



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN FREESTYLE/FREESKI COMPETITIVE SERIES GUIDE (COMP)

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# COMP SERIES

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## ABOUT

Rocky Mountain Freestyle (RMF) is a volunteer Competition Committee under the authority of the US Ski & Snowboard Rocky Mountain Division (RMD). The Committee is comprised of an Executive Committee including the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. In addition to the Executive Committee, 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 RMF Competition Committee is to oversee, administer, program, sanction, staff, fund and manage Freestyle Competitions in the Rocky Mountain Division providing a pathway to the US Ski & Snowboard Freestyle Points System (FSP's). 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 US Ski & Snowboard, RMF is guided by the principles, directives, and rules of US Ski & Snowboard. Any deviations from US Ski & Snowboard rules shall be carefully considered and shall not stray from the guiding principles of fair competition and good sportsmanship and they should not favor RMF athletes over US Ski & Snowboard members from other divisions. RMF values the health, safety, and well-being of all athletes. RMF 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 offers a Competition Series (COMP Series) for age-appropriate Freestyle athletes. The COMP Series program offers full USSA sanctioned competitions in moguls and dual moguls. This program requires a US Ski & Snowboard Competitor membership and full Rocky Mountain Division membership. Competitors receive points on the US Ski & Snowboard national points list.

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

1. Safety of all competitors.
2. A fun and rewarding competitive experience.
3. The development of competitive freestyle 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 US Ski & Snowboard Points list, as outlined in the US Ski & Snowboard Freestyle Competition Guide published each season. The RMFCC approves the upcoming season schedule at its annually scheduled fall meeting. The schedule is then published on the RMF website at [www.rockymountainfreestyle.com](http://www.rockymountainfreestyle.com). Registration for the scheduled events are opened at the discretion of the RMFCC.

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 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.

## AGE Classes

Age groups are determined by the athlete's age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.rockymountainfreestyle.com) for details on regular registration procedures.

## MEMBERSHIP & LICENSES

All competitors must hold both a valid US Ski & Snowboard Freestyle Competitor membership and a Rocky Mountain Division membership. Both of these memberships are obtained together through the US Ski & Snowboard on a single application. Membership information (forms and payment options) are available online at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org). A Rookie membership is available for first time competitors age 13 and up. Please see the US Ski & Snowboard 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. US Ski & Snowboard membership cards should be carried by competitors at all competitions to verify membership.

US Ski & Snowboard now offers a short term membership option for athletes interested in trying the sport.

Short-Term membership guidelines (NEW 2017-2018 Season)

- o Limit of 2 short term membership purchases/events per person per season
- o Additional participation will require upgrade to regular membership
- o The amount previously paid for the short-term memberships will be applied towards the upgrade in the same season
- o Additional Short-Term memberships may be purchased directly through Member Services.

§ Call Member Services at [435.647.2666](tel:435.647.2666), send us email to [membership@ussa.org](mailto:membership@ussa.org) or send us a chat

§ Please purchase your short-term membership at least 24 hours prior to the event.

**PLEASE NOTE: RMF does not sell licenses. Please do not contact RMF to purchase licenses. Licenses are purchased through either US Ski & Snowboard's Member Services or Website.**

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 US Ski & Snowboard 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. 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](http://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 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 events.
- 2) Not receive any awards.
- 3) May not appear on the US Ski & Snowboard 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 RMFCC’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 US Ski & Snowboard Freestyle 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 US Ski & Snowboard Freestyle 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 Division events.

## **CONCUSSION POLICY**

Rocky Mountain Freestyle abides by the US Ski & Snowboard 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

RMF COMP Series competitions are held in accordance with the rules established in the US Ski & Snowboard Freestyle Competition Guide and exists to serve and promote the US Ski & Snowboard's freestyle 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 US Ski & Snowboard 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 US Ski & Snowboard's 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 US Ski & Snowboard 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 US Ski & Snowboard rule regarding dual moguls false starts for RMF Competitive Series events only.

## 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 and dual moguls events.

Divisional Championship events are only open to Rocky Mountain Division Freestyle members who have declared Rocky Mountain as their division with US Ski & Snowboard. 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 RMFCC 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.

### **Rocky Mountain Divisional Allocation to Junior National Championships:**

In the event that Rocky does not fill all allocations via Junior National's selection criteria 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 moguls and dual moguls shall be highest finisher from the Rocky Division 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 Policy**

U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and “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. “D” Team members who agree to pay for and attend Divisional Championships may ski free at divisional events. Rocky Mountain U.S. “D” Team members must have paid the RMD membership to receive this benefit. Non-Rocky Mountain U.S. “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 US Ski & Snowboard's Freestyle Competition Guide which can be found online at [www.usa.org](http://www.usa.org).

### **Jump Qualifications**

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

Jump qualifications are to be reported to US Ski & Snowboard and to the Rocky Mountain Freestyle 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 and DM 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 and Dual Mogul competition day (training days 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](mailto: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 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/US Ski & Snowboard 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](mailto:WLana@RockyMountainFreestyle.com), 303.202.0534 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](http://www.fis-ski.com)

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## CHAPTER 3: US Ski & Snowboard Rocky Mountain Division

### Colorado Ski Country USA ALL STAR PROGRAM

#### Overview

Each year, Colorado Ski Country USA and The 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 being nominated 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 is required.
- 2) Athletes must have been active members of the US Ski & Snowboard Rocky Mountain Division (RMD) 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 US Ski & Snowboard and RMD.
- 3) Current US Ski Team members are ineligible. Further, they are removed from the US Ski & Snowboard 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. For other disciplines, the "top 5" criteria is the limiting factor. 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.
- 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 nominees must accept their nomination by the nomination deadline as determined annually along with any supporting documentation requested. Failure to do so will result in the nomination being withdrawn.
- 8) All Star Team nominees are required to participate in the All Star Camp and attend Physical Assessments. This is usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend on September. No exceptions will be made to this requirement. Failure to participate in this requirement or any other All Star events will automatically forfeit the nomination.
- 9) All Star Team nominees must also agree to participate in a minimum of three (3) Rocky Mountain Freestyle events during the season, one of which must be the Division Championship event.
- 10) 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.
- 11) 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%" [ $40 \times 25\% \Rightarrow 10$ ].
- 12) 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 attendance at All Star Camp and completion of the Physical Assessment is required. It is the athlete's responsibility to arrive at the All Star Camp and 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 (3) Rocky Mountain Freestyle Competitive Series events during the competition season. One of those events must be the Rocky Mountain Freestyle Division Championship event. An event is defined as one result on the appropriate US Ski & Snowboard 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 US Ski & Snowboard 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 US Ski & Snowboard 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 US Ski & Snowboard’s points even if he or she was injured.

6) 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 (3) 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 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 US Ski & Snowboard licensed Freestyle Officials for these positions.

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