

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**  
**NOVEMBER 1-2 - 2014**



**USA ROLLER SPORTS**  
**ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The following actions resulted from the USA Roller Sports Annual Board of Directors Meeting, November 1-2, 2014 and the above noted Committee Meetings. A copy of the motions upon which this summary is based is available on the USA Roller Sports website at [www.usarollersports.org](http://www.usarollersports.org)

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**GENERAL**

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**GREAT SKATE STICKER PROGRAM** – Approved a new USA Roller Sports beginner skills program designed to bring classes into rinks. Each program packet includes a poster to hang in the rink and stickers to give to skaters as they progress through skills. Participants will also receive a certificate of completion once they have mastered all of the skills. These packets will be available for purchase through the USARS office.

**NAMES AND TRADEMARKS ON COMPETITIVE CLOTHING** - Approved a change to GR 3.06.04 (d): The name or trademark on the clothing can appear a maximum of four (4) times on the uniform and be no larger than *six square inches each*.

**MEDICAL BYES ELIMINATED** - Eliminated granting "medical" byes as a way to bypass Regional Championship qualification and move on to the National Championships.

**PROTEST PROCEDURE CHANGED** – Approved charging \$100 to submit protests at any USARS sanctioned event, to be refunded if the protest is successful. The money shall be retained for unsuccessful protests will be earmarked for officials' training. Event officials shall forward the funds to the National Office for this purpose.

**GUIDELINES FOR SPORT COMMITTEES** - Adopted the amended Guidelines for Sport Committees, which can be found as an addendum to the USARS Board Meeting Minutes.

**INTERIM USOC AAC REPRESENTATIVE FOR ROLLER SPORTS** - With Josh Wood no longer eligible to be the Roller Sports USOC AAC Representative, appointed Grant Schnell as interim representative with a seat on the USARS Board, until an election by the athletes can be conducted.

**FOUNDATION TRUSTEES** - Re-elected the following Foundation members for additional three year terms: Scott Kleiman, David Ramsey, and George Pickard.

**USARS OFFICER, BOARD AND COMMITTEE ELECTIONS** - A complete list of the current USARS Officers, Board Members and Committees can be found as an addendum to the USARS Board Meeting Minutes.

**BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS**

- Ratified the re-election of Sara Sayasane Hebbrecht as the speed athlete to the USARS Board for an additional three-year term.
- Ratified the re-election of Annelle Anderson for the Club Director position for a three-year term.
- Approved John Fearnow as a Grassroots Director of USA Roller Sports for a three-year term.
- Approved Fernando Regueiro as the At-Large Derby Director for a one-year term.
- Approved Tom Hughes as the At-Large Rink Hockey Director for an additional one-year term.
- Grant Schnell, Interim USOC AAC representative is a Board Member by virtue of this AAC position, until election by eligible athlete electors can be conducted.
- Dustin Roux was appointed as the interim Hockey Athlete Director on the Board for the Annual Meeting. An election will be conducted by the eligible hockey athlete voters to fill the unexpired term that was vacated.

## **ELECTION OF USARS OFFICERS**

- Approved Danny Brown as the President for a one-year term.
- Approved Trace Hansen as Vice President for a one-year term.
- Approved Dave Morrell as Treasurer for a one-year term.

## **SPORT COMMITTEES**

- Replaced Aubrey Orcutt with Kayla Rodriguez on the Roller Figure Skating Committee, with a vote and a term to expire in 2017.
- Returned Jane Wojnarowski and John Cawly to the Roller Figure Skating Committee, both with votes and with terms to expire in 2018.
- Replaced Jorge Botero with Harry Stuart on the Speed Committee.
- For the Rink Hockey Committee, retained Tom Hughes as a voting member with a term to expire in 2018 and Pat Ferguson as a non-voting member for an additional year.
- For the Inline Hockey Committee, accepted Dustin Roux as an athlete replacement for Charlotte Nicholson (term expiring 2018), Charlie Sgrillo to replace Rich Garvey (term expiring 2018). Jeff Prime was added as a voting member (term expiring 2017) and Jon Roux approved to return as a voting member (term expiring 2018).
- For the Derby Committee, added Donna Kay (term expiring 2018) and Christina Gerrish and Victoria Urban (terms expiring 2016), with the removal of Stephen Dougherty.

## **OTHER COMMITTEE CHANGES**

- On the Executive Committee, added Danny Brown as Chairman and George Kolibaba became a member of the Committee. For eligibility reasons, Ed Harney was not returned to the Committee.
- On the Finance Committee, added Dave Morrell and Scott Clifford. George Kolibaba and Charlotte Nicholson did not return to the Committee.
- On the Membership Eligibility Committee, added Gloria Manning to replace Danny Brown and Joy Garvey to replace Charlotte Nicholson.
- On the Nominating Committee, George Kolibaba will replace Gary Castro as the Chairman. Others on the committee include the AAC Representative for Roller Sports and three regional representatives that are rotated annually. Grant Schnell was approved to serve as the interim AAC Representative, replacing Josh Wood, until an election could be conducted.
- With the responsibilities of the USARS/RSA Tests Special Committee being assigned to the Goal Team charged with improving USARS and RSA Cooperation, this committee was eliminated.

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## FIGURE SKATING

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### FIGURE RULE CHANGES APPROVED:

- "C" events are unofficial for qualifying championships.
- "B" skaters qualify 4 to nationals and "A" skaters qualify sliding scale +1.
- Premier skaters now only need to remain non-placement or non-participating for 2 years.
- Top quarter of skaters in creative solo placements are considered as finalists for purpose of the "B" event advancing to the "A" event the following season.
- CIPA figure events with more than 20 skaters are skated in two parts with minimum of 2 hours between.
- Junior precision skaters may also skate novice precision up to one quarter of the team.
- New divisions of quartet event (3) and new international solo dance event (1).
- Modify JWC placement to compete in Junior Solo.
- Premier Silver age is changed to 45 rather than 46.
- Skaters may no longer compete in both A and B of the same discipline (figures, free, solo dance, etc) at the national championships. An eligible skater may skate both A and B of the same discipline at the regional championships. If the skater qualifies for nationals in the A event, then they may not qualify for nationals in the B event in that discipline. Exception: The following applies only if the skater qualifies in an A event that is uncontested (i.e. if it has 5 or fewer contestants). The skater may still be eligible to qualify for the nationals in the B event at regionals. If the B event is also uncontested (i.e. if it has 4 or fewer contestants), then the skater must choose whether to register for the A or B event at the national championships by the conclusion of the Regional Championships. If the B event is contested and the skater qualified for nationals in the B event, then they may only register for the B event at the national meet. If the B event is contested but the skater does not qualify for Nationals in the B event, then they may register for nationals in the A event for which they qualified. This rule does not apply to team events skating with different partners.

There are four scenarios:

1. A skater qualifies in a Contested A event. The skater may skate B in the same qualifying championship, but may not qualify for the national championships.
2. A Skater qualifies in an Uncontested A event and a Contested B event. The skater must skate the Contested B event at the national championships.
3. A skater skates an Uncontested A event and an Uncontested B event. The skater may choose which event to register for at the national championships by the end of the regional championships.
4. A skater qualifies in a Contested A event and a Contested B event. The skater must skate the A event at the national championships. The next highest placing skater in the Contested B event qualifies for the national championships.

**BUDGET APPROVED FOR WORLD FIGURE JUDGE** - Authorized a budget expense of up to \$1,500.00 to provide transportation of the selected 2015 Roller Figure Worlds USA panel judge from the USA to attend the seminar currently planned by the CIPA Committee, in Riccione, Italy, April 9 to 12, 2015. It is hereby understood that this attendee will be expected to return to the USA with this information and conduct a seminar for judges and/or coaches.

**INTERNATIONAL JUDGES/OFFICIALS** - Due to the cost of renewals and the expense-cutting efforts being made by USARS, the past decision of the BOD to pay renewal fees for International commissioned officials was rescinded. These international commissioned officials will be responsible for paying their own renewal fees annually, effective with the 2015 renewal.

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**SPEED SKATING**

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**BANKED TRACK QUALIFICATION CHANGE** – Eliminated Regional Speed Clinics as an option for first-time athletes to qualify to participate at the Banked Track Nationals. The Speed Committee will propose a timeframe for sanctioning regional clinics, to assure that they will not be in conflict with the banked track qualifying clinics.

**STARTING LINE POSITION RULE CHANGED** – At the recommendation of the Speed Committee, the following was approved:

**SR550 STARTING LINE POSITION**

**SR550.1** Drawing - The drawing for starting line position for each indoor speed event (and lane number in the gate area, for relays) shall be done under the supervision of the competitive steward, ~~or assigned by random draw of the computer.~~ *by pill draw in the middle of the floor.*

**SR142 Inline Two Person Relays**

E. Classic Relays

1. Two Man – two men skating a total distance of 3000m. ~~Relays must be made every two laps.~~ *Each man must skate not less than one lap nor more than five laps before each relay, with the last man to skate a minimum of one lap.*

**SR505.1** The number of contestants permitted on the starting line (and the number of contestant teams permitted in the gate area) for any given size track during championship competition is left to the discretion of the referee as is the number of contestants or contestant teams in each heat or semi-final that will qualify to skate the semi-finals or final; provided, however, at regional championships, the heats are to be arranged so as to divide the field as evenly as possible into the minimum number of heats that are consistent with no more than ~~eight (8)~~ *seven (7)* skaters being permitted on the starting line. An equal number of finalists shall be taken from each of these heats in order to qualify the maximum allowable for the final event.

**SR505.6** At all competitions including regional and national championships, only one starting line is permitted. The number of contestants permitted on that line ~~up to a maximum of eight skaters~~ *up to a maximum of seven skaters* is left to the discretion of the referee. The number of contestants or contestant teams in each elimination heat or semi-final that will qualify to skate the semi-final or final is left to the discretion of the referee.

**WORLD CLASS DIVISION AT INDOOR SPEED NATIONALS** – The number of entries into the World Class Division at the Speed Indoor National Championships does not support the amount of prize money given, and the event was eliminated.

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**RINK HOCKEY – INLINE HOCKEY -- DERBY**

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No Action Items Submitted for Board Approval