

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**  
**NOVEMBER - 2012**



**USA ROLLER SPORTS**  
**ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**

**NOVEMBER 3-4, 2012**

**AND**

**THE USARS EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**ACTIONS OF MAY 31, JUNE 30, JULY 22, AUGUST 23,**  
**SEPTEMBER 1 and SEPTEMBER 23, 2012**

The following actions resulted from the USA Roller Sports Annual Board of Directors Meeting, November 3-4, in Lincoln, Nebraska, and the above noted Executive/Finance 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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### **PRICE CHANGES FOR 2013 (Finance Committee 11/2/12):**

- Figure, Speed and Rink Hockey National Championships spectator fees have been eliminated (free admission)
- Registered participant and coach will receive a free program at the Figure, Speed and Rink Hockey National Championships
- Non-qualifying competition assessment fees have been eliminated.
- All USARS coach memberships will include a mandatory background check.
- Derby, Speed and Figure athlete and non-competitive memberships increased by \$10.
- All USARS Coach memberships increased by \$20.
- Inline and Rink Hockey Select memberships increased by \$5.
- Speed and Figure competition sanctions increased by \$100 per day.
- Speed and Figure Regional Championships entry fee maximums increased by \$5 for each first event.
- Speed and Figure National Championships entry fees increased by \$5 for each first event (except for World Class).
- Single Event Cards eliminated as of January 1, 2013, subject to further review as it relates to foreign athlete participation.

**MARKET AMERICA PROGRAM:** Proceeds from the Market America Sales Program will go to the Athlete Travel Endowment Fund and be equally distributed between all sports.

**LEARN TO SKATE VIDEOS:** Allocated up to \$4,000 for the filming and production of the second series of Learn to Skate videos with the addition of sub-titles on the video included in the cost.

**USOC SAFE SPORTS:** Use the USOC Safe Sport guidelines as a tool and begin implementing aspects of the book through our programs. To begin, require all USACRS member coaches to have a background check through the USOC endorsed program used by USA Roller sports, NSCI, at the time of their membership application (first time or renewal if check results have expired).

**SKATE COURT FLOOR:** Approved purchase of a 19,000 sq. ft. "Skate Court" portable floor (Finance Committee 7/2/12)

**OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:** The following were elected or re-elected to the USARS Board:

- Trace Hansen elected by Mail Ballot as the Figure Athlete Director for a three-year term
- Josh Wood will represent USA Roller Sports as its USOC **AAC** member for a four-year term, and thus also have an athlete position on the USARS Board (Aubrey Orcutt-alternate)
- John Gustafson returned to the Board as the representative for Competition Officials for a three-year term.
- George Kolibaba returned for three-year term as an At-Large Director.
- Bill Spooner elected to a three-year term as a Grassroots Director.

- Bill Sisson elected to one-year term as an At-Large Director (expertise in rink hockey).
- Christina Fritz elected to a one-year term as an At-Large Director (expertise in derby).

**USARS OFFICERS (one-year terms):**

- George Kolibaba - Chairman of the Board
- Ed Harney - Vice President of the Board
- Bill Sisson - Treasurer of USA Roller Sports
- Richard Hawkins - Corporate Secretary.

**U.S. FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR ROLLER SKATING:** Approved Charlotte Nicholson to fill the unexpired term of Budd Van Roekel, who passed away earlier this year. (Executive Committee – 9/1/12)

**USA ROLLER SPORTS COMMITTEES:** Sport Committee Members with a vote shall have four-year terms, members without a vote shall have one-year terms, no one shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms on a sport committee.

**2012 ROLLER FIGURE SKATING COMMITTEE**

Jane Wojnarowsky - Staff Director and Chairperson - voting  
 Jim Pollard - non-voting Advisor (ex-officio FIRS-CIPA President – term expires 2012)  
 Tony Berger (term expires 2013) - voting  
 John Cawly (term expires 2014) - voting  
 Jessica Gaudy - Athlete (term expires 2015) - voting  
 Aubrey Orcutt - Athlete (term expires 2016) - voting  
 David Adamy (term expires 2016) - voting  
 Bill Spooner (term expires 2016) - voting  
 Ed Harney (term expires 2016) - voting

**2012 ROLLER SPEED SKATING COMMITTEE**

Ed Mueller - Chairperson (term expires 2013) - voting  
 Ricci Porter - Staff Director - voting  
 Joe Hanna (term expires 2013) – non-voting  
 Shaun Pattison (term expires 2013 - non-voting  
 Richard Hawkins - Advisor (Ex Officio-FIRS-CIC Member term expires 2012) - non-voting  
 Mike Bell (term expires 2015) - voting  
 Chris Payne (term expires 2016) - voting  
 Buggy Allmond (term expires 2016) - voting  
 Josh Wood - Athlete (term expires 2014) - voting  
 Sara Sayasane Hebbrecht (term expires 2016) - voting

**2012 RINK HOCKEY COMMITTEE**

Bill Sisson - Chairperson/Advisor (Ex Officio-FIRS-CIRH Member term expires 2016 – pending election) - non-voting  
 Brent Benson - Staff Director - voting  
 Don Allen (term expires 2015) - voting  
 Jim Jost (term expires 2013) - voting

Tom Hughes (term expires 2014) - voting  
Pat Ferguson (term expires 2013) - non-voting  
Brian Moyer - Athlete (term expiring 2016) - voting

#### **2012 INLINE HOCKEY COMMITTEE**

George Pickard - Chairperson (term expires 2016) – voting  
Brent Benson - Staff Director - voting  
Mark Vittese (term expires 2013) - voting  
Charlotte Nicholson - Athlete (term expires 2014) - voting  
Jon Roux (term expires 2014) - voting  
Arlene Lehman (term expires 2015) - voting  
Keith Noll - Advisor (ExOfficio-FIRS-CIRILH Member term expires 2016) non-voting  
Jetta Rackleff - Athlete (term expires 2016) - voting  
Brennan Edwards (term expires 2016) - voting

#### **2012 DERBY COMMITTEE**

Danielle Fairbanks - Staff Director and Chairperson- voting  
Fernando Regueiro (term expires 2013) - voting  
John McNeel (term expires 2013) - voting  
Sabra Bunger (term expires 2013) - voting  
Steven Dougherty (term expires 2014) - voting  
Shauna Fossum - athlete (term expires 2015) - voting  
Amy Handyside Rule - athlete (term expires 2016) - voting

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES APPROVED**

**Executive Committee:** George Kolibaba-Chairman, Jim Pollard, Annelle Anderson, Mark Vittese and Trace Hansen-Athlete

**Finance Committee:** Bill Sisson-Chairman, George Kolibaba, Annelle Anderson, Ed Harney, Charlotte Nicholson-Athlete, Trace Hanson-Athlete

**Membership Eligibility Committee:** Ken Shelton-Chairman, Kurt Anselmi, Danny Brown, David Adamy and Sara Sayasane Hebbrecht (speed), Trace Hansen (figure) and Charlotte Nicholson (hockey) – Athletes

**Athlete Performance Committee (Sports Medicine):** Dr. Scott Kleiman-Chairman, Lori Brandon, David Pitman, Brian Richardson, Kylee Berger-Athlete

**Hall of Fame and Honors Committee:** Richard Hawkins-non-voting Chairman, George Pickard, Jim Pollard, Bill Sisson, Annelle Anderson, John Gustafson

**Elite Coaches Selection Committee:** Richard Hawkins-non-voting Chairman, Bob Labriola, Bill Sisson, Ken Shelton, Gloria Manning, Mark Vittese

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## INLINE ROLLER HOCKEY

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**2013 USA WORLD TEAM TRIALS:** Subject to availability of OTC housing and skating facility, trials for Senior Women, Senior Men, Junior Women and Junior Men’s Teams will be conducted in San Diego, California.

### 2013 Men’s Selection Committee (Senior and Junior)

- Administrative only - Keith Noll
- Office staff - Peggy Young & Brent Benson
- Ken Murchison - Men’s Head Coach
- Chuck Thuss - Men’s Assistant Coach
- Mark Vittese - USARS Board Member
- Don Molnar
- Rob Coggins – Office staff
- Athlete - T/B/A Former Men’s World team member

### 2013 Women’s Selection Committee (Senior and Junior)

- Administrative only - Keith Noll
- Office staff - Peggy Young & Brent Benson
- Chalie Sgrillo- Women’s Head Coach
- Dave Marmostein - Women’s Assistant Coach
- Jeff Manning - Junior Women’s Head Coach
- Mark Vittese - USARS Board Member
- Jon Roux - USARS Hockey Committee
- Athlete - T/B/A Former Women’s World team member

### 2013 WORLD INLINE CHAMPIONSHIP COACHES

#### **Team USA Staff:**

**Men’s Team:** Ken Murchison-Head Coach, Chuck Thuss-Assistant Coach, Jon Roux-Team Manager,

**Referee:** TBA

**Women’s Team:** Chalie Sgrillo-Head Coach and Dave Marmorstein-Assistant Coach, Jon Roux-Team Manager, **Referee:** TBA

**Junior Men Team:** Dave Inouye- Coach, **Referee:** TBA

**Junior Women’s Team:** Jeff Manning – Coach, **Referee:** TBA

Note: Assistant Coaches will not travel at the expense of the USARS program.

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## SPEED SKATING

(Unless otherwise noted, all changes are effective for 2013)

**AMENDED RULE REQUIRES TWO ROLLING REFEREESS AT QUALIFYING EVENTS:** SR 720.1 The eferee’s duties are to *ensure* that each race is a fair contest and that all speed competitive rules are enforced. The standing referees must be standing on the inside of the track in order to watch the

competitors as closely as possible at a safe distance. *The rolling referees must be rolling on the inside of the track to ensure they do not interfere with the competitors on the track.* If the referee observes a skater during a race committing a technical, personal or team foul, ~~then~~ it is the duty of the referee to disqualify that skater from the standing *or rolling* position (inside the track). *At regional, national or other qualifying events, there will be no more and no less than two officials (preferably the chief referee and one other official) will be on skates to be available* for disqualifying or moving lapped skaters over if necessary. It is the chief referee's discretion to position the referees for optimal angles during the race. One wireless microphone may be provided to the chief referee (for communicating with the skaters that are disqualified or lapped). For non-qualifying meets, the standing/rolling official numbers are at the discretion of the chief referee.

The ~~€~~ chief referee may disqualify any contestant from a race and recommend a meet disqualification against any contest(s) for loafing or competing to deliberately lose or fall, *for attempting* unsportsmanlike team work, *for coaching* another skater or ~~for in any way~~ *impeding (in any way)* the chance of another contestant(s) from winning the event.

### **INDOOR DIVISIONAL CHANGES FROM SPEED COMMITTEE**

- Added Esquire Relay events, with participation for continuation being evaluated at the end of 2014.
- Changed the name of 55 and older division in quads to Esquire.
- Added Veteran two person relays to quads.

### 2013 Regional & National Speed Divisions, Ages and Distances

Regions may continue to include Novice (Junior Olympic) relays and other divisions not listed below as unofficial, non-qualifying events at Regional Championships. These events can also be included at any league or invitational meet.

#### Novice Indoor Inline Divisions

Novice Elementary	10 & 11	300m, 500m, 700m
Novice Freshman	12 & 13	300m, 500m, 1000m
Novice Sophomore	14 & 15	500m, 1000m, 1500m
Novice Junior Women	16 & 17	500m, 1000m, 1500m
Novice Junior Men	16 & 17	500m, 1000m, 2000m
Novice Senior Women	18 & older	500m, 1000m, 2000m
Novice Senior Men	18 & older	500m, 1500m, 3000m
Novice Classic Women	25 & older	500m, 1000m, 1500m
Novice Classic Men	25 & older	500m, 1000m, 2000m
Novice Master Women	35 & older	500m, 700m, 1000m
Novice Master Men	35 & older	500m, 1000m, 1500m
*Novice Veteran	45 & older	500m, 700m 1000m

#### Elite Indoor Inline Divisions

Tiny Tot	5 & under	100m, 200m, 300m
Primary	6 & 7	200m, 300m, 400m
Juvenile	8 & 9	200m, 300m, 500m
Elementary	10 & 11	300m, 500m, 700m
Freshman	12 & 13	300m, 500m, 1000m

Sophomore	14 & 15	500m, 1000m, 1500m
Junior Women	16 & 17	500m, 1000m, 1500m
Junior Men	16 & 17	500m, 1000m, 2000m
Senior Women	18 & older	500m, 1000m, 2000m
Senior Men	18 & older	500m, 1500m, 3000m
World Class Women	14 & older	100m, 500m, 1000m, 5000m
World Class Men	14 & older	100m, 500m, 1500m, 5000m
Classic Women	25 & older	500m, 1000m, 1500m
Classic Men	25 & older	500m, 1000m, 2000m
Grand Classic Women	30 & older	500m, 1000m, 1500m
Grand Classic Men	30 & older	500m, 1000m, 2000m
Masters Women	35 & older	500m, 700m, 1000m
Masters Men	35 & older	500m, 1000m, 1500m
Grand Masters Women	40 & older	500m, 700m, 1000m
Grand Masters Men	40 & older	500m, 1000m, 1500m
Veterans	45 & older	500m, 700m, 1000m
Grand Veterans	50 & older	500m, 700m, 1000m
Esquire	55 & older	500m, 700m, 1000m
Grand Esquire	60 & older	500m, 700m, 1000m

#### Elite Indoor Inline Two Person Relay Divisions

Primary 2 Boy	7 & under	1200m
Primary 2 Girl	7 & under	1200m
Primary 2 Mix	7 & under	1200m
Elem. 2 Boy	8-11	2000m
Elem. 2 Girl	8-11	2000m
Elem. 2 Mix	8-11	2000m
Soph. 2 Man	12-15	3000m
Soph. 2 Woman	12-15	2000m
Soph. 2 Mix	12-15	3000m
Senior 2 Man	16 & older	5000m
Senior 2 Woman	16 & older	3000m
Senior 2 Mix	16 & older	3000m
Classic 2 Man	25 & older	2000m
Classic 2 Woman	25 & older	2000m
Classic 2 Mix	25 & older	2000m
Master 2 Man	35 & older	2000m
Master 2 Woman	35 & older	2000m
Master 2 Mix	35 & older	2000m
Veteran 2 Man	45 & older	2000m
Veteran 2 Woman	45 & older	2000m
Veteran 2 Mix	45 & older	2000m
<i>Esquire 2 Man</i>	<i>55 &amp; older</i>	<i>2000m</i>
<i>Esquire 2 Woman</i>	<i>55 &amp; older</i>	<i>2000m</i>
<i>Esquire 2 Mix</i>	<i>55 &amp; older</i>	<i>2000m</i>

*\*These events are approved through the 2014 season, with subsequent seasons depending on participation.*

#### Elite Indoor Inline Four Person Relay Divisions

Juvenile 4 Boy	9 & under	1200m
Juvenile 4 Girl	9 & under	1200m
Juvenile 4 Mix	9 & under	1200m

Freshman 4 Boy	10-13	2000m
Freshman 4 Girl	10-13	2000m
Freshman 4 Mix	10-13	2000m
Senior 4 Man	14 & older	4000m
Senior 4 Woman	14 & older	4000m
Senior 4 Mix	14 & older	4000m
Master 4 Man	35 & older	2000m
Master 4 Woman	35 & older	2000m
Master 4 Mix	35 & older	2000m

Elite Indoor Quad Divisions

Primary	7 & under	200m, 300m, 400m
Elementary	8-10	300m, 500m, 700m
Freshman	11-13	300m, 500m, 1000m
Junior	14-16	500m, 1000m, 1500m
Senior Men	17 & older	1000m, 1500m, 3000m
Senior Women	17 & older	500m, 1000m, 2000m
Classic	25 & older	500m, 1000m, 2000m
Masters	35 & older	300m, 700m, 1000m
Veterans	45 & older	300m, 500m, 700m
<i>Esquire</i>	55 & older	300m, 500m, 700m

Elite Indoor Quad Relay Divisions

Juvenile 2 Boy	10 & under	1200m
Juvenile 2 Girl	10 & under	1200m
Juvenile 2 Mix	10 & under	1200m
Freshman 2 Boy	11-13	2000m
Freshman 2 Girl	11-13	2000m
Freshman 2 Mix	11-13	2000m
Senior 2 Man	14 & older	5000m
Senior 2 Woman	14 & older	3000m
Senior 2 Mix	14 & older	3000m
Classic 2 Man	25 & older	2000m
Classic 2 Women	25 & older	2000m
Classic 2 Mix	25 & older	2000m
Master 2 Man	35 & older	2000m
Master 2 Woman	35 & older	2000m
Master 2 Mix	35 & older	2000m
Veteran 2 Man	45 & older	2000m
Veteran 2 Woman	45 & older	2000m
Veteran 2 Mix	45 & older	2000m

*\*This event is approved through the 2014 season, with subsequent seasons depending on participation.*

**OUTDOOR NATIONALS:** Split the longer races into two categories at Outdoor Nationals as follows:

Outdoor Track Divisions

Juvenile	age 9-10	300m time trial 500m sprint 2000m points
Freshman	age 11-13	300m time trial 500m sprint



Junior	age 14-18	5,000m points 300m time trial 500m sprint 1000m 10,000m points elimination 15,000m elimination
World Class	4 and older	300m time trial 500m sprint 1000m 10,000m points elimination 15,000m elimination
*Master: (25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55 & older) (4 divisions, 4 distances each)		300m time trial 500m 1500m *2000m points (women) *5000m points (men)

\*Events will skate as *two* groups (25-34, 35-44 and 45-54, 55 & older) and be awarded by age. The Masters Points races will be placed by points earned during the race, contestants not earning points during the race will be placed by their order of finish.

#### Outdoor Road Divisions

Juvenile	age 9-10	200m time trial 500m sprint 2000m points
Freshman age	age 11-13	200m time trial 500m sprint 5,000m elimination
Junior age	age 14-18	200m time trial 500m sprint 10,000m points (sprints every lap) 20,000m elimination
World Class	14 and older	200m time trial 500m sprint 10,000m points (sprints every lap) 20,000m elimination
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Master (25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55 & older) (4 divisions, 4 distances each)		200m time trial 500m 1500m *2000m points (women) *5000m points (men)

\*Events will skate as *two* groups (25-34, 35-44 and 45-54, 55 & older) and be awarded by age. The Masters Points races will be placed by points earned during the race, contestants not earning points during the race will be placed by their order of finish.

**SPEED SKATING ACHIEVEMENT TESTS:** Approved changes to the USARS/RSA Speed Skating Achievement Tests

<b>SPEED SKATING ACHIEVEMENT TEST TIMES</b>						
<b>66.6 Meter Track</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>	<b>Female</b>
	<b>Laps</b>	<b>Quad</b>	<b>Inline</b>		<b>Quad</b>	<b>Inline</b>
<b>Test #1</b>	1 lap	0:13	0:12		0:14	0:13
	2 lap	0:25	0:23		0:26	0:25
<b>Test #2</b>	2 lap	0:23	0:22		0:24	0:23
	3 lap	0:31	0:28		0:33	0:30
<b>Test #3</b>	3 lap	0:28	0:25		0:30	0:27
	4 lap	0:40	0:36		0:42	0:38
<b>Test #4</b>	5 lap	0:45	0:40		0:50	0:45
<b>80 Meter Track</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>	<b>Female</b>
	<b>Laps</b>	<b>Quad</b>	<b>Inline</b>		<b>Quad</b>	<b>Inline</b>
<b>Test #1</b>	1 lap	0:14	0:13		0:15	0:14
	2 lap	0:27	0:25		0:29	0:27
<b>Test #2</b>	2 lap	0:25	0:24		0:27	0:26
	3 lap	0:38	0:36		0:40	0:38
<b>Test #3</b>	3 lap	0:34	0:32		0:36	0:34
	4 lap	0:46	0:44		0:48	0:46
<b>Test #4</b>	4 lap	0:44	0:40		0:46	0:44
<b>90 Meter Track</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>	<b>Female</b>
	<b>Laps</b>	<b>Quad</b>	<b>Inline</b>		<b>Quad</b>	<b>Inline</b>
<b>Test #1</b>	1 lap	0:15	0:14		0:16	0:15
	2 laps	0:29	0:27		0:31	0:29
<b>Test #2</b>	2 laps	0:27	0:25		0:29	0:27
	3 laps	0:41	0:38		0:44	0:42
<b>Test #3</b>	3 laps	0:37	0:34		0:39	0:36
	4 laps	0:50	0:46		0:52	0:48
<b>Test #4</b>	4 laps	0:48	0:44		0:50	0:46
	5 laps	1:00	0:55		1:02	0:58
<b>Test #5</b>	5 laps	0:56	0:51		0:59	0:54
	7 laps	1:21	1:14		1:25	1:18
<b>Test #6</b>	5 laps	0:54	0:50		0:58	0:54
	10 Laps	1:50	1:42		1:56	1:48
<b>100 Meter Track</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>	<b>Female</b>
	<b>Laps</b>	<b>Quad</b>	<b>Inline</b>		<b>Quad</b>	<b>Inline</b>
<b>TEST #1</b>	1 lap	00:16.0	00:15.0		00:17.0	00:16.0
	2 laps	00:31.0	00:29.0		00:33.0	00:31.0
<b>TEST #2</b>	2 laps	00:29.0	00:27.0		00:30.0	00:28.0
	3 laps	00:43.0	00:40.0		00:46.0	00:43.0
<b>TEST #3</b>	3 laps	00:40.0	00:37.0		00:42.0	00:40.0

	4 laps	00:54.0	00:50.0		00:56.0	00:52.0
<b>TEST #4</b>	4 laps	00:52.0	00:48.0		00:55.0	00:51.0
	5 laps	01:05.0	01:00.0		01:09.0	01:04.0
<b>TEST #5</b>	5 laps	01:01.0	00:57.0		01:05.0	01:00.0
	7 laps	01:28.0	01:21.0		01:33.0	01:27.0
<b>TEST #6</b>	5 laps	00:58.0	00:54.0		01:02.0	00:58.0
	10 laps	01:55.0	01:45.0		02:05.0	01:55.0
<b>TEST #7</b>	5 laps	00:57.0	00:51.0		01:00.0	00:55.0
	10 laps	01:50.0	01:40.0		02:00.0	01:50.0
	15 laps	03:00.0	02:45.0		03:10.0	02:55.0
<b>GOLD MEDAL</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>	<b>Female</b>
	<b>Laps</b>	<b>Quad</b>	<b>Inline</b>		<b>Quad</b>	<b>Inline</b>
<b>TEST #8</b>	5 laps	<b>00:56.0</b>	00:46.0		<b>00:58.0</b>	00:49.0
	10 laps				01:53.0	01:41.0
	15 laps	02:49.0	02:28.0			
	20 laps				03:49.0	<b>03:30.0</b>
	30 laps	05:43.0	05:10.0			

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## ROLLER FIGURE SKATING

(Unless otherwise noted, all changes are effective for 2013)

**FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE C TEAM DANCE:** For the 2013 season, Regions may determine whether or not to include this event at their Regional Championships with any of their other regional promotional events, as well as their determination of the requirements.

### DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

- The requirements for Juvenile "C" Figures shall be the same as for Elementary "C" Figures
- The requirements for Juvenile "C" Loops shall be the same as for Elementary "C" Loops
- Figure 22A/B shall replace Figure 26A/B in Group II.
- Changed Domestic Loops events from choice of circles to the procedure currently being used for Circle Loops.
- Freshman/Sophomore "B" Figure event to flip-flop figures 7A/B and 8A/B in the Groups
- Removed Figure 3A/B and replace Figure 27A/B in the Premier Gold Figure Events.
- Removed the word "circle" from Primary and all "B" Loop division events
- Added the Freshman/Sophomore "C" Team Dance with stipulation that the event itself will not be touched for two years to allow numbers to develop in the field. Requirements for Freshman/Sophomore "C" Team division event to be equivalent to Fresh/Soph "C" Solo Dance requirements.
- Made Novice Free Skating events Final Only. A.

**ADDITION TO THE 2013 FIGURE RULE BOOK:** To clarify Free Skating requirement rules and interruptions during a Dance and Figure contest:

#### **AR8.02.250 FREE SKATING DIVISIONS**

- (a) Skaters who have skated in a higher division and HAVE placed 1, 2, or 3 at the National Championships CANNOT return to a lower event.
- (b) Separate competitions are scheduled for male and female contestants; however division and age qualifications are not always identical. Each division has specific element requirements to follow.
- (c) See AR8.02.260 - 270 Free Skating/Pairs requirements & AR8.02.500 – 600 for age requirements of all divisions.
- (d) For Footwork sequence, see requirements (AR11.04.11) for current skating season.
- (e) **Content infractions (any deviation to the free skating requirements per event) will be penalized (.5) per infraction, on the Technical Merit score ("A" Mark) by the judges. (See AR.08.24)**
- (f) Inline free skaters may enter both quad and inline events in the same skating season.
- (g) *Degree of Difficulty is the level of skill needed to perform an item well relative to other items of the same kind. Obviously, for most skaters, some items in free skating are generally harder or take longer to master than others. Consequently, it is the intent of this section to offer some frame of reference concerning the skill level necessary to perform these basic items.*
- (h) *Excessive repetition of the same item, without showing a variety of skating versatility must be given less credit in both Content of Program (Technical Merit) and Manner of Performance (Artistic Impression). No jump may be attempted more than three times in any USARS Standard division singles routines, with the exception of single rotation connecting jumps used in combinations. Exceeding this limitation will be penalized by a minimum deduction of 10 points by each judge. In a combination jump, each jump is individually counted for purposes of this rule. (ARFS-G §1-2, p. 69)*

**AMENDMENT TO FIGURE RULE AR8.02.58 (c)** - Once a medal placement (1, 2 or 3) *and a qualifying score for the World Championships are* obtained in a National SENIOR WORLD CLASS DANCE event, that skater will no longer be able to compete in the Level (A) FRESHMAN *or* SOPHOMORE **TEAM DANCE**. *or* JUNIOR TEAM DANCE in subsequent seasons. Upon reaching the age of thirty-five (35), National Championship 1-2-3 medal winners may move to the Classic Team Dance Division *or the Junior Team Dance Division*.

#### **AMENDED FIGURE RULES AR8.02.05:**

##### **AR 8.02.05 ROLLER FIGURE SKATING DIVISIONS AND MOVE-UP RULES**

Any *skater/team* who has never placed 1st -2nd -3rd in USARS Level (A) events in the National Championship in the event involved (e.g. - figures, dance, etc.) is eligible to compete in the USARS Level (B) and/or Level (C) divisions. Any *skater/team* who has reached the maximum age in a Level (A) event without placing in the National Championship in Level (A) or Level (B) events has the option to move up to the next higher

division and continue to compete in the Level (B), as well as the Level (A) events. (e.g. - Juvenile (A), move to Elementary (B) & (A) events).

- (a) *All Level "C" division events will compete as Regional Championships Only.*
- (b) Skaters/*Teams* may remain in Level (B) until they place 1-2-3 at the National Championships when there are six (6) or more contestants, after which the *skaters/teams* must move to the Level (A) division in that event *in subsequent skating seasons. In Level (B) events of five or fewer contestants, ONLY the skaters/teams who have placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the National Championships will be mandated to move to Level (A) in subsequent skating seasons.*
- (c) In the Men and Women Free Skating, NOVICE skaters who have placed 1-2-3 at the National Championships have the option to advance to the SOPHOMORE DIVISION or remain in the NOVICE FREE SKATING DIVISION.
- (d) Skaters/*teams* that participate in Level (A) Divisions that do NOT place at a National Championship event may advance to the next higher (A) or (B) event.
- (e) Any skater or team placing 2nd, or 3rd at the National Championships in an event that has five (5) or fewer contestants/*teams* shall have the option to remain in that division, or to move to the next higher division. This rule does not apply to divisions that have a maximum age limit. Placing in an event with five (5) or fewer contestants/*teams* has no effect on future eligibility. This exception does not apply to World Class events.
- (f) At a Regional Championship, cross-over (A) and (B) skaters/*teams* may skate both division events to qualify for the National Championships. Placements of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the National Championships with six (6) or more skaters/teams will eliminate future participation in Level (B) *in those* events.
- (g) Skaters CANNOT skate Level (C) and Level (A) divisional events in the same qualifying Regional Championship. *Level (C) division skaters may challenge the Level (B) division event of the same skating discipline during the same qualifying championships.*

**CLARIFICATION OF ONE REVOLUTION JUMPS IN SOLO FREE DANCE:** For addition to 2013 Figure Rule Book: **only one revolution jumps will be counted as "Jumps" in Solo Free Dance.** This means that any other jumps of half revolution or less will not be considered as Jumps but as part of the technical element of a program and will be considered as such by the Judges. There is no penalty for half revolution jumps included in a program.

#### AMENDED RULE ON INTERRUPTIONS DURING DANCE AND FIGURE CONTESTS –

##### **AR17.35.04 Interruptions Due to Skater's Fault**

- (a) ALL DANCE EVENTS - The team or solo skater will pick up the dance by use of a rolling start and continue to skate until judging of the flight is completed. They may start into the dance at any point, and not necessarily prior to the point of interruption. This rule also pertains to division events that compete in a TWO (2) skater/team flighting. (Please Refer to AR17.12.06 (h) & (i)) which says:  
During the skating of the flight, the skater/team beginning the dance (as specified by the announcer at the discretion of the event referee) shall have the right of way. Subsequent skaters/teams in that flight shall yield the right of way to skaters

already in motion. Interruptions of skating based on failure to comply will result in a penalty of five (5) points for the offending skater/team. Such penalty will be assessed by the judge.

1. In such instances, the involved skaters shall loop around and pick up the skating of the dance as close as possible to the point of interruption without interfering with the other skaters again and complete their normal repetitions of the dance being skated. The judges shall complete the judging of the skater/team interrupted without penalty.

2. The event referee will determine whether the correct number of repetitions have been completed by both skaters/teams in the flight, and will instruct the judges of incomplete repetitions.

If, in the determination of the Chief Referee, the skater/team is in violation of these rules to gain competitive advantage, the Chief Referee will direct the tabulators to take a five (5) point deduction from each judge's score. The Chief Referee may consult the event referee and event judge's in making this determination.

*(b) Each dance contains a sequence of prescribed steps to be skated in each repetition of the dance. The execution of these steps must be given proper consideration in determining a score for the dance. Interruptions in skating that are not covered by the broken skate rule must be considered in assigning any mark. In assigning a mark the following rules apply:*

1. *Sequences of steps that involve one repetition omitted or completed with incorrect steps will result in a deduction of minimum 10 points to a maximum of 20 points, depending on the length and severity of the omission or incorrect steps done. For example, if a skater completed one entire dance sequence using incorrect steps, a deduction of 20 points would be appropriate. If only one-half of the sequence was done with incorrect steps, then a deduction of 10 points would be appropriate.*

2. *If the error continues in all scored repetitions, the skater's score will be further reduced according to the same formulation.*

3. *If a skater or team restarts the dance and then completes the dance correctly, the deductions as described in (a.) above will apply to the portions of the dance done incorrectly before the restart.*

4. *Any dance that completes the correct number of repetitions will earn at least a MINIMUM score, as defined in the integer system as a completed dance (i.e. 20 or higher.) For example, if a skater does all scored repetitions of the wrong dance, a score of 20 would be warranted.*

*It is the responsibility of the judges to take the above deductions, yet the referee has the responsibility to advise the judges of infractions. If a Referee has missed the error and a Judge/s has noticed, the Judge should advise the Referee of this. The Referee then should advise the other panelists of such infractions.*

*The referee is responsible to begin the flight with the proper skaters and rotations. Should the wrong skater begin the flight, the referee will stop the flight and restart the flight.*

*The skater is responsible to begin the dance according to the rules established for opening steps as described in the dance diagram and to complete the required number of repetitions of each dance.*

- (c) SENIOR WORLD CLASS and JUNIOR WORLD CLASS (Compulsories) - The team or solo skater will pick up the dance at the nearest technically feasible point prior to the interruption and complete the required repetitions.
- (d) If a skater or team does not report to the referee and leaves the floor for any reason, the skater or team shall be disqualified, unless the judging has been completed.

#### **AR17.19 INTERRUPTION OF A FIGURE**

AR17.19.01 A skater who slips, *drops a foot*, or falls on the initial strike-off may elect to restart once without penalty provided the skater's decision to re-start is made during the first one-third of the first circle of the figure.

**AR17.19.02** In a case where, for any reason, the skater through his own fault, falls, *drops a foot*, or stops a figure, the referee shall instruct him to restart at a point just prior to the interruption. This distance shall be left to the discretion of the referee. *Such factors must be given due consideration in determining the score while still giving full consideration to the other judging points of the figure. The major faults of figure skating and their corresponding point deductions include:*

- A) *PUTTING THE FREE FOOT ON THE FLOOR WILL CAUSE THE ASSIGNED SCORE TO BE REDUCED A MINIMUM OF 10 POINTS.*
- B) *FALLING ON A FIGURE WILL RESULT IN THE ASSIGNED SCORE BEING REDUCED A MINIMUM OF 20 POINTS.*
- C) *UNWARRANTED ROCK-OVERS OR CHANGES OF EDGE, PRODUCING AN INCORRECT TURN, SHALL BE PENALIZED ACCORDING TO THE DEGREE OF THE ERROR.*
- D) *AN INCORRECT TURN, A THREE TURN INSTEAD OF A BRACKET, OR A ROCKER INSTEAD OF A COUNTER, WILL BE ASSIGNED A SCORE REDUCTION OF A MINIMUM OF 20 POINTS.*

*IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REFEREE TO INFORM THE JUDGES OF THESE MAJOR FAULTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INVOLVED SKATER HAS FINISHED THE FIGURE.*

*ESTABLISHING A PURE EDGE, EVEN ONE THAT IS NOT ON THE LINE, IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF TRACING. TRACING, EVEN THOUGH ON THE LINE, WHICH IS AFFECTED AT THE EXPENSE OF EDGE QUALITY (SKATE WOBBLE), SHALL BE PENALIZED. THE MOMENTUM OF THE FIGURE IS EVALUATED BY THE CONSISTENCY OF EDGE AND SPEED. (ARFG-D-18, PP 36-37)*

AR17.19.03 In cases of outside interference when the skater does not stop, the referee may allow the skater to finish the figure and then give him the option of re-skating or letting the figure stand. The skater will also have the option without further warm-up to re-skate immediately after the interference, or after the last skater of that figure, then take his or her normal place in the order of skating. If the skater chooses to re-skate, the referee shall instruct the judges to ignore the prior figure skated and judge the re-skated figure anew without penalty.

**REVISED RULE FOR PRECISION AND SHOW TEAMS:**

AR11.13.02 TEAM DANCE

- (a) All DOMESTIC TEAM DANCE division events, JUNIOR PRECISION TEAM, NOVICE PRECISION TEAM, SENIOR PRECISION and SHOW TEEAMS – LARGE SMALL will automatically qualify for the National Championships by virtue of participation at the Regional Championships (Executive Committee 5-31-12)

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**RINK ROLLER HOCKEY**

(Unless otherwise noted, all changes are effective for 2013)

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**RINK HOCKEY NATIONALS FOR 2013:** Approved conducting Nationals in conjunction with the 2013 Speed and Figure Skating National Championships in Albuquerque, NM. The National Hockey Championships will be held during the Indoor Speed Championships in the adjacent area. (Executive Committee 9/1/12)

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**ROLLER DERBY**

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**DERBY NATIONALS IN FRESNO:** Approved as the site for the 2012 Roller Derby Nationals (Executive Committee 9/1/12)

**CLUB CHARTERS:** Approved the following recommendation from the Derby Committee: Derby clubs should be responsible for the *full charter fee for the first 2 locations, and any additional charters be half price.* NOTE: The club name (as requested on the charter application) would have to be the exact same in order to qualify and the application would need to be sent to the USARS National Office (discount would not be available via the online service if it is available)

**Multiple Charters for Facility- Update needed in General Rules**

Revised GR5.01.01 as follows: USARS club charters shall cover designated USARS activities at a given address. Separate club registration must be maintained for each skating sport. ~~The establishment of more than one skating club per sport within any given roller sports facility is prohibited. The only exception would be at the discretion of the Executive Director, to temporarily double up with an already established club from another facility if that facility were closed for any reason after April 1<sup>st</sup> of a skating season. Said club would not be renewed for the next season without merging with the existing club or moving to another facility.~~ Multiple club charters per sport are allowed for *roller sports facilities and* public facilities such as school tracks, parks, etc.

Eliminated GR5.01.01a which stated: ~~Multiple clubs per sport are allowed for the 2010 season in roller sports facilities. It is understood that this rule is in conflict with and shall supersede GR5.01.01 above for the 2010 membership year.~~



