

SNOWBOARD SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 2020

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress
Virtual Meetings-GoTo Meeting Platform
April 28th – May 5th 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Chairman	Dylan Omlin
USASA Rep (non-voting)	Mike Mallon
Athlete Rep	Alex Deibold
Athlete Rep	Arielle Gold
Sport Development Manager	Ashley Deibold
Eastern Rep	Ross Powers
Far West Rep	Ben Wisner
Intermountain Rep	Andy Gilbert
PNSA Rep	Coggin Hill
Rocky Rep	Matt Voegtle
Central Rep	Jessica Zalusky
Judges Rep	Jeremy Lepore
Coaches Rep	Peter Foley
FIS Rep	Jeremy Forster
Industry Rep	Phoebe Mills

SB PIPE AND PARK WORKING GROUP MEETING

Tuesday, April 28, 2020
9:00-12:00 p.m.

Attendees: Dylan Omlin, Ashley Deibold, Ronnie Barr, Benjamin Wisner, Mike Ramirez, Dave Reynolds, Rick Bower, Mike Mallon, Gregg Janecky, Maddy Schaffrick, Mike Kirchner, JJ Jett, Wylie Adams, Tori Koski, Morgan Medove, Matt Voegtle, Jason Cook, Mike Jankowski, John Gandolfo, Coggin Hill, Rick Shimpeno, Chris Laske, Phoebe Mills, Sarah Welliver, Ian Kirk, Elise Saarela, and Michael Bell

- 1) Welcome – Dylan Omlin and Ashley Deibold
- 2) Review of Season
 - a) Futures Tour
 - i) Launched this year and was successful
 - ii) Recognized growing pains but excited to improve.
 - b) NorAms
 - i) Copper, Mammoth, and Woodward were successful
 - ii) Excited to have Woodward involved
 - c) Rev Tour
 - i) 3 stops
 - ii) Woodward: The schedule was bigger than any schedule ever done. Makes for a long week but it worked really well.
 - (1) 2 crossover days: Ski event and a snowboard event
 - (2) It ran smoothly despite this crossover.

- iii) Big Air: Moved from a U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned event to a NorAm event.
 - (1) Not a large increase in Big Air participation
 - d) Grand Prix
 - i) Feedback from Grand Prix Issues:
 - (1) Athlete Service/event attendee experience
 - (a) This was a huge initiative this season.
 - (b) Got athlete lounges
 - (2) Atlanta Grand Prix
 - (a) Athletically a huge success
 - (b) Financially not as successful as anticipated
 - (3) Mammoth
 - (a) Nice weather, successful event
 - e) Next Season
 - i) Specifics on hold due to COVID
 - f) Open Discussion on Events:
 - i) Phoebe Mills: Are there scheduling conflicts and issues with the addition of Futures?
 - (1) Mike Mallon: This spring we will lay out the events in a more logical way. Our most successful event we saw was in Park City when we piggybacked Rev Tour with Futures.
 - ii) Dylan Omlin: How much crossover was there for Futures and Rev Tour?
 - (1) Mike Mallon: The top futures kids are those kids that are pre-qualified for Rev or just on the cusp of getting a spot.
- 1) Development Updates – Ashley Deibold
 - a) Education
 - i) Looking for ways to evolve education
 - ii) Continue with the same format
 - iii) Some material might get smaller for level 100.
 - iv) Coaches Clinics – Should schedule to ahead well in advance. No last minute sign ups.
 - b) Halfpipe Working Group
 - i) Issues in the Halfpipe Discipline:
 - (1) Lack of venues
 - (2) Lack of coaches education around halfpipe coaching
 - (3) Harder discipline
 - ii) Goals for Halfpipe working group:
 - (1) Training coaches by providing on-snow clinics
 - (2) Create more content around pipe to leverage young athlete enthusiasm
 - (3) Utilize the halfpipes that exist and provide valuable training on them.
 - iii) Contact Ashley if you are interested in helping out with Halfpipe initiatives.
- 2) USASA Updates - Mike Mallon
 - a) Age Class Change
 - i) Match USASA age class to meet harmoniously with FIS/WRT ages.
 - (1) Season Age Class
 - (a) Rascals 6 < Regional competitions only
 - (b) Ruggie 7 - 8 Grom 9 - 10 Menehune 11 - 12
 - (c) Breaker 13 - 14 Youth 15 - 16 Junior 17 - 18
 - (d) Jams 19 - 22 Senior & Up No Change
 - (2) Season RJ Class
 - (a) 6 & Under Girls * 6 & Under Boys 7 - 10 Girls
 - (b) 7 - 10 Boys 11 - 14 Girls 11 - 14 Boys
 - (c) 15 - 22 Women 15- 22 Men 23 & Over Women
 - (d) 23 & Over Men Open Class Women Open Class Men
 - ii) Ruggie/Grom Overall Awards and National Championships

- (1) Benjamin Wisner: There are multiple pros and cons to including this group. It is great to meet all different kids and it's fun for them to compete. But it is also incredibly intense for them.
 - (2) Matt Voegtle: I think getting rid of the overall in that age group is beneficial. It's more of an endurance thing for them at this point.
 - (3) Athlete Feedback:
 - (a) Maddy Schaffrick: I did the overall from age 9-12 and I liked having the variety of training gates and having a background in all those areas.
 - (b) Arielle Gold: I feel the same as Maddy. I never did all of the other events in the interest of getting the overall. I think mainly just having the opportunity to compete in a lot of disciplines and events was cool.
 - (4) Dylan Omlin: Let's figure out how to keep those kids there to have fun and just teach the parents why they are there. We need to educate the masses on how it should go for those kids.
- b) Rail Jams
- i) Opinions on Necessity of Event:
 - (1) Benjamin Wisner: It can be a drain on kids but it could be a scheduling thing. Athletes love it, but it is exhausting for some, especially if they are in that 15 and under group.
 - (2) Mike Mallon: No matter what, someone will have a late night or an early morning. Scheduling it as a separate day would mean 7 events over 7 days, which is demanding for the venue and staff.
 - (3) Coggin Hill: It is important to educate parents and coaches on the importance of rest in between competitions for athletes.
- 3) Open Discussion
- a) Revisit of the Rev Tour – Sarah Emery
 - i) Can we slot Big Air practice in on the same day as Slopstyle competition day?
 - ii) Pre-Qualifications: Since USASA nationals was canceled, we can't pull from those results. How should we manage that? Should we take from a different ranking list?
 - (1) Mike Mallon: Mike: It's a weird circumstance we are in so we just need to come up with something that has integrity to it.
 - (2) Options:
 - (a) WSPL
 - (b) USASA ranking system
 - (3) Follow Up at SSC meeting
 - b) Judges
 - i) Chris Laske and Mike Jankowski: Concern for judges scoring incorrectly and treating athletes poorly when they go talk to judges.
 - ii) Dave Reynolds: I think it would be great to have the judges review the top 5 people and just make sure prior to awards.
 - iii) Nick Alexakos:
 - (1) As technology is evolving, we have replays and will have better equipment for accuracy.
 - (2) There is a difference between awards ceremony and official results. Those results don't go down until the TD signs the report.
 - c) Fluorocarbon Bans
 - i) A rule has been made and will be sent out as soon as it is finalized.

SB PGS WORKING GROUP MEETING

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

2:30-4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Dylan Omlin, Ashley Deibold, Cath Jett, JJ Jett, Matt Voegtle, Justin Reiter, Morgan Medove, Tori Koski, Elise Saarela, Dylan Omlin, Benjamin Wisner, Mike Trapp, Lynn Ott, Jessica Zalusky, Andrew Boorman, Tato, Neil Sunday, Zack Newman, and + 3 callers

- 1) Welcome – Dylan Omlin and Ashley Deibold
- 2) Review of Season
- 3) Development Updates – Ashley Deibold
 - a) FIS races after Norams
 - i) Gives kids the opportunity to race and get started on their FIS points profile.
 - b) NorAm Update
 - i) Noram Cup will be awarded as the results currently stand.
 - c) Project Gold
 - i) We do not know who will open back up and when resorts/facilities will. As facilities become available, we can and we will reach out as news develops.
 - d) Overall successful season for PGS.
 - e) Open Discussion
 - i) Number of NorAms:
 - (1) Zack: I want to discuss reducing the number of NorAms. We need more training time and having everything spaced out is beneficial for athletes.
 - (2) Ashley Deibold: All other sports and disciplines have 2 stops per season and one finals.
 - (3) Benefits of 3 stops:
 - (a) Tato: I think 6 races well planned out and spaced out throughout the course of the season would be more beneficial for us. As much as I love going to one venue for 3 starts, its really challenging to be able to do that.
 - (b) Lynn Ott: Having 3 spots allows athletes to pick and choose what races to go to and I think it gives people a better option to be flexible with where they can go and when they choose to train.
- 4) USASA Updates – Mike Mallon (Absent)
- 5) 2020/2021 NorAm Schedule
 - a) We need to give enough time between competition locations.
 - b) Consideration of Steamboat holding theirs directly before USASA Nationals.
 - c) If you are interested in hosting a Noram again, contact Ashley Deibold
- 6) Open Discussion
 - a) World Cup Criteria
 - i) Overall concern: We aren't using the updated points list throughout the season.
 - ii) Ashley Deibold: The benefit of the current system is it allows people to plan for the whole season. Using these lists that come out every 3 weeks would create chaos.
 - iii) Dylan Omlin: We could do December and January based off the base list, and then beginning of February, that was the revisit point. That seemed to work pretty well for SBX.
 - iv) Justin Reiter: When we have so many revisits, we have the issue of World Cup riders. When we get closer to the Olympics, we need to have consistent people in there and could lose the opportunity to bring a large field for the Olympics.
 - b) World Cup Inscription
 - i) Athletes are responsible for entry fees and lodging.
 - ii) If you commit to the inscription and the lodging, you are committed.
 - c) Olympic Criteria
 - i) Will be presented during the SSC
 - ii) Qualifying
 - (1) Being in the top 6 in the world by a certain date

- (2) Designated events
- (3) Additional spot Allocations
 - (a) As we get down to this tier, we look through all the additions of each discipline and the spot goes to the top ranked athlete on the FIS list.
- iii) Open Discussion
 - (1) Justin Reiter: This means the more we can have the NorAm coexist with World Cup schedule wise, the more we will be able to send to the Olympics.
- d) USASA attaching FIS Races onto their Races
 - i) Concern it is too much for athletes competing in the NorAm series
 - ii) Connect with Mike Mallon regarding FIS races.
- e) Cross Pollination between Disciplines
 - i) Train with other athletes in Park and Pipe.
- f) Coaches Education
 - i) Tori Koski: We should do a coaches clinic on how to incorporate PGS/course setting skills.

SB SBX WORKING GROUP MEETING

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Attendees: Dylan Omlin, Ashley Deibold, Sarah Welliver, KC Gandee, Lane Clegg, Matt Voegtle, Ben Wisner, Cath Jett, Peter Foley, Mike Mallon, Ross Powers, Phil Reynolds, Ross Hindman, JJ Jett, Michael Bell, Erik Gunderson, Alex Deibold, Jason Cook, Mike Kirchner, Colin Mello, Nick Alexakos, Elise Saarela, Rob Fagan, and + 7 callers

- 1) Welcome – Dylan Omlin and Ashley Deibold
- 2) USASA Development – Mike Mallon
 - a) Overall successful season
 - b) 114 SBX athletes in 2020, compared to 103 in 2019
 - c) Popular discipline
 - d) Full Report during SSC
- 3) Review of Season – Ashley Deibold
 - a) NorAms
 - i) Gore: not successful
 - ii) Ski Cooper: successful
 - iii) New Addition of Nick Alexakos from Events Department
 - iv) Initiatives: Consistent staffing, course builder, education of RAs.
 - v) Course builder Inquiry
 - (1) Nick Alexakos – Top of the list is Lucas Ouellette from Arena Snowparks. We are looking for consistency.
 - b) Project Gold
 - i) To be determined due to COVID
 - c) Coaches Education
 - i) New level 200 launching this Fall
 - ii) Growing pains in education, but we are overall excited about our education initiatives
 - iii) Level 300 update is TBD
- 4) NorAm Schedule
 - a) In contact with Canada to schedule out NorAms
 - b) Venue locations haven't been determined
 - c) Skiers and Snowboard will have separate competition days
 - d) Time Trial Discussion

- i) General Consensus: More heat time
- 5) Adding a Layer in the Pipeline
 - a) Conversation to create a level of competition before the NorAm that USASA hosts
 - b) With the added layer, NorAms would have a FIS race attached to it.
 - c) Round Robin Formatting
 - d) How does this impact 13-14 year olds?
 - i) Regional Championships consideration
 - (1) Could be used to qualify for Nationals
 - ii) Working Group initiated. Contact Ashley Deibold to be involved
- 6) World Cup/Inscriptions
 - a) World Cup Spots
 - i) Peter Foley: If we have open spots, I am open to coaches bringing athletes to get a taste of the world cup.
 - ii) Process: Look at the points list and have an internal discussion.
 - b) Inscription Process
 - i) No on-site payment
 - ii) Submit Inscription entries 30 days before the event
 - iii) Questions? Contact Elise Saarela or Ashley Deibold

Snowboard Sport Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 5th, 2020

9:00-12:00 p.m.

Meeting Chairman: Dylan Omlin
 Committee Members Present: 15
 Committee Members Excused: 0
 Management/Team Members Present: 13
 Additional Attendees: 35

1) Chairman Calls the Meeting to Order

Matt Voegtle called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and Coggin Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Dylan Omlin made a roll call and noted that a quorum was present.

3) Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Alex Deibold moved, and Jessica Zalusky seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes from May, 2019. There were no comments and the motion passed unanimously.

4) U.S. Ski & Snowboard Membership Report – Sheryl Barnes

Please see Addendum One.

5) U.S. Ski & Snowboard Freestyle Department Update and Olympic Criteria Report - Jeremy Forster

Please see Addendum Two.

Discussion:

- a. Athlete Centered Initiatives
 - i. Additional sensitivity and awareness for onboarding and offboarding process
 - ii. Athlete mentorship program implemented
 - iii. Coach hiring
 - 1. Ensuring both on and off snow skills
 - 2. Athlete are involved in deciding coaches
 - iv. Revamped content for Athletes
 - 1. Social media, training, and performance.
 - v. Protocol with injured athletes
 - 1. Encourage surrounding themselves with the team
 - 2. Reinforce connection with the team
 - vi. Athlete Liasons implemented
 - vii. Alumni programs
 - 1. Ensuring constant communication
 - viii. Athlete Surveys
 - 1. Allows us to address areas of concern
 - ix. Athlete Culture Committee
- b. Apollo Project
 - i. USOPC initiative to provide professional development education to our coaches.
 - ii. 18 month program
 - iii. Multiple coaches have gone through it.
- c. Athlete Funding
 - i. An area of need and an area we are working on
 - ii. Direct travel funding \$200k + \$100k from Chip Nelson
 - iii. Sport Specific Fundraising - Opportunity to grow
 - iv. Commercial partners neck gaiter remains as open inventory.
 - 1. Revenue generated will be given to the team.
- d. Staff Update
 - i. Ashley Deibold - Senior Sport Development Manager
 - ii. Elise Saarela - Sport Development Coordinator
- e. Team Criteria evaluation
 - i. Age & Rank Criteria in HP & SS/BA.
 - ii. Overall positive experience with the criteria
 - iii. 2yr criteria for first time nominations and podium athletes
- f. Volcom as outerwear partner
- g. Olympic Criteria
 - i. Revision in section 9 before sending to BOD.

Following Discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

6) U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team Reports

Coaches Peter Foley, Dave Reynolds, Mike Ramirez, Rick Bower, and Mike Jankowski give an update on their respective teams.

7) U.S. Ski & Snowboard Coaches Education Report - Gar Trayner

Please see Addendum Three.

8) Judges Report

Jeremy Lepore and Matty Jennings give an update on judges clinics, new judges in the community, and needs for the upcoming season.

9) Athlete Report - Alex Deibold

Please see Addendum Four.

10) USASA Report - Mike Mallon

Please see Addendum Five.

11) Committee Appointments

Dylan Omlin was elected by acclamation for the Committee Chair Position. Dylan Omlin abstained from voting.

Matt Voegtle was elected by acclamation for the Committee Chair Position. Matt Voegtle abstained from voting.

Ross Powers was elected by acclamation for the Committee Chair Position. Ross Powers abstained from voting.

Arielle Gold was elected by acclamation for the Committee Chair Position. Arielle Gold abstained from voting.

12) Floor Open for Comments/Questions

- a. USASA Request for Voting Seat on SSC
 - i. Mike Mallon - This seat is instrumental in this community. The level of involvement with the vast majority of the pipeline is worthwhile having a voting seat on the committee.
 - ii. Approval to support and move forward to November meeting:
 1. Motioned by Matt Voegtle
 2. 2nd by Ross Powers
 3. No Opposition
- b. SBX Development Working Group
 - i. Ross Hindman – We have created an SBX development working group to discuss the idea of adding an extra layer to the pipeline. Considerations include:
 1. Look at current pipeline participation.
 2. Feasibility of adding another layer.
 3. Ensuring the pipeline is allowing the athletes to progress while not increasing financial burden.
 4. Retention of developing athletes.
- c. SBX Noram Re-Build
 - i. Ashley Deibold – Nick Alexakos from the Events team will be managing/helping with the tour this year..
- d. PGS Working Group
 - i. Athlete focused conversation. Taking conversation offline to determine the best schedule.
- e. Park and Pipe Working Group
 - i. Considerations on if Rail Jam is worth keeping.
 - ii. Pre-Qualification for 2021
 1. We will swap out nationals results for the nationals ranking list.
- f. Halfpipe Working Group
 - i. Tactics the HP Working Group plans to take:
 1. Coach education
 2. Enticing kids

3. Ways to better utilize resorts with Halfpipes

13) Closing Comments and Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business, Dylan Omlin moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 p.m. and Ashley Deibold seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Elise Saarela, Secretary of Meeting

Addendum One

Snowboard Sport Description



Snowboard	Age Category	SafeSport	Screen	Avalanche	Sanctioned Competition	Notes
General	0-17					Restricted to those under 17 & Under
Non-Scored Athlete	18-100	X	X	X	X	
Competitor	0-100	X	X	X	X	
Official	18-100	X	X	X		
Coach	18-100	X	X	X		
Volunteer	18-100	X	X	X		
Short-term	0-17				X	Restricted to those 17 & Under
Short-term Foreign	18-100				X	Available to foreign athletes coming to the U.S. for an event
						All short terms are restricted to 1 event per season
Family Cap Refund is \$500						
Members may still add additional memberships for only the cost of the highest membership						

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Membership Requirements



Background Screening

- All adult members, with the exception of some alpine masters and short-term members, are required to undergo background screening
 - A green light screening determination is required to fulfill this requirement
- Please allow several weeks for screening process to be completed
 - Individual screening times will vary
 - Foreign screenings may take a month or more

SafeSport Training

- All members turning 18 & older during the season are required to complete SafeSport training through the U.S. Center for SafeSport (substitutions are not permitted)
 - *Some alpine masters excluded per member club authorization

Coaching Fundamentals Course

- All coach members, excluding those Certified Level 100 or higher, are required to complete Coaching Fundamentals every two seasons
- Completion of this course is a prerequisite in order to be certified as a Level 100 Coach

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Avalanche Awareness Course Requirement



This 5-10 minute 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. All members turning 18 and older are required to complete training to activate membership. Other requirements such as background screening, SafeSport training and Coaching Fundamentals may also apply.

- New for 2020-21 season
- Required for all members turning 18 & over
- Course duration 5-10 minutes

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Membership Requirements



Important Reminders:

- Membership cards will only display those memberships for which all requirements have been met
- Those with incomplete requirements will remain on ineligible status
- Members on ineligible status are not eligible to participate in U.S. Ski & Snowboard events until all requirements are met
- FIS registrations will be activated once all U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership requirements are successfully completed
- Register early! We recommend registering a minimum of 3 weeks prior to participation

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Club Registration Process



- New deadline for club registration of December 31, 2020 after which a \$50 late fee will apply
- Clubs will be processed when Club Minimum Standards are met
- Club Directory changes - only current clubs will appear
- Online registration club drop down listing - only current clubs will appear
- Clubs may submit a roster of active members by email to Member Services once the club has been activated
- Please plan ahead. Early registration is key!

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Club Minimum Standards Update



Club Membership 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.
- All club coaches regardless of participation in U.S. Ski & Snowboard events must be members.
- Club must provide a list of board members for auditing purposes.
- *Exemption:* Academic faculty and staff, such as teachers, who are not directly involved in sport programs with athletes are exempt from membership; however, we recommend similar background screening.

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Club Minimum Standards Update



Athlete Safety Compliance

- MAAPP:
 - Club must adopt and enforce U.S. Ski & Snowboard Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) and provide education to all constituents including club board members, staff, parents, athletes and volunteers on limiting one-on-one interactions between certain adults who have regular contact with authority over minor athletes.
 - Club must offer and give training to minor athletes, with parent/legal guardian consent, to the U.S. Center for SafeSport's youth athlete online trainings (available from the Center and in age appropriate categories).
 - Parent and age appropriate training may be found on the [U.S. Ski & Snowboard's SafeSport Resource page](#).
 - Club must certify to U.S. Ski & Snowboard that it has implemented MAAPP and, when required, has obtained the appropriate parent/legal guardian consent as allowed under the MAAPP.
- Adhere to U.S. Ski & Snowboard's concussion policy.

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Business Entity

- Provide evidence of legal existence in their state of primary business operations.
 - For example, clubs must show that they are a licensed business entity in good standing.
- Examples of documentation may include a current business license, certificate of good standing from state in which the club is incorporated, a link to the business' page in the Secretary of State's business lookup in the state you are incorporated or other proof of business existence.

General Liability Insurance

- Demonstrate club possesses general liability insurance.
- This requirement may be satisfied either by joining U.S. Ski & Snowboard's CLIP program or providing U.S. Ski & Snowboard with satisfactory evidence of coverage with minimum coverage substantially similar to what is provided by CLIP.

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Club Minimum Standards Update



CLIP Requirements

- Membership is required for club members/participants. All club participants (board members, staff, all athletes, officials, and select volunteers) must hold an appropriate and current U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership.
- The low cost "General Member" option is available for those 17 and under who participate with the club but do not need a competitor's membership or require background screening or SafeSport training.

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Important Dates and Info



- October 15th - Early bird registration deadline
- Weekend Coverage runs October – March
- Contact Information
 - membership@usskiandsnowboard.org
 - 435-647-2666
 - Online Chat

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Addendum Two

2022 OLYMPIC PROCESS SNOWBOARD

OLYMPIC TEAM SIZE PER NATION
 Max 26 total
 Max 14 Per Gender
 Max 4 Per Gender/Per Event
 *Includes HP, SS/BA, SBX, PGS
 *Slopestyle & Big Air considered 1 event
 *Team size per event/gender earned as outlined below



OLYMPIC FIELD SIZES (Men & Women same field size)

Halfpipe	24
Snowboardcross	32
Slopestyle/Big Air	30
Parallel Giant Slalom	32



OLYMPIC NATIONS QUOTAS
 Earned by athlete's cumulative results in all WC & WCH July 1, 2020 – January 16, 2022.
 SS/BA athlete best 4 BA + best 6 SS + 2021 WCH

Number of athletes per nation/event/gender on ranking list ,within the Olympic field sizes above, equals Olympic Nations Quota for that Event/Gender - up to max team sizes above

*Eg: 3 HP U.S. Men in Top 24 of ranking list on Jan 16, 2022 equals up to 3 U.S. HP Men could be nominated to 2020 Olympics

INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS
 1 Top 30 WC/WCH between July 1, 2020 - January 16, 2022
 50 FIS Points in HP and SS/BA (Big Air requires 50 points in BA or SS)
 100 FIS Points for PGS & SBX event on Jan 17, 2022 FIS points list
 All athletes must be born before Jan 1, 2007



USA OLYMPIC ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
 Up to 3 Athletes per gender/event by achieving the objective criteria

1. RANKING LIST OBJECTIVE CRITERIA
 Top 2 U.S. Athletes per gender/event if ranked within Top 6 of following Ranking Lists on Dec 22, 2021

HP World Snowboard Points List
 SS World Snowboard Points List
 SBX FIS Points List
 PGS FIS Points List

2. TRYOUT EVENT OBJECTIVE CRITERIA
 Top 1 U.S. Athlete per gender/event, along with any quota slots available after applying the Ranking List Criteria, with a Top 3 result at the identified tryout events in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 season
 *Specific tryout event schedule to be confirmed

DISCRETION CRITERIA
 To be eligible for discretion, athlete must have achieved Top 20 ranking or a World Cup (or other elite event) Top 8 result in 2020-21 or 21-22 season to be nominated. Athletes may self nominate.

REMAINING TEAM NOMINATION CRITERIA
 Remaining nominations after Objective & Discretion determined by the following Ranking at the time of nomination. Highest ranked athletes up to the max per event/gender/team size:
 HP World Snowboard Ranking List
 SS World Snowboard Ranking List
 SBX FIS Points List
 PGS FIS Points List

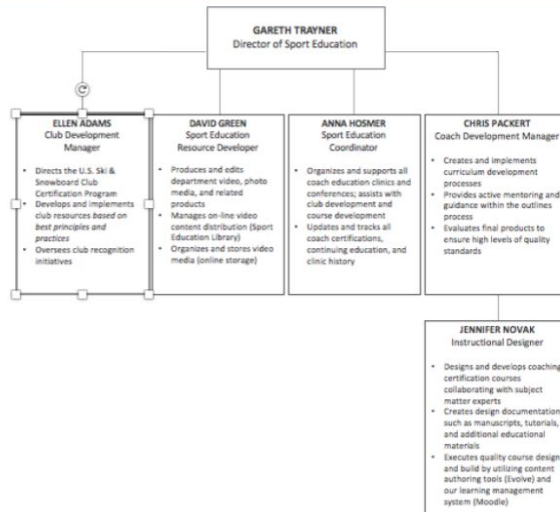


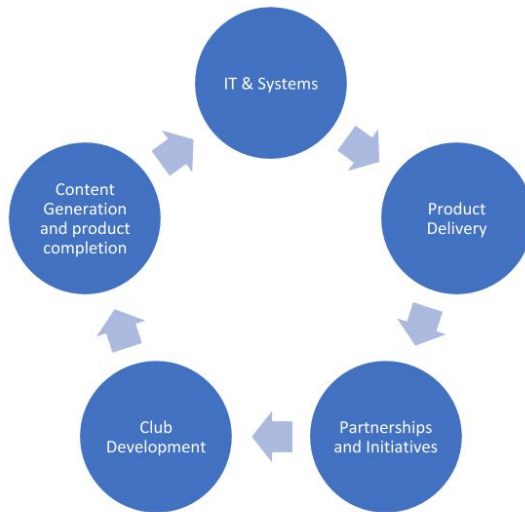
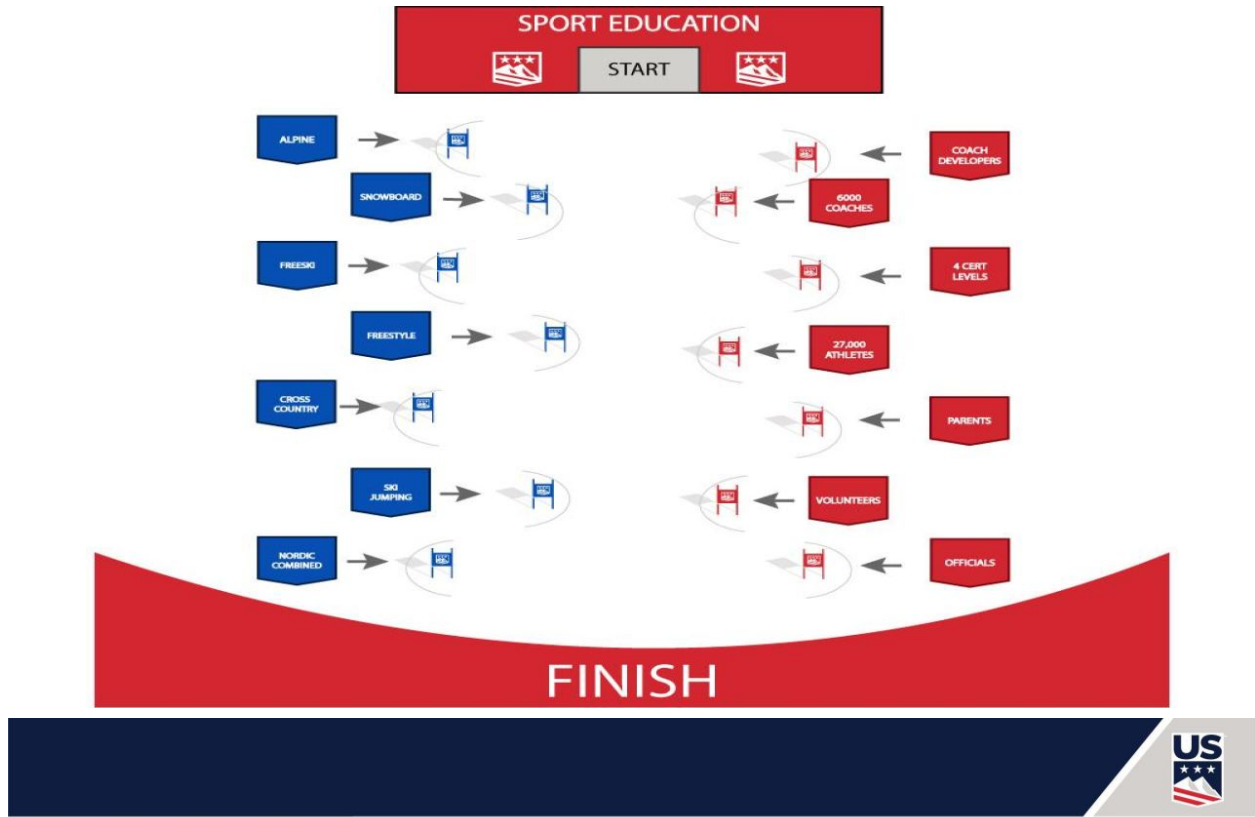
Sport Education Update

Review 2019-20 and into 2021

May 2020

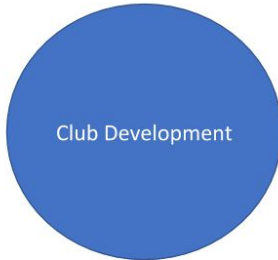
Sport Education - Team





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Club Development

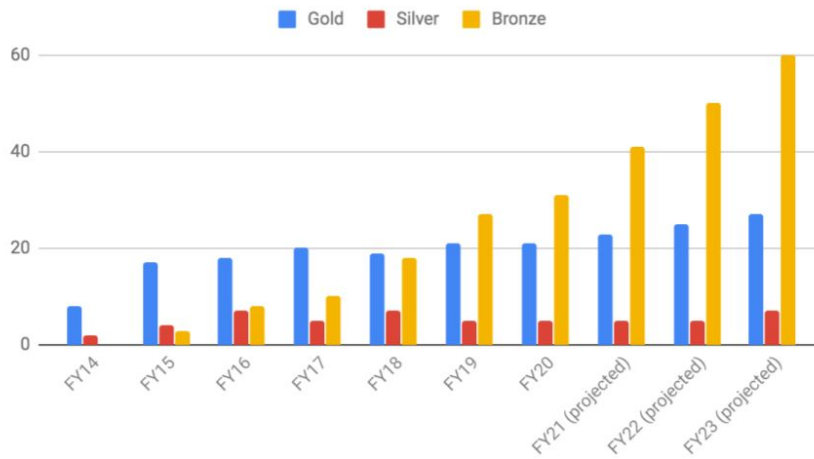


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FY20 Total Certified Clubs



Gold, Silver and Bronze - Total Clubs



Total Podium Certified Clubs	
FY14	10
FY15	25
FY16	33
FY17	35
FY18	46
FY19	53
FY20	57 (8 still in progress)
FY21(proj)	69
FY22(proj)	94

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CLUB DEVELOPMENT - FY 20 RECAP



- Podium Club Certification Program continues steady organic growth
- Continue shifting resources from Gold and Silver Certifications to bringing more clubs into the process at the Bronze level, while advancing others
- Working with High Performance on developing an audit process for Gold Certified Clubs
- Expanded Regional Club Excellence Conferences in partnership with Regions and Divisions
- Published Updated Guide to Club Excellence with Resource Library
- Alpine Club Working Group evolving
- Consulting projects: Franconia Ski Club
- Gender Inclusion in Ski & Snowboard Coaching Task Force
- SafeSport - Delivered MAAPP to clubs for implementation; Facilitated continuing education for clubs with SafeSport issues

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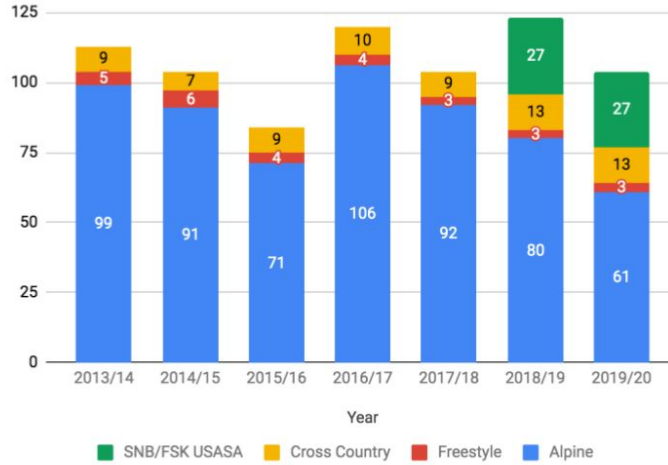
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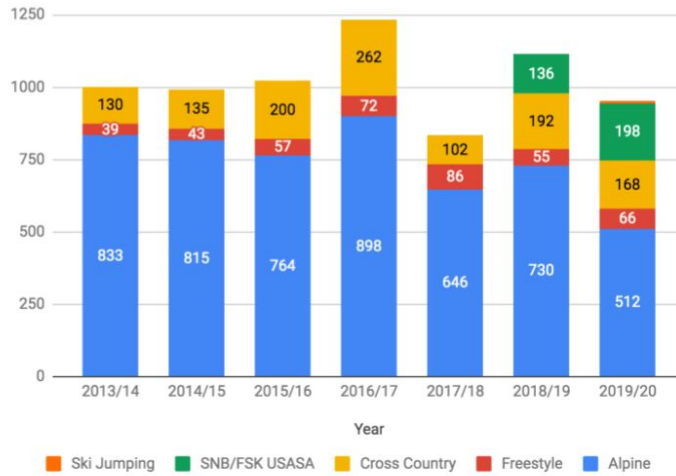


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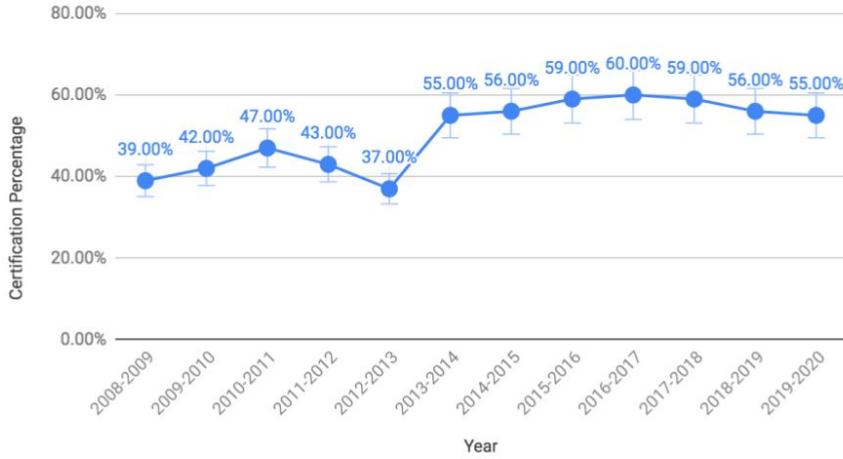


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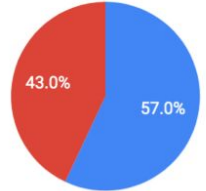


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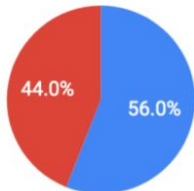


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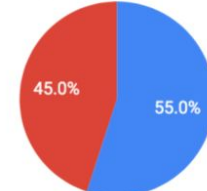
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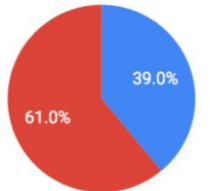
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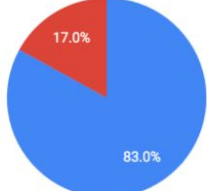
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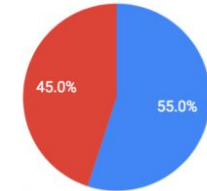
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Snowboarding & Freeskiing - USASA



● Certified ● Not Certified

Total Coach Membership



● Certified ● Not Certified

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Content Generation and Product Completion



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Identification of work flow 2021



15 x Courses developed and online in
2019/20

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Introduction to Avalanches



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Completion of L100 Snowboard



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Tactics

LEVEL 100

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Coach Developer Training



How do we select and train Coach Developers

- Identify and Recruit
- Train - Online and in person
- Peer review and shadowing
- Continued support and training
- Community Forum

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Our Curriculum Development Philosophy



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Product Line-Up



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Coach Education Pathway



COACH EDUCATION PATHWAY



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Addendum Four

2019-2020 SBX Athlete Report

The 2019-20 was the season of “Spring” for the SBX Team – one of fresh starts and budding new growth. It also saw the passing of the torch - one of our most decorated athletes and legend of the sport Nate Holland has decided to hang up the bib (for now) after a career that saw so many World Cup podiums and X-Games gold medals he could pave his driveway with them. While the elder statesmen moved on, the young guns stepped up – most notably first year team member Senna Leith grabbing his first ever World Cup podium.

The season started last July with a “Team Culture Rad Camp” in Whistler. We welcomed in our new coach Rob Fagan who has been an incredible asset and clicked with the athletes better than we could have hoped for, especially in his first season. We spent three days building the framework for the new team culture that we hope will help elevate athletes on and off the hill. SBX is known for having more than a few big egos that don’t always mesh, so it was refreshing to see everyone set aside their differences and come together for the greater good. There was feedback that this work is not complete, and athletes would like to see continued/consistent culture work moving forward.

While the race results from the season were slightly lower than we were hoping for, there is a real sense that the momentum is building and progress is moving in the right direction, especially with the younger athletes on the team. Most athletes voiced that they would love more World Cup race opportunities, and would really love to have the US go back to hosting an event – home field advantage is a real thing.

We are excited to continue to build genuinely positive team culture that will further elevate our athletic performance.

Addendum Five



2019-2020 Season Review

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:

PAID: 5189 (*Down 207 from 2019)

**Due to Covid-19 and the cancelation of the 2020 National Championships, March 11-31 YOY memberships typically increase by 225 Memberships. *adjusted total would have been 5414 (+16 from 2019)*

Snowboarders:

2971 (-174 from 2019) **One Day:** 102 (Down 82 from 2019)

Skiers:

1992 (+61 from 2019) **One Day:** 123 (Down 15 from 2019)

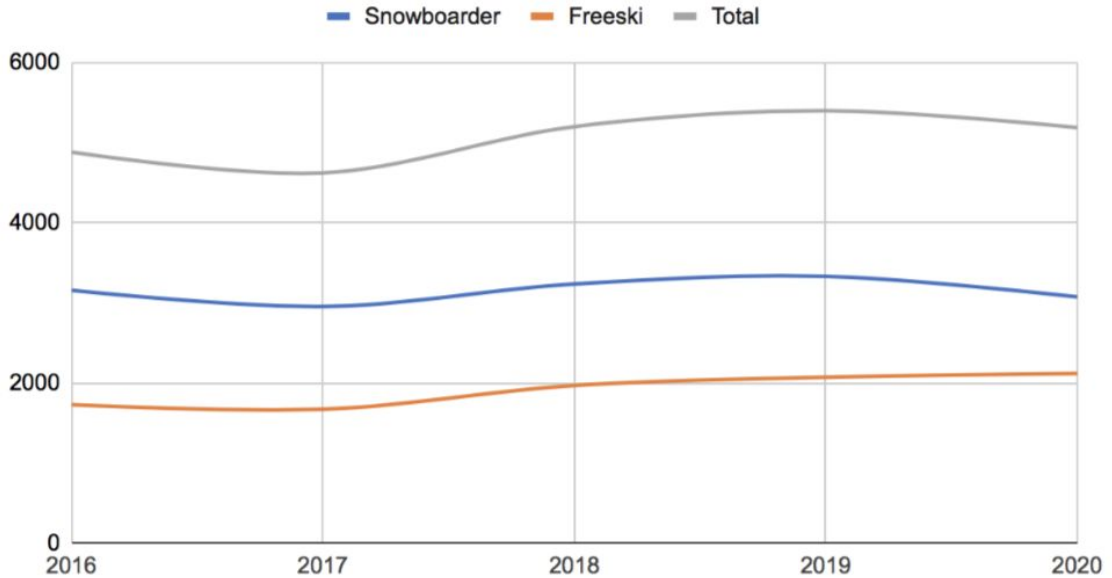
Actual 2019/20 Membership By Age - 5189

< 6 - 124	7- 140	8 - 167	9 - 269	10 - 286
11 - 364	12 - 429	13 - 498	14 - 440	15 - 400
16 - 323	17 - 263	18 - 144	19 to 22 - 285	23 to 29 - 318
30 to 39 - 350	40 to 49 - 248	50 to 59 - 112	60 & over - 30	





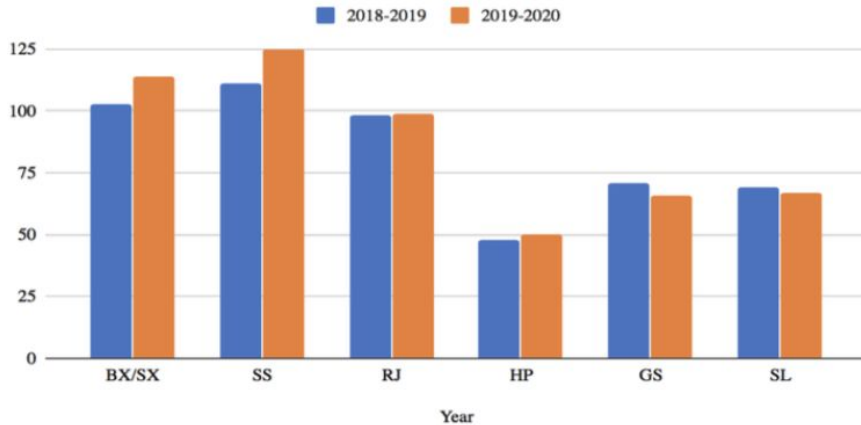
Snowboarder, Freeski and Total Members



Membership Summary: We continue to see a steady trend of memberships increasing. There were a couple of factors that impacted the trend lines for this season. #1 Saw the exit of most Chinese regional athletes that were engaged in the Mt Hood/Central Oregon series (-155 combined YOY decrease) #2 Covid-19 and the cancelation of National Championships which produces 200-250 memberships each year from March 11-31.

Total Events

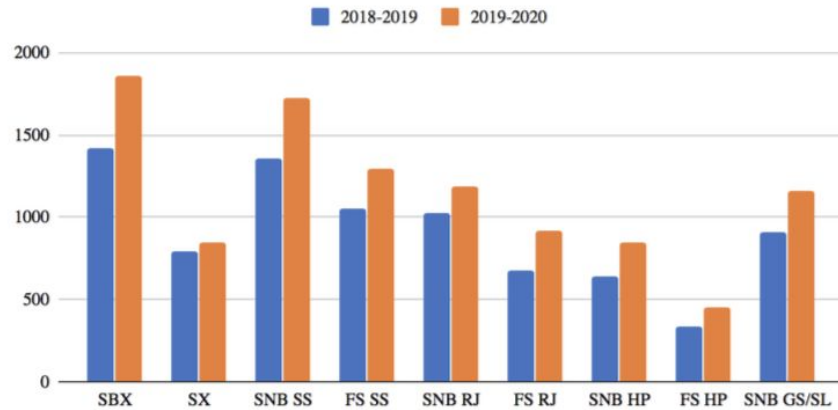
YOY Number of Events





Event Summary: 30 USASA series held a total of 521 Regional Qualifying Events. Snow Ohio did not participate this year and last year also saw the closing of Raging Buffalo Series. The total events increased by 21 nationwide for 2019-2020.

Participation: YOY USASA Athlete Participation By Discipline



Participation Summary: We saw steady regional athlete participation increases across all disciplines. While some of this can be attributed to 21 additional regional events, the fuller fields across most regions in breaker, youth and junior age classes point to a more competitive environment due to the adjusted cap sizes for qualifying for the 2020 National Championships. With constructive feedback from the sport committees in 2019 we decreased field sizes to be able to provide longer practice times and a smaller, higher quality event for the 2020 National Championships. This resulted in more participation regionally in the breaker, youth and junior age classes.



2020 National Championships: Cancelled due to Covid-19. All athletes that were qualified based on hard caps, received an email letter of recognition and will receive a signed certificate in the mail. Several highlights were on the table for this year. We were looking forward to rolling out a new online scoring model in cross and freestyle events through Live Heats™. This will increase the spectator involvement and build on the Team App platform. We also added snowboard Big Air and had secured FIS sanctions across all available disciplines for Open Class events including Nor-am Finals for cross disciplines.



NATIONAL RANKING UPDATE: Current 2019-2020 National ranking in each discipline will be ranked against a modified [point value](#) to express a “result” value for the current season. This result will transfer to next season as the first result of the new season. Top 3 Championship Medals will be distributed later in the spring.

From the USASA Technical Commission- “We assigned a point value / rank to all active competitors in each discipline they participated in during the current 19/20 season. In most years the points used to open the next season are acquired from the National Championship results by only the athletes that participated in the championship. In lieu of the previously employed methodology it was decided that all active currently ranked athletes would receive points based on their final place as ranked in the 2019-2020 end of season national ranking for each discipline. Using Section rule 700 “Points System” as the basis and awarding a 5 point bonus down to the end of the list of competitors, each active member from the 19/20 season will receive points and a corresponding opening position / rank in the National Rankings to begin the 20/21 season. This will allow all athletes to carry forward a mark based on the aggregate of the current seasons results.

Futures Tour Recap

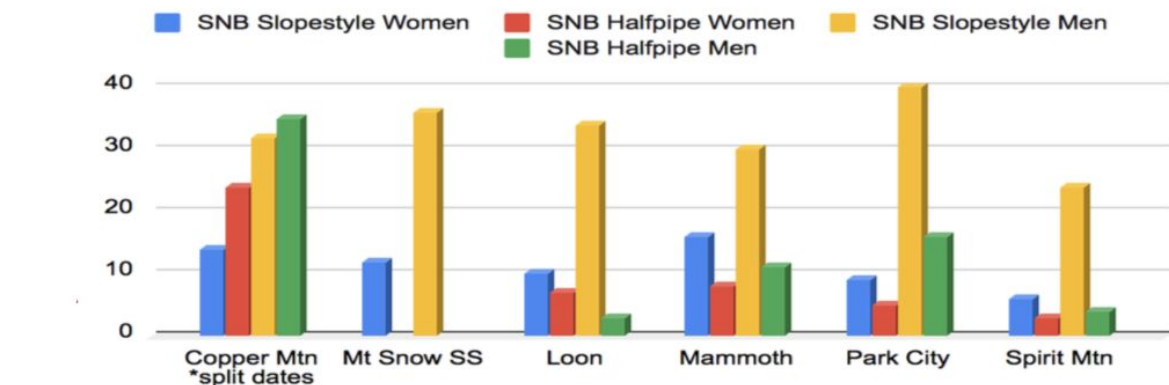
- 6 Event Locations
- 5 HP FIS/USASA Events
- 6 SS FIS/USASA Events
- 751 Total Starts (Snb 379, Freeski 372)



Snowboard

Futures Tour Tracker	SNB Slopestyle Women	SNB Halfpipe Women	SNB Slopestyle Men	SNB Halfpipe Men
Copper Mtn *split dates	14	24	32	35
Mt Snow SS	12		36	
Loon	10	7	34	3
Mammoth	16	8	30	11
Park City	9	5	40	16
Spirit Mtn	6	3	24	4
Total	67	47	196	69
AVG	11.2	9.4	32.7	13.8
				379

2020 Futures Tour Snowboard

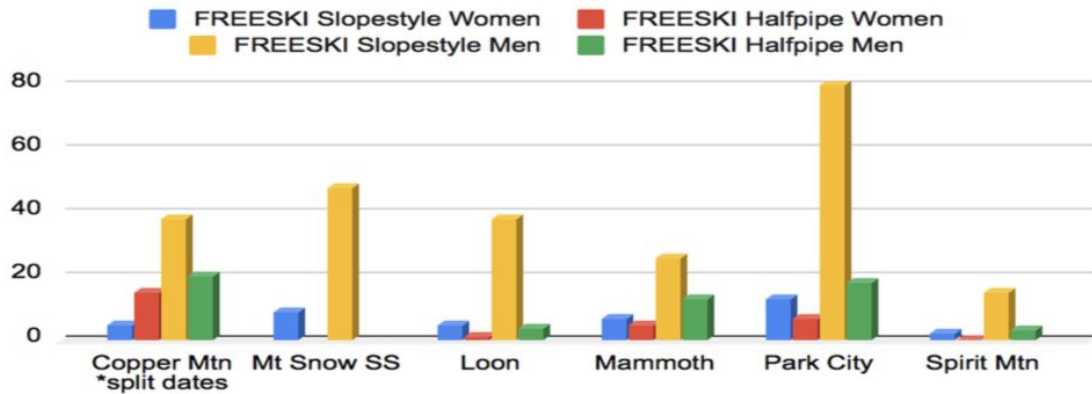




Freeski

Futures Tour Tracker	FREESKI Slopestyle Women	FREESKI Halfpipe Women	FREESKI Slopestyle Men	FREESKI Halfpipe Men
Copper Mtn *split dates	5	15	38	20
Mt Snow SS	9		48	
Loon	5	1	38	4
Mammoth	7	5	26	13
Park City	13	7	80	18
Spirit Mtn	2	0	15	3
Total	41	28	245	58
AVG	6.8	5.6	40.8	11.6
				372

2020 Futures Tour Freeski



Individual Athlete Breakdown

	FS HP	FS SS	SB HP	SB SS	Nations
Women	23	29	32	38	9
Men	49	146	53	110	12
Total	72	175	85	148	



SafeSport/NCSI
USASA MAAP Compliance -adopted November 2018



- 696 - Adult Competitors
 - 578 - Active - Both NCSI screening and SafeSport Trained
 - 4 - Overturned redlight flags via USASA NCSI Appeals Committee
 - 118 - Pending (missing one or both of components missing below)
 - 9 - NCSI red light
 - 95 - No NCSI screening
 - 61 - No SafeSport Training

- 886 - Non-Competitors- Officials, Judges, Coaches
 - 660 - Active - NCSI screening, Safesport Trained, Current Education & (CDC / FirstAid if required)
 - 1 - Overturned red light flags via USASA NCSI Appeals Committee
 - 226 - Pending (missing one, two, three, four or all of the components missing below)
 - 4 - NCSI red light
 - 99 - No NCSI screening
 - 48 - No SafeSport Training
 - 78 - No CDC Concussion Training
 - 116 - No First Aid Training
 - 51 - Expired education

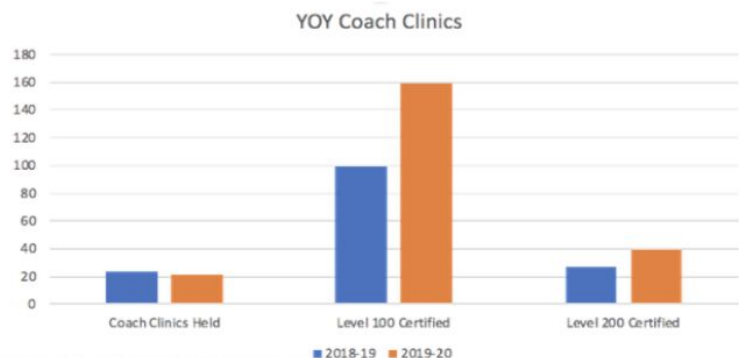


USASA Educational Clinics 2019-2020

USASA continued the partnership with US Ski & Snowboard through the work of the education committee and the Sport Education Department to finalize the updated coaching materials for level 100. USASA facilitated the coach developer training and delivery of these materials through regional classroom/on-snow two-day clinics. 21 clinics were held that certified 198 coaches (LVL 100=159 LVL 200=39). We will continue to work through some of the early challenges with the new format and the education committee is actively pursuing improvements already this spring.

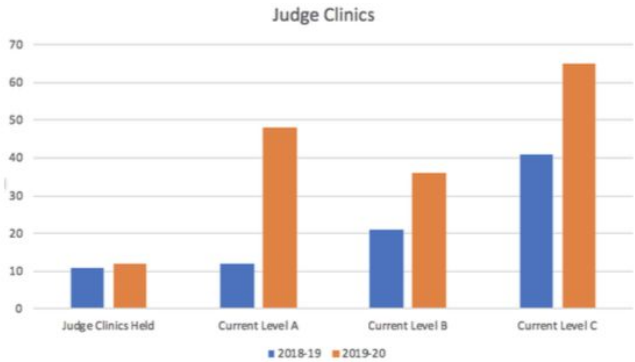
Current USASA Coaches -662

LVL 100 =419
LVL 200 =147
LVL 300 =84
LVL 400 =12

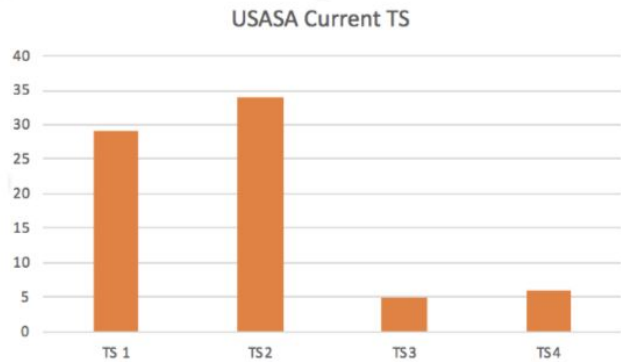




Judge Education: USASA held 12 regional judge clinics this year using a blended sport method for Freeski and Snowboard. Several USASA Judges and Judge Developers attended the FIS Judges clinic in Park City in the Fall. We continue to pass down FIS/IJC/AFP and applicable judge education materials where needed along with current USASA footage for trick recognition. We also held one online judge clinic. New for next year we will expand the USASA Freestyle commission to include a chair position for both Freeski and Snowboard. Please reach out to Jason Arens or Dave Morris to be included in this committee.



Technical Supervisors- TS: We successfully certified 11 new USASA TS's through 2 regional clinics this year. There are currently 74 USASA valid TS's. Each current USASA TS has been trained and certified in person by a US FIS TD in the last two seasons. The USASA TS training program requires in person training every two years and an annual online update. Every USASA event must be supervised by a qualified USASA certified TS. For 2019 USASA brought forward 4 USASA TS's as FIS TD candidates during the fall TD update. This group has begun their shadow events and most will be active FIS TD's for the upcoming year.



All current USASA TS 4 are FIS TD's with Olympic, World Championships, and World Cup TD experience across all Freeski and Snowboard disciplines.



Age Class Change - *New for 2020-2021

Intent:

1. Match USASA age class to meet harmoniously with FIS/WRT ages.
2. Address young athlete participation levels to be closer in line with LTAD [US Training Systems](#) sport development model.
3. Increase opportunity at college ages

To better align the USASA with age / competition classification used with other dual sanctioning partners across the globe the following was accepted for the 2020-2021 season by the USASA Technical Commission.

2020-2021 Season Age Class **new designation - regional competitions only*

* Rascals	6 <	Regional competitions only	
Ruggie	7 - 8	Grom	9 - 10
		Menehune	11 - 12
Breaker	13 - 14	Youth	15 - 16
		Junior	17 - 18
Jams	19 - 22	Senior & Up	No Change

2020-2021 Season RJ Class **new designation - regional competitions only*

* 6 & Under Girls	* 6 & Under Boys	7 - 10 Girls
7 - 10 Boys	11 - 14 Girls	11 - 14 Boys
15 - 22 Women	15- 22 Men	23 & Over Women
23 & Over Men	Open Class Women	Open Class Men

Discussions will continue on how to best address Ruggie/Grom Overall awards and participation at the National Championships level. USASA would like to form a task force to review and report back to the USASA Technical Commission. Led by coach representatives and interested members of the community. Please reach out to the coach reps to be involved.

New Board Seats: We welcome new Coaches Reps for the 2020 USASA Executive Board
 Welcome _____ for Snowboard and _____ for Freeski. These were voted on last week by the USASA coaches for a two year term.





Summary:

USASA is experiencing a remarkable 15% combined sport growth trend from 2017-2020. Though 2020 appears to level off in overall membership numbers, the significant increase in regional participation points to more efficient event planning and tighter caps at National Championships. Our continued focus on serving sport through Series Director led community outreach, quality event planning, and an attractive grass roots pricing model, (0/50/100,) is proving to be a consistent formula for growth. We continue to develop our coaches, officials, and judge's educational offerings and have now expanded our event delivery capabilities for 2019-2020.

In partnership with US Ski & Snowboard, The Futures Tour™ demonstrated the ability for USASA Series Directors to work with existing regional club and resort partners to bridge a critical gap in sport development for freestyle athletes. USASA members gained an important regional competition experience that better prepares them for FIS Nor-am competitions and beyond. With continued partnership, community support and the on the ground service provided by regional Series Directors, we are excited to expand this offering in other areas of the Freeski and Snowboard pipeline for 2020-21 if needed.

New costs associated with USOPC and SafeSport compliance standards continue to drive higher memberships prices for all non-competitor and adult memberships in the future. We are actively pursuing alternatives in delivering the same quality service and compliance measures and hope to be able to make an announcement by the start of the 2020-21 season.

Due to the cancelation of the 2020 National Championships the USASA lost a significant source of revenue and incurred a substantial budget deficit outlook. Through the USASA online relief auction and community support we were able to raise over 60k in two weeks towards this cause! The outpouring from the community speaks volumes to the commitment of USASA stakeholders and we are forever thankful and grateful. Though the path forward is still a bit unclear, we are prepared to open the 2020-2021 season a month earlier than expected, and will now begin on June 1st

The last six weeks have proven that a sport community can prosper even in the most challenging times. The sports we serve and the athletes within it, have become the beacon of hope that guide us all through this process. Together, we will embrace these challenges and move forward for the future of Freeskiing and Snowboarding.

Stay Safe and Be Well,

Michael Mallon
USASA Executive Director

