

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**  
**OCTOBER - 2011**



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

**OCTOBER 1-2, 2011**

The following actions resulted from the USA Roller Sports Annual Board of Directors Meeting, October 1 & 2, 2011, in Lincoln, Nebraska. 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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**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Elected as follows: George Kolibaba for a one-year term as President, David Adamy for a one-year term as Vice President, and Billy Sisson for a one-year term as Treasurer

**CLUB REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD** - Ratified the mail ballot re-election of Annelle Anderson as the Club Representative on the USARS Board for a three-year term that will conclude at the close of the 2014 Fall Annual Board Meeting.

**GRASSROOTS DIRECTOR ON THE BOARD** - Ed Harney was elected to a three-year term as the Grassroots Director, which will conclude at the close of the 2014 Fall Annual Board Meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP FOR AGE 4 AND UNDER FREE** - Approved giving free membership in USA Roller Sports to those age 4 and under as of January 1 for all sport disciplines.

**2013 SPEED AND ROLLER FIGURE NATIONALS:** Approved conducting the 2013 and 2015 Indoor Speed and Roller Figure Skating Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico, pending final financial considerations from the city.

**USARS IDENTIFICATION FOR RINK HOCKEY, INLINE HOCKEY, DERBY, FIGURE AND SPEED SKATING** - Effective immediately, identification of the “disciplines” or “technical” committees shall be referred to as the sports and/or “sport” committees.

**DISCOUNT FOR MULTIPLE DERBY CHARTERS** - Approved the sale of clubs charters for derby *for the first two locations at the full charter fee, and any additional charters are half price.* The club name (as requested on the charter application) must be the exact same in order to qualify and the application must be sent to the USARS National Office. The discount is not available via the online service that will be available starting in 2012.

**INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS RENEWAL FEES OR FIGURE, SPEED AND HOCKEY** - Recognize the contributions of international officials by USARS paying their annual international dues.

**WORLD SLALOM** – Approved recognition by USARS of the United Skates Freeskating Association as the organization eligible to nominate skaters to attend the World Slalom Skating Association international competition in October, 2011.

**ELITE COACH STATUS** - Approved awarding Elite coaching status to USA Roller Sports Coaches Hall of Fame inductees.

**USARS COMMITTEES:** Approved membership on the following committees:

- **Executive Committee** - George Kolibaba-Chairman, Jim Pollard, Mark Vittese, Annelle Anderson, Josh Wood-Athlete
- **Finance Committee** - Bill Sisson-Chairman, George Kolibaba, Annelle Anderson, Ed Harney, Trace Hansen-Athlete
- **Membership Eligibility Committee:** David Adamy-Chairman, Kurt Anselmi, Ed Mueller, Danny Brown, Mark Vittese, Josh Wood (speed), Trace Hansen (figure), Charlotte Nicholson (hockey)-Athletes.
- **Athlete Performance Committee (Sports Medicine):** Dr. Scott Kleiman-Chairman, Lori Brandon, David Pittman, Kylee Berger-Athlete

- **Hall of Fame and Honors Committee:** Richard Hawkins-Non-voting Chairman, George Pickard, Jim Pollard, Bill Sisson, Annelle Anderson, John Gustafson
- **Nominating Committee:** Gary Castro-Chairman, Trace Hansen – AAC Member, and three TBD annually (membership of last three rotates between Regional Officers)
- **Elite Coaches Selection Committee:** Richard Hawkins-Non-voting Chairman, Bob Labriola, Bill Sisson, Ken Shelton, Gloria Manning, Mark Vittese
- Deleted the Elite Officials Committee for Speed

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**RINK ROLLER HOCKEY**

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**2012 NATIONALS** – Approved the Rink Hockey Report which stated that the 2012 National Rink Hockey Championships will take place in Cumberland Maryland at the YMCA – July 7 – 13.

**RINK HOCKEY COMMITTEE** - Approved the following as members of the USARS Rink Hockey Sport Committee: Don Allen for a four-year term as a voting member and Pat Ferguson as a non-voting member for a one-year period.

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**ROLLER DERBY**

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**DERBY COMMITTEE** - Approved the Derby Sport Committee for two-year terms, expiring following the close of the 2013 Fall Annual Board of Directors Meeting: Danielle Fairbanks – *Staff Director*, Bruce Bragassa, Jenna Klauk, Fernando Regueiro, John McNeel, Sabra Bunger

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**INLINE ROLLER HOCKEY**

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**INLINE HOCKEY COMMITTEE** - Approved Arlene Lehman as a member of the USARS Inline Hockey Sport Committee for a four-year term as a voting member.

**INLINE HOCKEY WORLD TEAM STAFF** - Approved sending the 2012 World Inline Hockey Team to Bucaramanga, Colombia without medical staff, pending receipt of confirmation that adequate coverage is being provided by the event host.

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**SPEED SKATING**

(Unless otherwise noted, all changes are effective for 2012)

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**WORLD TEAM SELECTION** - Approved the following speed team selection criteria recommendation:

*Currently reads:* SR4411 (Senior Team) and SR442 (Junior Team) ...shall each consist of six men and six women, with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place men and women qualifying for residency...

*Change to read... may each consist of up to six women and six men, with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place women and men only qualifying for a team position due to 1st through 6<sup>th</sup> declining...*

**SPEED SKATING COMMITTEE** - Approved the following as members of the USARS Speed Skating Sport Committee: Mike Bell for a four-year term as a voting member and Chris Payne as a non-voting member for a one-year period.

**WORLD INDOOR SPEED CUP** – Approved including the Indoor World Speed Cup as part of the 2012 USA Speed Skating National Championships in the Pro Elite Division, making it open to international athletes.

**SPEED WORLD TEAM HONORARIUM** - Approved providing honorarium of \$100 per day per person, with a maximum of \$600 per week, during speed residency for USARS World Team staff members whose expenses are paid for while attending the World Championships.

**SPEED RULE CHANGES** – Approved the Speed Sport Committee changes as included in their report to the USARS Board:

### **SR938 Distance Rule Definitions for Outdoor Nationals**

*SR938.1 - Distance Rule Definition for Elimination or Points Elimination Races for Junior World Class and World Class*

*In this event skaters will be eliminated by the bell down to the 5 skaters remaining with 2 laps to go in the race. Skaters may be eliminated if distanced by the leaders only if they are not contending for a point's positions 2-8. Skaters distanced by the race leaders who have lost contact with the 8<sup>th</sup> place skater may be distanced at the discretion of the head referee.*

*Distanced skaters will be placed in reverse order of their elimination for overall race placement. In elimination races other than Junior World Class and World Class skater will be placed by the order they are eliminated by the bell or distanced.*

**The Chief Referee SR961** - The Chief Referee presides over all of the officials and is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that each contest is a fair event and that all competitive rules are enforced. *The Chief Referee must be a CIC certified official unless there are no CIC certified officials available.* The Chief Referee vouches director for his own actions to USARS and will have complete and final authority over the running of the events and the handling of disputes that may arise. When any condition, such as inclement weather or insufficient light hinders the safety of the competition or any of its competitors or the continuation of the same, the Chief Referee MUST stop the competition until conditions are corrected or cancel it. When the interrupted competition re-convenes, only those skaters who were competing at the moment of the interruption shall be allowed to participate. The Chief Referee is in charge of the technical and disciplinary control of the competition. Therefore, he or she shall:

**Video Replay - SR590** - *Video replay can be utilized at the indoor national championships for "team fouls" and "technical fouls" for clarification. The only video permissible will be from the official video supplier of the indoor national championships. In order for a foul to be overturned, the video evidence must be conclusive.*

*SR590.1 - No video review will be allowed at any national championship of a non-team foul (officials decisions SR503.2) for any reason.*

**Fouling Disqualification - SR600.1** - Fouling Disqualification-If a skater has committed a foul, the referee may call the skater out immediately or allow him or her to continue in the race and announce the disqualification after the race

is finished. *All disqualifications must be turned into the chief placement judge before the next race or the disqualification will be nullified.* If a skater refuses to leave the track when ordered out by a referee, the referee may recommend to the meet director the immediate suspension of the skater from the remainder of the speed competition.

**Statement to be added to SR 111.1 and SR 112.1** - *At no time shall boys and girls or men and women compete against each other in the division races at a regional qualifying event or national championship.*

**Novice Eligibility Rules - SR170.4** - Skaters are eligible to compete in the Novice Inline Speed program, **unless** they have meet any of the following conditions the previous or prior years.

- A. Skaters placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in an individual event in Freshman or above at Quad National Championships in 1992, or any year prior to 1992, are not eligible for Novice events.
- B. Skaters entering individual *elite* events at the Inline National Championships are not eligible for Novice events the next season or thereafter, except as follows:
  - 1. Participation or placement in the Tiny Tot division will have no effect on Novice eligibility.
  - 2. In the Primary and Juvenile divisions only the participants that place 1st, 2nd, or 3<sup>rd</sup> overall will not be eligible for Novice events the next season or thereafter.
- C. Skaters placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in Junior World Class or World Class events at the Outdoor National Championships, excluding the marathon and relays, are not eligible for Novice events the next season or thereafter *if the Outdoor National Championships are held prior to the Indoor National Championships. Skaters are ineligible to skate Novice after Outdoor National Championships if the event is after the Indoor National Championships.*
- D. Skaters placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in an event at the Novice Inline National Championship are not eligible for Novice events the next season or thereafter.

**Scoring Speed Contests – SR831**

**SR831.1** - *All overall division placements in all speed skating contest and championships will be determined by the greatest number of points awarded in all final distances.*

**SR831.2** - *In any final distance, points will be awarded to the top 6 skaters in each final to determine the overall placements in each distance final.*

**SR831.3** - *To facilitate the selection of the overall champion, points will be awarded to the top six placements in each distance final event as follows:*

<i>First Place</i>	<i>15 points</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>13 points</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>10 points</i>
<i>Fourth Place</i>	<i>8 points</i>
<i>Fifth Place</i>	<i>5 points</i>
<i>Sixth Place</i>	<i>3 points</i>

**SR831.4** - *The overall champion will be the defending champion in any division where the overall champion continues to have age eligibility.*

**SR831.5** - In case of a tie (dead heat) in any final distance, the points will be awarded as follows:

- A. In a dead heat for first place the points for first and second place will be added together and divided equally between the tied skaters.
- B. In the event of a dead heat for second place, the points for second and third will be added together and divided equally between the tied skaters.
- C. The dead heat formula above will be used for any other placements where a dead heat occurs in a distance final.

**SR831.6** - The skater compiling the largest total score under the above standard point system will be declared champion of the division, the second largest total score shall be declared second, etc.

**SR831.7** - In the event of a tie for the overall champion, the tied skater's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes in each distance skated will be used and applied per the SR832 tie breaking formula in the current Speed Skating Rule Book.

**SR832 - Tie Breaking Formula**

Tie-breaker points for placements for Divisions by distance:

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
W/C 100 Meters	93	62	31	15 ½
Short Distance	96	64	32	16
Middle Distance	108	72	36	18
Long Distance	120 ¾	80 ½	40 ¼	20 1/8

Example – John Doe and William Roe are tied for first place with in the Senior Men’s division. Each has a total of 23 points under the standard point system. These points are set aside and the tie-breaker point system is used instead. John Doe won the 3000 meter and took fourth in the 1500 meter while William Roe got second the 1500 meter and took third in the 3000 meter.

John Doe is awarded 120 ¾ points for the 3000 meter and 18 points for the 1500 meter. William Roe is awarded 72 points for the 1500 meter and 40 ¼ points for the 3000 meter.

John Doe has 138 ¾ points while William Roe has 112 ¼ points. John Doe would be first and William Roe would be second.

**SR833** - In the event of a meet disqualification prior to the conclusion of all distances within a division, all points previously earned by the disqualified skater shall be excluded for the tally of overall placements.

**SR834** - Under no circumstances will points be awarded to any skater for placing in heats or eliminations, or semi-final distances.

**SR835** - Tie-breaking points NEVER supersede those earned by a skater placing higher in the division by the standard points system. Tabulators are cautioned not to be confused by the higher totals resulting from use of the tie-breaker formula.

**SR836** - Unbreakable Ties – When an unbreakable tie occurs in determining a championship overall placement, the tied skaters will be required to compete in a tie-breaking run-off of the middle distance to determine the overall placement. In the case of a dead heat in the Elite division both skaters would be awarded the same medal for that distance and no medal would be awarded for the next subsequent placement.

**SR837** - The club plaque "John Wintz" award will be presented only to the overall elite division champion. Additional awards will be presented to the first, second, and third overall placements for all Elite divisions.

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## **ROLLER FIGURE SKATING**

(Unless otherwise noted, all changes are effective for 2012)

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**FIGURE SKATING COMMITTEE** - Approved the following as members of the USARS Roller Figure Skating Sport Committee: Jessica Gaudy for a four-year term as a voting member and Aubrey Orcutt as a non-voting member for a one-year period.

**DOMESTIC PROGRAM COMBINED FIGURE/LOOPS** - Accepted the Figure Sport Committee Report which approved the following: If a skater places 1-2-or 3 at the national championships in a domestic figure/loop combined event, but does not place 1-2-or 3 in the individual events leading to the combined figure/loop national medal, the skater is not mandated to move to the next higher division in subsequent skating seasons.

**CONDUCT OF CIPA FIGURE EVENTS** - Accepted the Figure Sport Committee Report which approved the following rule to be included in the USARS Figure Rule Book in the referee duties of the running of a CIPA figure event: AR17.15.04 - *CIPA figure events to be conducted by the event referee in the same manner as during the world championships. The event referee will signal the skater to start with a soft whistle when the judges are positioned around the skater's circles.*

**PRIMARY MOVE UP** - Accepted the Figure Sport Committee Report which approved the following for inclusion in the USARS Figure Rule Book for all Primary division events: *All Primary division skaters who place 1-2-3 at the national championships must move to the next higher "A" division event in subsequent skating seasons when mandated by age in the discipline involved.*

**ELEMENTS FOR SHORT PROGRAM** - Accepted the Figure Sport Committee Report which approved the following to be listed in the 2011-2012 USARS Figure Rule Book as follows:

### JUNIOR/JUNIOR WC and WORLD CLASS FREE SKATING

#### SHORT PROGRAM ELEMENTS (MEN & WOMEN)

- Axel-*This can be single, double or triple.*
- Toe Assisted Jump- *This can be single, double or triple.*
- All other required elements to remain as written in USARS Figure Rule Book as determined by CIPA.