

**OFFICIAL NOTICE  
FEBRUARY - 2008**



**USA ROLLER SPORTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
February 22-23-24, 2008**

**and**

**USARS EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE  
CONFERENCE CALL MEETINGS  
December 3, 2007 - December 20, 2007 - January 26, 2008 –  
February 9, 2008 and February 22, 2008**

The following actions resulted from the USA Roller Sports Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting, February 22-23-24, 2008, in New Orleans, Louisiana, 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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**BOARD POLICY FOR CLASS V USARS MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES** - Participation by the Board representative for Class V Groups (whose members must hold USARS membership) to attend USARS Board Meetings, shall be funded by USARS, as it is for other members of the USARS Board.

**MEMBERSHIP FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR ONE-TIME 16 MONTH MEMBERSHIP PERIOD** - For the last four months of 2008 and the 12 months of 2009, approved implementing a one-time increase in USARS membership fees (equal to approximately 33 % - or 1/3) to cover the 16 month membership period, with the result being that the membership thereafter will coincide with the calendar year.

The next membership period, January 1 – December 31, 2010, will return to previous membership fee levels, with some provisions made for a slight increase in the cost of the insurance coverage that accompanies each card.

**FOUNDATION TRUSTEE** - Appointed Scott Kleiman to fulfill the unexpired term of Charles Wahlig as a member of the Foundation, effective immediately. (Executive Committee Action-December 3, 2007)

**2008 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SITES AND DATES** – Approved as submitted, subject to payment of all fees, completion of all forms, etc. (Listing can be found on the USARS website under “News” and as an attachment the complete Minutes of this Board Meeting)

**COACHES HALL OF FAME** - Approved inducting the following coaches into the Coaches Hall of Fame for the year 2008:

*Kerri Heffner* of Houston, Texas (artistic) – Since starting to teach in 1989, she has had over 100 U.S. National Championship placements, 10 Junior World Class Championship placements and 3 Senior World Class Championships placements. Keri has given seminars in other countries to help with the advancement of our sport. She was named SRSTA Teacher of the Year in 1996 and USOC Elite Coach of the Year in 2002. Kerri Heffner accompanied Jim Pollard in a training trip though Central America with two of her students to help lift the region’s quality of artistic skating performance.

*Scott Hiatt* of High Point, North Carolina (Speed) – Former World Team Member, who as a ten-year coach, has followed in the footsteps of his former coach, Hall of Famer Bob Byerly. Hiatt’s speed teams have been highly successful at the National Championships, with athletes who went on to become members of Team USA in 2003-04-05-06 and 07, including Michael Cheek, Chad Horne, Terrell Bradley, Hank Galbraith, Kimani Griffin, Briana Kramer and Heather Richardson. Hiatt received the Ringeisen Sportsmanship Award in 1991.

*Linda Dorso Pena* of Tampa, Florida (speed) – A former national speed skating champion, Pena began coaching in 1982. She consistently has had clubs with 50-60 skaters and frequently has one of the top three teams in terms of placements at the National Speed Skating Championships. Through the years she has had a skater win in every division of competition at the National Championships. She has served as coach at the Olympic Training Center. Linda always expected her athletes to maintain high moral values and standards.

*Charles Lowe* of Mineola, New York (artistic) - USARSA Coach beginning in 1952. His skaters included Carl Henderson, Jack Becker, Fred Wheeler, David Adamy, Jack McManus, Bill Spooner and many others who were National USARSA Champions. He was famous for his ability to choreograph and produce elaborate skating shows. He transferred his passion for roller skating to his students, many of who later accepted leadership roles in the federation and who remained long term contributors to this sport.

*Warren Danner* of Highland Heights, Kentucky (artistic) - Nominated by Danny Danner and supported by Jane Wojnarowsky and David Tassinari, who describe him as a coach in superlative terms and attribute their subsequent skating success to his great launch of their careers. His students included David Tassinari, Pat Fogerty, Cheryl Truman, Jack Courtney, Gary Callahan, Sherry Street, Rob Shafer, Richard Horne, Jane Panky, Jim Stevens, Jane Puracchio, Mark Howard, Cindy Smith and others, the majority of whom ended up FIRS World Champions. Seven members of the 1965 USA World Artistic Team got their starts with Warren Danner. Danner was a coach of coaches.

**USARS LIFE MEMBERSHIP** - Approved USARS Life Membership for *Betty Ann Danna* of Lakewood Ranch, Florida – Past President of USARS, former Member of the Board of Directors for many years, President of Roller Skating Foundation, Hall of Fame Coach, and member of many USARS Committees, some of which she chaired. Betty Ann Danna has contributed a life-time of service to amateur competitive sports.

**SHATTUCK AWARD** - Approved presenting the M.M. Shattuck Distinguished Service Award to *Kay Gallatin* of Ault, Colorado – cited for her outstanding contribution of time and talent as a speed skating official at Indoor and Outdoor National Championships as well as at North Central Regional Championships and local contests, working as a speed tabulator, a meet director, placement judge or where ever else she is needed. Kay does not wait to be asked, but she sees what is necessary to make the program work and pitches in to help it, even to pick up litter. She received a Meritorious Service Award in 2003 with her husband Leonard. Leonard Gallatin received the Shattuck Award in 2000. The Gallatins' service at sanctioned competitions has been continuous and unstinting.

**RINGEISEN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD** – Approved presenting the Elmer Ringeisen Sportsmanship award to *Jessica Smith* of Salt Lake City, Utah – At the 2007 World Championships in Cali, Colombia, many times World Champion Smith broke her collarbone during a race and had to be taken home early. She handled her injury and disappointment with grace, returning to the track after being wrapped up in ace bandages, urging team mates to success and showing no self pity or anger.

**VAN ROEKEL LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD** – Approved presenting the Gordon B. Van Roekel Lifetime Service Award to *Jim Pollard* of Redwood City, California – Pollard was inducted into the Distinguished Service Hall of Fame in 1996, a recipient of the Shattuck Award in 1983, and a Life Member since 1998. He was responsible for the National Artistic Championships as Meet Director for a period spanning three decades. Pollard has been elected to numerous 4-year terms as President of the International Artistic Committee of FIRS (CIPA) beginning in 1984. He has ably served as a member of the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors, as its Vice President and as a member of the Executive Committee; as a seminar leader; distinguished teacher and Regional Association Chairman.

**SNEAD AWARD** – Approved presenting the Dennis R. Snead Award to *Leonard Gallatin* of Ault, Colorado – A speed skating track official spanning two decades, who was instrumental in the creation of photo finish placement and computer calculation at both Outdoor and Indoor National Championships. Leonard has been tireless in his support of speed skating wherever and whenever asked.

**USA ROLLER SPORTS FIGURE SKATER OF THE YEAR (2007) AWARD** – Approved presenting the USARS Figure Skater of the Year (2007) award to *Nicole Leonard* of Fountain Valley, California. Her accomplishments during the competitive year included: a) 1<sup>st</sup> place United States champion in Freshman Solo Dance in 2007 – she was also the defending champion in this event, having won the same event at the National Championships in 2006. b) 1<sup>st</sup> place United States champion with her brother Derek in Sophomore Team Dance in 2007. c) 1<sup>st</sup> place United States International Junior Solo Dance champion in 2007. d) And the crowning accomplishment – 1<sup>st</sup> place International Junior Solo Dance Champion at the World Championships that were recently concluded in Australia.

**USA ROLLER SPORTS SPEED SKATER OF THE YEAR (2007) AWARD** - Approved presenting the USARS Speed Skater of the Year (2007) award to *Joey Mantia* of Federal Way, Washington. Joey was the winner of seven gold medals and a bronze medal out of twelve races at the 2007 World Speed Championship in Cali, Colombia. Mantia also won the only Gold Medal given to a U.S. male speed skater at the Pan Am Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**USA ROLLER SPORTS HARBALL HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE YEAR (2007) AWARD** – Approved presenting the USA Roller Sports Ball Hockey Player of the Year (2007) award to *Brian Stallman* of Chehalis, Washington, goalie for Team USA at the 2007 World Championships in Switzerland and is cited for his outstanding performance.

**USA ROLLER SPORTS INLINE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE YEAR (2007) AWARD** - Approved presenting the USA Roller Sports Inline Hockey Player of the Year (2008) award to *Antoinette Maldonado* of New Haven, Connecticut. Maldonado is the all-time leading woman scorer at the World Championships and was captain of the 2007 USA Women's World Championship Team.

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS** – Approved for the following for their service to the sport:  
*Louise Neal* – Volunteer tabulator at the Roller Figure Skating National Championships  
*Frances Abbott* – Volunteer referee at the Roller Figure Skating National Championships  
*David Adamy* – Open practice supervisor at the Roller Figure Skating National Championship practice rink.  
*Tanya Welch* – Took two weeks vacation to be practice rink supervisor at the 2006 Nationals.

**ROLLER HOCKEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** – Approved presenting the USA Roller Sports Hockey Achievement Award to *Pat Ferguson* for his 40 years of continuous service to Ball Hockey. His teams have won 8 to 10 Senior National Ball Hockey Championships. Ferguson produces an average of 6 teams each year for the National Championships, has coached the Junior World Ball Hockey Team, and been assistant coach for the Senior Team.

**USOC NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR (2007)** - Approved the nomination of *Bob Labriola* of Fountain Valley, California, as the *National Coach of the Year (2007)* for Roller Sports - Labriola received 13 first place awards at the 2007 United States Nationals encompassing youth, adult and elite events, including his first placements in International Dance competition (Junior World Class Solo Dance) and a second place (Senior World Class Solo Dance). And then went on to have a skater win the gold medal at the 2007 World Championships in Australia.

**USOC DEVELOPMENTAL COACH OF THE YEAR (2007)** – Approved nomination of *Linda Wood* of Sacramento, California for *USOC Developmental Coach of the Year (2007)* for Roller Sports. Wood is a speed skating coach who has achieved exceptional success with introducing younger athletes to the sport of speed skating, including substantial success in the age group competitions at the National

Championships. She serves as a primary coach for the Developmental Banked Track Clinics at the USOTC.

**USOC VOLUNTEER COACH OF THE YEAR (2007)** – Approved nomination of *Vern Binz* (hardball hockey) of Bremerton, Washington, for the USOC Volunteer Coach of the Year (2007) for Roller Sports.

**USOC ROLLER SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR FOR 2007** – Approved nomination of the 2007 Women’s Inline Hockey Team, Winners of the Gold Medal at the 2007 World Inline Hockey Championships – *Julie Chu, Lisa Giovanelli, Antoinette Maldonado, Brittany Martin, Charlotte Nicholson, Angela Ruggiero, Catherine Santo, Kathleen Savino, Michelle Vedder, Kerry Weiland.*

**USOC ROLLER SPORTS MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FOR 2007** – Approved nomination of *Joey Mantia* of Federal Way, Washington, winner of seven gold medals and a bronze medal, out of twelve races at the 2007 World Speed Championships in Cali, Colombia. Won a Gold Medal at the Pan Am Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**USOC FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FOR 2007** – Approved nomination of *Antoinette Maldonado* of New Haven, Connecticut, the all-time leading woman scorer at the World Championships and was captain of the 2007 USA Women’s World Championship Team.

**REVISED COMMITTEES** - Accepted the Standing Committees as amended, effective with the close of this meeting. (Committee list can be found on the USARS website under “Governance”, “USA Roller Sports Officers, Board and Committees” and as an attachment the complete Minutes of this Board Meeting)

**WAIVER TO NEXT HIGHEST CHAMPIONSHIPS** – A new form has been approved to apply for a waiver to the next highest championships. (It can be found on the USARS under “Forms” and as an attachment the complete Minutes of this Board Meeting)

**PERMANENT USARS BOARD ELECTION TIMELINE** – Amended as follows:

~~September 1 – National office requests each Regional Association to nominate one person for election to the Nominating Committee.~~

October 15 - National Office publishes election procedure and qualifications, and requests applications from members interested in seats on the Board of Directors (all classes) a notice to the membership via the USARS website and/or via the US Roller Sports magazine.

~~November 1 – Deadline for Regional Associations to return nominations for seats on the Nominating Committee.~~

~~November 15 – National Office mails Nominating Committee ballots to Regional nominees.~~

November 15 - Replace with: National Office contacts appropriate three regions for confirmation of who will serve on the Nominating Committee as outlined in Section 6 of these Bylaws.

November/December - National Office publishes election procedure and qualifications, and requests applications from members interested in seats on the Board of Directors (all classes).

December 15 - ~~Deadline for Regional nominees to return ballots for seats on the Nominating Committee.~~  
Replace with: Deadline for three Regions to confirm their member on the Nominating Committee.

January 15 - Deadline for interested members to return applications for seats on Board of Directors (all classes).

February 15 - Deadline for Athletes Nominating Committee (Class I) and Nominating Committee (Class II, IV, VI) to select and submit slates to National Office.

March/April - National Office publishes Athletes Nominating Committee slate (Class I) and Nominating Committee slate (Class II, IV, VI) with nominee biographies in a notice to the membership via the USARS website and/or via the US Roller Sports magazine.

June 1 ~~May 15~~ - Deadline for eligible electors to submit names of additional nominees by petition.

July/August - National Office publishes names of *petition* nominees with biographies in U.S. Roller Sports ~~with a June 15 deadline.~~

July 1 - National Office mails ballots for seats on Board of Directors (Class I, II, IV, IV) to eligible electors.

August 1 - Deadline for eligible electors to return ballots for seats on Board of Directors (Class I, II, IV, VI)

September 1 -National Office mails ballots for any runoff election to eligible electors (Class I, II, IV, VI)

September/October - National Office publishes election results in a notice to the membership via the USARS website and/or via the US Roller Sports magazine.

October 1 - Deadline for eligible electors to return ballots in runoff election.

November/December - National Office publishes results of runoff election.

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## **ROLLER FIGURE SKATING**

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**2008 WORLD FIGURE SKATING TEAM STAFF** – Approved the following: Senior World Team Coach-*Jane Wojnarowsky*, Senior Team Manager-*Doug Eley*, Junior Team Coach-*April Jacobsen*, Junior Team Manager-*Danny Brown*. One trainer will also be sent with each team.

**REFUND FOR 2007 SENIOR WORLD TEAM** - Approved return to the 2007 Senior World Figure Team a payment of \$1000 per person (\$22,000 total) from USARS to assist in their travel expenses for the World Championships. (Executive Committee Action-December 20, 2007)

**2007 & 2008 WORLD TEAM PLACEMENT REWARD FUNDING** - For the 2007 and 2008 World Figure Championships, approved implementation of a USARS Operation Gold Refund Program for *Senior Figure Skaters, Pairs, Team Dance and Solo Dance* athletes who place, as noted below, at a Senior World Figure Skating Championships. This will be a one-time payment each year, regardless of the number of

medals won, for the highest medal achieved by the athlete(s), with full equal amounts being given to each member in team events.

*Refunds for 2007:* Gold Medal - \$2,850, Silver Medal - \$2,350, Bronze Medal - \$1,800.

*Refunds for 2008:* Gold Medal - \$2,500, Silver Medal - \$2,000, Bronze Medal - \$1,500, 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$1,000.

*Note:* The USOC has an Operation Gold Fund that is provided to Senior level World *Singles* skaters, but nothing is available for other members of the Senior World Figure Skating Team who win medals at the World Championships (or the Pan Am Games in the years they are conducted).

**FUTURE TEAM USA FUNDING** – Approved distribution of 2.5% of the net profit from the Roller Figure Skating National Championships to Senior World Team members to aid in funding their attendance at the World Championships.

**USA ROLLE SPORTS ELITE COACH STATUS** – At the recommendation of the Elite Coaches Committee, this recognition was given to *Chris Baerg* of Fountain Valley, California.

**2008 INDOOR ROLLER FIGURE SKATING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIALS, JUDGES, & DATES** - Approved the following for the National Championships in Lincoln, Nebraska:

Meet Director - Ed Harney

CIPA President/Senior Advisor - Jim Pollard

Chief Referee - Dick Miller

Assistant Director/Chief Announcer - Robin Haleber

Referee/Computer Systems - Bob Lim

Referee - Bruce Muench

Computer Scoring/Data Entry - Janet Palm and Louise Neal

Assistant Tabulator - Benjamin Suber\*

Organist - Dominic Cangelosi

Music Coordinator - Tommy Andrew

Music Clerk - Jerry Miller\*

Awards Coordinator - Bud Engle

Assistant Awards Coordinator - Shirley Engle\*

Judges Committee (also judging) - Doris Walsh, Marty Bailey, John Cawley, Debbie Houston

\*Non-compensated officials

Week 1: number of Judges-15 - Non-compensated-9

Week 2: number of judges-15 - Non-compensated 6

Expense-Compensated Judges Panel for Entire Time

1. Debra Adamy
2. Marty Bailey (CIPA)
3. Gary Callahan (new CIPA)
4. John Cawley (CIPA, Judges Committee)
5. John Gustafson
6. Debbie Houston (CIPA, Judges Committee)
7. Michael Jacques (new CIPA)
8. John Lehni (new CIPA)
9. Billy Mastriano (new CIPA)
10. Doris Walsh (CIPA, Judges Committee)

11. Dottie Walsh

Expense-Compensated Judges Panel for first eight days

12. Bill Houle (CIPA)
13. Bill Spooner (CIPA)
14. Michelle Muckey (CIPA)
15. John Rangel (CIPA)

Non-Compensated Judges Panel for first eight days

1. Jim Puracchio (new CIPA)
2. Scott Clifford (new CIPA)
3. Bob Comeau
4. Lana Dennis
5. Roberta Jackson
6. Janet Jordan
7. Marion Spooner (CIPA)
8. Ginny Houle
9. Ted Hansford
10. Bill Hebert
11. Cecelia Kelley (CIPA)
12. Verna Quaranto

Expense-Compensated Judges Panel for second eight days

1. John Hultquist (CIPA)
2. Judy Graves (CIPA)
3. Sue Ellis
4. Al Taglang (CIPA)

Non-Compensated Judges Panel for second eight days

1. Nathan Daniel (new CIPA)
2. Leslie Myers
3. Marie McGee
4. Ron Nichols
5. Scott Ziemann
6. Tom Beebe
7. David Tassinari

General dates for 2008 National Roller Figure Skating Championships in Lincoln are:

- Saturday, July 19 - Speed National Championships ends
- Saturday, July 19 - Roller Figure Skating Social Skate from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- Sunday, July 20 - Elite level – practice in the daytime, competition in the evening. Elite ends Thursday, July 24.
- Wednesday, July 23 - Youth events start (practice) and run through Wednesday, July 30, overlapping World Class events.
- Wednesday, July 30 - Adult events, completed Sunday, August 3 around 9:00 or 10:00 PM.

**PRACTICE FEES FOR 2008 NATIONALS** – By contacting the USARS National Office, practice time can be purchased at the ice rink (Agricultural Hall at the Fairgrounds is scheduled for use by another group). A schedule of available private and open sessions will be prepared and made available for



booking. The private practice fee shall be \$150 per hour and \$6 per skater per practice for open sessions. (Finance Committee Action- February 9, 2008)

**USARS/RSA ACHIEVEMENT TESTS** - Effective for the 2008-2009 skating season:

**Figures:**

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| -- Juvenile B: (entry level event)<br>Tests 1&2 | -- Fresh/Soph B:<br>Tests 1-5 |
| -- Elementary B:<br>Tests 1-4                   | -- Fresh/Soph C:<br>Tests 1-3 |
| -- Elementary C:<br>Tests 1-3                   | -- Novice B:<br>Tests 1-3     |

**Solo Dance:**

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| -- Elementary B: (entry level event)<br>Tests 1&2 | Tests 1&2                                      |
| -- Fresh/Soph B:<br>Tests 1-4                     | -- Novice B:<br>Tests 1-3                      |
| -- Fresh/Soph C: (entry level event)              | -- Esquire B: (entry level event)<br>Tests 1&2 |

**Team Dance:**

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|---|---------------------------|
| -- Juv/Elem B: (entry level event)<br>Tests 1&2 | -- Novice B:<br>Tests 1-3 |
| -- Fresh/Soph B:<br>Tests 1-4                   |                           |

\*\* The Special USARS/RSA Achievement Tests Committee felt the Free Skating test structure needed re-wording in Test #3 and #4 to better nurture the skill levels of the skaters.

The re-wording of **Test #3** is as follows: One Foot Upright change One Foot Upright (to replace; IB Upright Chg IF Upright)

The re-wording of **Test #4** is as follows: OF Upright or OB Upright (to replace OF Upright)

With these alterations, the Special USARS/RSA Achievement Tests Committee came to the determination of required tests to be taken for qualification into the USARS Free Skating “B” and “C” level events as follows:

**Free Skating:**

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| -- Juv/Elem B: (entry level event)<br>Tests 1&2 | Tests 1-3   |
| -- Fresh B:<br>Tests 1-3                        | -- Fresh/Soph C: (entry level event)<br>Tests 1&2 |
| -- Fresh/Soph B Men:                            | --- Soph B Women:<br>Tests 1-3                    |

**“B” JUDGES COMMISSION PROCEDURE** – Approved the following process: To obtain a “B” commission, the candidate must be a current member of USARS and a member of a USARS club. The candidate must be a minimum of 16 years of age, hold a valid “C” commission, and be fully accredited (holding level 2 RSA Commissions) in all skating disciplines.

Applications for the “B” commission will be made to USARS National headquarters. Upon receipt of the application, USARS National Headquarters will forward the application to the proper Regional Upgrading Committee, who will in turn make their recommendation after interviewing the applicant. The Chairman of the Regional Upgrading Committee, or a designated agent, will monitor the exams for the “B” commission. The test must be taken within 30 days after being mailed from the USARS National Headquarters and must be returned within two days after being taken. The National Judges Committee will grade the exam and determine eligibility of the candidate. Please note that with or without Regional approval, candidate may take the “B” Test.

**WORLD TEAM SKATING OUTFIT** - To promote national unity during the World Championships beyond the official practice days, approved using a new design for the World Team practice outfits. The “Official USA Team Uniform” will be worn by the Compulsory Figure skaters for competition at the World Championships in Taiwan 2008.

**MOVE-UP AMENDMENTS** - Effective Immediately - *AR 8.02.05 (f)* - Any skater or team placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd at the National Championships in an event that has less than five (5) contestants 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.

Effective Immediately - *AR 8.02.10 (d)* - Any skater or team placing 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> at the Regional Championships who qualifies to participate in the National Championships in both an “A” and “B” event in the same discipline (Figures, Dance, etc.), by virtue of the above mentioned Regional Move-Up Rule may enter both events at the National Championships. Placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> at the at the National Championships in either the “A” or “B” event eliminates further participation in the Level “B” event in the discipline involved. Failure to place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> at the National Championships in either level event has no effect on eligibility.

Effective Immediately - *AR 8.02.92* - To compete in the USA National Championships in the Senior World Class Solo Dance event, the skater must be twelve (12) years of age, with no limit on the maximum age of the participant. To qualify for the World Roller Figure Skating Championships, the skater must be twelve (12) years of age and not yet 35 year of age as of January 1 of the skating season and obtain a minimum score of 7.5 from a majority of the judges.

**NON-CITIZEN MOTION RESCINDED** - To rescind Motion 31, passed on 10/7/07 by the USARS Board of Directors, which stated: Approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation to adopt the following for AR 7.03.02, b), effective immediately: International citizens or US citizens that do not qualify for a US passport will be permitted to skate in a US Qualifying Championship. Placements in Junior or Senior World Class events at the National Championships will not qualify them for the USA National Team. The next higher US skater, who holds a US passport, will qualify for the USA team. International citizens entering other events must follow domestic eligibility rules. International citizens may not participate in USA Championship SHOW or PRECISION TEAM events, which qualify to participate in World Championship.

**PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN ATHLETES IN QUALIFYING AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENTS** - Approved the following, effective immediately: AR7.03.02

- (a) Members in good standing within a foreign federation **with or without** “World Class status” who receive written approval from their federation **will be** permitted to skate in USARS Roller Figure Skating **Qualifying Championships**.

- (b) Foreign athletes **with or without** "World Class status" may not participate in the **National Championships** in Junior World Class, Senior World Class, Precision and Show events, all of which are used to select USA representative teams for World Championships.
- (c) Foreign athletes **with** "World Class status" may compete in the Junior and lower "A" events only as per their qualifications in USARS.
- (d) Foreign athletes **without** "World Class status" may compete in any USARS "A", "B", or "C" event as per their qualifications in USARS (refer to AR8.02.08).
- (e) "World Class status" for the above rules is interpreted to mean any athlete who has or is currently representing their country in the FIRS World Figure Championships.

**ADULT DANCE ROTATION FOR TEAM AND SOLO AND FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE "B" TEAM DANCE** - Requirements for the 2008-2009 skating season are posted on the USARS website under "Figure Skating", "Rules and Requirements".

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**HARDBALL ROLLER HOCKEY**

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**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIALS** - Approved the following expense-compensated officials for the 2008 Hardball Hockey National Championships in Utica, New York, July 6-11, 2008: Meet Director - *Bill Sisson*; Assistant Meet Directors - *Hardball Hockey Committee*; Chief Referee - *Gary Hendrickson*; Referees - *Mark Brailey, Jim Jost, John McNeel, Kevin Crooks*; Time & Scorekeepers - *Linda McNeel, Kathy Crooks* (and one to be announced-who will receive per diem only)

**WORLD TEAM FUND RAISING EFFORTS** - Approved the following:

- (a) Beginning in 2008, raise the team registration fee for the Hardball Hockey Nationals to \$500 per team, with \$50 of the fee being used to help fund world teams.
- (b) Beginning in 2009, raise the hardball hockey membership fee to \$5 over the regular fee, with the additional income designated to help fund world teams.

**REFEREES FOR 2008 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS** - Approved submitting the following as World Championships referees from the USA: (a) *Mark Brailey* - Referee for the Women's World Championships in Yuri-Honjou (Akita) Japan, October 5-11, 2008. (b) *Duane McMinn* - Referee for the Men's "B" World Championships in Johannesburg, South Africa, October 25-November 1, 2008.

**2008 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS** - Approved participation by USA athletes in the following international hardball hockey events: 2nd International Club Tournament in Reus, Spain, September 22-28, 2008 and Macau's 25th Anniversary Tournament, August 20-24, 2008

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**SPEED SKATING**

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**OTC SPEED SKATING DATES** - Approved conducting the following speed skating programs in Colorado Springs, subject to location approval:

*2008 Outdoor National Inline Speed Skating Championships* - Colorado Springs. June 12 – 19 (including rain days).

*Speed Team USA Training (Residency) - OTC - Colorado Springs, Colorado. Arrival - Friday, August 1, 2008 - Departure - Friday, August 22, 2008*

*Fall National Speed Team Clinic - OTC - Colorado Springs, Colorado. Arrival - Friday, October 3, 2008 - Departure - Wednesday, October 8, 2008*

*Fall Banked Track Clinic - OTC - Colorado Springs, Colorado. Arrival - Wednesday, October 8, 2008 - Departure - Sunday, October 12, 2008*

*Fall Banked Track Clinic - Broward County, Florida. Arrival - Thursday, October 23, 2008 - Departure - Sunday, October 26, 2008*

**QUAD NATIONALS ENTRY DEADLINE** - Approved establishing the first day of the Quad National Speed Skating Championships (July 13 in 2008), as the last day to register for the event.

**2008 OUTDOOR AND INDOOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULES** – Approved as submitted. (These schedules can be found on the USARS and as an attachment the complete Minutes of this Board Meeting under “Speed Skating”, “National Championships”.)

**2008 TEAM USA STAFF** - Approved the following as expense-compensated staff for the 2008 World Speed Team: *David Downing* - Senior Team Coach; *Chris Tidwell* - Junior Team Coach; *Eforrest Allmond* - Team Manager, *Debbie Bowe* - Assistant Team Manager. The 2008 World Speed Skating Championships will take place in Gijon Spain, September 4-12. Approved the following to participate at their own expense: *Mary Allmond* - Apprentice Manager, *Jeff Foster* - Apprentice Coach.

**USA REFEREE FOR 2008 WORLDS** - Approved submitting John Gustafson as the USA Referee at the 2008 World Championships in Gijon, Spain, with Jim Pitsch as the alternate if for some reason Gustafson is unable to participate.

**NEW OFFICIALS’ COMMISSION STRUCTURE** - Approved the officials’ commission structure to be amended as follows:

SR820.4 The Supporting Official that holds the “A” commission and wants to become a rolling official will now start off with the “CR2” commission.

Referees:

SR820.5 Speed “CR1” Commission – The applicant must be a minimum of 16 years old and there is no experience required. Will be required to take and pass a written open book test. Once the test is passed they can officiate at league, interclub, or invitational meets as a supporting official and assistant track referee. They will also be able to be considered as a supporting official only at a regional meet. If the test is failed then they must wait 30 days from the date the test was taken to re-take it again.

SR820.6 Speed “CR2” Commission – The applicant must hold the previous commission for 1 year and is expected to work at least 3 league, interclub, or invitational meets as a supporting official and assistant track referee in the previous year. They will now be able to be considered as an assistant referee at a regional meet. If the test is failed then they must wait 30 days from the date the test was taken to re-take it again.

SR820.7 Speed “BR1” Commission –The applicant must hold the previous commission for 1 year and is expected to work at least 3 league, interclub, invitational, and regional’s as a supporting official or and assistant referee in the previous year. The applicant will be required to take and pass a written open book multiple choice test for this upgrade. They may now be considered as a chief referee at league, interclub, and invitational meets. If the test is failed then they must wait 30 days from the date the test was taken to re-take it again.

SR820.8 Speed “BR2” Commission – Minimum age for this commission is 23 years old. The applicant must hold the previous commission for 1 year and is expected to work at least 3 league, interclub, invitational, and regional meets as a supporting official and an assistant referee in the previous year. They may now be considered as a chief referee at league, interclub, and invitational meets. This commission will grant the holder their number.

SR820.9 Speed “AR1” Commission- The applicant must hold the previous commission for 1 year. The holder may now be considered as a chief referee at all levels including regional meets. They are now expected to apply for appointment to the national meet. At the end of the national championship the applicant may be given a verbal test by the official’s committee and submitted to the speed committee for approval. Upon the successful completion of this test they may be awarded the “AR2” commission.

SR820.10 Speed “AR2” Commission – The holder of this commission may act as a chief referee at league, interclub, invitational, and regional meets. The holder is expected to apply for appointment on each year’s Indoor National Championship Panel as an assistant referee. The “AR2” commissioned official may also apply to be chief referee at the Indoor National Championship after having extensive experience as a chief referee at multiple region’s championships. Any “AR” commissioned official who has not participated at an Indoor National Championship for a period of 3 consecutive years shall revert back to a “BR2” commission.

SR820.9 This now becomes SR820.11

SR820.10 This now becomes SR820.12

#### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIALS - Approved the following:**

*2008 Outdoor National Inline Speed Skating Championships - Colorado Springs - June 12 – 19 (including rain days).*

#### Expense-Compensated Positions (11 total):

Meet Director-Ken Shelton  
Announcer-Josh Gallatin  
Chief Tabulator- Kay Gallatin  
Tabulator-Kristine Gallatin  
Photo Finish-Leonard Gallatin  
Chief Referee-Track-Mike Bell  
Chief Referee-Road-Jim Pitsch  
Referees- Janine Cobb  
Kathy Rex  
Larry Pep  
Dan Whittaker

#### Supporting Officials (not expense-compensated):

Assistant Announcer-Arlene Lehman  
Starter-Jim White  
Competitive Stewards-David Alcorn, Lou Alcorn,  
Bill Lehman

#### Alternates for Expense-Compensated Positions:

Referees- Kristin Smith, Stephanie Fesko, Joe  
Robinson, Arica Armitage, Glen Crittenden,  
Buford Mills  
Photo Finish-Hub Galbraith

*2008 National Indoor Speed Skating Championships - Lincoln, Nebraska - July 13 – 18, 2008*

Expense-Compensated (31 total):

Meet Director-Ken Shelton  
Assistant Meet Director-John Gustafson  
Announcer-Bob Justice  
Chief Tabulator-Tish Gorman  
Tabulator-Kristen Poundstone  
Awards Coordinator-Brian Hook  
Chief Referee-Wayne Bowles  
Assistant Chief Referee-Jim Pitsch  
Referees: Allen Hughes  
Arica Armitage  
Jim Hare  
Joe Robinson  
Ed Rush  
David Lewis  
Larry Pep  
Glen Crittenden

Stephanie Fesko  
Kristin Dijulio-Smith  
Dan Zielinski  
Mark Powers  
Chief Place Judge-Kay Gallatin  
Assistant Chief Place Judge-Kristine Gallatin  
Place Judge-Glen Graves  
Place Judge/Laps-Ashley Bowles  
Chief Starter-John Szelagowski  
Assistant Chief Starter-Jim White  
Photo Finish-Leonard Gallatin and David Alcorn  
Competitive Stewards-Mike Wong, Melanie Holt,  
David Nickels

Alternate for Expense-Compensated Positions:  
Referees – Mike Bell, Jeff Kujawa, Larry Farmer,  
David Glasgow, Timer-Hub Galbraith

*2008 Quad National Speed Skating Championships – Lincoln, Nebraska - July 19, 2008*

Expense-Compensated (15 total):

Meet Director-Ken Shelton  
Announcer-Bob Justice  
Tabulator-Kristin Poundstone  
Awards Coordinator-Brian Hook  
Chief Referee-David Lewis  
Referees: Allen Hughes  
Joe Robinson  
Wayne Bowles  
Jim Pitsch  
Jim Hare  
Arica Armitage  
Starter-David Nickels

Photo Finish-Leonard Gallatin  
Competitive Steward-Melanie Holt  
Chief Place Judge-Kay Gallatin

Non-Compensated - Assistant Meet Director-  
Sherri Anspach, Lap Counter-Jim White  
Alternates for Expense-Compensated Positions:  
Referees – Glen Crittenden, Larry Pep, Mark  
Powers, Ed Rush, Stephanie Fesko, Starter-John  
Szelagowski, Chief Timer-Hub Galbraith, Lap  
Counter-Jim White

**USARS SPEED RULE CHANGES** - Approved the following:

*USARS SPEED SKATING PROGRAM CHANGE PROCESS*

*Objective:*

To describe in detail the process by which the sport of speed skating can be changed by proposals from the grass-roots level. All speed program changes must be approved by a majority of the speed coaches in the 9 regions, approved by the Speed Committee, and approved by the USA/RS Board of Directors. A program change is defined as; any change in events, divisions, distances, or age groups to be skated in Regional and National Championship competition.

Administrative changes are the responsibility of the Speed Committee and must be approved by the USARS Board of Directors. Administrative changes are defined as; rulebook correction/clarification,

officiating standards/requirements, and changes pertaining to the conduct of championships.

*Procedure:*

Regional Representative, one speed coach elected by record vote from each region, designated as their regional representative, capable of acting as a conduit for information between regions and the speed committee. The regional representative must attend regional coaches meetings to facilitate discussions of current proposals, solicit new proposals, and act as proctor for the required record votes. (See Speed Regional Representative Requirements)

Each Regional Representative shall arrange a regional coaches meeting, during their regional championships, to encourage discussion of new ideas, formulate these ideas into written proposals, and conduct a record vote on these proposals by the coaches. The regional representative shall then submit their regions proposals, with the record vote, at the National Regional Representatives meeting conducted during the National Championship meet.

At the National Regional Representatives meeting all proposals from all regions will be presented and discussed. Similar proposals from multiple regions will be combined into consensus proposals by the group. The regional representatives will then vote on which proposals to present to the Speed Committee.

The Speed Committee will meet at the National Championship meet following the regional representatives meeting to review proposals from the regions. The Speed Committee shall provide the Regional Representatives with a copy of their meeting minutes indicating the disposition of all proposals submitted.

The meeting minutes will be available prior to the completion of the National Championship.

Proposals approved by the Speed Committee will be posted on the USARS website no later than September 15<sup>th</sup> for review by all coaches and the general membership. A hard copy of the proposals will also be sent, via Certified mail with a return receipt, to each regional representative no later than September 15th.

Each Regional Representative shall arrange a second regional coaches meeting, to discuss and conduct a record vote on the nationwide proposals posted on the USARS website. This meeting must be completed and the record vote on the nationwide proposals faxed to the National Office by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Speed Committee will audit the nationwide proposal record votes from the regions, and forward, with committee recommendations, all proposals receiving majority approval to the National Board of Directors for action at the Spring Board meeting.

Proposals approved by the Board of Directors at the spring meeting will be effective the following skating season.

Majority approval is defined as the approval of a majority of coaches from six or more of the nine regions, documented by record vote.

In the event that nationwide proposals posted on the USARS website do not get a majority of regions submitting record votes by the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. The Speed Committee will then be responsible for the disposition of all proposals.

The Speed Committee shall for each proposal:

- a. Approve the proposal and forward it to the National Board for action.
- b. Reject the proposal.

c. Table the proposal and send it back to the regional representatives.

**REVISED SPEED SKATING COACHES REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE** – Approved the following:

*SPEED SKATING COACHES REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE*

*Job Description:* Each of the nine regions, *at their regional championship contest*, is required to elect a Speed Coach to represent their region. This individual is to act as a conduit for sport specific information i.e.; Rule changes, Proposals for new events, and Sports Science Innovations that can enhance the sport of Speed Skating. Going to and coming from, The Speed Committee and the other 8 Regional Representatives.

*Requirements:* The speed coaches in each region, *at every regional championship contest*, shall elect a Speed Skating Coaches Regional Representative by a “Record Vote”.

A “Record Vote” must include the following information:

1. The date, time and place of the meeting conducting the election.
2. The name, signature and Club ID number of each voting coach and their “Yes”, “No” or “Abstain” vote.

The candidate must be a Certified Speed Coach in good standing with USA/RS.

Each Chartered Speed Club (Club ID #) in the Region shall have one vote when electing a regional representative. If a speed club has more than one coach, these coaches must decide by whatever method they choose how to apply their single vote. *If clubs have multiple club IDs (additional practice rinks or satellite clubs), the voting club ID shall be the ID with the majority of membership.*

Upon election the regional representative must submit the record vote by which they were elected along with their personal contact information to USA/RS headquarters for inclusion on the Speed Skating Coaches Regional Representatives contacts list. *Regional representatives may also submit their record vote and contact information at the National Championship meeting.* Contact information shall include name, address, phone numbers and email.

*Duties and Responsibilities:* Must *conduct* regional coaches meetings to facilitate discussion of the current season’s posted speed proposals up for nation wide review *by the December 31st deadline*, and encourage the formulation of new proposals to be brought forward from their region the following year.

1. Conducts “Record Votes” on the current seasons nation wide *proposals by the December 31st deadline for submittal to the National Office. The Speed Committee will review and forward proposals per the rule change process to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting for action by the board.*

2. Conducts “Record Votes” *at each regional championship contest* on new proposals the region wants to submit for discussion at the annual National Championship Meeting.

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**INLINE ROLLER HOCKEY**

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**INLINE HOCKEY TEAM USA CRITERIA** - Approved the World Team Selection and Replacement Criteria for Men and Women's Inline Hockey Teams (Criteria can be found on the USARS Website under “Inline Hockey”, “Team USA Selection” and as an attachment the complete Minutes of this Board Meeting)

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**DERBY**

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**EXHIBITION SANCTION FOR MEN’S ROLLER DERBY:** The fee for men’s roller derby leagues shall be \$150 for an exhibition sanction including any required insurance certificates. All participants must be USARS members. (Finance Committee Action- February 9, 2008)