



ROCKY MOUNTAIN FREESTYLE/FREESKI COMPETITIVE SERIES GUIDE (COMP)

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ABOUT

Rocky Mountain Freestyle/Freeski is a committee of the Rocky Mountain Division of USSA. Rocky Mountain Freestyle/Freeski may also be referred to as Rocky Mountain Freestyle/Freeski Association or The Rocky Mountain Freestyle/Freeski Competition Committee.

The Rocky Mountain Freestyle/Freeski Competition Committee is operated by a volunteer Competition Board under the authority of the Rocky Mountain Division of USSA. The Board is comprised of an Executive Board including the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. In addition to the Executive Board, there is a Rules & Officials representative, a Judges representative, two Members-at-Large and three Athlete Representatives. All of these positions serve three year terms and are elected on a rotational basis so that no more than 1/3 of the board turns over in any given year. The following clubs have permanent voting positions on the board: Aspen Valley Ski Club, Durango Freestyle Team, Ski and Snowboard Club Vail, Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club, Team Summit, Telluride Ski and Snowboard Club and Winter Park Competition Center (Freestyle). New clubs wishing to join the committee must petition the committee for acceptance.

The purpose of the Rocky Mountain Freestyle/Freeski Competition Committee is to oversee, administer, program, sanction, staff, fund and manage Freestyle/Freeski Competitions in the Rocky Mountain Division providing a pathway to the USSA's Freestyle/Freeski Points System. In addition, the committee is responsible for the administration and determination of the Colorado Ski Country USA's All Star program.

As a division of USSA, Rocky Mountain Freestyle/Freeski is guided by the principles, directives, and rules of USSA. Any deviations from USSA rules shall be carefully considered and shall not stray from the guiding principles of fair competition and good sportsmanship and they should not favor Rocky Mountain Freestyle/Freeski athletes over USSA members from other divisions. Rocky Mountain Freestyle values the health, safety, and well-being of all athletes. Rocky Mountain Freestyle operates in a fiscally responsible manner and makes decisions that are morally and ethically defensible.

CHAPTER 1: GETTING STARTED

WHY ROCKY COMPETITIVE (COMP) SERIES

Rocky Mountain Freestyle/Freeskiing offers a Competition Series (COMP Series) for age-appropriate Freestyle/Freeskiing athletes. The COMP Series program offers full USSA sanctioned competitions in moguls, dual moguls, aerials, slopestyle and halfpipe. This program requires a USSA Competitor membership and full Rocky Mountain Division membership. Competitors receive points on the USSA national points list.

The Rocky Mountain Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Committee (RMFCC) has established the following essential principles for the freestyle and freeskiing program in order of importance:

1. Safety of all competitors.
2. A fun and rewarding competitive experience.
3. The development of competitive freestyle and freeskiing athletes.

WHO, WHEN, WHERE

Competitions are organized throughout the winter season according to a pre-determined schedule that takes into consideration both Regional, National and International events, in conjunction with the USSA Points list, as outlined in the USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide published each season. The RMFFCC Board approves the upcoming season schedule at its annually scheduled fall meeting. The schedule is then published on the RMF website at www.rockymountainfreestyle.com. Registration for the scheduled events are opened at the discretion of the RMFFCC.

Competitions are held at various ski resorts in Colorado and are published on the season schedule. Competitors are reminded that they are guests of each mountain during freestyle and freeskiing competitions. Competitor conduct is very important to the image that we project to both the skiing public and the host mountain management. All resort rules must be followed and line cutting is not allowed. The Competition Jury can disqualify any competitor from an event for violating resort rules.

The Freeskiing Subcommittee is responsible for developing aerials, halfpipe and slopestyle freestyle skiing for Rocky Mountain Freestyle competitors. They establish rules suitable for these athletes, working with the ski areas to produce a schedule, set the entry fees and inform the RMFCC of the progress of the Freeskiing program.

AGE Classes

Age groups are determined by the athlete's age as of December 31st of the current competition season. Rocky Mountain Freestyle COMP Series events are open to all competitors with the USSA Competitor license.

6 and under – U7 *	13 and 14 – U15	19 and 20 - Senior
7 and 8 – U9 *	15 and 16 – U17	21 and older - Veteran
9 and 10 – U11 *	17 and 18 – U19	
11 and 12 – U13 *		

* DEVO Series athletes may not “move-up” to a COMP Series event.

“Move-Up” Qualifications for RQS Athletes

A RQS Series athlete who “moves-up” more than the one allotted time or compete in more than two “restricted” events will be considered “moved-up” permanently to the COMP Series and will not be permitted to “move-down” to RQS. RQS athletes and parents should discuss “move-ups” to either unrestricted events or restricted events with their coach.

All RQS skiers are permitted to compete in one (1) Rocky Mountain COMP Series event without losing their RQS status and requiring an additional license. An RQS athlete may only move up to events that are classified as “Open” or “Junior” events; NO “Champ” or “Senior” move-ups are permitted. One weekend is considered to be one move-up, so an event with two days of Open Moguls is still considered one move-up event.

Occasionally, events will be classified as “Unrestricted move-up events”, which means RQS athletes can compete in these events without the event counting as an official move-up.

When registering for a COMP Series event as an RQS athlete, one must follow all the same registration procedures as a regular COMP Series athlete. In addition, they should note “RQS Move-Up” on the entry. Please visit www.rockymountainfreestyle.com for details on regular registration procedures.

MEMBERSHIP & LICENSES

All competitors must hold both a valid USSA Freestyle Competitor membership and a Rocky Mountain Division membership. Both of these memberships are obtained together through the USSA on a single application. Membership information (forms and payment options) are available online at www.ussa.org. A Rookie membership is available for first time competitors age 13 and up. Please see the USSA website for details.

Competitors who have not renewed their current memberships before their first competition will be required to complete a new application and pay the membership fees on-line before being allowed to register on-site. USSA membership cards should be carried by competitors at all competitions to verify membership.

USSA now offers a daily membership license for athletes U11 and under (age 10 & younger) for \$15/day and for U13 and older (age 11 & older) for \$25/day. Please note that these daily memberships are “per day.” A weekend constituting two days of competitions (i.e. Single Mogul and Dual Mogul) would require a two-day membership license.

Non-Rocky Division Competitors

Visiting competitors from other USSA divisions and foreign athletes may compete in a maximum of two Rocky events (i.e. up to two separate one-day competitions) without paying Rocky Mountain Division dues. If that competitor wishes to compete in additional events, then the Rocky Mountain Division dues are required. This payment will not cause the athlete’s home division designation to be changed.

EVENT FEES & REGISTRATION

Event fees for mogul events are \$60 for the first event, \$50 for the second event and \$45 for each additional event. Event fees for double freeskiing events are \$70 for the first double event, \$60 for the second double event and \$50 for each additional event. The fees for the RMF COMP Series Divisional Championships are \$80 for the first event, \$60 for the second event, and \$50 for the third event.

Pre-registration is required for all COMP Series events. This includes all Rocky and non-Rocky competitors. Deadline for event registration is 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time the Tuesday before a competition. However, registration may close earlier if the event becomes full. If an event becomes full, and there are later scratched athletes, then those openings may be filled as designated by the host team. Late fees will not apply.

Online registration at www.rockymountainfreestyle.com is the only method for registering for an event except that on-site registration may be allowed for events (**excluding dual moguls**) if the field is not yet full. A late fee of \$15 will be charged for all on-site registrations including U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and U.S. Freeskiing Team members. There is no registration by fax, phone, email or mail. Athletes must bring proof of their online registration to each event.

Event Payment & Refunds

MasterCard and VISA are accepted for online registration (remember, VISA is the preferred credit card of the U.S. Ski Team).

Any competitor who submits a returned check or bad credit card will be considered a “competitor not in good standing” and will:

- 1) Not be allowed to compete in Rocky Mountain Freestyle and Freeskiing events.
- 2) Not receive any awards.
- 3) May not appear on the USSA points list until all funds due are paid in full.

Withdrawal requests received by 5PM on the Tuesday before the event are subject to the \$25 cancellation fee. Withdrawal requests received after the 5PM Tuesday cutoff do not receive any refund. If a refund is issued for medical reasons, a medical release is required before the athlete can return to competition. Refunds are not provided if an event is cancelled or delayed for reasons outside of RMFFCC’s control, unless there is sufficient notice of the event cancellation.

BIBS

Bibs are mandatory for official training, competition and award presentations. Bibs must be worn appropriately, visible to all course officials and in good condition. Bibs hanging from belts, boot bags or not worn appropriately will be addressed by course officials. Competitors who fail to comply with a request to wear a bib during official training or competition will be disciplined.

Bibs are issued at the competitor's first event of the season. This is your permanent number for the season. Unless there is a change in Rocky sponsors, athletes should reuse their bib from the prior season if it is in good condition. There is an additional \$30 fee to replace a lost bib during the season after the issuance of the competitor's initial bib. Loaner bibs are available for a weekend for a deposit of \$30 and a fee of \$10 (i.e. \$20 will be returned). All bib deposits are due in cash only. Please have exact change for a bib deposit.

ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

All competitors are obligated to understand and follow the Code of Conduct as outlined in the USSA Freestyle/Freeski Competition guide as published each season. Cases of athlete conduct brought before the Competition Committee will be addressed on the merits of a case by case basis.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

All parents are obligated to understand and follow the Parent Code of Conduct as outlined in the USSA Freestyle/Freeski Competition guide as published each season. Cases of parent conduct brought before the Competition Committee will be addressed on the merits of a case by case basis.

HELMET REQUIREMENT

All competitors must wear a helmet during competition and official training at all Rocky Mountain events.

CONCUSSION POLICY

Rocky Mountain Freestyle abides by the USSA concussion policy, as well as the Jake Snakenberg Youth Concussion Act as required by Colorado Law. All coaches and Technical Delegates (TD'S) must complete an annual Concussion Recognition Educational course. Athletes will be pulled from competition if a concussion is suspected.

CHAPTER 2: EVENT DESCRIPTIONS & RULES

OVERVIEW

Rocky Mountain Competitive Series competitions are held in accordance with the rules established in the USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide and exists to serve and promote the USSA freestyle and freeskiing community.

An event is defined as a single day of freestyle skiing competition. A meet consists of all freestyle skiing events on a specific competition weekend, including Duals

JUNIOR SINGLE MOGUL EVENTS

Junior mogul events are open to all junior competitors, age 18 (U19) and under as of December 31 of the competition season) holding a USSA Freestyle Competitor or Rookie membership. Field size is limited to the first 90 entrants. All athletes will receive two runs unless there are adverse course conditions.

Run Order: The first run is a random order. The second is a different random order.

Forerunners: Four forerunners per gender will be selected from the top finishers of the previous junior single mogul event.

OPEN SINGLE MOGUL EVENTS

Open single mogul competitions are open to all competitors holding a USSA Freestyle Competitor or Rookie membership up to the first 110 entrants. All age groups are welcome. Depending on field size and course or weather conditions, a performance cut, as determined by the Competition Jury, may be necessary to accommodate a second run.

Run Order: The first run is a random order. The second run for both men and women begins with the 16th qualifying position moving to 1st position, then 17th position moving down the qualifying order.

Forerunners: Four forerunners per gender will be selected from the top finishers of the previous Open single mogul event.

CHAMP SINGLE MOGUL EVENTS

CHAMP Single Mogul events are restricted to 'permanent' COMP Series athletes of all age classes. RQS athletes may not "move-up" to a CHAMP event. New 'permanent' COMP series athletes must have competed in at least two (2) COMP series events from the prior season in order to qualify to compete in a CHAMP event.

- (1) The RMFCC, at its discretion, will allow a limited number of entries from other divisions including foreign athletes.
- (2) Qualified athletes from other divisions (including foreign) may petition the RMFCC for entrance into a CHAMP event.

There is a registration cap of 150 athletes. There is a performance cut to the top 20 competitors per gender unless a deeper cut is required due to course or weather conditions.

Run Order: Same as Open Single Mogul events.

Forerunners: The top four forerunners per gender will be selected from the most recent FFSP list.

DUAL MOGUL EVENTS

Dual Mogul events are open to all competitors holding USSA Freestyle Competitor or Rookie memberships. There is no limit on field size. The top 16 competitors per gender will be seeded off of the most recent FFSP list, and the remaining competitors will be randomly seeded. Athletes must verify they are on the official registrant list the day before the event and no later than 3:00pm. They cannot be added once the seeding/run order process has been completed. It is not possible to add competitors on the day of the competition if they were left off the registrant list for any reason. There is no registration the morning of a dual mogul event.

During a dual mogul competition, each competitor is allowed a maximum of one false start per event without receiving an RNS. A subsequent false start by the same competitor will result in an RNS for the round in which the second false start occurs, allowing his or her opponent to advance to the next round. The chief of start will announce each false start to the competition jury. This rule supersedes the corresponding USSA rule regarding dual moguls false starts for RMF Competitive Series events only.

AERIAL, SLOPESTYLE AND HALFPIPE EVENTS

Aerial events are held on an aerial jump hill that offers at least three different size jumps. Slopestyle events are 2 to 5 hits held in a terrain park and may include optional rails. Halfpipe events are held in the resort's existing halfpipe or superpipe. Multiple events may be held in the same day. Field size is limited to the first 100 entrants.

Devo/RQS athletes are invited to participate in any Rocky aerial, slopestyle or halfpipe event provided their coach approves the athlete for his/her selected aerial maneuvers in accordance with Section 3070 of the USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide.

Run Order: The first run is random order. The second run order is identical to the first. For aerials, the competitor must perform a different jump on each run and must call the jump.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN COMP SERIES DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Divisional Championships are restricted to COMP Series athletes. 'Move-Ups' are not accepted.)

The Rocky Mountain Divisional Championships series may consist of moguls, dual moguls, aerials, halfpipe, and slopestyle events.

Divisional Championship events are only open to Rocky Mountain Division Freestyle and Freeskiing members who have declared Rocky Mountain as their division with USSA. Rocky Mountain Division mogul and dual mogul athletes must compete in the Rocky Mountain Divisional Championships in their respective disciplines to be eligible to compete in Junior National Championships and/or U.S. Freestyle Championships.

If an athlete is physically unable, yet required to compete, a medical waiver from a licensed physician must be submitted to the RMFFCC secretary prior to the Divisional Event, or immediately following, in the case of an injury at Divisional training.

Rocky Mountain Divisional Championships may be held across different resorts as posted in the official schedule. Entry to the moguls Divisional Championship event requires a pre-requisite of skiing in two (2) mogul events and one (1) dual mogul event in the current season. There are no event caps for Divisional Championship events.

Qualification:

For moguls, the athlete must have competed in at least two (2) Rocky Mountain Competitive Series Junior, Open or Champs events during the season. For dual mogul's, the athlete must have competed in at least one Rocky dual mogul events during the season. Aerials, Halfpipe and Slopestyle are open to all Rocky COMP Series athletes and do not require participation in a previous Rocky event.

Combined Champions:

In accordance with the Junior National Championships selection criteria, one male and one female competitor will be named as the Rocky Mountain Combined Champion based upon place points from the Divisional Championships Moguls, Aerials, Slopestyle and Halfpipe events. These two athletes are entitled to compete in each of the three disciplines at Junior National Championships and will be added above the JNs quota. (Reference Junior Nationals section in the USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide).

Rocky Mountain Divisional Allocation to Junior National Championships:

In the event that Rocky does not fill all allocations via Junior National's selection criteria, those positions will be designated as follows. For Aerials, Slopestyle and Halfpipe, the highest finishers from the designated competition that precedes Points List #3, will receive those allocations. For moguls and dual moguls, the divisional allocation will go to the highest finishers on Points List #3.

Rocky Mountain Divisional Allocation to U.S. Freestyle Championships:

Rocky's divisional allocation to the U.S. Freestyle Championships for each event type (Moguls, Duals, Aerials and Halfpipe) shall be highest finisher from the respective Rocky Divisional Championship event who did not qualify for U.S. Freestyle Championships. For moguls, the divisional allocation will come from the mogul event at Divisional's. In the case of a tie in dual moguls, the tiebreaker will be the highest ranked athlete from the FFSP list used for U.S. Freestyle Championships invitations.

U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and U.S. Freeskiing Team Policy

U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and U.S. Freeskiing Team "A" and "B" members are welcome to compete in any Rocky Mountain Freestyle competition at no cost but must comply with the RMF registration and late fee policy. Rocky Mountain U.S. "C & D" Team members who agree to pay for and attend Divisional Championships may ski free at divisional events. Rocky Mountain U.S. "C & D" Team members must have paid the RMD membership to receive this benefit. Non-Rocky Mountain U.S. "C & D" Team members are subject to the normal fee schedule for non-team competitors.

RULES

Rocky Mountain Competitive Series competitions are held in accordance with the rules established in the USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide which can be found online at www.ussa.org.

Jump Qualifications

In accordance with Section 3070 of the USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide, athletes must qualify all aerial maneuvers performed at Rocky Mountain Division Freestyle and Freeskiing Mogul, Dual Mogul, Aerial, Slopestyle and Halfpipe events.

Jump qualifications are to be reported to USSA and to the Rocky Mountain Freestyle and Freeskiing office. This includes non-divisional athletes competing in Rocky Mountain events.

Start Orders

An official start order will be posted at the event check-in location. It is the athlete's responsibility to verify that they are on the start order before going on the mountain. Any omissions must be resolved with event officials prior to the start of the competition. Proof of registration is required if a competitor is not on the start order. Dual Mogul competitors are required to check the official entry list the day before the competition prior to 3:00pm to verify that they are on the list before the duals seeding and run order is prepared.

Scorecards

Whenever possible, original judges' scorecards will be given to the competitors.

COMPETITION SITE AGREEMENT (MO, DM & AE EVENTS)

Each host resort must provide the following items to produce a successful meet. In return, Rocky Mountain Freestyle will remit to the host resort a fee of \$300 per Mogul, Dual Mogul and Aerial competition day (training days excluded). Park and Pipe events are excluded. The host resort needs to submit an invoice at the completion of the meet. The host club will also receive a "head tax" from RMF as follows: \$4 for each competitor on day one of competition; \$3 for each competitor on day two of competition; and \$2 for each competitor on day three of competition. It is very important that each Freestyle Club associated with the resort or town be supportive of their area to help produce a quality Freestyle meet.

- 1) The host resort or club will provide a "Fact Sheet" with check-in location, times, training times, etc. to the RMF office two weeks before the meet, by e-mail at: WLana@RockyMountainFreestyle.com.
- 2) A level snow platform for our trailer, scaffolding and scoring tents must be built and given sufficient time to "set up," at least 72 hours before the arrival of our production crew. The dimensions of the platform are approximately 30'x 75' (the width of the course). The platform needs to be on the knoll for Aerial events and below the finish arena for Mogul events. The course must be roped off and closed before the arrival of our production crew. The finish arena for Moguls must be groomed according to FIS/USSA guidelines. *
- 3) Transportation to and from the competition course must be provided for our production trailer. The trailer is equipped with a pintle hitch appropriate for use with a snow cat. Transport will be needed the afternoon or evening before official training day, which is the day before the first competition event on a course. Coordinate the transport with Rocky Mountain Freestyle administrator Wendy Lana: WLana@RockyMountainFreestyle.com, 303.202.0534 ext. 202 or contact our driver, Wade Osborn, directly: 970-409-7023.
- 4) Course set up will be the morning of official training. The Technical Delegate will open official training after certification of the course specs. The course will be open to competitors during pre-set training hours. The course must be closed off during non-training hours.
- 5) **Ski patrol is recommended to be on site during official training.** Ski patrol must be on site during the competition. If ski patrol is not on site during official training, the Technical Delegate must have direct access to a ski patrol radio and the radio must remain on site. An equipped ski patrol sled must be on site at all times. The Technical Delegate must be informed as to how ski patrol will be provided at all times.
- 6) Each host resort or club must provide 5-8 volunteers and a couple of shovels to work course maintenance during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. These volunteers usually come from the host club. For example, Aspen area event volunteers will be provided by Aspen Valley Ski Club and volunteers for Steamboat Springs events will be provided by Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club.
- 7) A room or designated area must be available for event check-in from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM on each competition day. An area must also be available for awards to be presented at the close of each event. Access to photocopying should be available.
- 8) Competitors will be offered a special race day priced lift ticket for official training and competition days. (Most tickets range from \$30-\$50). Early access to the area for competitors and staff is advisable so the event may start on time. Lift access by 8:00 AM is preferred.
- 9) On the official training day, 17 complimentary passes are to be provided for production crew (2), technical delegate (1), and coaches (2 for each of the 7 visiting clubs). The resort will provide 40

free passes for event officials, volunteers, and Rocky Mountain Freestyle sponsors on each mogul competition day to be distributed as follows:

2 x Production Crew	1 x Announcer
1 x Technical Delegate	2 x Starters
1 x Head Judge	2 x Scorers
5 x Scoring Judges	2 x Hand Timers
1 x Judges' Assistant	2 x Runners
1 x Chief of Competition	14 x Coaches (2 for each of the 7 visiting clubs)
1 x Asst. Chief of Competition	5 x Rocky Mountain Freestyle Sponsors

The Chief of Competition will be responsible for distributing passes appropriately as outlined above. Any unused passes will be returned to the host resort at the conclusion of the meet's events.

- 10) The host club is asked to purchase 30 lunches and adequate bottle water per competition day at a maximum cost of \$300 total for crew and volunteers. RMF will reimburse the host club a maximum of \$300 upon submission of itemized receipts. These lunches need to be delivered to the competition course on the morning of each competition day.
- 11) The scoring crew & computer will need transport to and from the course on each competition day. It is recommended that an area radio be available to arrange this transport at the close of event check-in and at the completion of the event. Snowmobile is the preferred method of transport.
- 12) The host resort must provide venues that meet FIS/USSA course specifications. *

*Visit the FIS web site for course specifications: www.fis-ski.com

Rocky Mountain Freestyle thanks you for your support of amateur athletics and is available to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to call our office in Lakewood at 303.202.0534 ext.2. Additional information is available on our web site: www.rockymountainfreestyle.com.

CHAPTER 3: ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION OF USSA

FREESTYLE ALL STAR PROGRAM

Overview

Each year, Colorado Ski Country USA and Rocky Mountain Division announce a Colorado All Star Team. In recent years, Colorado Ski Country USA has allotted 19 Gold Passes to Freestyle each year good for unlimited skiing at each of the member resorts. After Vail Resorts withdrew from Colorado Ski Country USA, Vail Resorts has also awarded Vail Resorts passes to All Star Team athletes. Rocky Mountain Division (parent organization for Rocky Mountain Freestyle) provides 19 All Star Team jackets or backpacks to the deserving athletes. The current Colorado Ski Country USA Freestyle All Star Team size has 19 positions, but could be reduced in the future.

The purpose of Colorado Ski Country USA's All Star Team is to help Colorado athletes with their training and competition expenses.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for becoming an All Star Team athlete (Freestyle) are as follows:

- 1) Only Colorado residents with a Colorado mailing address are eligible. Three-year proof of Colorado residency may be required.
- 2) Athletes must have been active members of the Rocky Mountain Division of USSA for the past three years with no lapses in membership. RMD must be your home division for those three years and RMD divisional dues must have been paid. Athletes must have competed in two Rocky Mountain Freestyle events and the RMF Divisional Championships for each of those three years. Members must be in good standing with USSA and RMD.
- 3) Current US Ski Team members are ineligible. Further, they are removed from the USSA points lists for all remaining calculations.
- 4) From the season-ending Points List #5 of the previous season, those athletes who are both in the Top 5 and Top 5% of their respective discipline lists are selected to the All Star Team. For some disciplines, the "top 5%" criteria may be the limiting factor, resulting in only two or so eligible positions; Women's Slopestyle and Women's Halfpipe are examples. For other disciplines, the "top 5" criteria is the limiting factor; both Men's and Women's Moguls are examples. For example, a Slopestyle skier in 2nd position of a list of 40 athletes is in the Top 5 (2nd) and Top 5% (actually, exactly 5%); a Halfpipe skier in 2nd position of a list of 30 athletes would not qualify as he or she would fall below the 5% criteria. These criteria apply for all disciplines: Moguls, Dual Moguls, Slopestyle, Halfpipe, and Aerials. This selection criterion typically results in a list of approximately 12 athletes.

5) Next, only those disciplines that are 2018 Winter Olympic Sports are further considered. This eliminates Dual Moguls from further consideration. Athletes from these remaining disciplines are ranked according to their percentile rank and selected to fill the remaining spots to reach a team size of 19 athletes. For example, a Mogul skier in 15th position of 245 athletes (6.1%) would be named to the All Star Team ahead of a Halfpipe skier in 3rd position of 40 athletes (7.5%). Skier Cross is so new that there is no development pipeline points list and not included in the All Star calculations.

6) Typically, five alternates are named using the same criteria. Alternates will earn a spot on the All Star Team only in the event of retirements of athletes nominated to the Team who are above them on the list and from physical assessment testing no-shows of other athletes nominated to the Team who are above them on the list.

7) All Star Team candidates must complete RMD's Physical Assessment tests. They must also agree to participate in a minimum of three Rocky Mountain Freestyle events during the season, one of which must be a Divisional Championships event. They are required to sign a contract agreeing to these and other terms before receiving their All Star Passes and Team Jacket. Athletes will receive their passes and jackets at the Fall Festival banquet in October (usually the 2nd Sunday) which they are required to attend.

8) If the number of All Star Team spots is revised by Colorado Ski Country USA in the future, the first selection criteria will be revised to be 25% of the total number of All Star passes issued (rounded up to the nearest whole number). For example, if CSCUSA reduces the number of All Star athletes to 10, the first selection criteria would be "Top 3 and Top 3%" [$10 \times 25\% \Rightarrow 3$]; if they were to raise it to 40 athletes, the first selection criteria would be "Top 10 and Top 10%" [$40 \times 25\% \Rightarrow 10$].

9) There is no injury clause or other exceptions to the above rules. Each athlete must re-qualify for the All Star Team each year.

Athlete Responsibility

Membership on the All Star Team comes with responsibilities that must be met.

1) As mentioned above, successful completion of the Physical Assessment is required. It is the athlete's responsibility to arrive at the Physical Assessment physically fit and ready to demonstrate their athletic preparedness to RMD officials through a series of prescribed physical fitness tests. Athletes who are temporarily injured or ill are still required to attend the Physical Assessment to help conduct the tests; injured or ill athletes are expected to be well enough to fulfill the other responsibilities of the All Star Team during the regular ski season. In other words, the injury cannot be a "season-ending" one that would prevent an athlete from competing normally during the upcoming ski season.

2) All Star Team athletes must agree to a Code of Conduct and sign an acknowledgement of that Code of Conduct.

3) All Star Team athletes must write Thank-You letters to Colorado Ski Country USA and Vail Resorts prior to receiving their season passes from these organizations.

4) All Star Team athletes are required to compete in a minimum of three Rocky Mountain Freestyle Competitive Series events during the competition season. One of those events must be a Rocky Mountain Freestyle Divisional Championships event. An event is defined as one result on the appropriate USSA Points List. The purpose of this “three-competition” responsibility is to demonstrate a commitment to the Rocky Mountain Division; by competing in Rocky events, the All Star Team athletes are bringing their high USSA points back to the Division so that younger, up-and-coming athletes have a chance to compete against the best in our Division and earn higher USSA Points as a result of these head-to-head competitions. The hope is that these younger athletes will raise their own competitive abilities and improve their standing in the national rankings.

5) If an athlete suffers an injury that would prevent him or her from fulfilling his or her three-competition responsibility (e.g. a season-ending injury), he or she must provide medical documentation supporting his or her condition. Depending on the nature and severity of the injury, the athlete may be asked to surrender his or her All Star Team passes to RMD officials. An athlete who fulfills the terms of this injury exemption may re-qualify for the next season’s All Star Team if he or she meets the Eligibility Requirements as outlined in the above section; specifically, the athlete must still qualify based on their USSA points even if he or she was injured.

Athletes who accept their position on the All Star Team and fail to fulfill the responsibilities may have their season passes invalidated (“hot-passed”) and will be ineligible for the All Star Team for a period of three years even if all other requirements are met.

CHAPTER 4: OFFICIALS/EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Rocky Mountain Freestyle requires numerous Officials/Event Volunteers to help put on freestyle and freeskiing competitions for our athletes. Host clubs are expected to enlist the help of parents, siblings and friends to fill volunteer positions. Without our volunteers, it's difficult to run a smooth and successful competition. The following positions are staffed by unpaid volunteers for a Moguls and Dual Moguls competition:

- Chief of Competition (USSA Official's License Required)
 - Runs the competition and oversees all other volunteers; forms a member of the 3-person competition jury along with the head judge & technical delegate
- Assistant Chief of Competition
 - At larger events or when training a new chief of competition, an assistant chief of competition may be required
- Chief of Scoring (USSA Official's License Required)
 - Oversees the entry and verification of all competitor scores into a computer program that calculates competition results
- Assistant Chief of Scoring
 - Works closely with the chief of scoring; it's a two-person job
- Chief of Start (USSA Official's License Required)
 - Readies competitors in the start area and announces the official start of each competitor
- Assistant starter
 - Works closely with the chief of starting; it's a two person job
- Judge's assistant
 - Assists on the judging stand for Dual Mogul events
- Staple Queen or Staple Stud
 - Staples the judges' score cards for Mogul events
- Electronic timer
 - Works with the chief of scoring or the head judge to record competitor times on the score cards
- Hand timers
 - Two volunteers operate the backup, manual timing for Mogul events
- Finish Line Spotter
 - Provides visual backup for the judges for Dual Mogul events
- Runner(s)
 - Assists with running score cards from the judging stand to the scoring tent; may help deliver lunches, start orders, and other light-weight items to officials and volunteers
- Announcer
 - Makes official announcements over the PA system about the event and competitors on course

The Chief of Competition, Chief of Scoring and Chief of Start are "skilled" volunteer positions that require some training and experience through an apprenticeship program. Rocky Mountain Freestyle requires USSA-licensed Freestyle Officials for these positions.

Please volunteer to help out a Rocky Mountain Division Freestyle or Freeskiing competition coming to a ski area near you!