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USA ROLLER SPORTS
ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Lincoln, Nebraska

OCTOBER 30-31 AND NOVEMBER 1, 2009

AND

THE USARS EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL MEETINGS
OF JUNE 1, JUNE 15 AND AUGUST 23, 2009

The following actions resulted from the USA Roller Sports Annual Board of Directors Meeting, October 30, 31 and November 1, 2009, in Lincoln, Nebraska, and the above noted Executive/Finance Committee Meetings. A copy of the motions upon which this summary is based is available on the USA Roller Sports website at

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GENERAL

CLUB CHARTERS FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES: Approved the issuance of multiple charters per discipline to *public facilities - school tracks, parks, etc.* (Approved by the Executive/Finance Committees on August 23, 2009)

CLUB CHARTER RULE AMENDMENTS: The USARS Board of Directors adopted a temporary rule GR 5.01.01.A for the 2010 competitive year only, to allow multiple clubs of one discipline, to charter at one facility. It is understood that this motion is in conflict with USARS rule GR 5.01.01 and it shall supersede GR 5.01.01 for the time period stated of the 2010 competitive year. The Board of Directors shall review the effects and results of the motion at the 2010 Annual Meeting and then make a decision for possible permanent rule change for the years moving forward.

Approved the following:

GR5.04 Transfer of Club/Unattached Affiliation - Fees are not refundable.

GR5.04.01 Any skater filing for a transfer of club/unattached representation, regardless of the reason, may represent the new club in competition when the reissued card is in his/her possession *or appears on the USARS website*. The date of notification is established at USARS National Headquarters of intention to transfer by either USPS postmark, fax or transmittal date on any other source of express or priority delivery service. USARS will be obligated to process transfers within two working days after receipt from applicant of all required fees and documents.

GR5.04.02 To transfer club/unattached representation to a new club, once club representation has been established during a ~~skating season~~ *membership year* within a particular ~~federation~~ *discipline*, a skater must:

- (a) return the plastic amateur identification card to the USARS National Headquarters ~~unless the skater has only received the temporary card;~~
- (b) submit a signed release from the skating club where club affiliation had been previously registered;
- (c) ~~indicate the new club to which transfer is to be made~~ *letter of acceptance from the new club to be joined*, and;
- (d) remit a transfer of club registration fee of \$15 *20*, ~~except after February 1st of each competitive season the transfer fee is \$25.~~ (UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL A NEW APPLICATION BE MADE FOR A SECOND COMPETITOR CARD REGISTRATION NUMBER IN ART OR SPEED *THE SAME DISCIPLINE*.)

~~GR5.04.03 If a skater wishes to resign from a skating club prior to February 1st of a competitive skating season in order to represent another, and is unable to obtain a written release, he may notify the USARS National Headquarters and upon receipt by USA Roller Sports of:~~

- ~~(a) That resignation;~~
- ~~(b) the appropriate amateur identification card for the previous club;~~
- ~~(c) letter of acceptance from the new club to be joined, and;~~
- ~~(d) the \$15 transfer fee.~~
- ~~(e) The USARS National Headquarters is required to send notification to the former club of a skater's resignation when a transfer is made prior to February 1 and a club release is not required. Notification is not necessary if the skater has obtained a release from the former club.~~

GR5.04.04 The ~~Membership Eligibility Committee~~ *Executive Director* shall hear appeals of skaters unable to obtain a club release, and who wish to transfer to another club for any of the following reasons:

- (a) loss of club coach without a Registered or Certified Coach replacement;
- (b) drastic changes in the club's practice hours or fees after the season has started;
- (c) medical considerations;
- (d) other circumstances of similar consequence.

NOTE: There are individuals who join a club ~~before February 1~~ in a region other than that of their established place of residence for the purpose of creating a competitive pairs, dance or relay partnership. ~~After February 1~~, should this partnership be dissolved and there exists no further reason to continue competing in a region where they are not a resident, the skater may apply in writing to the USARS Executive Director for permission to return to the region of their residence. Should the Executive Director deny such a transfer, an appeal may be made to the Membership Eligibility Committee. This appeal should be filed in writing with appropriate documentation to the USARS National Headquarters. The standard transfer materials and fees must accompany said appeals.

GR5.04.05 In the event a skater is released from a skating club against his wishes during the skating season and subject to verification of the circumstances of the dismissal by the USARS National Headquarters, he becomes eligible to re-affiliate with a new club by submitting:

- (a) previous amateur identification card to the USARS National Headquarters;
- (b) letter of acceptance from the new club to be joined;
- (c) a statement regarding the dismissal, and;
- (d) the appropriate transfer fee.

Club transfer will become effective immediately upon approval by USARS National Headquarters.

GR5.04.06 No skater will be permitted to make more than two changes in representation during a ~~skating season~~ *membership year* within a specific federation, without the written permission of USARS. Unattached status shall be considered as an affiliation.

GR5.04.07 Ordinary requests for transfer of amateur competitor representation will not be accepted by the USARS, which are ~~postmarked after February 1st of a competitive skating season~~ *received less than 30 days prior to the regional deadline*. Applicants who seek a waiver of the ~~February 1st transfer~~ deadline, except skaters affected by 5.04.05 above, must:

- (a) submit a valid release from the club of record;
- (b) detail in writing the reasons why such permission should be granted;
- (c) submit a letter of acceptance from the intended new club, and;
- (d) remit a transfer registration fee of \$~~25~~*20*.00. In the absence of a release and/or letter of acceptance, a club transfer ~~after February 1st~~ will not be permitted, and the amateur will be required to skate unattached. ~~All transfers after February 1st are subject to USARS approval.~~

~~GR5.04.08 Skaters registered in unattached status as of February 1st must accept this competitive status for the balance of the skating season.~~

GR5.04.09 Amateur competitor cards issued to represent a particular skating club are void should the holder no longer represent that club in competition. Skaters, whose affiliation with a club is terminated for any reason, must apply for new club affiliation or, for unattached status through

normal transfer procedures, in order to remain eligible for USARS competitions.

GR5.04.10 ~~After February 1st of any skating season~~ *After purchasing a USARS membership card*, a change that moves a competitor to another state or regional championship must involve a bona fide change of residence and not be made solely for the purposes of competitive advantage. This rule also applies to unattached skaters.

GR5.04.11 Nothing in these rules shall be construed to deprive any competitor the right to skate unattached at any time during the skating season, provided such skater is so registered within the USARS federation affected.

GR5.04.12 It is advised that all written notices mentioned in the foregoing shall be made in triplicate and the original be sent to USARS Headquarters, the date of the postmark being the determining date for the origination of the notice. A copy of the notice should be filed with the club affected and the skater should retain a copy.

GR5.04.13 Non-competitive Transfers: In the event a club officer holding a non-competitive USARS registration card desires a transfer to another club, he must obtain, for his and the club's protection, a release from the club. In addition, it is advised that a club treasurer who wishes a transfer should obtain from the club a statement relieving him or her from any future financial obligation. There will be no fee for non-competitive transfers as in the case with competitive transfers. USARS members may hold office simultaneously in more than one USARS club, but may not competitively represent more than one club in a given federation during the same competitive season, without executing a transfer of competitive representation.

GR5.04.14 Any competitor wishing to transfer club affiliation before a qualifying meet must have the transfer request with the appropriate signatures and fees postmarked NO LATER THAN ~~THE~~ 30-days *prior to the* deadline for entry into the qualifying meet. (If an extension of the entry deadline is requested, then the transfer request must be made in accordance with the new deadline.) No transfers will be accepted once the deadline has passed.

PARTIAL SEASON MEMBERSHIPS/CHARTERS: Approved the issuance of membership cards and clubs charters at a reduced price for the remainder of the 2009 calendar year. Membership cards will be \$20 and club charters will be \$30 and valid until December 31, 2009. (Approved by the Executive/Finance Committees on August 23, 2009)

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP CARDS: Effective January 1, 2010, for skaters who are entering the Regional Championships, membership cards must be purchased by the Regional Championship deadline or the amount will be doubled.

USARS FEES – EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

ITEM/SERVICE/MEMBERSHIP/FEE	2009-2010
USARS Annual Membership (January 1-December 31)	
Member (Athlete, Non-Comp)	
Figure, Speed, Select Inline, and Hardball	\$45
Aggressive (skateboard, extreme inline and womens roller derby)	\$40
Mens and Junior Roller Derby	\$40

House Hockey	\$20
Coach (One Discipline)	\$70
Coach (Two Disciplines)	\$120
Coach (Three Disciplines)	\$130
Coach (Unattached)	\$150
Officials (Unlimited Disciplines)	\$0
Officials (Coaches)	\$0
Club Charter (All disciplines)	\$80
Replacement Cards	\$10
Single Event Registration	
Single Event Registration-per contest	\$20
Transfers	
Regular Transfers	\$20
Regular Transfers (after February 1)	\$20
Sanctions and Insurance-All Disciplines (including Junior Derby) except Aggressive	
Contest Sanctions-Member Clubs (per day)	\$50
Contest Sanctions-Non Member Clubs (per day)	\$75
Late Fee (less than 30 days prior-per day)	\$50
Insurance Coverage (requiring a certificate of insurance) PER DAY	\$100
Insurance Coverage (requiring a certificate of insurance) BLANKET	\$200
Sanctions and Insurance-Aggressive (skateboard, extreme inline and roller derby) except Junior Derby	
Contest Sanctions-Member Clubs (per day)	\$100
Contest Sanctions-Non Member Clubs (per day)	\$150
Late Fee (less than 30 days prior-per day)	\$100
Insurance Coverage (requiring a certificate of insurance) PER DAY	\$200
Insurance Coverage (requiring a certificate of insurance) BLANKET	\$300
Regional Championships-Maximums	
Art-Each Event	\$45
Speed-First Event Entry Fee	\$40
Speed-Additional Event Entry Fees	\$25
Programs	\$10

NEW SYSTEM FOR SELECTION OF ROLLER SPORTS DISCIPLINE COMMITTEES:

The time table for applying to serve on a Roller Sports Discipline Committee is:

1. Resumes to the office by February 28, 2010
2. Board reviews, and the election of members at Semiannual Board Meeting.
3. These will be staggered terms from 1 year to 4 years.

Section 11.2 Discipline Leadership Committees (known as Technical Committees). To accomplish the work of each discipline within USA Roller Sports, there will be a five to nine person committee for each discipline in Roller Sports. Each Committee will be elected by the Board of Directors from resumes submitted to the Board. Each Committee will include 20% athlete representation, and one staff member as the discipline director (the director is a full-time staff paid position in the National Office). The discipline director will report to the Executive Director. All positions are elected for four-year terms of office. Members, other than the director, may serve no more than two consecutive four-year terms. The board will be aware and sensitive to diversity of gender, ethnicity, geographic location in his or her appointments to ensure that there is national representation, and meets the requirements of the USOC. The chairperson of the Discipline Leadership Committee for each discipline may be the discipline director if so designated by the Board. The Board will elect the Chairman of the Leadership Committee. Staff members will have a vote on the committee.

Section 12.3 Discipline Leadership Committee - Procedures for Election of the Discipline Leadership Committee

Term of Office – The elective term of office shall be for four years, with staggered terms to ensure continuity. The following membership groups will be eligible for submitting resumes to be a Discipline Committee member – coaches, athletes and officials.

Initial election will have designated terms to stagger terms which may dictate a term shorter than four years.

A. Athletes

1. Speed, Artistic, Hockey shall be entitled to be elected to the Discipline Leadership Committee position for each discipline within USARS.
2. Only members who have attained 18 years of age or older and who meet the USOC definition of an active athlete (meaning they must have competed in roller skating in the Olympics, Pan American Games, Senior World Championships or other Senior International Elite Level Competitions within the immediately preceding ten years) may apply to and qualify for nomination for a Discipline Leadership Committee.

B. Officials

- 1 Speed, artistic and hockey officials who are commissioned national championships officials who have served in such a capacity for at least the immediately preceding two (2) years shall be entitled to submit a resume to be elected to the Discipline Leadership Committee

C. Coach

1. Speed, artistic and hockey coaches who are USARS advanced or elite coaches shall be entitled to submit a resume to be elected to the Discipline Leadership Committee.

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS: By mail ballot sent to the constituent membership, **John Gustafson** was re-elected to the Officials Representative position and **April Dayney-Jacobson** was elected as the new Figure Athlete Representative. By secret ballot, **George Kolibaba** was returned to the Board as an At-Large Director and **David Adamy** was returned as a Grassroots Director. All are for three-year terms of office, which started at the conclusion of this Fall Annual Board Meeting.

U.S. FOUNDATION TRUSTEES: Re-elected Budd Van Roekel and George Kolibaba for three year terms on the United States Foundation for Amateur Roller Skating.

2010 SEMIANNUAL BOARD MEETING: The 2010 Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting will tentatively be in Las Vegas on Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25, in conjunction with the RSA Convention, at the Flamingo Hilton.

ELECTION OF USARS OFFICERS: The following were elected for one year terms: Billy Sisson as Treasurer, George Kolibaba as Chairman and President, David Adamy as Vice President, and Richard Hawkins as the Corporate Secretary of USARS.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE: Charged with recommending members of Standing Committees (other than the newly approved Discipline Leadership Committees) for approval at the 2010 Semiannual Board Meeting - George Kolibaba-Chairman, Trace Hansen, Annelie Anderson, John Gustafson and Mark Vittese

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS MEDALLIONS: Effective immediately, discontinued the engraving of medals for the Indoor Speed and Figure Skating Championships in favor of utilizing stickers as with the Outdoor National and Rink Hockey National Championships. (approved by the Executive & Finance Committees on June 1)

PRICES FOR 2009 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: (as approved by the Executive & Finance Committees on June 1)

Individual Session Tickets (Children under 7 free)	\$10
Jr. World Class Night	\$12
Sr. World Class Night	\$12
Speed Ticket Package	\$75
Figure Ticket Package #1 (Youth)	\$100
Figure Ticket Package #2 (WC)	\$65
(Includes Three World Class Nights)	
Figure Ticket Package #3 (Adult)	\$90
(Includes Three World Class Nights)	
Social Skate	\$10
Programs	\$10
Video Camera	
Speed - All Events	\$60
Figure - Youth Events	\$60
Figure - World Class Events	\$40
Figure - Adult & WC Events	\$60

ROLLER FIGURE SKATING

USA ROLLER SPORTS OPERATION GOLD FOR ROLLER FIGURE ATHLETES:

Approved a USA Roller Sports Operation Gold Refund for Senior World Team Athletes for 2009, 2010 and 2011 as follows for *Senior Figure Skaters, Pairs, Team Dance and Solo Dance athletes*.

- Placements at the 2009, Senior World Figure Championships will result in the following refunds: Gold Medal - \$2,500, Silver Medal - \$2,000, Bronze Medal - \$1,500, 4th place - \$1,000.
- Funding given for placements at the 2010 and 2011 Senior World Championships will match the amounts provided by the USOC Operation Gold Fund for Senior Freestyle athletes.
- 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.

Note - U. S. Olympic Committee Operation Gold Funds for Senior World Team Athletes: *Senior Freestyle athletes* will receive the following in 2009 from the USOC for placements at the 2009 World Championships: 1st - \$2,500, 2nd - \$2,000, 3rd - \$1,500, 4th - \$1,000 (subject to change annually).

2009 SENIOR WORLD ROLLER FIGURE TEAM FUNDING: After Finance Committee review of the preliminary financial information for the 2009 National Figure Skating Championships, and confirming that profit from the National Championships will be at least \$160,000, the Board approved funding from USARS in the amount of \$1,000 per Senior Team athlete to help with their expense to participate in the World Championships (funds are not provided to Inline, Show or Precision Team athletes).

DATES OF 2010 INDOOR SPEED AND ROLLER FIGURE SKATING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – LINCOLN: Speed Skating - July 4 – 10; Figure Skating - July 25-August 8 (as approved by the Executive & Finance Committees on June 1)

OPEN (A) SOLO FREE DANCE NOW CALLED INTERNATIONAL SOLO FREE DANCE: Effective immediately, approved a change the name of Open (A) Solo Free Dance to be “International Solo Free Dance” with the following provisions:

Open *International* Solo Free Dance Division event - During the 2009 April meeting, the Board approved: Youth International Solo Dance skaters who also participate in the **Open *International* Solo Free Dance** event will be tabulated into the contestant “pool” for the “Combined Youth International Solo Dance Champion.” Skaters may participate in the Creative Solo Free Dance events as well as the **Open *International* Solo Free Dance** event in the same qualifying championships.

The **Open *International* Solo Free Dance division event** is: *open to those who are not skating JUNIOR WORLD CLASS SOLO OR JUNIOR WORLD CLASS TEAM DANCE, or SENIOR WORLD CLASS SOLO OR SENIOR WORLD CLASS TEAM DANCE in the same qualifying championship.*

NATIONAL FIGURE DRAW - Effective immediately, approved the following: **National Figure Draw (All World Class Figure events)** - Inclusion of the “opposite foot” of the group drawn for the regional championships in the national figure draw

GOLDEN DIVISION - Effective immediately, approved the following:

Golden “A” Division Events (65+)

- a) The inclusion of the letter “A” for identifying the Golden events (figures and solo dance).
- b) Skaters eligible for “A” Adult divisional events may not compete in their age eligible event and the Golden “A” division event during the same qualifying championship, however they may be able to compete in a “B” event of the same branch of the sport if so eligible.

Challenge-Up Limitations

- a) Youth event skaters who compete in more than one division of the same event; e.g. figures, solo dance, loops, team dance, free skating are limited to participate in no more than two divisions in the same branch of the sport, exclusive of World Class events.

Challenge-Up Limitations

- b) Adult event skaters who compete in more than one division of the same event; e.g. figures, solo dance, loops, team dance are limited to participate in no more than two divisions in the same branch of the sport, exclusive of World Class events. Refer to “Challenge-up” rules in the Figure Rule Book.

Challenge-Up of Elementary and Open Loop Division Skaters to the Advanced Loop Division Event - Skaters participating in the Elementary Loop events and the Open Loop events, may challenge into the Advanced Loop event during the same qualifying championship. National placement of 1-2-3 in the Advanced Loop division event mandates the skater to remain in the Advanced Loop event or age eligible figure division events in subsequent skating seasons.

CLASSIC SOLO DANCE: Effective immediately, approved the following:

Classic Solo Dance - Skaters under the age of thirty (30), who place 1st at the National Championships, or 2nd and/or 3rd two cumulative times, must advance to the Junior or Senior Solo Dance division, if so qualified. Upon reaching the age of thirty (30), the skater may return to the Classic division. This would become Figure Rule AR8.02.84 (a).

Qualification into Classic Division events

CLASSIC (A) DIVISION TEAM DANCE (age 15) events shall consist of teams where one member is FIFTEEN (15) years of age or older. *Any skater who has placed 1-2-3 at the National Championships in any adult team event (Novice, Esquire, Master, Veterans, Premier) has the option to advance into the Classic Team Dance division.*

**Note: Classic Team for the 2009-2010 skating season is for age 18 and up.*

CLASSIC (A) DIVISION SOLO DANCE (age 18 & up) events shall consist of registered amateur skaters who have reached the age of EIGHTEEN (18) or older. Any skater who has placed 1-2-3 at the National Championships in any adult solo event (Novice, Esquire, Master, Veterans, Premier) has the option to advance into the Classic Division.

CLASSIC (A) FIGURE DIVISION (age 18 & up) events shall consist of registered amateur skaters who have qualified through the following rules and have reached the age of EIGHTEEN (18) or older.

Clarification: All Classic division events shall require prior Regional placement of 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Freshman, Sophomore *or any Adult divisional events.*

NOVICE DIVISION: Effective immediately, approved the following:

Novice Eligibility - 7 a (placed instead of participated)

Novice Eligibility- Due to requirement changes within the Novice Figure and Solo events, the committee revisited AR8.02.85 (b) and AR8.02.110 (a).

AR8.02.85 NOVICE (A) DIVISION SOLO DANCE (age 18 & up) 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), MASTERS (A), VETERANS (A), PREMIER (A) SILVER AND PREMIER (A) GOLD* DIVISIONS (SEE AR8.02.05 (F)).

(b) Skaters (*18* & up) who have placed 1st at the National Championship, or 2nd and/or 3rd, two cumulative times in NOVICE, ESQUIRE, MASTERS and VETERANS SOLO DANCE DIVISION, should they choose to skate SOLO DANCE in the Adult Divisions, must skate PREMIER SOLO DANCE DIVISION events.

(This rule is not applicable if the winning or placing at the National Championships in Solo Dance occurred more than TEN (10) skating seasons (September 1 - August 31) prior to the skating season in question, beginning with the 2007-2008 season, although that skater would have the option to do so.) **Skaters who have participated in any JUNIOR, JUNIOR WORLD CLASS, SENIOR WORLD CLASS or CLASSIC SOLO DANCE event within the past ten (10) years in any qualifying Championship may NEVER participate in the NOVICE SOLO DANCE DIVISION.** Any skater who has competed in a qualifying Championship in the CLASSIC DANCE DIVISION prior to September 1, 1998, and has not placed 1, 2 or 3 at a National Championship in any Level (A) dance event, may return to the NOVICE DANCE DIVISION in subsequent Seasons. However, CLASSIC DANCE DIVISION skaters who compete in a qualifying Championship after 1998, (since the Classic Dance Division has been restructured), may not go back to compete in the NOVICE DIVISION.

Clarification: Skaters who have ~~participated~~ *placed 1-2-3 at the National Championships* in any JUNIOR, JUNIOR WORLD CLASS, SENIOR WORLD CLASS or CLASSIC SOLO DANCE event within the past ten (10) years in any qualifying Championship may not participate in the NOVICE SOLO DANCE DIVISION.

AR8.02.110 (a) NOVICE (A) FIGURE DIVISION (age 18 & up) events shall consist of registered amateur skaters *and teacher/coach skaters* who have reached the age of eighteen (18) or older and who have NEVER placed in 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.*

(a) Skaters (age *18* & up) who have placed 1st at the National Championship, or 2nd and/or 3rd two cumulative times in NOVICE (A) FIGURE DIVISION must skate PREMIER (A) FIGURE DIVISION events. Skaters who have placed at the National Championship in the NOVICE (A) FIGURE DIVISION have the option (at 18 or older) to move to the CLASSIC (A) or SOPHOMORE (A) FIGURE DIVISION, or FRESH/SOPH (B) figure divisions.

(This rule is not applicable if the winning or placing at the National Championships in Figure occurred more than TEN (10) skating seasons (September 1 - August 31) prior to the skating season in question, beginning with the 2007-2008 season, although that skater would have the option to do so.) Skaters who have participated in any JUNIOR, JUNIOR WORLD CLASS, SENIOR WORLD CLASS or CLASSIC figure divisions within the past ten (10) years in any qualifying Championship may NEVER participate in the NOVICE FIGURE DIVISION. Any skater who has competed in a qualifying Championship in the CLASSIC FIGURE DIVISION prior to September 1, 1998, and has not placed 1, 2 or 3 at a National Championship in any Level (A) figure event, may return to the NOVICE FIGURE DIVISION in subsequent Seasons. However, CLASSIC FIGURE DIVISION skaters who compete in a qualifying Championship after 1998, (since the Classic FIGURE Division has been restructured), may not go back to compete in the NOVICE DIVISION.

Clarification: Skaters who have participated *placed 1-2-3 at the National Championships* in any JUNIOR, JUNIOR WORLD CLASS, SENIOR WORLD CLASS or CLASSIC figure divisions within the past ten (10) years in any qualifying Championship may not participate in the NOVICE FIGURE DIVISION.

CIRCLE LOOPS: Effective immediately, approved the following:

Circle Loop Division events are an introduction to the Loop events in a manner in which both the skater and coach may learn from the grassroots up.

The Circle Loop Division event will not add time on to the scheduling process for any championships, as there are many “fourth figure panel” availabilities to utilize for this education of the skaters and coaches. This event will be limited to the Regional Championships.

Criteria:

- a) Juvenile/Elementary “B” Circle Loop Division (12-)
- b) Freshman/Sophomore “B” Circle Loop Division (13+)
- c) Eligible skaters: Primary, “B” and “C” level figure skaters.
- d) To be skated Co-ed
- e) Judged and scored as a Final Only event
- f) Skaters may not compete in the Circle Loop division event and another event including a loop figure in the same qualifying championship.
- g) Skaters may compete in the Circle Loop division event for only two (2) years

Requirements for 2010:

<u>GROUP I</u>	<u>GROUP II</u>
114 B	115 A
130 A	130 B

INTERNATIONALS SKATER’S ELIGIBILITY: Effective immediately, approved the following:
International Skater’s Eligibility Rule - Skaters who participate, or who have participated in the World Championships representing a foreign country must, if they wish to participate in the USARS championships, skate in an equivalent division *within the branch of skating (Singles, Figures, Team*

Dance, Solo Dance, Pairs) in which they participated at the World Championships. If the skater does not, or did not, participate in a particular branch of skating at the World Championships, he or she is eligible to participate in those branches of skating in the USARS Championships according to the USARS eligibility rules.

WORLD CLASS AWARDS & PRESENTATION: Effective immediately, approved the following:

World Class Awards and Presentation Procedures

At the USARS National Championships the presentation of awards for the Junior World Class events and Senior World Class events will be made following the completion of skating of both divisions. Awards will be given to those skaters who placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in each contest.

Following this ceremony, the announcing and presentation of awards will be made for both the Junior and Senior World Teams. The two highest placing American skaters in each Junior World Class division, who satisfy all the necessary requirements, will be awarded the 1st and 2nd place medals and a place on the Junior World Team. The 3rd and 4th place winners will be awarded a medal.

The three highest placing American skaters in each Senior World Class division of Figures, Team Dance, Pairs and Free Skating, who satisfy all the necessary requirements, will be awarded the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals and a place on the Senior World Team. The 4th place winner will be awarded a medal.

The two highest placing American skaters in each Senior World Class division of Solo Dance, who satisfy all the necessary requirements, will be awarded the 1st and 2nd place medals and a place on the Senior World Team. The 3rd and 4th place winners will be awarded a medal.

This rule would become AR7.03.02

NOTE: The Roller Figure Skating Committee was directed to review this process and return to the Spring Board Meeting with any amendments or clarifications they wish to propose.

FRESHMAN B AND SOPHOMORE B WOMEN’S FREE SKATING: Effective immediately, approved the combination of Freshman B and Sophomore B Women Free Skating (13+) events.

ADULT DIVISION TEAM EVENTS: Effective immediately, approved the following:
Adult Division Team Events – Skaters who participate in an Adult Team Dance division (Esquire, Masters, Veterans, Premier Silver, Premier Gold) may within the same qualifying championship participate in the Classic Team Dance division with a different partner. Placing at the National Championships in the Classic Team dance division will have no effect on the skater’s eligibility to participate in the Adult divisions in subsequent skating seasons.

ORCHESTRATED MUSIC: Effective immediately, approved the following: Orchestrated CIPA Music for Youth International Solo Dance Events - The Youth International Solo Dance division events shall utilize the CIPA orchestrated music for Fiesta Tango (100) and Kleiner Waltz (138) during the 2009-2010 skating season. *NOTE:* A CD of nine songs each dance has been prepared by USARS.

REGIONAL COACH REPS: Effective immediately, approved the following:

USARS Figure Skating Regional Coaches Representative

Job Description: Each of the USARS nine (9) regions, at their regional championships contest, is required to elect a USARS Certified Figure Coach to represent their region. This individual is to act as a conduit for sport and specific information, i.e. rule changes, proposals for new events, sports science innovations that can enhance the sport of figure skating, going to and coming from the USARS Figure Committee and the other eight (8) USARS Regional Coach Representatives.

Requirements: The USARS figure coaches in each USARS region, at every USARS regional championship contest, shall elect a USARS Figure Skating Regional Coaches Representative by a “record vote”.

The “record vote” must include the following information:

1. The date, time and place of the meeting conducting the election.
2. The name, signature and USARS club ID number of each current certified USARS voting coach and their “yes”, “no” or “abstain” vote.

Each USARS Chartered Figure Club (club ID#) in the region shall have one vote when electing a USARS Regional Coaches Representative. If a USARS figure club has more than one coach, these coaches must decide by whatever method they choose to apply their single vote. *If clubs have multiple USARS club IDs (additional practice rinks or satellite clubs), the voting club ID shall be awarded to the club ID with the majority of USARS membership.*

Upon election, the USARS Regional Coach Representative must submit the record vote by which they were elected, along with their personal acceptance and contact information to USARS headquarters for inclusion on the USARS Figure Skating Regional Coaches Representatives contact list. *USARS Regional Coach Representatives may also submit their record vote and contact information at the National Championships meeting.* Contact information shall include name, address, phone numbers and e-mail.

Duties and Responsibilities: Must *conduct* USARS Regional Coaches meetings to facilitate discussion of the current season’s posted figure proposals up for nation-wide review *by the December 31 deadline*, and encourage the formulation of new proposals to be brought forward from the region the following years.

1. Conducts “record votes” on the current season’s nation-wide *proposals by the December 31 deadline for submittal to the USARS National Office. The USARS Figure Committee will review and forward proposals per the rule change process to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting for action by the board.*

FIGURE PROGRAM – CHANGE PROCESS: Effective immediately, approved the following:

USARS Figure Skating Program Change Process

Objective: To describe in detail the process by which the sport of figure skating can be changed by proposals from the grass-roots level. All figure program changes must be approved by a majority of

the current USARS certified figure coaches in the nine (9) regions, approved by the USARS Figure Committee and approved by the USARS Board of Directors. A program change is defined as:

Any change in events, divisions, requirements (except CIPA events) or age groups to be skated in USARS Regional and National Championship competition.

Administrative changes are the responsibility of the USARS Figure Committee and must be approved by the USARS Board of Directors. Administrative changes are defined as:

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

Procedure – USARS Regional Coaches Representative: one current certified USARS figure coach elected by record vote from each region, designated as their USARS regional coach representative who is capable of acting as a conduit for information between their regions and the USARS Figure Committee. The USARS regional coaching representative must attend regional meetings to facilitate discussions of current proposals, solicit new proposals and act as a proctor for the required record votes (refer to USARS Figure Skating Regional Coaches Representative Requirements).

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

At the USARS National Regional Coaches Representatives' meeting all proposals from all regions will be presented and discussed. Similar proposals from multiple regions will be consolidated in consensus proposals by the group. The USARS Regional Coaches Representatives will then vote on which proposals to present to the USARS Figure Committee.

The USARS Figure Committee will convene at the National Championship meet following the USARS Regional Coaching Representative meeting, or have a conference call shortly after the National Championships to review proposals from the regions. The Figure Committee shall provide the USARS Regional Coaches Representatives with a copy of their meeting minutes indicating the disposition of all proposals submitted. This information will be e-mailed to all USARS Regional Coaching Representatives by August 31.

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

Each USARS Regional Coaches Representative shall arrange a second USARS regional coaches meeting to discuss and conduct a record vote on the nation-wide proposals posted on the USARS website. The meeting will require a 30 day advance notice to all of the eligible USARS club ID's, with a copy of the meeting notice forwarded to the USARS National office. This meeting must have a majority of the club ID's eligible to vote in order for their present USARS regional coaching representative to be able to vote. Using the eligible club ID list provided to elect a USARS Regional Coaches Representative, each eligible club ID shall select a maximum of three (3) current USARS certified coaches to participate in the record vote on the nation-wide proposals. This meeting must be

completed and the record vote on the nation-wide proposals faxed to the National Office by December 31.

The USARS Figure Committee will audit the nation-wide proposal record votes from the nine (9) USARS regions, and forward with committee recommendations all proposals receiving majority approval for action to the USARS National Board of Directors at the spring board meeting.

Proposals approved by the USARS Board of Directors at the spring meeting will be effective in subsequent skating seasons.

Majority approval is defined as the approval of a majority of six (6) current certified USARS coaches or more of the nine (9) USARS regions documented by record vote.

In the event that nation-wide proposals posted on the USARS website do not get a majority of regions submitting record votes by the December 31 deadline, the USARS Figure Committee will then be responsible for the disposition of all proposals.

The USARS Figure Committee shall for each proposal:

- a. Approve the proposal and forward it to the USARS National Board for action, or
- b. Reject the proposal, or
- c. Table the proposal and send it back to the USARS Regional Coaching Representatives.

ROLLER FIGURE SKATING JUDGES COMMITTEE: Effective immediately reduced the size of the Judges Committee from four to three: John Cawly-Chairman, Debra Adamy and Marian Spooner

FIGURE RULE – BODY PAINTING: Clarified Figure Rule AR11.01.01(d) 6, which reads “Painting on any part of your body is considered show and is not allowed in figures, freeskating, pairs or dance”. Added the following: “with the exception of all Creative Events (Open A Creative Solo Free Dance, Open B Creative Solo Dance, Elementary A Creative Solo Free Dance, Open A Inline Creative Solo Free Dance, Open B Inline Creative Solo Free Dance, Novice Precision, Junior Precision, Senior Precision, Senior Show Team, Senior Small Show Team). (approved by the Executive & Finance Committees on June 1)

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS MINIMUM SCORE WAIVER FOR JUNIOR WORLD

CLASS: Effective immediately, The Regional Championship required minimum average score of 7.5 or more from the majority of the judges for contestants to qualify to the National Championships will be waived for all Junior World Class events ONLY.

Figure Rule AR7.06.01 (g) for Junior World Class and Senior World Class events will remain in effect which states: To qualify for the USA World Team, skaters/teams must obtain an average score of 8.0 from the majority of the judges. (Approved by the Executive Committee on June 15, 2009)

COACHES CERTIFICATION EXTENSION: Approved one year coaches certification extensions for coach who attended the Oaks Park Skate Camp in 2009. (approved by the Executive & Finance Committees on June 1)

RINK (HARDBALL) ROLLER HOCKEY

MEN’S RINK HOCKEY WORLD TEAM STAFF CHANGE: Approved replacement of Don Allen, 2009 Rink Hockey World Team Manager, with Daniel Vienna. (approved by the Executive & Finance Committees on June 1)

2010 NATIONALS: Approved the following: The 2010 National Rink Hockey Championships will be held in Bremerton, Washington, July 11-16, 2010, at 1740 NE Fusen Road, Bremerton, WA 98311. There will be a sign-up sheet for the World Teams at Nationals. Ladies and Men's World Teams shall be selected on Friday, July 16, and training will begin on Saturday, July 17. Other training will be conducted at a later date.

2010 RINK HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION: The 2010 Ladies World Championships are scheduled to take place in the city of Alcabendas (Madrid), Spain, September 5-11 or 12 - 18. The Men's "B" World Championships will be October 24-30, 2010, in Dornbirn, Austria.

2010 WORLD TEAM STAFF: Approved the following:
Coach for the Ladies World Team - Frankie Lee.
Coach for the Men's World Team - Jimmy Trussell
Managers and Assistant Coaches - to be named at a later date and submitted for approval to the USARS Executive Committee.

SPEED SKATING

DATES OF 2010 INDOOR SPEED AND ROLLER FIGURE SKATING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – LINCOLN: Speed Skating - July 4 – 10; Figure Skating - July 25-August 8 (as approved by the Executive & Finance Committees on June 1)

VACANT SLOTS FOR INDOOR NATIONALS: Effective immediately, approved the following:

Indoor National Championship Vacant Slots

Time will be scheduled before the official practice to run qualifying races for the empty slots in the standard divisions. World class events are excluded from this proposal. The slots will be posted after each regional championship turns in their official results. The information will be available for viewing on the USARS official website.

Qualifications: In order to enter the “skate-in qualifier” the contestant must be a member in good standing with USA/RS and have entered their respective regional championship contest. The contestant must not have been the subject of a “meet disqualification” during their respective regional championship contest. The contestant will pay the standard entry fee for an individual event at the National Championship. The interested skaters will be required to have their entry postmarked no later than 7 days prior to the start of the championships.

Example of this proposal –

Senior Men National Championship Entries

NE Region A – 1 entry

Eastern Region B – 3 entries

Southeast Region C – 4 entries

Southern Region D – 3 entries

Great Lakes Region E – 3 entries

North Central Region F – 1 entry

South Central Region G – 2 entries

Northwest Region H – 4 entries

Southwest Region I – 2 entries

Total available slots – 13 – A2,A3,A4,B4,D4,E4,F2,F3,F4,G3,G4,I3,&I4.

- A. If less skaters enter than there are slots available, no race will be run, the skaters will draw, in the order their entry was received, from the pool of available slots. The skaters will be seeded into heats at the National Championships based on this draw.

If more skaters enter than there are slots available they will race the middle distance of their division.

- B. If the group is less than the maximum number allowed on the starting line by USA/RS speed rules, they will draw for starting position and race their middle distance. They will be electronically placed as they cross the finish line. Skaters placing first to (X) will qualify for the open slots. (X plus first place shall always equal the number of available slots)Qualifiers shall draw from the pool of available slots based on placement from first to (X) in their order of finish. The skaters will be seeded into heats at the National Championships based on this draw.

- C. If the group is more than the maximum allowed on the starting line by USA/RS speed rules, they will be divided as evenly as possible into race groups according to the USA/RS rules governing the number of skaters on the line by floor size. Once the number of groups is determined the skaters will draw their group assignments. Each group will race their middle distance . . . First place in each group and the next (X) fastest times will qualify for the open slots. (X plus the first places in each race shall always equal the number of available slots) The qualifiers will draw from the pool of available slots based on their race times. All qualifiers will be placed in order fastest to slowest and they will draw for available slots in that order. If there is a tie in times between qualifying skaters, the tied individuals will toss a coin to determine who gets first pick between the tied skaters. The skaters will be seeded into heats at the National Championships based on this draw.

If there is a tie for a qualifying position, the tied skaters will be required to re-skate their middle distance, the first place skater in this event will become the qualifier.

DISTANCE RULES: Effective immediately, approved the following:

Distance Rule Definition ODN Elimination or Points Elimination Race

In this event skaters will be eliminated or distanced down to the 5 skaters remaining with 2 laps to go in the race. Distanced skaters will be placed in reverse order of their elimination for overall race placement. Skaters in a position to be distanced by the race leader, but with a group that is all on the same lap and includes skaters who are not in a position to be distanced, will not be distanced at that time. However if this group later in the race breaks up and individuals or groups of individuals are again in a position to be distanced by the race leader they will be eliminated.

Distance Rule Definition ODN Points Race

In this event skaters will be eliminated or distanced down to 10 skaters remaining in the race. Distanced skaters will be placed in reverse order of their elimination for overall race placement. Skaters in a position to be distanced by the race leader, but with a group that is all on the same lap and includes skaters who are not in a position to be distanced, will not be distanced at that time. However if this group later in the race breaks up and individuals or groups of individuals are again in a position to be distanced by the race leader they will be eliminated.

RELAYS - Approved the following:

SR164 RELAY TEAM MEMBERSHIP

SR164.1 - Club Affiliation-Members of a relay team may represent only one club in relay speed skating competition. If the members are affiliated with various clubs, the team must skate unattached and members must skate unattached in all speed races in which they compete. (See USARS General Rules 5.02.03, 7.04.06, 7.04.07.)

SR164.2 - ~~At a Regional Qualifying Championship, a~~ *A relay team must skate and qualify for the National Championships at a Regional qualifying Championship. At the National Championships, additional team members may be added for substitutions provided these team members entered the Regional Qualifying Championships and are listed on the master entry submitted for the National Championships. Substitutions may be made in accordance with the rules of substitution. A defending team must skate the initial heat race be intact at the time their qualifying relay event is skated at their respective Regional Championships. Substitutions on defending relay teams will only be allowed for illness or injury occurring after the regional championship qualifying event is completed (date of illness or injury must be verified by a physician or trainer) per SR164.3*

SR164.3 - Once the initial heat race has been run, no substitutions will be allowed, except as follows: If an injury occurs to any team member after heats have started, and that skater or skaters cannot compete for the remainder of the competition, a substitution may be made from the original list of skaters. The injury must be verified by a medical officer appointed by USARS. No team member can be removed and substituted from another relay team once the heat races have started. The number of additional skaters allowed for substitutions is as follows:

- a. Four Person Relays: Two additional team members.
- b. Four Mixed Relays: Two additional team members, one man and one woman.
- c. Two Person Relays: One additional team member. At least one member that skated on the qualifying team at the regional qualifying level must compete at the National Championships in that race.
- d. Two Mixed Relays: ~~Two~~ *One* additional team members, one man ~~and~~ *or* one woman. At least one member that skated on the qualifying team at the regional qualifying level must compete at the National Championships in that race.

SR164.4 - Substitution for reasons other than injury or illness *for non-defending teams* may be filed with the meet director up to ~~seven (7) days prior to~~ the start of the first race of the championships, provided that:

- a. verification that the team member who is being replaced is in agreement with the substitution;
- b. evidence is presented that the replaced member or members are unable to be present or skate;
- c. the substitution will not alter another team already entered in the race.

SR164.5 - Any substitute on a team must not change the representative status of the original entry; i.e., club affiliation or unattached.

SR164.6 - Any substitute must fulfill all eligibility and entry requirements for the qualifying meet including payment of the appropriate entry fees.

SR164.7 - All relay team members registered for the National Championships must pay the appropriate entry fee for that event. The relay substitution changes are to be submitted to the Meet Director prior to the end of the appropriate relay practice. All changes shall be made by a registered coach.

STARTING GUN: Effective immediately, approved the following: SR330.2 - *add* or electronic starting device with a strobe light producing a tone or simulated gun shot. At all National Championship contests the tone is preferred.

WARM-UP PRACTICE RULE: Effective immediately, approved the following: SR 155 - Any skater on the track or in the center of the track during a warm-up or practice, who is not part of the group called by the announcer for warm-up or practice is subject to disqualification from their next event, at the discretion of the Meet Director.

15 FOOT PYLON: Effective immediately, approved the following to eliminate 15 foot pylon for all relays as a safety measure:

SR220.6 - The relay return to the gate area is defined as the area between pylon 1 and pylon 2.

SR590.4 - Eliminate all references to the 15 foot pylon.

COMPETITOR ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Effective immediately, approved addition of SR395.6 Contestants will not be allowed to carry, in their hand or inside their uniform, any electronic device onto the skating track or center of the track at any time during the conduct of the meet.

INLINE ROLLER HOCKEY

2010 WORLD TEAM SELECTION: Approved the following:

The Senior Men Team USA, Junior Men Team USA and Women Team USA trials selection camps for the 2010 FIRS World Inline Hockey Championships will take place on May 14th-16th, 2010 at the Bladerunner Complex in Harmarville, Pennsylvania.

The final World Inline Hockey Team USA Selection Committee will include Ken Murchison, Don Molnar, Jeff Bond, Mark Vittese, Barry Jackson, Charlie Sgrillo and athlete representative Terry Shook. Selection Committee Chairman is Jon Roux. Keith Noll will represent USARS and secure all the world team paperwork.

2010 USA TEAM OFFICIALS & USA REFEREES FOR INLINE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Approved the following:

WCIV - Junior Men Inline Hockey World Championships
Jeff Bond – Coach Shane Peters - Referee

WCI - Junior Women Inline Hockey World Championships (new)
Mark Vittese - Coach Gary Miller - Referee

WCIX - Senior Women Inline Hockey World Championships
Charlie Sgrillo - Coach Danielle Pelletier or Stephanie Voigt - Referee

WCXVI - Senior Men Inline Hockey World Championships
Ken Murchison - Coach Paul Pelletier or Gary Miller - Referee (as available)

Team Manager and USARS Representative - Jon Roux
CIRIHL Committee Member from USA - Keith Noll

PAN AMERICAN GAMES INLINE HOCKEY TRIALS FOR 2010: Approved the following:

The 21 and Under age group winners from the 2009 Junior Olympic International Championship divisions this past July will comprise Team USA for any Pan American Trial where a USA national team's participation will be mandated to gain inline hockey eligibility for the 2011 Pan American Games in Mexico.

The team will consist of the following players: 1. Spencer Becker (G), 2. Jake Gaddis (G), 3. Kevin Keene, 4. Steve Leibhart, 5. Nick Allison, 6. Ryan Marra, 7. Sam Nixdorf, 8. Taylor Witt, 9. T. C. Javor, 10. Charlie Sgrillo, 11. Charlie Donahue, 12. Ryan Bernot, 13. Justin Marr. - COACHES: Anthony Flynn & Raul Castaneda

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No official actions were taken during this meeting.