



## **2015 ROCKY MOUNTAIN FREESTYLE COMPETITION HANDBOOK**

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# **ROCKY MOUNTAIN FREESTYLE**

Rocky Mountain Freestyle/Freeskiing offers two levels of competition for our Freestyle/Freeskiing athletes. The first is a Developmental/Qualifying program that is primarily intended for entry and mid-level athletes. This fun program offers age class competitions and usually only requires a youth level USSA membership and Rocky Division Youth membership. The next step in competitor progression is our Competitive Series program that 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. More details about each of these two programs are provided below.

## **Rocky Mountain Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Committee (RMFFCC)**

RMFFCC 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 and 3) The development of competitive freestyle and freeskiing athletes.

### **Organization**

The RMFFCC is the governing board for Rocky Mountain Freestyle and Freeskiing. Board positions are elected for three year terms on a rotational basis so that only one third of the positions are elected each year. The executive committee consists of a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer. Other board positions are head judge, rules and officials, eight coaching representatives, three athlete representatives and two members at-large. Athlete representation equals at least 20% of the governing board.

### **Developmental (Devo/RQS) Freestyle Subcommittee**

The Devo/RQS Freestyle subcommittee is responsible for developing freestyle skiing for young, entry and mid-level competitors. They are responsible for establishing rules suitable for these athletes, working with the ski areas to produce a schedule and set the entry fees, and informing the RMFFCC of the progress of the Devo/RQS freestyle program.

### **Freeskiing Subcommittee**

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

## **General Rocky Division Competition Rules**

Rocky Mountain Competitive Series competitions are held in accordance with the rules established in the USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide.

### **Competition Definitions**

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.

### **Helmet Requirement**

All competitors, including Devo, 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 must complete an annual Concussion Recognition Educational course. Athletes will be pulled from competition if a concussion is suspected.

### **Jump Qualifications**

In accordance with Section 3070 of the USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide, athletes must qualify all aerial maneuvers performed at Rocky Mountain Freestyle and Freeskiing mogul, dual mogul, and aerial 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.

### **Age Groups**

Age groups for the Devo series is U13(J4) and younger. The age groups for the RQS series are U13(J4) and older. The Competitive Series events are open to competitors of all ages with the USSA Competitor license.

### **Other Considerations**

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.

### **Additional Information**

Rocky Mountain Freestyle and Freeskiing exists to serve and promote the USSA freestyle and freeskiing community. Please contact us if you have questions or have comments that could help to improve our program. Information and event schedules can be found on our website, [www.rockymountainfreestyle.com](http://www.rockymountainfreestyle.com), or contact our office by email [wlana@rockymountainfreestyle.com](mailto:wlana@rockymountainfreestyle.com), or by phone at 303.202.0534.

## **Major Events and Programs**

### **Developmental (DEVO) Program**

The Devo program may feature competitions in moguls, dual moguls, aerials, slopestyle, and halfpipe events. Competitions are hosted on weekends at several different resorts across Colorado. Devo moguls competitions include events that have one jump, with no timing, with each competitor receiving two runs, the better of which is counted. A three judge panel scores each of the competitors. Each season concludes with a Devo Championship event. The schedule and location of events are posted on the Rocky Mountain Freestyle website.

#### **Devo 1 : Age Requirements**

The Devo Program is a format designed for entry-level skiers, age U13(J4) and younger.

#### **Devo 2 : Points List**

Though Devo events are sanctioned by USSA, Devo events are considered “non-scored” USSA events and are not reflected on the USSA points list.

### **Devo 3 : Competitions**

Devo format mogul competitions will have 1 jump and will not be timed.

### **Devo 4 : Devo Championships**

The Devo Championships will be the last event of the Devo season. The Devo Championships shall be scheduled to occur after Regional Finals and will consist of up to three days of competition allowing for two runs in each event. The best performing male and female competitors in the Devo Championships, in each event, will be named the Devo “Event” Champion (e.g. Devo Mogul Champion).

### **Devo 5 : Quotas**

Regular Season: Devo regular season separate day competitions shall be limited to 90 competitors.

Devo Championships: Athletes must have competed in a minimum of two Devo events to qualify to compete in the Devo Championships. The event will be limited to 90 qualified competitors unless otherwise indicated on the official event schedule and approved by the RMFFCC.

### **Devo 6 : Forerunners**

The forerunners should be selected from age appropriate male and female athletes with the suggestion of the head judge for overall number.

### **Devo 7 : Start Orders**

Starts shall be run in order of age group beginning with the youngest age group and proceeding upwards in age. Males and females shall run separately within age groups, females first. Late entries shall run at the end of the appropriate field. Athletes left off the run order due to the organizer error shall run at the beginning of their age groups. The First and second run start order will be the same. The best scored run counts for awards.

### **Devo 8 : Awards**

For each event, organizers will award ribbons, medals or trophies to the top 10 places in each age group U7(J7), U9(J6), U11(J5), U13(J4) male and female.

Devo Championships: The organizer will award ribbons, medals or trophies to the top 10 places in each age group U7(J7), U9(J6), U11(J5), U13(J4) male and female and top 10 places overall male and female.

### **Devo 9 : Inverts and Off-Axis Jumps**

Devo aerial events - ALLOW INVERTS AND OFF-AXIS JUMPS for qualified athletes only.

Devo mogul events - DO NOT ALLOW INVERTS OR OFF-AXIS JUMPS.

Devo slopestyle events - ALLOW INVERTS AND OFF-AXIS JUMPS for qualified athletes only.

1. For Devo aerial and slopestyle events, athletes’ aerial maneuvers must be qualified in accordance with the current USSA rules, see section 3070 in the USSA Competition Guide. Also, any athlete performing an inverted or off axis maneuver must have an appropriately certified coach present.
2. If the Technical Delegate deems the situation unsafe; the site not appropriate; the athlete

- having problems with the jump, then the TD may exclude the jump from the competition.
3. All qualified jumps MUST be listed on the USSA Freestyle Jump Qualification List at the time of the event
  4. The competition jury will disqualify (DSQ) an athlete for attempting or executing a non-qualified jump. In the event the act is determined to be a deliberate violation the Jury should refer to Rule 3059 and recommend sanctions to the RMFCC.

#### **Devo 10 : Bibs**

Event organizers provide athletes with competition bibs at each event. The event organizers may ask for the competitor's USSA card or \$20 for a deposit in exchange for the bib at registration. Bibs MUST be returned at the end of the competition. Some organizers may ask for the bibs to be returned after each day's event.

#### **Devo 11 : Venues**

1. Devo moguls and aerials: Technical Specifications see Chapter 5 of the USSA Competition Guide.
2. Devo slopestyle: Technical Specifications see Chapter 5 of the USSA Competition Guide.

#### **Devo 12 : Loss of Ski**

A maximum of 15 seconds shall be allowed for loss of ski(s) in an event. In the event the 15 seconds is exceeded or the run is not continued the run shall be scored to the loss of ski(s).

#### **Devo 13: Pace Times**

Devo events are not timed, a pace time is not needed.

#### **Devo 14: Timing**

Devo events are not timed.

#### **Devo 15: Judging**

1. Devo events will use a minimum of three judges.
2. In aerial events jumps may be repeated and may be called down to the head judge.

#### **One-time Moguls Devo Move-ups**

The Devo Program is an introductory level program for Freestyle and Freeskiing skiers. A Devo program athlete age U11(J5) or older may, with the approval of their coach, move up to compete at ONE Rocky Qualifier Series event each year without losing their Devo status. It is desired that the move up event be at the competitor's home mountain. If a home event is not available, they can choose another RQS event for their single move up.

A Devo program athlete may, with the approval of their coach move up to compete at ONE Rocky Mountain Competitive Series "meet" each year without losing their Devo status or having to obtain a full USSA Competitor membership (a meet consists of all moguls events on a specific competition weekend, including Duals). However, a Devo athlete cannot move up to a Champs/Sr. event. Once a Devo athlete skis in their 2nd USSA scored Rocky Competitive Series event, they must remain at that upper level of competition. Please make sure to note "Devo Move-up" if registering for a Rocky Mountain Competitive Series event by emailing the RMF office at [wlana@rockymountainfreestyle.com](mailto:wlana@rockymountainfreestyle.com). One-time Devo move-ups do not receive USSA points at their move-up meet unless they hold a full USSA Competitor membership. Sometimes Competitive Series mogul events are designated as "unrestricted" Devo move-up events which means that a Devo athlete may compete in these events without the event counting as their one-time move-up.

## **Unrestricted Devo Aerial, Slopestyle and Halfpipe participation**

Devo competitors may, with the approval of their coach, compete in any or all of the Rocky Mountain Competitive program aerial, slopestyle and halfpipe events without losing their Devo status. Devo athletes are cautioned to ensure that their coach approves their jumps at these events in accordance with Section 3070 of the USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide. Devo athletes will not receive points on the USSA points list for these events unless they hold a full USSA Competitor membership.

### **Devo Event Fees and Registration**

The registration fee for Devo events is \$30. Athletes must register on the RMF web site: [www.rockymountainfreestyle.com](http://www.rockymountainfreestyle.com). Event Fact Sheets are posted on the Rocky Freestyle website. Events are limited to the first 90 entrants.

### **Devo Membership**

Each Devo competitor age U13(J4) and under (as of December 31 of the competition season) must hold both a valid USSA Freestyle Youth membership and a Rocky Mountain Division Youth membership. Both of these memberships are obtained together through the USSA on a single application. Membership information (fees, forms and payment options) are available at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org).

Any competitor who obtains a USSA Youth membership for the Rocky Devo program and later moves into the Rocky Freestyle Competitive Series program (except for the one time move up provided for above) will be required to purchase a full USSA Competitor or Rookie membership.

## **Rocky Qualifier Series (RQS)**

This next level is for skiers with some competition experience. RQS events may feature competitions in moguls, dual moguls, aerials, slopestyle, halfpipe, and skicross events. Competitions are hosted on weekends at several different resorts across Colorado. RQS moguls competitions have two jumps, are timed, with each competitor receiving two runs, the better of which is counted. A three judge panel scores each of the competitors. Each season concludes with an RQS Championship event. The schedule and location of events are posted on the Rocky Mountain Freestyle website.

### **RQS : Age Requirements**

The RQS program is a format designed for entry level skiers age U13(J4) and older with some competition experience. Devo skiers age U11(J5) are allowed to move up to ONE RQS event per season.

### **RQS 1 : Points List**

Though RQS events are sanctioned by USSA, RQS events are considered “non-scored” USSA events and are not reflected on the USSA points list.

### **RQS 2 : Competitions**

RQS mogul competitions will have 2 jumps and will be timed.

### **RQS 3 : RQS Championships**

The RQS Championships will be at the last events of the RQS season. The RQS Championships shall be scheduled to occur after Regional Finals and will consist of up to three days of competition allowing for two runs in each event. The best performing male and

female competitors in the RQS Championships, in each event, will be named the RQS "Event" Champion (e.g. RQS Mogul Champion).

#### **RQS 4 : Quotas**

RQS regular season separate day competitions shall be limited to 90 competitors. RQS Championships: Athletes must have competed in a minimum of TWO RQS events to qualify to compete in the RQS Championships. The event will be limited to 90 qualified competitors unless otherwise indicated on the official event schedule and approved by the RMFFCC.

#### **RQS 5: Forerunners**

The forerunners should be selected from age appropriate male and female athletes with the suggestion of the head judge for overall number.

#### **RQS 6 : Start Orders**

The first run start order is a random draw. The first and second run start order will be the same. Males and females shall run separately with females first. Late entries and athletes left off the run order due to the organizer error shall run at the end of the appropriate field. The best scored run counts for awards.

#### **RQS 7 : Awards**

For each event, organizers will award ribbons, medals or trophies to the top 3 places in each age group U11(J5), U13(J4), U15(J3) and top 10 places overall male and female. Participation ribbons may be given all participants not in the age group top 3 or over all top 10. U17(J2) and older skiers are to be included in the overall results only.

#### **RQS 8 : Inverts and Off-Axis Jumps**

RQS Aerial events - ALLOW INVERTS AND OFF-AXIS JUMPS, for qualified athletes only.

RQS Mogul events - DO NOT ALLOW INVERTS OR OFF-AXIS JUMPS.

RQS Slopestyle events - ALLOW INVERTS AND OFF-AXIS JUMPS, for qualified athletes only.

1. For RQS aerial, halfpipe and slopestyle events, athletes' aerial maneuvers must be qualified in accordance with the current USSA rules, see section 3070 in the USSA Competition Guide. Also, any athlete performing an inverted or off axis maneuver must have an appropriately certified coach present.
2. If the Technical Delegate deems the situation unsafe; the site not appropriate; the athlete having problems with the jump, then the TD may exclude the jump from the competition.
3. All qualified jumps MUST be listed on the USSA Freestyle Jump Qualification List at the time of the event
4. The competition jury will disqualify (DSQ) an athlete for attempting or executing a non-qualified jump. In the event the act is determined to be a deliberate violation the Jury should refer to Rule 3059 and recommend sanctions to the RMFFCC.

#### **RQS 9 : Bibs**

Event organizers provide athletes with competition bibs at each event. The event organizers may ask for the competitor's USSA card or \$20 for a deposit in exchange for the bib at registration. Bibs MUST be returned at the end of the competition. Some organizers may ask for the bibs to be returned after each day's event.

#### **RQS 10 : Venues**

1. RQS moguls and aerials: Technical Specifications see Chapter 5 of the USSA Competition Guide.
2. RQS slopestyle: Technical Specifications see Chapter 5 of the USSA Competition Guide.

### **RQS 11 : Loss of Ski**

A maximum of 15 seconds shall be allowed for loss of ski(s) in an event. In the event the 15 seconds is exceeded or the run is not continued the run shall be scored to the loss of ski(s).

### **RQS 12 : Pace Times**

The pace time will be based on a speed of 9.71 meters/seconds for men and 8.2 meters/seconds for women. RQS pace times will be evaluated on yearly basis at the RMFCC annual Spring Meeting.

### **RQS 13 : Timing**

For RQS mogul events any available timing is legal. This will include single watch, dual watch, and electronic timing.

### **RQS 14 : Judging**

1. RQS events will use a minimum of three judges.
2. In single mogul events jumps may not be repeated, though when a competitor repeats the same jump, only the best-scored jump will count. There shall be no restrictions on the grab. It may be performed as a single maneuver. The only exception – “spread” and “kossack”. This jump combination in a run is considered to be EXACTLY the same and only one jump will be scored.
3. In aerial events jumps may be repeated and may be called down to the head judge.
4. In dual moguls jumps may be repeated.

### **One-time Moguls RQS Move-ups**

The RQS Program is a precursor to the USSA Competitive program in Freestyle Skiing. An RQS program athlete may, with the approval of their coach move up to compete at ONE Rocky Mountain Competitive Series “meet” each year without losing their RQS status or having to obtain a full USSA Competitor membership (a meet consists of all moguls events on a specific competition weekend, including duals). However, an RQS athlete cannot move up to a Champs/Sr. event. Once an RQS athlete skis in their 2nd USSA scored Rocky Competitive Series event, they must remain at that upper level of competition. Please make sure to note “RQS Move-up” if registering for a Rocky Mountain Competitive Series event by emailing the RMF office at [wiana@rockymountainfreestyle.com](mailto:wiana@rockymountainfreestyle.com). One-time RQS move-ups do not receive USSA points at their move-up meet unless they hold a full USSA Competitor membership. Sometimes Competitive Series mogul events are designated as “unrestricted” RQS move-up events which means that an RQS athlete may compete in these events without the event counting as their one-time move-up.

### **Unrestricted RQS Aerial, Slopestyle and Halfpipe participation**

RQS competitors may, with the approval of their coach, compete in any or all of the Rocky Mountain Competitive program aerial, slopestyle and halfpipe events without losing their RQS status. RQS athletes are cautioned to ensure that their coach approves their jumps at these events in accordance with Section 3070 of the USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide. RQS athletes will not receive points on the USSA points list for these events unless they hold a full USSA Competitor membership.



## **RQS Event Fees and Registration**

The registration fee for RQS events is \$40 per day. Athletes must register on the RMF website: [www.rockymountainfreestyle.com](http://www.rockymountainfreestyle.com). Event Fact Sheets are posted on the Rocky Freestyle website. Events are limited to the first 90 entrants.

### **RQS Membership**

Each RQS competitor age U13(J4) and under (as of December 31 of the competition season) must hold both a valid USSA Freestyle Youth membership and a Rocky Mountain Division Youth membership. Both of these memberships are obtained together through the USSA on a single application. Membership information (fees, forms and payment options) are available at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org).

Each RQS competitor age U15 (J3) or older must obtain either a USSA Freestyle Competitor membership with a Rocky membership, or a USSA Rookie membership, as appropriate. Forms and information on these memberships are also available at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org).

Any competitor who obtains a USSA Youth membership for the RQS program and later moves into the Rocky Freestyle Competitive Series program (except for the one time move up provided for above) will be required to purchase a full USSA Competitor or Rookie membership, as appropriate.

## **Rocky Mountain Competitive Series Program**

The Rocky Mountain Competitive Series program offers USSA sanctioned competitions in moguls, dual moguls, aerials, slopestyle and halfpipe. This program requires a USSA Competitor membership with a Rocky Division membership (or a Rookie membership if applicable). Competitors receive points on the USSA national points list.

### **Preregistration**

Preregistration is required for all Competitive 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 and U.S. Freeskiing Team members. There is no registration by fax, phone, email or mail. MasterCard and VISA are accepted for online registration (remember, VISA is the preferred credit card of the U.S. Ski Team). Athletes must bring proof of their online registration to each event.

### **Event Fees**

Weekend (meet) event fees for moguls 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 Championships are \$80 for the first event, \$60 for the second event, and \$50 for the third event. 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, and 3) may not appear on the USSA points list until all funds due are paid in full

### **Event Refunds**

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 may be required before the athlete can return to competition. Refunds are not provided if an event is cancelled or delayed for reasons outside of RMF's control, unless there is sufficient notice of the event cancellation.

### **Membership**

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.my.ussa.org](http://www.my.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.

### **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.

### **Bibs**

Bibs are issued at the competitor's first event of the season. It is your permanent number for the season and must be worn during training and competition at each event. 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.

### **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 moguls competitors are required to check the official entry list the day before the competition 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.

## **Competitive Series Events**

## Junior Moguls Events

Junior moguls events are open to all junior competitors (age 18 or under as of December 31 of the competition season), holding a USSA Freestyle Rookie or Competitor 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 moguls event.

## Open Moguls Events

Open moguls competitions are open to all competitors holding a USSA Freestyle Rookie or Competitor membership up to the first 110 entrants. All age groups are welcome. Depending on field size and course or weather conditions, a performance cut may be necessary for the 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 moguls event.

## Champ/Senior Moguls

**Qualification:** All Junior athletes with 550 or more freestyle points from the latest USSA FFSP list, prior to the event, are eligible to register for this event. Also, all USSA Senior or Veteran athletes are invited to participate regardless of their standings on the FFSP list. There is a registration cap of 110 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 moguls.

**Forerunners:** Four forerunners per gender will be selected from the most recent FFSP list.

## Dual Moguls

Dual moguls events are open to all competitors holding USSA Freestyle Rookie or Competitor memberships. All ages are welcome. 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 because 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.

During a dual moguls 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 Divisional Championships (for Competitive Series)**

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 RMF 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 2 moguls events and 1 dual moguls 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 Rocky Mountain Competitive Series Junior, Open, or Champs events during the season. For dual moguls, the athlete must have competed in at least one Rocky dual moguls events during the season. Aerials, halfpipe, and slopestyle are open to all Rocky Competitive 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 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 Divisional Allocation to Junior National Championships:** In the event that Rocky does not fill all allocations via JN's selection criteria, those positions will be designated as follows. For slopestyle, aerials 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 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 moguls event at Divisionals. 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.

## **Other Procedures**

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

U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and the 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 C Team members who agree to pay for and attend Divisional Championships may ski free at divisional events. Rocky Mountain C Team members must have paid the RMD membership to receive this benefit. Non Rocky Mountain C Team members are subject to the normal fee schedule for non-team competitors.

## All-Star Program (Freestyle)

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 20 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 20 All Star Team jackets or backpacks to the deserving athletes. The current Colorado Ski Country USA Freestyle All Star Team size has 20 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. Despite being well known for our winter sports, a Colorado athlete had never won a gold medal (as of 2010) at the Winter Olympic Games in skiing. Twelve other states can claim that one of their athletes has won gold, but Colorado cannot. Colorado Ski Country USA would like to help change that.

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 criteria typically results in a list of approximately 12 athletes.

5) Next, only those disciplines that are 2014 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 20 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 in September (usually the 2nd Sunday). 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 x 25% => 3]; if they were to raise it to 40 athletes, the first selection criteria would be "Top 10 and Top 10%" [40 x 25% => 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.

#### **All Star Team Responsibilities**

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.



**2014/15 Freestyle & Freeskiing All Star Team**

#	Athlete	Qualifying Discipline	Club
1	Kealey Zaumseil	Moguls & Dual Moguls	Telluride
2	Broby Leeds	Halfpipe	Vail
3	Kaitlin Harrell	Moguls	Vail
4	Casey Andringa	Moguls & Dual Moguls	Vail
5	Lane Stoltzner	Moguls & Dual Moguls	Steamboat
6	Carson Campisi	Halfpipe	Aspen
7	Elizabeth O' Connell	Moguls & Dual Moguls	Winter Park
8	Joel Hedrick	Moguls	Winter Park
9	Ryan Dyer	Moguls	Steamboat Springs
10	Jake Cummings	Halfpipe	Vail
11	Avital Shimko	Moguls	Steamboat Springs
12	Hunter Bailey	Moguls	Vail
13	Cole Pates	Slopestyle	Vail
14	Emerson Smith	Moguls	Vail
15	Nik Seeman	Aerials	Winter Park
16	Jaelin Kauf	Moguls	Steamboat Springs
17	Morgan Osborne	Moguls	Telluride
18	Kelly Lawson	Moguls	Winter Park
19	Benni Solomon	Moguls	Telluride
20	Jesse Andringa	Moguls	Vail
21	Hallee Ray	Moguls	Winter Park
22	Cas Sheridan	Halfpipe	Vail
23	Lauren Burg	Moguls	Winter Park

24	Alex Debonville	Moguls	Vail
25	Tess Johnson	Moguls	Vail

## Volunteering

Rocky Mountain Freestyle requires numerous 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 – 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 – 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 starting – 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 starting 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!

## Competition Site Agreement- Mogul and Aerial 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](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 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](mailto:WLana@RockyMountainFreestyle.com), 303.202.0534 ext. 202 or contact our driver, Wade Osborn, directly: 720.885.4224.
- 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 volun-

teers 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 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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[www.rockymountainfreestyle.com](http://www.rockymountainfreestyle.com).

## COLORADO FREESTYLE/FREESKIING PROGRAMS

### Aspen Valley Ski & Snowboard Club

300 AVSC Drive | Aspen, CO 81611 | Freestyle Program Director: Eric Knight | 970.205.5130 | [eknight@teamavsc.org](mailto:eknight@teamavsc.org) | Freeski Program Director: Lynn Merriam | 970.948.1762 | [liam@teamavsc.org](mailto:liam@teamavsc.org) | [www.teamavsc.org](http://www.teamavsc.org)

### Durango Ski Club

PO Box 4104 | Durango, CO 81302 | Freestyle Program Director: Kirk Rawles | 970.382.9302 | [moguldogs@bresnan.net](mailto:moguldogs@bresnan.net) | [www.purgatoryskiteam.org](http://www.purgatoryskiteam.org)

### Ski & Snowboard Club Vail

598 Vail Valley Drive | Vail, CO 81657 | Freestyle Program Director: John Dowling | 970.790.5128 | [jdowling@skiclubvail.org](mailto:jdowling@skiclubvail.org) | Freeski Program Director: Elana Chase | 860.227.5940 | [ehase@skiclubvail.org](mailto:ehase@skiclubvail.org) | [www.skiclubvail.org](http://www.skiclubvail.org)

### Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club

PO Box 774487-845 Howelsen Hill Parkway | Steamboat Springs, CO 80477 | Freestyle Program Director: Bobby Aldighieri | 970.879.0695 x105 | [baldighieri@sswsc.org](mailto:baldighieri@sswsc.org) | Freeski Program Director: Tony Lodico | [tlodico@sswsc.org](mailto:tlodico@sswsc.org) | [www.sswsc.org](http://www.sswsc.org)

### Team Breckenridge Sports Club

PO Box 336 | Frisco, CO 80443 | Freeski Program Director: Chris Hawks | [hawksair@aol.com](mailto:hawksair@aol.com) | [www.teambrecksportsclub.com](http://www.teambrecksportsclub.com)

### Team Summit

PO Box 3307-760 Copper Rd. | Copper Mountain, CO 80443 | Freestyle Program Director: Chris Carson | 970.968.2318 x40010 | [chris@teamsummit.org](mailto:chris@teamsummit.org) | Freeski Program Director: Matti Wade | [mtnmatti@me.com](mailto:mtnmatti@me.com) | [www.teamsummit.org](http://www.teamsummit.org)

### Telluride Ski & Snowboard Club

PO Box 2824 | Telluride, CO 81435 | Freestyle Program Director: Jeff Yingling | [frees-tyle@tssc.org](mailto:frees-tyle@tssc.org) | [www.tssc.org](http://www.tssc.org)

### Winter Park Competition Center

PO Box 36 | Winter Park, CO 80482 | Freestyle Program Director: Laurie Mooney | 970.726.1586 | [lmooney@skiwinterpark.com](mailto:lmooney@skiwinterpark.com) | Freeski Head Coach: Jeremie Livingston | [ljeremielivingston@gmail.com](mailto:ljeremielivingston@gmail.com) | [www.winterparkresort.com](http://www.winterparkresort.com)

### University of Colorado Freestyle

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