

OFFICIAL NOTICE



**USA ROLLER SPORTS
2008 ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Peoria, Illinois**

October 5-6-7, 2008

Minutes from the Finance Committee Conference Call on June 3, 2008 and from the Executive Committee Conference Calls on April 21 and September 14, 2008, are attached to the Annual Board Meeting Minutes. Complete Minutes from these meetings can be found on the USARS website.

GENERAL

USARS Constitution and Bylaw Changes - Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least twice each year at a time and place, either within or without the State of Nebraska, designated by the President. The ~~annual~~ *semiannual* meeting shall be held within ~~ninety (90)~~ *one-hundred-twenty (120) days* of the close of the fiscal year. The ~~semi-annual~~ *annual* meeting shall be held not less than four (4) or more than seven (7) months after the ~~annual~~ *semiannual* meeting. USARS.” (With the change of the USARS fiscal year to conclude on December 31, we can change these meeting designations and other references to these meeting will be correct and the meeting names can remain unchanged.)

Amended Background Check Requirement - Amended the following to include background checks for athletic trainers:

- (a) International Team USA leaders, ~~and~~ coaches *and athletic trainers*, and coaching staff at camps and clinics held at the USOC must pass a background check. USARS will cover the cost of the check for these individuals.
- (b) Other USARS member coaches and officials have the option to pay for their own background check, with a designation of successful results being added to their USARS membership card.

Meet Director Certification - Approved the following new rule: GR4.01.03 - Meet Directors Certification courses are conducted at the USARS National Championships and at USARS coaches’ conferences. There are separate certification courses for Artistic, Hockey and Speed Meet Directors. Certification is valid for a three-year period, providing USARS does not receive verified complaints on the Meet Director that warrants action by the USARS Board of Directors and that the Meet Director maintains USARS membership. To be eligible to participation in a Meet Director Certification course, an applicant must:

- Be a current USARS member
- Be a minimum of 25 years of age
- Have some experience in conducting USARS sanctioned meets
- Obtain approval from the appropriate technical committee (Artistic, Hockey, or Speed)
- Include a list of their activities as a contest official for the past three years.

Certified Meet Directors must be recertified every three years by attending a Meet Directors Certification course.

Two Levels of Meet Director Certification Established – Amended 4.01.01 through 4.02.04, use "Certified Meet Director" where it says "Meet Director" in reference to Regional and National Championships.

Add new subsection 4.01.01 (a). For figure skating there are two classes of USARS Meet Directors Certification. They are (A) Invitational, State Championships, Regional Championships, National Championships and Protected Championships and (B) League and Interclub Contests.

USARS Coaches Membership Structure Amended - Effective immediately, the Board approved the following new requirements for coaching levels 1, 2 and 3. They will be labeled "XC-1" Registered, "XC-2" Certified and "XC-3" Advanced. The X can be "A" for artistic, "S" for speed or "H" for hockey. The "Elite level 4" remains unchanged.

The "Restricted Coach" category is eliminated.

XC-1 Registered Coach – Applicant must meet basic USA/RS membership requirements and submit XC-1 Registered Coach's application and fees to USA/RS national office. The USA/RS national office will send the applicant a basic coaching skills study guide and test. The test is open-book and must be returned to the national office for evaluation. Only after passing the basic coaching skills test will the applicant be issued an XC-1 Registered Coach's card. The XC-1 Registered Coach's card is valid for one year and requires a basic coaching skills test be completed satisfactorily for renewal. The basic coaching skills test requirement for renewal will be waived if the XC-1 Registered Coach produced a national champion or two podium placements the previous year or attends an authorized USA/RS coach's conference.

XC-2 Certified Coach - Applicant must meet basic USA/RS membership requirements, have held a XC-1 Registered Coach's Card for one year and submit XC-2 Certified Coach's application and fees to USA/RS national office. The USA/RS national office will send the applicant a certified coaching skills study guide and test. The test is open-book and must be returned to the national office for evaluation. Only after passing the certified coaching skills test will the applicant be issued an XC-2 Certified Coach's card. The XC-2 Certified Coach's card is valid for one year and requires a certified coaching skills test be completed satisfactorily for renewal every second year. The certified coaching skills test requirement for renewal will be waived if the XC-2 Certified Coach produces a national champion or two podium placements during the previous two years or attends an authorized USA/RS coach's conference.

XC-3 Advanced Coach - Applicant must meet basic USA/RS membership requirements, have held a XC-2 Certified Coach's Card for two years and submit XC-3 Advanced Coach's application and fees to USA/RS national office. The USA/RS national office will send the applicant an advanced coaching skills study guide. Advanced Coach's testing may be conducted at an authorized USA/RS coaches conference or the national championships, applicants will be notified of the time and place. The test is open-book and must be proctored by an approved USA/RS official. Only after passing the advanced coaching skills test will the applicant be issued an XC-3 Advanced Coach's card. The XC-3 Advanced Coach's card is valid for one year and requires an advanced coaching skills test be completed satisfactorily for renewal every four years. The advanced coaching skills test requirement for renewal will be waived if the XC-3 Advanced Coach produces a national champion or two podium placements during the previous four years or attends an authorized USA/RS coach's conference.

National Indoor Speed and Figure Skating Championships - Accepted the amended bid criteria for the Speed and Figure Skating National Championships. (See Addendum A of the complete Board Minutes)

Board Election Results (Information) – *Annelle Anderson* was returned to the Board as the Club Representative, *Bill Sisson* was returned to the Board as the Grassroots Representative and *Josh Wood* will represent Speed Athletes on the Board. All are three-year terms. Election of the USOC Athlete

Advisory Council representative will be completed by December 31, for a term that will expire on 12/31/12.

USARS Officers Approved - President/Chairman of the Board - George Kolibaba; Vice President - David Adamy; Secretary - Richard Hawkins; Treasurer - Bill Sisson. All are one year terms.

Committee on Committee Approved – George Kolibaba-Chairman, David Adamy, Jane Wojnarowski, Toby Tagliapietra, Annelle Anderson. This Committee is responsible for recommending participants on USARS Standing Committees.

Foundation Trustees Approved - George Pickard, Scott Kleiman, David Ramsey for three year-terms.

2009 Semiannual Board Meeting (Information) - The 2009 Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Lincoln – April 3-4-5, 2009 (April 3 arrival and evening Executive Session, with meetings all day Saturday and half a day on Sunday).

RINK HOCKEY

Name Change for Hardball Hockey – Approved changing the name of “Hardball Hockey”, as known in the United States, to be “Rink Hockey”, as known in other parts of the world.

2009 Rink Hockey Nationals - Approved conducting the 2009 Rink Hockey National Championship at Sports Unlimited, 5701 Azle Avenue, Lake Worth, TX (Fort Worth) on Sunday, June 21 - through Friday, June 26, 2009.

2009 Junior and Senior World Team Selection – *Information Only* - Saturday, June 20, 2009, there will be training camp for Juniors and Seniors. The Junior Team will be picked at Nationals. If the USA qualifies through the "B" Championships to participate in the "A" Championships, the Senior World Team will be selected in January (date to be announced). The "A" Championships will be the first or second week of July in Spain.

Ladies, Juniors and Men’s Rink Hockey World Team Selection and Replacement Criteria Approved - USA Roller Sports (USARS) will utilize the following criteria for World Team selection:

Rink Hockey Team - Tryouts will be conducted for the selection of the Team USA that will represent the United States in the FIRS World Championships for Rink Hockey. The Team USA size shall include a minimum of 10 athletes to include 2 goalies.

Participation in the tryouts will be earned through participation in mandatory training camp(s) and shall be published in advance of these events via USARS web site and printed notices in official USARS publications so that every potential candidate is informed and encouraged to participate.

Designation of events that qualify a player for eligibility to participate in the Team USA tryouts shall be as follows:

- a) Players on the official rosters of teams participating in the immediately prior year's (Ladies, Juniors & Seniors) USARS Rink Hockey National Championships and past World Team members.
- b) Byes will be provided for as many as two at-large-athletes of established competence who were unable through circumstances beyond their control to compete in the foregoing, as designated by a majority of the Team USA Selection Committee (See attached application for consideration).
 - 1. All players making a request for an at-large bid must submit the at-large request to the USARS and Rink Hockey Committee by the deadline for the submission of a completed application to attend the tryout camp.
 - 2. In addition, the player making the request for an at-large bid must also submit all the necessary regular paperwork for the camp, including the payment of all fees. If the at-large request is denied, the fees will be returned. If a request is made and all paperwork and fees are not supplied by the deadline, then the at-large request shall be denied.
 - 3. The USA Rink Hockey Committee will make determination of the allowable at-large request submitted after the deadline for the submission of the applications for the trials camp.

Team USA Rink Hockey Committee – Rink Hockey will appoint 3 to 5 persons from their committee, the number dependent upon the availability of competent personnel, to be the evaluators at the tryouts to rate players, consult with the designated Team Coach on formation of playing lines, collecting left and right hand shooters, defense specialists, forward and effective scorers and thereby select the players for Rink Hockey Team USA. The team coach shall conduct the trials and be consulted as a non-voting member of the committee.

The Team USA Rink Hockey Selection Committee shall act according to approved tryout selection standards and shall document this process. Three members of the Rink Hockey Committee shall include: The designated World Team coach (without vote), and the Chairman of the USARS Rink Hockey Committee or appointed representative(s). This will constitute the normal selection procedure for Team USA.

Replacing a Member of Rink Hockey Team USA

Prior to departure for the Championships:

- a) Should a Team USA member after being selected, withdraw, become injured, incapacitated or otherwise not able to participate according to published criteria, the Selection Committee will replace the player with the next player in ranking for that position as established at the training camps. Published criteria will be distributed to players for their signature at the Team USA tryout selection site. Replacement for illness or injury will take place after consultation with competent medical authority.
- b) Should the tryouts produce a void for sufficiently qualified world class players to fill the designated positions on Team USA (i.e. a world class goalie and floor player, which are arguably the most critical position for contention as a World Champion team) or a qualified replacement for an already established selection, a Special Committee consisting of the Team Coach, Chair of the Rink Hockey Committee and one at-large member of the Rink Hockey Committee, will conduct a nation-wide search for a USA citizen qualified to be a replacement for that spot and by majority decision name that person to the opening on Team USA.

NOTE: Success in hockey is a team effort, with the ultimate goal of all-star team selection to produce the best available national representatives who might earn a championship GOLD MEDAL for the United States of America. Selection for Team USA is not a lottery or an individual prize, but should be considered a privilege of American citizenship, where individual athletes are chosen to represent their country in their sport as the most qualified that this country can offer.

Arrival at the World Championship Site:

After arrival at the site but before the official start of the championship and before the official team roster is submitted (after which by CIRH rules, no substitutions may be made) a Rink Hockey athlete who withdraws from the team due to illness, injury or for any other reason, or is removed for disability or failure to abide by the USARS Athlete Code of Conduct, may or may not be replaced with another athlete in accordance with the following:

- a) The Team Coach and Manager have the authority to replace an injured or missing player with another player for that position should there be one available and before the team roster is submitted to CIRH.
- b) The substituted player must have participated in the team tryouts and been ranked or must have the approval of a majority of the Special Committee, as designated above, consisting of the Team Coach, the USARS Rink Hockey Chair and a selected at-large member of the USARS Rink Hockey Committee.

SPEED SKATING

Budget for New Speed Equipment - Approved \$19,000 maximum as requested by the Speed Committee for the purchase of the finish line camera, electronic starting equipment and lap counting equipment.

Approved the following as SR931 Sprint Races (500 meters) - SR931.1 Heats are set-up based on the placement of skaters in the 300m Time Trials *for Track or the 200m Time Trials on Road*. The number of skaters qualifying from each 500m heat to a quarter-final or semi-final is determined by the number of skaters entered in that event and is displayed in the schedule listed below.

In the Men’s and Ladies 500m event, at least two skaters will advance each round. There will be two semi-finals with 4 skaters in each. First and Second in each semi will skate the Final determining 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th placements. Third and Fourth in each semi will skate a placement race to determine 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th placements.

If a skater doesn’t take part in the 300m Time Trials *for Track or the 200m Time Trials on Road* and wishes to skate the 500m, he will then occupy the place that corresponds at the end of the serpentine.

Skaters may choose their positions on the starting line for all 500 meter races based on their placement in the 300m or 200m events.

**500 METER RACE
4 Into Final**

Number of Skaters	Number of Heats	Number to Qualify	Number Of Qtr. Finals	Number to Qualify	Number of Semi-Finals	Number to Qualify	Number in Finals
67-72	12	1, 2	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
61-66	11	1, 2	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
55-60	10	1, 2	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
49-54	9	1, 2	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
43-48	8	1, 2, 3	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
37-42	7	1, 2, 3	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
31-36	6	1, 2, 3, 4	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
25-30	5	1, 2, 3, 4	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
19-24	4	1, 2, 3	2	1,2,3,4	2	1, 2	4
13-18	3	1, 2, 3, 4	2	1,2,3,4	2	1, 2	4
9-12	2	1, 2, 3, 4			2	1, 2	4

Outdoor Nationals Masters Track & Road Points Races – Approved the following:

Ladies 2000M points race.
 Mens 5000M points race.

Masters events, events will skate as a group and be awarded by age.

Age Groups, Men and Ladies

25 to 34

35 to 44

45 to 54

55 and over

Points are awarded as follows:

Points are awarded every lap with 2 points to first and 1 point to second. At the end of the race on the last lap, points are awarded 3 points to first, 2 points to second, and 1 point for third for finishers in each age group.

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. Skaters may be distanced at the discretion of the referee. Distanced skaters will be placed in reverse order of their elimination. Skaters quitting or unable to finish the event will not be placed.

Note: Any age group with 12 or more contestants will be run as separate event.

Numbered Helmet Covers – Approved using numbered helmet covers for individual athlete identification at indoor national championships. The task of locating a sponsor for the helmet covers should be assigned the marketing group. The sponsor’s logo could be on the front with numbers on each side and the USA Roller Sports logo on the back. The numbers should be of the same size and style as our existing relay helmet covers on a white side panel, beyond that the color and design could be up to the sponsor.

New In-Line Speed Wheel Registration Program Approved - Wheels and hubs are registered as a unit. Registration includes booth rental, banners and program advertising at championships. Registration requires manufacturer or their distributor have a booth at regional and national championships with adequate supplies of registered wheels for sale at retail prices.

USA/RS Speed Skating Program Change Process – Approved the following:

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 USA/RS 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 15th for review by all coaches and the general membership.

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 will require a 30 day advance notice to all eligible Club ID's, with a copy of the meeting notice forwarded to the National Office. This meeting must have a majority of the Club ID's eligible to vote for their regional representative present to vote. Using the eligible Club ID list provided to elect a regional representative, each eligible Club ID shall select a maximum of three (3) coaches to participate in the record vote on the nationwide proposals.* This meeting must be completed and the record vote on the nationwide proposals faxed to the National Office by December 31st.

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 31st 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.

Nationals Speed Schedule – Approved the request from coaches to modify the 2009 Speed Schedule as follows;

Elite events, 2 person relays, 4 person relays, Novice events, Quad events/relays.

With awards by blocks after finals, include times at approx 4 hour segments, and add warm-up markers.

Conference Calls – Approved request for conference call account for regional representatives to conduct two meetings a season.

Pads on Walls – Approved request to investigate the use of pads on the walls for corners 2 and 4.

Speed Committee Proposals - Proposals approved by the Speed Committee will be posted on the USARS website no later than September 15th for review by all coaches and the general membership.

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Officials Commissions – Approved the following:

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. The applicant will be required to take and pass a written open book test. If the test is failed the applicant must wait 30 days from the date the test was taken to re-take the test. Once the test is passed the CR1 can officiate at league, interclub, or invitational meets as a supporting official and assistant track referee. The CR1 may also be a non-rolling supporting official at a regional meet.

SR820.6 Speed “CR2” Commission – The applicant must hold the CR1 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. The CR2 applicant will be required to take and pass a written open book test for this upgrade. If the test is failed the applicant must wait 30 days from the date the test was taken to re-take the test. The CR2 can officiate as an assistant referee at a regional meet.

SR820.7 Speed “BR1” Commission – The applicant must hold the CR2 commission for 1 year and is expected to work at least 3 league, interclub, invitational, or regional meets as a supporting official or an assistant referee in the previous year. The BR1 applicant will be required to take and pass a written open book test for this upgrade. If the test is failed the applicant must wait 30 days from the date the test was taken to re-take the test. The BR1 can officiate as a chief referee at league and interclub meets.

SR820.8 Speed “BR2” Commission – Minimum age for this commission is 23 years old. The BR2 applicant must hold the BR1 commission for 1 year and is expected to work at least 3 league or interclub meets as chief referee and or invitational and regional meets as an assistant referee in the previous year. The

BR2 applicant must apply as a volunteer at the indoor national championship, where he/she will be assigned to each supporting position and one rolling block by the officials committee. At the end of the indoor national championship the applicant will be verbally reviewed and evaluated by the officials committee and submitted to the speed committee for upgrade. Upon speed committee approval the applicant will be awarded a BR2 commission. The BR2 commission holder will be assigned a number. The BR2 can officiate as a chief referee at invitational meets.

SR820.9 Speed “AR1” Commission- The applicant must hold the BR2 commission for 1 year and is expected to work at least 3 league, interclub or invitational meets as chief referee and or regional meets as an assistant referee in the previous year. The AR1 applicant must apply as a volunteer rolling referee at the indoor national championship, where he/she will be assigned to a referee’s panel by the officials committee. At the end of the indoor national championship the applicant will be verbally reviewed and evaluated by the officials committee and submitted to the speed committee for upgrade. Upon speed committee approval the applicant will be awarded an AR1 commission. The AR1 commission holder can officiate as chief referee at regional championships. The AR1 is considered a indoor national championship referee and is expected to apply for appointment to the indoor national championship panel as an assistant referee each year. 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 level.

SR820.10 Speed “AR2” Commission – The applicant must hold the AR1 commission for 3 years, have experience as chief referee at multiple region’s championships and is expected to have worked at least 3 consecutive national championship meets as referee or meet director. The AR2 applicant must apply as assistant chief referee at the national championship, where he/she will be assigned assistant chief referee’s duties by the officials committee. At the end of the national championship the applicant will be verbally reviewed and evaluated by the officials committee and submitted to the speed committee for upgrade. Upon speed committee approval the applicant will be awarded an AR2 commission. The AR2 commission holder can officiate as chief referee at national championships. The AR2 commission holder is expected to apply for appointment to the national championship panel as an assistant referee each year. The “AR2” commissioned official may also apply to be chief referee at the indoor national championship. 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

Speed Skating Time Line Changes – Approved the following:

1. Move the Speed National Championship Officials Application deadline from November 1st to September 1st .

This will give the appropriate committees more time for evaluation and selection.

2. Have a “tentative” National Speed Events Schedule available for approval at the fall board meeting and posting on the website.

This will assist skaters, coaches, and officials that are required to make vacation requests in advance to guarantee time off.

Rule Book Clarifications – Approved the following:

SR540.2 Seeding Standard Indoor Speed Events. Strike the word “Standard” from the heading. Strike the words “Defending Champion” from the (a.) (b.) (c.) & (d.) seeding tables. Strike the sentence at SR540.4, “At nationals, the following will be followed for seeding qualifiers from heats into semi-finals.” This sentence is redundant as semi and quarter final seeding is covered in section SR542.

Make SR540.4 the sentence below the table at SR540.3.c. The new SR540.4 will read: SR540.4 In Divisions in which a defending champion is skating, he or she will be seeded into the heat with the fourth place skater from his or her region.

SR111.7 Individual Novice Inline Speed Skating Divisions - Novice Elementary ages are listed as 11 & under, they should be 10 & 11.

SR670 RECORDS - Added SR670.5 A record established in any distance or division, verified by the computer timing system and completing the correct number of laps, shall be recognized as an official USARS national record. The official rerun of any distance for any reason other than wrong number of laps will not impact the establishment of a national record.

SR711 add “the meet director”. SR711. At USARS sanctioned league, interclub and invitational meets, the meet director, the chief referee

SR712 For National Championships, the following USARS officials are required:
Add new SR712.1 and renumber existing .1 thru .10 to .2 thru .11. SR712.1 One Meet Director with assistants as needed.

INLINE HOCKEY

Inline Hockey Rule Changes - Approved the following changes to the USARS/AAU Inline Hockey Rules Manual:

- A) To avoid the unnecessary use of obscure mathematical formula for tie breaking during round robin or pool play, establish addition of the following preface before Part II – General Game Regulations, 9.D. “Tie Breakers. The following rules are fundamentally written for two-team ties. In the event of three or more ties needing resolutions, this tie breaking procedure should be applied in the order presented until one or more of the tied teams are eliminated from contention for the highest open placement, and then the two or more teams remaining tied will be subject again to a new application of the tie breaking rules, beginning at the top of the order with B. head-to-head competition, whereby the process will continue until a single team remains for placement.” This procedure prevents ignoring the face-to-face tie breaking rule that might otherwise produce a higher placement for a team beaten in round robin play by a lower finishing team.

B) Rule Twenty-Four – third sentence strike minor to read now as follows: “On the third (3rd) penalty in the same game to the same player, including the goal keeper, that player will receive an additional ten (10) minute misconduct penalty”. The rule was originally intended to include all penalties.

FIGURE SKATING

Senior World Figure Team USA – Effective immediately, approved funding of \$1,000 per athlete for members of the Senior Team toward the cost of their participation in World Championships, when profit from the National Championships is at least \$160,000. (This does not include Inline, Show or Precision Team athletes)

Roller Figure Academy - A Roller Figure Skating Academy should be conducted in 2010, dates to be determined and subject to US Olympic Training Center availability.

Skating Times - Effective immediately approved the following for the 2008-09 skating season. Approve the following Times of Skating for:

- Premier Silver (Solo/Team): 4 repetitions
- Premier Gold (Solo/Team): 2 minutes (elimination and final rounds)
- Masters (Solo/Team): 4 repetitions
- Novice B Team: 4 repetitions
- Novice B Solo: 4 repetitions
- Esquire B Solo: 4 repetitions

(The above events will be skated and judged as two (2) skater/team flights)

Novice Age Change - Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season: To lower the age requirements of the Novice A Team Dance event to eighteen (18) for both team members. (This will maintain age consistency throughout all Novice A events)

Championships Draw - Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

Championship Draw AR11.05.07

The championship draw for all figure, team and solo dance events will be posted to the USARS website on May 1st.

Junior and Senior World Class National figure draw will take place on the practice day at the National Championships.

The Technical Committee recommends a “flip-flopping” of the requirements from the Regional Championships to the National Championships.

At the Regional and National Championships

- a) If there are a sufficient number of participants to hold an elimination round and a final round – the USARS “elimination listings” will be skated for the elimination round and the USARS “final listings” will be skated for the final round.
- b) If there is not a sufficient number of participants to hold an elimination round and a final round – the USARS “elimination listings” will be skated for the final round.

Move-Up - Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

General Rule AR8.02.05 (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. *Placing in an event with less than five (5) contestants has no effect on future eligibility.*

Solo Dance Rule Changes - Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

Solo Dance AR8.02.75 (g)

Solo Dance skaters who participate in the International Youth Solo Dance division may, during the same qualifying championships, participate in the Junior World Class Solo Dance division as well as their age appropriate domestic solo dance division. Placing 1-2-3 in the Junior World Class Solo Dance division at the National Championships will prevent participation in the International Youth Solo Dance division in subsequent skating seasons.

Motion 13a - Amend Motion 13 to include all items in #6 of the Figure Committee report - including (g) above:

Solo Dance AR8.02.75 (h)

Solo Dance skaters who participate in the Freshman (A) or Sophomore (A) Solo Dance divisions may, during the same qualifying championships, participate in the Junior Solo Dance division. Placing 1-2-3 in the Junior Solo Dance division at the National Championships will prevent participation in the Freshman (A) or Sophomore (A) Solo Dance divisions in subsequent skating seasons.

Solo Dance AR8.02.75 (i)

Solo Dance skaters who participate in the Classic Solo Dance division may, during the same qualifying championships, participate in the Junior Solo Dance division. Placing 1-2-3 in the Junior Solo Dance division at the National Championships will not prevent participation in the Classic Solo Dance division in subsequent skating seasons. (Refer to the rules for the Classic Solo Dance division).

Solo Dance AR8.02.75 (j)

Solo Dance skaters who participate in the Junior Solo dance division may, during the same qualifying championships, participate in the Senior Solo Dance division. Placing 1-2-3 in the Senior Solo Dance division at the National Championships will prevent participation in the Junior Solo Dance division in subsequent skating seasons.

Solo Dance AR8.02.75 (k)

Solo Dance skaters who participate in the Premier Gold Solo Dance division may, during the same qualifying championships, participate in the Classic Solo Dance division. Placing 1-2-3 in the Classic Solo Dance division at the National Championships will not prevent participation in the Premier Gold or Silver Solo Dance divisions in subsequent skating seasons.

Figure Division Placement Rule - Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

Figure Skating AR8.02.100

Figure skaters who participate in the Premier Gold Figure division may, during the same qualifying championships, participate in the Classic Figure division. Placing 1-2-3 in the Classic Figure division at the National Championships will not prevent participation in the Premier Gold or Silver Figure divisions in subsequent skating seasons.

Solo Dance Rule - Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

General Rule Clarifications (The clarifications listed below are necessitated due to the Premier move-down rules and requirements within the events)...

Novice (A) Solo Division AR8.02.85

Events shall consist of registered amateur skaters and teacher/coach skaters who have reached the age of eighteen (18) or older, who have never placed at a National Championship in any Solo Dance event excluding Level (B), Level (C), Novice (A), Esquire (A), Masters (A), Veterans (A), Premier (A) Silver and Premier (A) Gold divisions.

Novice (A) Team Dance AR8.02.61

Events shall consist of registered amateur skaters and teacher/coach skaters who have reached the age of eighteen (18) or older, who have never placed at a National Championship in any Team Dance event excluding Level (B), Level (C), Novice (A), Esquire (A), Masters (A), Veterans (A), Premier (A) Silver and Premier (A) Gold divisions.

Novice (A) Figures AR8.02.110

Events shall consist of registered amateur skaters and teacher/coach skaters who have reached the age of eighteen (18) or older, who have never placed at a National Championship in any Figure Skating event excluding Level (B), Level (C), Novice (A), Esquire (A), Masters(A), Veterans (A), Premier (A) Silver and Premier (A) Gold divisions.

Defense of Title - Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

Defense of Title AR11.13.08

(Eliminate a-b-c-d of the existing rule) Skaters in all events who have placed first in a National Championships are required to qualify for the National Championships in subsequent skating seasons.

Free Skating Rule - Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

Free Skating "A" Divisions

Remove all requirement restrictions in the “A” Free Skating division events with the exception of the CIPA footwork requirement for the skating season.

“B” and “C” Free Skating requirements will remain the same.

Cross-Over “A” and “B” - Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

General Rule AR8.02.05 (g)

In all events with less than five (5) participants at a Regional Championships, cross-over “A” and “B” skaters that place 1st -2nd -3rd-4th may skate both division events to qualify for the National Championships. Placements of 1st -2nd -3rd at the National Championships with more than five (5) skaters/ teams will eliminate future participation in Level “B” in that discipline event in subsequent skating seasons.

World Class – 8.0 Majority Score - Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

World Class Events

AR7.05.04 - ADD... To qualify for the USA National Team for the World Championships, skaters/teams must obtain an average score of 8.0 from the majority of the judges.

(This must be added to G.R. AR7.06.01 and AR11.13.07 (H)).

Roller Figure Judges Committee - Approved the following:

USARS National Judges Committee AR17.07

- A. The committee will be composed of four (4) members; one chairperson and three (3) members. The chairperson will not have a vote.
- B. To select qualified judges for the National Championships.
- C. To assign the selected judges from their application for the National Championships to appropriate events. Only one (1) National Judges Committee member may be assigned to any given National event panel, or as many as necessary for World Class events.
- D. To monitor the judges performance.
- E. To be available to council with the judges regarding a particular event.
- F. To notify all persons applying to judge the National Championships to submit their potential conflict list of events, with this list to be updated (when applicable) after all Regional Championships of the judging year.
- G. To be available to replace a judge on an event in case of illness, conflict, etc. as long as this does not conflict with item C.
- H. Will monitor “open discussions” with the judges prior and/or after any given event.
- I. To help inform the judges of any modifications in the skating requirements.
- J. Review assignments to ensure that the compensated judges are used to their maximum potential in order to reduce the expenditures of the National Office.
- K. Committee members and National Panel Judges must mentor aspiring judges during the skating season and strive to attend USARS National approved continuing education seminars yearly.
- L. To suggest judging programs aimed to entice new judges.
- M. To be available for the upgrading of judges from “C” level to “B’ level.

Junior/Junior World Class and Senior World Class - Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

World Class Events

Skaters twelve (12) and older have the option to skate Junior/Junior World Class and Senior World Class in the same qualifying championships. Placement in the Senior World Class event at the National Championships eliminates future participation in the Junior/ Junior World Class in that discipline. (See G.R.: AR7.05, AR7.06.02 (b)). Skaters who qualify for the World Championships cannot skate both Junior and Senior in the same event at a World Championship; (e.g. National placement of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Senior World Championships would eliminate a skater from competing in the Junior World Championships in the same discipline in the same qualifying championship). The next highest placement in the Junior World Class event would be selected to skate at the World Championships providing they met the average minimum score of 8.0

Show Group Competitions at Nationals - Small Show Group and Large Show Group competitions will be conducted during the Indoor National Roller Figure Skating Championships.