
World Cup/World Champs/OWG	1000	Fixed		
U.S. Championships	1000	975	950	956 (912 floor)
Float				
Jr. World Championships	956 (912 floor)	Float		
U.S. Selection Events				
-Float				
NorAms	912	Fixed		
Jr. National	912 (850 Floor)	Float		
Europa Cup	912 (850 Floor)	Float		
FIS International Events (Domestic)	880	Float		
Divisional Championships Events	850	825	805	
850 (100 floor)	Float			
Divisional Events	700	685	665	

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Agreement to use the FSP Redo with Multi-Level Events - Makes this proposal void.

11-1 in favor

Proposal 16

Advisory Group: Mogul Sub Com **Item:** FFSP Calc Period **Rule Number:** Page 19-21

Proposal: Update

Reason: Updates needed to adjust for Fixed Ranking

New wording of the Rule:

POINTS LIST CALCULATIONS

To be eligible for points, the athlete must have a current freestyle/freeski Competitor membership. Annual membership, including FIS as applicable, must be maintained each year to keep points active.

At the end of each competition period, new points are calculated for each qualified competitor. The calculation considers all eligible events for the entirety of the current competitive season. This will re-index the entire field of qualified competitors for the next competition period.

Points and rankings are only calculated when a list is published; they are not calculated between list periods (see the list schedule earlier in this chapter).

Freestyle

Fall Points

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

List 1 - List 4

Select the highest points from the following scenarios:

MO, DM

- ~~Fall points,~~
- 3 or more results: best 3 results summed and divided by 3
- 2 or more results: best 2 results, ~~fall points may be used as 1 of the results; summed and divided by 2,~~
- 1 result: ~~if fall points are zero, use the 1 result. If fall points are greater than zero, sum fall and 1 result and divide by 2.~~
- ~~No results: use fall points.~~

AE

- 4 or more jumps: best 4 jumps summed and divided by 4,

- 3 jumps: 3 jumps summed and divided by 4,
- 2 jumps: 2 jumps summed and divided by 4,
- 1 jump: 1 jump divided by 4,
- No jumps: use fall points divided by 2.

List 5

MO

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

DM

- ~~32~~ or more results, best ~~32~~ results, ~~fall points may be used as 1 of the results,~~ summed and divided by ~~32~~,
- 1 result: 1 result, fall points may be used as the result, divided by 32,

~~No results: points drop to zero.~~

AE

- 4 or more jumps: best 4 jumps summed and divided by 4,
- 3 jumps: 3 jumps summed and divided by 4,
- 2 jumps: 2 jumps summed and divided by 4,
- 1 jump: 1 jump divided by 4,
- No jumps: use fall points divided by 4.

List 6

~~• Fall points will not be used for MO, DM, and AE. ¶~~

~~• Athletes remain on the list except those not meeting divisional requirements, ¶~~

~~The competitor must have results in at least 2 of the first 5 scoring periods. The scoring periods are listed earlier in this chapter and represent a list period. If they do not, then the points will drop to zero for that discipline. ¶~~

MO

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

DM

- ~~32~~ or more results/scores: best ~~32~~ results, summed and divided by ~~32~~,
- ~~2~~ results; ~~2~~ results summed, and divided by ~~3~~,
- 1 result/score: 1 result, divided by 2,
- ~~No results: points drop to zero.~~

AE

- 4 or more jumps: best 4 jumps summed and divided by 4,
- 3 jumps: 3 jumps summed and divided by 4,
- 2 jumps: 2 jumps summed and divided by 4,
- 1 jump: 1 jump divided by 4,
- No jumps: points drop to zero.

List 7 - List 8

MO, DM, AE

- Fall points will not be used,
- Same calculation as List 6.

Protocols and Procedures for athletes injured, sick or unable to attend divisional championships

1. All freestyle athletes are required to participate in their respective divisional championships, except US Ski Team members. Divisional championships must be set on each division competition schedule before the competition season begins and named "divisional championships". An athlete's failure to participate in their respective divisional championships may result in exclusion from the FFSP used to generate US National Championship invitations.
2. Division Chairs may make exceptions to the participation requirement due to extenuating

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Proposal 17

Advisory Group: Mogul Sub Com Item: Divisional Events Rule Number: Page 35

Proposal: To align with reality

Reason: Updated FSP allows access to gateway events.

New wording of the Rule:

Competition Phase - Divisional Events

Divisions should provide athletes in the Competitive and Performance Phase competition opportunities. These events are scored to the FSP, national points list.

Outcome

Athletes may advance in the pipeline via their rankings on the national FSP from results in divisional events to the following events

- Divisional Championships
- U.S. Junior National Championships
- FIS Race Level Events ~~Qualifier Series~~
- US Freestyle Selections ~~FIS NorAm Tour~~
- U.S. National Championships

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Language Accepted as part of FSP Multi-Level Redo

Proposal 15

Proposal: To assign FFSP points in each phase of our big events - US Selections, US Champs and FIS Open. To reward competitors as they progress, providing opportunity to not only the Podium athletes but those athletes striving for personal bests at each phase.

Reason: We have this opportunity. It rewards those that can make finals and step up to do so. It makes our next tier athletes have a reward for pushing for their personal best.

New wording of the Rule:

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~~If none of the competitors in an event have any FFSP's in the event, then the minimum event ranking is 100.~~

2. The maximum points for an event in all disciplines is 1000, ~~the minimum point value for an event in all disciplines is 100.~~

3. Major Event Multi-Phase FFSP; For the US Selections, the US Championships and the FIS Open events qualification phase or phases will be used to calculate FFSP's for each phase as follows:

Qualification 1 Phase - 850 for First Place, 825 for Second Place, 805 for Third Place

Qualification 2 Phase - 700 for First Place, 685 for Second Place, 665 for Third Place

Overall Final Results will be calculated in accordance with FFSP as outlined below.

~~3. FIS events will be scored using the FIS event rating.~~

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-Float				
FIS Open	1000	975	950	
NorAms	912	Fixed		
Jr. National	912 (850 floor)	Float		
Europa Cup	912 (850 floor)	Float		
FIS International Events (Domestic)	880	Float		
Divisional Championships Events	850	825	805	
850 (100 floor)				
Divisional Events	700	685	665	
Other FIS Events (foreign)	912 (750 floor)	Float		

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APPROVED by the MSC with the Amendment of eliminating the Q2 from the calculation. Concern over getting a seasons points at one event and the function that maybe someone in Q2 might get more points as somebody that would qualify from Q1.

11-1 in favor

Proposal 22

Advisory Group: Officials

Item: FIS Representative

Rule Number: NA

Proposal: Eliminate the FIS Representative Position on the Officials Sub Committee

Reason: The FIS Representative position was created when the structure of the R&O Sub Committee changed last year. At that time, the Head Judge Representative was shared by two members. With the new structure, it was decided to create a FIS representative position. Scott Lounsbury was put into the FIS rep position because of his vast experience with FIS, attendance at FIS meetings, and was on FIS committees. With Scott's retirement from judging, I think the FIS position should be eliminated. USSS already sends a representative to the FIS meetings and can support the role.

New wording of the Rule: There is no wording needed.

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Notes - Approved by R&O - Gnoza and or Rotermund will report to R&O