

Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing  
Fall Meeting Minutes  
Dec 13, 2012  
7:30 to 9:30

**Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Competition Committee – on the call.**

**Chair: Deb Newson, Killington, VT**

**Vice-Chair: Larry Titus, Honeoye, NY**

**Secretary: Sherry Albert, Newburyport, MA**

**Ed Albert, Newburyport, MA (Rules & Officials - ECS)**

Mark DePeters, Buffalo, NY (Rules & Officials - EQS)

**Jack Weir, Maine (Judges)**

**Glenn Eddy, Carrabassett Valley, ME (Coaches)**

**Nick Preston, Campton, NH (Freestyle Programs)**

**John Kimble, Sunday River, ME (Freeskiing Programs)**

John Kroetz, Bristol Mtn, NY (EQS B Programs)

**Marissa Preston, Campton, NH (Event Organizers)**

Open Position (Marketing)

Suzi Preston (Sponsorship)

Dick Stone, Park City, UT (Scoring)

**Matt Gnoza, Killington, VT (Member At Large)**

**Dean Goodermote, Stowe, VT (Member At Large)**

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

1. Old Business.

a. Review of spring meeting ~ Motions for EFCC to vote upon.

i. **Motion #1:** To add age group awards to ECS "A" mogul events. Goodermote seconds. **Motion failed.**

ii. **Motion #2:** To eliminate combined awards in any competitions that do not host freestyle and freeskiing events. For example, mogul/mogul or dual mogul weekend or a halfpipe and slopestyle weekend would not require combined awards, but mogul and a slopestyle, half pipe or aerial competition would. Kimble seconds. **Motion carries unanimously.**

iii. **Motion #3:** Change the 170-rule at ECS "A" mogul events to a 190-rule. Preston seconds. **Motion carries unanimously.**

iv. **Motion #4:** To clarify dual seeding in the East should be "straight seed." Albert seconds. **Motion carries unanimously.**

v. Edits for rulebook – change registration online close from Tuesday to Thursday.

vi. Notice –2013 ECS "A" Eastern Combined Champion Events\*:

- ECS Mogul Champs
- NH Open – Aerial – 2<sup>nd</sup> event
- EastFree Tour Champs – Halfpipe – 2<sup>nd</sup> event

\*In the case of cancellation, the event held prior to above listed events will be used to determine the Eastern Combined Champion.

vii. Edits for rulebook - East Coast Young Gun and Junior Freestyle Championships

- Quotas Juniors/Young Guns:
  - Moguls 100/80
  - Air 100/80
  - Slopestyle 100/80
- No wild cards at States for East Coast Young Gun and Junior Freestyle Championships

- Awards at event:
  - a. Age Group Champs (places 1, 2, 3) will be named within the age groups for each event
  - b. Overall Junior and Young Gun Champs (places 1, 2, 3) will be named from each event.
  - c. Combined Champs (places 1, 2, 3) will be named within the age groups for the combined scores for those athletes participating in aerials, slopestyle and moguls.
  - d. Region Cup Trophy, determined by place points of top 10 results for each event (1st place only)
  - e. Team Trophy (places 1,2,3), determined by place points of top 10 results for each event
- viii. Discussion - No J7's in regional events and the East Coast Junior and Young Gun Freestyle Championships – it's an age class in USSA comp guide. Should we really exclude them or make some sort of minimum requirement to qualify? **Consensus was to include J7's but provide education to parents regarding Long Term Athlete Development.**
- ix. **Motion #5:** Quota for State Champs shall be 60 air/60 slope. Titus seconds. **Motion carries unanimously.**
- x.
- 2. Chair Fall Report.
  - a. Schedule Agreements and meet fees are slowly coming into the office.
  - b. A review of the new schedule process and championship rotation was sent to the organizers in the fall.
  - c. Updating 2012-2013 Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Community Handbook and posting an addendum to the 2012-2013 USSA Competition Guide and will include any changes after this conference call prior to the first event.
  - d. New bibs for all mogul athletes will be distributed to the athletes at their first events in January. Bibs will travel to the EastFree Tour events.
  - e. Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing banners to help promote the sport will travel with the Eastern radios.
  - f. Coming soon - new logo to include freeskiing and a new theme for website and weekly newsletter.
  - g. Follow the new twitter feed: @USSAEastFree
  - h. For 2013 - Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing logowear will be available online.
  - i. Scheduling Notes –
    - i. Eastern Mogul Champs: At this point I am looking for a volunteer to host the event on Feb 16-17, Feb 23-24 or Mar 2-3. Any takers? Moguls-Dual Moguls.
    - ii. Currently, the ECS mogul season ends on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. The Nationals' points list closes on March 12<sup>th</sup> and with Junior's on the second weekend in March, there is no weekend in March to host an event that would count for US Nationals. (List closes March 12<sup>th</sup>) For a young Eastern mogul skier, their season is over on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – except for East Champs, if we can get that on the schedule. This is not an unusual occurrence, but one to note. If competing for experience and not points is what everyone wants, then we could try to get someone to host an event on one of the weekends in March? It sure would be nice if someone could add an A event to Feb 16-17 or Feb 23-24. We are thinking about using the first weekend in March for East Champs, but with departure for Junior's on Monday for most teams, it creates a tough schedule for the athletes, coaches and parents to manage.
    - iii. We have never resolved the issue with the Western Region ski areas (Hunter, Windham, Gore, Willard, Lake Placid) that are located closer to Vermont than western NY ski areas that host the events that would like access to the Central Region events. That said, could we add a region – Mid-Western Region? I am not

sure that Windham, Gore or Willard are able to host freestyle or freeskiing events, but if they could, then that would help. None of them have very big programs though, so the event organizer could potentially suffer, but if you build it – will they come? The Central Region is JAM-PACKED with athletes and can't absorb these programs. Any new ideas? Good discussion here. **Action Item: Schedule an additional conference with Program Directors and Event Organizers of the mountains affected to discuss options before events in January.**

3. New Business.

- a. Reminders from Rules and Technical
  - i. Re-read the criteria for US Nationals
  - ii. Freeskiing events – philosophically – groupings and judging (transparent)
  - iii. Bristol remains on notice for their A-B event this winter.

Motion to Adjourn: Goodermote, Albert seconds. 8:43pm.