

To the members of:

• Aerials Sub-Committee

For information to:

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

Provisional Meeting Minutes - Aerials Sub-Committee

Dear Friends,

Please find attached the "Provisional Minutes" for the meeting of the Aerials Sub-Committee that took place on 3/11/2025.

With kind regards,

Jack Boyczuk

Freestyle Aerials Subcommittee Chair



U.S. SKI AND SNOWBOARD ASSOCIATION

ASC Meeting Minutes – for the meeting of the - Aerial Sub-Committee (ASC) Tuesday, March 11, 2025- 5:30 MST, Zoom

ASC Meeting Minutes 3/11/2025

Meeting Purpose

Discuss Project Gold criteria, introduce National Development Group, and provide updates on junior nationals and upcoming events.

Provisional Meeting Agenda

Attendance

Jack Boyczuk - Chairman - Present

- *Bill McNice Officials Subcommittee Representative- Absent
- *Tim Massucco- Division Rep East Present
- *Mark Depeters Club Representative Buffalo Ski Center Absent
- *Dave Von Derau Club Representative Buffalo Ski Center Absent
- *Kelly Hacker HoliMont Present Present
- *Johnny Kroetz Club Representative Bristol Mountain Present
- *Zac Amidan- Athlete Rep. Aerials Present
- *Nik Seemann Athlete Rep. Aerials Absent
- *Trace Worthington Athlete Rep, Aerials Absent
- *Dani Loeb Athlete Rep, Aerials Absent
- *Troy Murphy Athlete Rep, BOD Athlete Rep Absent
- *Konrad Rotermund- At Large- Absent
- *Chris Haslock- Guest Absent

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

Maddie Hogg - Staff - Freestyle Development Manager - Non Voting - Present

*Voting

Key Takeaways

- Project Gold criteria released, including camp quotas, age ranges, and dates for 2025
- New National Development Group (NDG) announced, targeting 12-19 year olds with 8-day camp blocks
- Junior Nationals in Park City seeing increased registration (50+ already vs. 50 total last year)

^{*}Voting = 8 voting members in attendance equals a quorum



 Eastern region experiencing scheduling conflicts and rule misunderstandings for aerial events

Topics

Project Gold Program

- Camp dates and selection criteria released
- Using USSS FFP points list #6 (April 24th) for invitations
- Camps in Utah Olympic Park, Bristol, and Lake Placid
- Coaches can make discretionary requests for promising athletes

National Development Group (NDG)

- New camp-based program for 13-19 year olds
- Targeting 12 athletes to start, focusing on back tucks, back lays, back fulls
- Strict selection criteria to secure funding, with some discretionary spots
- Already identified several eligible male athletes, seeking more female participants

Development Pipeline Strategy

- Project Gold camps feed into larger Project Gold camps
- Project Gold feeds into National Development Group
- Aiming to create a system preparing athletes for 2034 Olympics

Junior Nationals Update

- 50+ registrations already (vs. 50 total last year)
- Using larger freeride jump with 20m landing, allowing double tucks
- Layout: two singles (for potential synchro), hybrid, and mogul jumps
- Tow rope for quick 2-minute turnarounds during training

Eastern Region Aerial Events

- Scheduling conflict between Juniors and Divisional Championships
- Misunderstanding about invitation-only status for some events
- Confusion over A and B aerialist classifications (which don't exist)
- Need for clearer communication and understanding of rules among committee members

Next Steps

- Create and distribute flyer describing aerial opportunities for Junior Nationals participants
- Address Eastern region quota and classification issues in spring meeting



- Submit proposals for championships and divisions by April 15th
- Save-the-date and schedule information for congress coming soon

Action Items

- Create a 1-pager flyer for Junior Nationals. Describe Project Gold, National Development Group opportunities. Including the Scott Kane story. Send to Jack for printing/distribution. Distribute in athlete gift bags at Junior Nationals.
- Announce opportunities at all Junior National event