

Junior Olympics

The 2010 USSA Freestyle Junior Olympics will be held Mar. 8-14, 2010 in Waterville Valley, NH. The Junior Olympics brings together the top junior competitors from each division. Junior Olympic results determine who is the best overall junior competitor in each discipline: moguls, dual moguls, aerials, slopestyle, halfpipe, combined and the best competitor in each age class. A Divisions cup at Junior Olympics will be awarded using FIS World Cup points system.

Format

Junior Olympics is a USSA event and will be run according to USSA rules, a qualifications/finals format will be used for moguls. In moguls the top 20 (women and men) will move on to finals. The results from finals will be used for overall and age group awards. The results from finals will also be used for the FSPs, as applied on page 14-16, FIS FSP adjustment for Moguls and Duals. Seeding for dual moguls will be taken from the FSP list used for Junior Olympic selection. Slopestyle at Junior Olympics should be run as a slopestyle event with multiple features. One day prior to the draw for each event there will be an entry meeting where the quota's for that event will be analyzed and filled with any alternates giving them due time to be notified, respond, commit, register and arrive.

Quotas and Invitees

1. The Junior Olympic invitations for all events are chosen from the most recent USSA Freestyle Points list #3. The registration procedure for Junior Olympics will be updated every year at the membership subcommittee meeting at the USSA spring congress with the specific dates and with what party will handle registrations. For the 2009-2010 competition period the registration and invitation procedure for Junior Olympics will be as follows.

a. The Juniors invitation list will be published by Feb.22, 2010 on www.ussa.org in the Freestyle Junior National section. Updates will also be posted on www.ussa.org in the Freestyle Junior National section.

b. From the initial posting and as invitations are updated, invitations MUST be accepted within 48 hours of posting. Invitations that are NOT accepted will become null and void. For example, invitations posted on Feb. 22 at noon MST must be accepted by Feb. 24 at noon MST.

c. Once an invitation is accepted (date and time is recorded on invitation web site), the athlete must confirm registration by registering online or faxing their registration to the registration contact NOT THE EVENT ORGANIZER with 48 hours. Athletes that are unable to register within 48 hours must notify the registration contact. Contact information is available on-line.

d. The invitation updating process will continue on-line until March 5 at noon MST at which point the website will freeze with all registration directed to the event organizer when official registration opens.

Event	Men	Women
Aerials*	50	50
Slopestyle	50	50
Dual Moguls	48	48
Halfpipe	50	50
Moguls	60	60

*Aerials Any inverted aerialist who is on the aerials points list and has qualified an inverted jump but does not qualify for this event then that skier is granted a spot to the Junior Olympic aerial event above the current quota.

2. If by virtue of criteria #1 a division does not have three athletes per gender, qualified in a discipline, then the division is guaranteed a maximum of three men and three women in each of the events (moguls, dual moguls, aerials, slopestyle and halfpipe). Any spot that remains unused will be lost.

3. Each division will conduct combined at its divisional championships. The combined junior champion will be added to Junior Olympics above the current quota. Combined is defined as moguls, aerials and halfpipe. The athlete will compete in each of the three disciplines at Junior Olympics and be added above the current quota.

4. If an athlete qualifies from points list #3 from the initial posting, to compete in 3 or more events at Junior Olympics then they will be considered an all-event skier. An all-event skier may start in all 5 events only if they are ranked on Points List #3 and will be added above the quotas only in the events in which they have not already qualified. An all-event skier can choose which events to ski. If an all-event skier chooses not to ski in an event that they have not qualified in, an alternate is not placed into the event since these athletes are added above the current quota.

5. Ten athletes per gender in moguls, dual moguls, aerials, slopestyle and halfpipe will be named as alternates to compete in Junior Olympics. These alternates are to be named off the initial posted invitation and will represent the next ten names on the juniors FSP list per gender, and per discipline. No more than ten alternates will be entered into the event even if greater than ten athletes decline their spots. Alternates must be placed into the event prior to the time of the draw for the event in which they are named as alternates. All alternates must be registered and paid prior to entry into the event.