



- Moguls Sub-Committee

For information to:

- Freestyle Sport Committee
- U.S. Freestyle Division Chairman
- U.S. Freestyle Programs
- Freestyle Coaches
- Interested Parties

Invitation - Sub-Committee for Freestyle Moguls

Dear Friends,

Please find attached the “**Provisional Minutes**” for the meeting of the Moguls Sub-Committee that took place on **5/8/2025**.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Papke". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mike Papke
Freestyle Moguls Subcommittee Chair



U.S. SKI AND SNOWBOARD ASSOCIATION

**MSC Meeting Minutes – for the meeting of the - Moguls Sub-Committee (MSC)
Thursday, May 8th, 2025- 5:30 pm MT, Zoom**

MSC Meeting Minutes 5/8/2025

Meeting Purpose

Discuss and decide on proposals for mogul event scoring, national rankings, and nationals format ahead of upcoming Congress.

[Provisional Meeting Agenda](#)

Attendance

Mike Papke - Chair - Present

*Thom Schaefer - Officials, Subcommittee Chair- Present

*Kris Pepe - Division Representative - Eastern - Present

*Freddy Mooney - Division Representative - Rocky Mountain - Present

*Jon O'Brien - Division Representative - Intermountain - Present

*Jimeel Ferris - Division Representative - Present

*Bryan Zemba - Athlete Rep, Moguls - Present

*Mikaela Wilson - Athlete Rep, Moguls - Present

*Morgan Schild - Athlete Rep, Moguls - Present

*Alex Jensen - Athlete Rep, Moguls - Present

*Ali Kariotis - Athlete Rep, FSC - Present

*Troy Murphy - Athlete Rep, BOD Athlete Rep- Present

*Glenn Eddy- At-Large - Present

Sam Tarrant - Guest

John Kavas - Guest

Mike Page - Guest

Ann Battelle - Guest

Malorie Irvin - Guest

David Dreitlein - Guest

John Gandolfo - Guest

Nat Schirman - Guest

Kristin Renaudin - Guest

Larry Titus - Guest

Konrad Rotermund - Guest

Matt Gnoza - Staff - Freestyle Sports Director - Non Voting - Excused

Maddie Hogg - Freestyle Development Manager - Non Voting - Present

*Voting



*Voting = 8 voting members in attendance equals a quorum

Key Takeaways

- Committee narrowly favors (7-5) moving to a floating points system over fixed points
- Majority opposed (9-2) implementing a quota system for nationals selection
- Far West proposal (with some modifications) emerged as leading contender
- Committee agreed to develop two proposals for review:
 1. Far West proposal with minor edits
 2. Modified Far West proposal incorporating floating points concept

Far West Proposal Overview

- Establishes single mogul ranking list combining singles (2x weight) and duals (1x weight)
- Recalibrates divisional event values based on athlete count
- Updates nationals invitation criteria using new combined ranking list
- Removes junior wildcard spots, allocates final 10 spots per gender by division

Floating vs Fixed Points Debate

- Floating system advocates argue it better reflects event quality/competitiveness
- Fixed system supporters cite simplicity and avoiding manipulation
- Narrow majority (7-5) favored exploring floating points concept
- Concerns raised about complexity and time required to fully develop floating system

Quota System Discussion

- Proposal to allocate nationals spots by division based on athlete population
- Majority (9-2) opposed implementing quota system
- Some felt quotas could address regional imbalances, others preferred performance-based selection

Nationals Selection Criteria

- Top 16 per gender from NORAM list
- Next 30 from national ranking list
- Final 10 allocated by division (minimum 1 per division)
- No backfill for declined spots from US Ski Team/NORAM athletes. FFSP invites will name 5 alternates then no backfill of additional athletes

Event Scoring Tiers

- Divisional championships: 850/825/805 points



- 15+ athletes: 800/780/760 points
- <15 athletes: 700/685/665 points
- Discussion of potentially adding more tiers based on event size/quality

Next Steps

- Kristin and Freddie to collaborate on two proposals:
 1. Far West proposal with minor edits discussed
 2. Modified version incorporating floating points concept
- Aim to circulate draft proposals to committee by Saturday evening
- Committee to review ahead of Congress discussions/voting on Monday
- Finalize and vote on proposal(s) at next Moguls Subcommittee meeting before Congress

Action Items

- Prepare final proposals for Congress:
- Kristin/Freddie collab on Far West proposal w/ floating points.
- Changes to far West: injury petition lang from 3A, clarify criteria 3 athlete replacement, reconsider tiebreaker.
- Send to committee by Saturday night.
- [Congress Schedule](#)