

OFFICIAL NOTICE

April 24-25-26, 2015



USA ROLLER SPORTS SEMIANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The following actions resulted from the USA Roller Sports Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting, April 24-26, 2015 and from Committee Meetings held since the 2014 Fall Annual Board Meeting. A copy of the motions upon which this summary is based is available on the USA Roller Sports website at www.usarollersports.org

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GENERAL

USARS BOARD OF DIRECTOR SEATS: Vacated seats on the USARS Board were filled by Renee Hildebrand (replacing Mark Vittese) with a term expiring in the fall of 2016, and Tonya Procknow (replacing George Kolibaba) with a term expiring in the fall of 2015. Approved during the Executive Committee Meeting of January 9, 2015.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Sara Sayasane-Hebbrecht and Keith Noll to fill the unexpired terms of George Kolibaba and Mark Vittese. Approved by the Executive Committee on January 9, 2015

PAN AM GAMES FIGURE STAFF: Vicki Bateman-Figure Team Coach and Renee Hildebrand as the Speed Team Coach. Approved by the Executive Committee on March 3, 2015:

FOUNDATION TRUSTEES: Bud Engle will replace Charlotte Nicholson as a Trustee for the Foundation. Danny Brown was approved to be a Foundation Trustee replacing George Kolibaba. Approved Al Taglang as a Foundation Trustee, replacing Constance Wahlig. Approved by the Executive Committee on March 3 and 31, 2015.

FUTURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA: Awarded the 2016 and 2017 National Championships to Speedway Village in Lincoln, Nebraska, with the decision on the third year (either 2018 or 2019) to be made at the Fall 2016 Board Meeting.

FOUNDATION: Adopted revisions to the Bylaws of the US Foundation for Amateur Roller Skating as well as to the Foundation Articles of Incorporation, Article 7 and Article 11:

NEW AUDIT FIRM FOR USARS: Approved a one-year agreement with the firm of Thomas, Kunc & Black, LLP, certified public accounts (TKB) for the tax year ending December 31, 2014, subject to clarification of their proposal.

USARS MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES FOR COACHES: Approved as follows:

Goal: Increase athlete memberships within USARS, and to reward coaches that go above and beyond.

Purpose: Improve the competitive structure through more competition. More skaters results in more competition, which generally translates into higher quality events. In the process, reward those that excel at recruiting and retaining skaters. Lastly, to answer the "what's in it for me" question from coaches.

Implementation: Any club that registers ten (10) new skaters in a season, will receive one free coach membership.

If coach membership has already been paid when the 10th membership is registered, the coach will receive a credit for the following season. For clubs that have more than one coach, the person's listed on the club charter shall notify the Executive Director of USARS whose coach in their club will receive the credit, based on who has brought in the majority of the skaters. In the event the club cannot designate one coach, then they can request to the Executive Director that a credit be applied to the following season's charter. In either instance of a credit, the amount of the credit will be equal to the current season's coach registration rate, not the year the credit is applied.

Definition of New: Any skater that has never been a registered member athlete with USARS, or a former athlete who has not been a registered member for at least the three (3) previous seasons.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF SKATING MEMBERSHIP - Approved to be as follows:

Goal: Create a membership category to reconnect former members, and connect family members of current skater, with our great sport.

By doing so, USARS is adding exposure to Roller Sports through non-traditional memberships, as well as re-engaging members of our past.

Purpose: Increase membership opportunities for fans of Roller Sports.

The Strategic Planning Team has targeted an Alumni Membership as a necessary category for USARS. The Finance Committee, based on its fiduciary responsibility to the reorganization, also believes this is a necessary category.

Support Levels:

Bronze: \$35.00/year

Benefits: Weekly e-blast from USARS, USARS pin, name recognition in a weekly e-blast and \$5 discount on digital National Championships Program of your choice.

Silver: \$50.00/year

Benefits: Weekly e-blast, name recognition in a weekly e-blast, name recognition in National Championships program of your choice, USARS pin and \$10 discount on Digital National Championships program of your choice.

Gold: \$100.00/year

Benefits: Weekly e-blast, name recognition in a weekly e-blast, name recognition in ALL National Championship Programs that season, USARS pin, \$10 discount on digital National Championships Program of your choice, PLUS individual membership in the Roller Skating Museum (\$30 goes to the Museum). New Museum members receive the Museum's special 30th anniversary pin, a 10% store discount, and a year subscription to *USA Roller Sports*. The Museum website includes a members-only tab that allows members to access past skating magazines and National Championship Programs dating back to 1940 and Museum e-newsletters, by use of a special user name and password.

PARTNER FOR THE FUTURE PROGRAM APPROVED: Established Automatic Debit Planned Contributions of \$5.00, \$10.00, or any amount of your choosing. For the cost of one mocha a month, your contribution can go a long way towards the future of USA Roller Sports. Become a partner today. Partners will be listed in all National Championships Programs. Become a partner with a monthly support level of \$10.00 or more, and be recognized in all weekly e-blasts as well.

COACHES GUIDE: Approved a new "Coaches Guide - Welcome to USARS and SRSTA Coaching Associations", with the understanding that it is a living document and subject to change. Since the information was more oriented toward the roller figure sport, the Marketing Committee will gather additional information from the other sport disciplines to add to the Coaches Guide.

WORLD AND INTERNATIONAL TEAM ARRANGEMENTS AND RESULTING EXPENSES: Approved the following procedure change:

Due to the extensive coordination and financial tracking of international team arrangements, we propose that beginning in 2015, all who qualify for a World Team make their own travel arrangements, as they would to attend a National Championships.

1. Air travel will be booked and directly paid for to a travel agent, or online at the best rate they can find, subject to checking in with the team at a pre-designated date and time. Those who do not have a coach or parent traveling with them can coordinate their travel to coincide with that of a team staff member. *Minors must coordinate their travel to coincide with a parent or legal guardian.*
2. The designated hotel for the USA Team will be identified and the contact provided to book a hotel with the team staff. Those who feel the cost is too great, may stay at a different hotel, but must commit to be present at the practice rink or competition venue at the request of the team staff.
3. Food expenses will be paid by each individual.
4. Non-Refundable Team Deposit - Amount to be determined by office staff prior to trials, to be used to cover the cost of team staff expenses, apparel and/or shipping, Trav-Med insurance, team entry fees and extra team training, if scheduled.

Benefits:

1. Potential for athlete to save money by traveling on the least expensive flights available at the time of booking, rather than meeting specific group arrival/departure dates and times.
2. Alleviates criticism from those who feel they can find better rates and hotels than what has been identified as the team hotel.
3. Eliminates National Office staff receiving and tracking up to three payments from each athlete, accounting of each expense, allocation of on-site expenses, sending large amounts of money with the Team Staff to use as needed, collecting unpaid balances, working out a credit plan for those who cannot pay in full prior to departure, refunds to those who have paid more than the final expenses, etc. This also eliminates USARS financial risk of bad debts owed from those who are "no-shows", or notify USARS after the airline ticket has been purchased that they will not be able to attend. For most, the team deposits are due at a financially difficult time, coinciding with the cost of participating in a trials event, etc.
4. Reduces USARS stated Revenue and Expenses, which in turn reduces the amount USARS is obligated to pay towards the USOC Safe Sport program. This is a required program, where contribution levels are based off of annual revenue.

Proviso for Approval: That if it is passed now, it immediately goes out on the email blast so that potential athletes know of this change this now.

ELITE COACH STATUS: Approved for Aaron "Frankie" Lee and James "Pat" Ferguson.

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION CRITERIA AMENDED: Any candidate for the USA Roller Sports Hall of Fame who received nominations for Athlete, Coach or Distinguished Service in three or more years for the same Hall of Fame category, but was found unqualified by the committee under the published criteria for such position, shall be made

ineligible for future consideration, unless additional data which demonstrates greater merit has been submitted, as reviewed by the Committee Chair.

ATHLETES HALL OF FAME (active category): Approved for Brittany Bowe, Summerville, Florida - In FIRS World Speed Skating Championships competitions, Brittany won 32 medals (8 bronze, 6 silver, and 18 gold) from 2003 until 2008. Brittany also has won numerous National Championship titles and still holds seven national records dating back to 2002. Brittany also holds several ice speed skating records and is currently an ice Olympian.

ATHLETES HALL OF FAME (veteran category): Approved for Carol Langolis, Bristol, Connecticut - Carol was a ballerina studying in New York and London prior to age 13 when she discovered roller skating and fell in love with the competitive sport in 1961. She was three times Senior Ladies National Figure Skating Champion 1966-67-68, taking second place her first year in Senior Figures at the 1965 Nationals. During her era, under RSROA sponsorship, no world championships entered in those years for figure skaters.

COACHES HALL OF FAME: Approved for the following:

Renee Hildebrand, Bushnell, Florida - Registered as a speed coach and a graduate physical therapist since 1987, Renee has many times volunteered as a USOC banked track clinic leader, was named Team Coach for Pan American Games, at World Championships, World Games, and personal coach of numerous World Champion title holders: Joey Mantia, Brittany Bowe, Briana Kramer, Emily Scott, Erin Jackson and Mario Valencia.

Samuel Johnson, Tampa, Florida - Began Coaching speed skating in 1984, has coached numerous clinics at OTC, has produced over 50 National Champions, and 3 World Champions, his Stardust Club has placed in the top ten at the National Championships five times and has been with this same club over 30 years.

Patricia Jacques, Roseville, California - Has been a certified teacher of skating for over 40 years during which her successful class program has developed community ties through beginner skating encouragement. USOC Coach of the Year for 1997. She has developed numerous regional and national champions from 1973 until present. A mentor coach and clinic leader widely recognized for her four decades of success at teaching beginning skaters and coaching champions to Regional, National and World Artistic Roller Skating titles.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE HALL OF FAME: Approved for Bill Spooner, Battle Ground, Washington – A roller skate competitor since 1958, Bill has made this sport a major part of his life. He has been a participant in every artistic discipline, a skating judge since age 15, has five-times judged the World Artistic Championships. Bill was elected to the USARS Board of Directors and served as Chairman of its Finance Committee, Figure Committee and Marketing Committee. He is a member of the US Foundation of Amateur Roller Skating and has spent countless days sorting out the financial difficulties experienced in the relationships of both organizations.

CHARLES WAHLIG LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Approved for Gloria Manning, Miami, Florida has been an Elite Artistic Coach since 2008, a Certified Coach since 1969, an Artistic Competitive Judge since 1966, member of the USARS Board of Directors since 2008. Gloria is coach of multiple National Champion medalists, National Coach of the year in 2001 and a member of the Distinguished Service and Coaches Halls of Fame. Her service to the sport is noted as a tireless volunteer for regional and national events where she is always ready to lend a hand.

M.M. SHATTUCK AWARD: Approved for Jane Wojnarowsky, Willoughby, Ohio - is a three-time World Dance Champion, an Elite Figure Coach much in demand for seminars and clinics throughout the world, and has served as World Team Coach for the USA 14 times from 1985 to 2011. She has served on the USARS Board of Directors as Athlete Representative from 1977 to 1989 and then was elected Coaches representative to the Board from 1999 until

2009 when she took a position with USARS as Figure Director on staff. Jane was inducted into the Athletes Hall of Fame in 1985 and in 1990 was named to the Roller Sport Coaches Hall of Fame.

ELMER RINGEISEN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: Approved for Erin Jackson, Ocala, Florida - Erin was incorrectly disqualified in the 1000 meter track race at the 2014 World Speed Championships. This resulted in not only a loss of a Gold Medal in that race, but according to the CIC rules, she was disqualified from her next event which was the event where she placed third in 2013. Through the many protests, reviews and indecision of the championship officials, Erin exhibited true sportsmanship, poise and dignity through the remainder of the championships.

USARS ARTISTIC SKATER OF THE YEAR FOR 2014: Approved for Natalie Motley, Alexandria, Virginia - Gold Medalist in Inline Women's Freeskating at the World Championships who beat the eight-time Italian defending Champion.

USARS SPEED SKATER OF THE YEAR FOR 2014: Approved for Darian O'Neil, Clinton Township, Michigan - Darian was the top placing medalist at the 2014 World Speed Skating Championship, placing second in the 1000 meters on the track.

USARS RINK HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR 2014: Approved for Kylie Hughes, Anchorage, Alaska, for her performance and help with the new players at tryouts, her travel at her own expense to a training camp in California and one in Texas to help get the new skaters aware of the elements they needed to work on and try to help them adjust to our game plan. Also, her performance and help tutoring the new skaters in France at the World Championships

USARS INLINE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR 2014: Approved for Joseph Todd Mazzie, East Meadow, New York - During the 2014 FIRS World Inline Hockey Championships, all-star forward Mazzie took over midway as team motivator, which led his team to recapture Gold Medal honors for the 15th time in 20 years of the Inline Hockey Championship.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO USA ROLLER SPORTS: Approved for:

- Gerry Lullove, Farmington Hills, Michigan - For his contribution of time, talent and world team apparel for the Inline Hockey World Teams.
- Bill Davis, Jersey City, New Jersey - For meritorious service on behalf of the National Museum of Roller Skating.
- Scott Clifford, Morgan Hill, California - Multiple roles in the success of the Pan American Figure Club Championships.
- Janet Pavidonis, Lake Worth, Florida - Scheduling and meet set-up for the Pan American Figure Club Championships.
- Joe Hanna, Altamonte, Florida - Set-up and logistics for the Pan American Speed Club Championships.
- Sam Johnson, Tampa, Florida - Set-up and logistics for the Pan American Speed Club Championships.
- Bill Mihay, Shoreline, Washington - For his performance at the tournament before and during the World Championships, his financial help with some of the players and his help securing sponsorship for the men's uniforms.

MARIE WALKER AWARD FOR ROLLER FIGURE SKATING: Approved for Judy Graves, Friedheim, Missouri - Past chair of Judges Selection Committee and continues to donate her time to judge. An advocate of Figure Skating. Has served on the USARS Finance Committee and other committees.

BILL SISSON AWARD FOR RINK HOCKEY: Approved for Irene Allen, Runaway Bay, Texas, for her many years of long hard hours devoted to our sport at the National Championships. She has spent many long days setting up the score sheets and stat sheets on the computer, keeping the statistics, training others to run the game clock and record statistics, and many hours after the day's games checking and double checking the accuracy of the statistics.

DENNIS SNEAD ROLLER SPEED SKATING AWARD: Approved for Jim Pitsch, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, who has dedicated many years of service to the USARS officials program as a local, regional, national and international official. He has served in numerous capacities at both the Indoor and Outdoor National Championships as well as other international duties. He was the US official for the 2009 World Games and the 2011 Pan Am Games,

USOC ROLLER SPORTS TEAM OF 2014: Approved for the 2014 Men's Inline Hockey Team USA - Jose Cadiz, Jr., Stephen Campbell, Andrew Cripps, Brian Ganz, Skylar Hoar, Corey Hodge, Taylor Kane, Peter Kavaya, Joseph Mazzie, Jonathan Mosenson, Darren Nowick, Ian Rezac, Goalies Blake Ducker and Troy Redmann.

USOC ROLLER SPORTS MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FOR 2014: Troy Redman - Goalie, Walnut, California - Nominated by his coaches as one of the main contributing factors for Team USA capturing the 2014 FIRS Inline Hockey World Championship Gold Medal in France against the strongest collection of National Team opponents in the history of this event, including Russia for the first time.

USOC FEMALE ATHLETE FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FOR 2014: Catherine Santo, St. James, New York - Santo was one of the top scorers and play makers at the 2014 FIRS World Inline Hockey Championships in France. During the gold medal game, tied up at 2-2 in overtime, she faked out a great Canadian goalie to score the winning goal for the successful defense of Team USA consecutive world championships.

USOC NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEARS FOR 2014: Ken Murchison, Corona, California - Murchison coached the 2014 World Champion Inline Hockey TEAM USA to gold medal victory in Toulouse, France against 24 of the world's finest inline roller hockey teams.

USOC DEVELOPMENTAL COACH OF THE YEAR FOR 2014: Laura Sweers, Auburn, Washington - Level 3 Coach, member of the Speed Skating Committee, doing clinics and teaching both artistic and speed skating.

2015 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SITES: Approved the 2015 Regional Championships sites as submitted, pending collection of any fees that are not paid from the past year (posted on the USARS website).

MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL COMMITTEE: This new Special Committee will include John Fearnow-Chairman, John Gustafson, Renee Hildebrand, and Tanya Procknow. The Committee is charged with reviewing proposed membership programs received by the Board.

NEW SPECIAL IT COMMITTEE: Created a Special IT Committee (information technology) chaired by Fernando Regueiro-Chairman, and including Sara Sayasane Hebbrecht, Tony Cabral and John Fearnow. The charge of the committee is to incorporate technology into our website and bringing our communications up to a professional level which may include webinar type meetings, quality images and sound.

SPECIAL CONTINGENCY PLAN COMMITTEE: Formed a special committee to structure contingency plans to ensure the survivability of the sport if the financial conditions do not improve.

EXPLORATORY SPECIAL COMMITTEE - OFFICE SPACE LEASING: Formed an Exploratory Committee for leasing unused space in the USARS Office Building in Lincoln, Nebraska, consisting of Tanya Procknow-Chairman, John Fearnow, Danny Brown and Sara Sayasane Hebbrecht.

FINANCE COMMITTEE ADDITION: George Pickard, as a Foundation representative, has been added as a member of the Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Approve the Committee on Committees to be as follows: Danny Brown-Chairman, Annelle Anderson, John Gustafson, Renee Hildebrand and Trace Hansen-Athlete Representative.

2016 SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Established a Special Committee for organization of the 2016 National Championships in Lincoln in a way that is more collective to work on the image of the event to make it more spectacular: The 2016 National Championships Committee will include Fernando Regueiro-Chairman, Renee Hildebrand-Speed, Tanya Procknow-Derby, John Fearnow, Naomi Grigg-Slalom, Grant Schnell-Figure, Tom Hughes-Rink Hockey, Nicki Korgenek and Richard Hawkins-staff liaison.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE: A Special Committee was named, consisting of Richard Hawkins, Grant Schnell and Trace Hansen to investigate the possibility of establishing financial penalties for athletes who misbehave in connection with their World Team qualification and/or participation.

DERBY

2015 DERBY NATIONALS SITE: Approved the contracts with the host team, PA All-Stars, and the venue, the Penn Ice Rink, for the 2015 Roller Derby National Championship in Philadelphia.

RULE BOOK MODIFICATIONS: The Derby Committee reviewed proposed modifications and clarifications to the Derby Rules, and approved the wording during their December 22, 2014 Committee Meeting, which included modifying full contact for under the age of 12 and reducing the size of the rope to 1" maximum and to eliminate a minimum. As announced last year, this year's rules also implemented a reduction in the number of the digits allowed on jerseys from three to only two numerical characters (0-9). Rule books with changes for this season can be found on the USARS website under "Resources – Rules", where the changes will appear in red type.

SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE: The Derby Committee approved the formation of a Safety Sub-Committee, chaired by Christina Gerrish, and including John McNeel during their December 22, 2014 Committee Meeting.

DERBY REGIONS: The Derby Committee instituted new Regional Sub-committees to assist in the development of the USARS Roller Derby Program at the local level. For organizational purposes, they approved merging the Regions 1 and 2 into a single Sub-Committee, although the two regions will still be separate for competition purposes. The merged region shall now include WA, OR, AK, ID, MT, WY, CA, NV, AZ, UT, HI (Chris Hunter, Donna Kay, John McNeil and Christina Gerrish).

RINK HOCKEY

DOMESTIC DISCIPLINARY ACTION: During their February 15 meeting, the Rink Hockey Committee approved a change to the USARS rule as follows:

Serious Fouls/Blue Card Fouls:

A player who commits a serious foul will be disciplined in accordance with Article 26 (Serious Fouls/Blue Card Fouls) of the “FIRS Rules of The Game of Rink Hockey.”

Accumulated Red Card:

If a player (after already receiving two blue cards in a match) receives a third blue card in the same match, he will be shown the third blue card and then immediately be shown a red card, meaning expulsion for the rest of that game. The offender’s Team will be disciplined in accordance with Article 26, paragraph 2.2 of the “FIRS Rules of The Game of Rink Hockey.” The player receiving an accumulated red card will be excluded from his/her next match as well. A substitute player may replace the excluded player for the Team’s next match. The excluded player is not allowed in the reserve bench area during his/her excluded match.

Major Fouls/Red Card Fouls:

A player who receives a direct red card in a match because of a very serious act of indiscipline that may have involved violence, major harm or endangered the physical integrity of third parties as a result of a severe violation of the rules will be disciplined in accordance with Article 27 (Major Fouls/Red Card Fouls) of the “FIRS Rules of the Game of Rink Hockey.” The offender’s Team will be disciplined in accordance with Article 27, paragraph 2.2 of the “FIRS Rules of The Game of Rink Hockey.” Receiving a red card under these conditions will result in that player being excluded from his/her next match as well. A substitute player may replace the excluded player for the Team’s next match. The excluded player is not allowed in the reserve bench area during his/her excluded match.

In any match where either an accumulated red card or a direct red card is issued, a written referee’s report must be attached to the match report, explaining the circumstances of the incident(s). The written report must be presented immediately to the members of the Hockey Committee and/or the Tournament Organizing Committee for their consideration of any possible further disciplinary action. The Committee must decide if any further disciplinary action is needed before the end of the player’s excluded match. If the committee decides that the skater’s actions warrant further disciplinary match suspensions, the excluded player is not allowed in the reserve bench area during his/her excluded matches. The skater may appeal the decision of the committee’s decision for any further disciplinary action in accordance with USA Roller Sports General Rules, Section 12.05 and 15.00.

RINK HOCKEY REGIONS: The Rink Hockey Committee approved changing their three regions back into six regions for ease of region-wide tournaments and better representation.

Rink Hockey Regions

Northwest	North Central	Northeast	Southeast
Alaska	Ohio	Delaware	Alabama
Hawaii	Illinois	Connecticut	Florida
Idaho	Indiana	Maine	Georgia
Montana	Iowa	Massachusetts	Kentucky
Oregon	Kansas	New Hampshire	Tennessee
Washington	Michigan	New Jersey	Mississippi
Wyoming	Minnesota	New York	North Carolina
	Missouri	Pennsylvania	South Carolina
	Nebraska	Rhode Island	
South Central	North Dakota	Vermont	

Arkansas	South Dakota	Washington D.C.	
New Mexico	Wisconsin	Maryland	
Louisiana		Virginia	
Texas		West Virginia	Southwest
Oklahoma			Arizona
Colorado			California
			Nevada
			Utah

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES: The Rink Hockey Committee approved Pat Ferguson being changed to voting and to represent the Northeast region. Adding Bryce Robinson to represent the Southwest region and Shane Enlow to represent the Northwest Region. James Jost will represent the North Central and Don Allen will represent the South Central. No clubs are currently registered in the Southeast, so no representation is needed in the Southeast, since there are currently no clubs registered in that region.

NATIONAL RINK HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIALS: Compensated National Officials: Referees, Mark Brailey (head referee), referees James Jost, Duane McMinn, and Pat Ferguson. Irene Allen for statistician and scorekeeper.

U20/JUNIOR MEN'S USA WORLD TEAM: Tryouts for the U20 Men's National Team will be immediately following the National Championships in Albuquerque. The USA Team staff for the Junior (Sub-20) Men's Rink Hockey World Championships will be Brian Moyer and Pat Ferguson.

REFEREE RULE CHANGE: 8 & U Division matches may be conducted by only one qualified referee, except during a championships match. 8 & U division matches will be changed to two halves of 12 minutes each, according to the Rink Hockey Minutes of January 11, 2015.

RINK HOCKEY RULES: Rule books with changes for this season can be found on the USARS website under "Resources – Rules", where the changes will appear in red type.

SPEED SKATING

2016 CHANGES CONFIRMED: Based on prior Speed Committee meetings, regional proposals and the results of the 2014 Coach's Vote and Survey (presented to the Board at the fall 2014 meeting), the following changes are confirmed for 2016:

- Eliminated Novice Freshman and Novice Sophomore (at the National level) beginning with the 2016 Indoor National Championships.
- Effective 2016: Athletes will only be eligible for Novice events for three competitive seasons (their three-year time begins with the purchase of their first USARS athlete membership).
- National Championship Eligibility (Relays): Changed the qualification for relays at Indoor Nationals to the top five instead of the top four in each region.

SPEED SKATING RULES: Rule books with changes for this season can be found on the USARS website under “Resources – Rules”, where the changes will appear in red type.

WORLD SPEED TEAM STAFF: On March 31, 2015, the USARS Executive Committee approved Renee Hildebrand as Coach, Joe Hanna and Tony Cabral as Managers and Mary Allmond as Apprentice Manager.

SLALOM

NEW USA ROLLER SPORTS: Adopted slalom skating as a USARS sport, consistent with the WSSA rule set.

SLALOM SPORT COMMITTEE: Established a temporary Slalom Standing Committee that will consist of: Naomi Grigg - Acting Chairperson, Mason Cherry, Dennis Palmer, Francis Porchasa, John Fearnow (rink operator representative). At the Fall Board Meeting when all sport committees are reviewed, the slate of Slalom Committee members will include staggered terms.

ROLLER FIGURE SKATING

2015 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS STAFF: Approved Ed Harney as the Meet Director and Bruce Muench as the Chief Referee. Approved by the Roller Figure Committee during their November 19, 2015 meeting.

FIGURE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: During their November 19, 2015 meeting, the Roller Figure Committee approved Bill Spooner as their Chairman. However, during the Spring Board Meeting they were asked to elected someone else so that Bill can provide his primary focus to Chairing the Finance Committee. He will remain a member of the Figure Committee.

JUDGES CONTENT SHEETS: Approved by the Figure Committee during their February 8, 2015 Meeting.

ROLLER FIGURE RULES: Rule books with changes for this season can be found on the USARS website under “Resources – Rules”, where the changes will appear in red type.

2015 WORLD ROLLER FIGURE CHAMPIONSHIPS STAFF: On March 31, 2015, the USARS Executive Committee approved Gloria Manning as the Coach and Tony Berger as the Team Manager.

OFFICIALS FOR ROLLER FIGURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Approved on March 31, 2015 by the USARS Executive Committee.

INLINE HOCKEY

INLINE HOCKEY COMMITTEE: Added George Pickard as a member during their November 20, 2014 meeting.

WORLD TEAM TRYOUTS: Approved Team selection for 2015 via a resume process during their November 20, 2014 meeting.

TEAM STAFF FOR WORLD TEAMS: Approved by the Inline Hockey Committee during their November 20, 2014 Committee Meeting:

- Men's Team: Charlie Sgrillo-Coach, Jon Roux-Team Manager (changed to assistant coach on 3/16).
- Women's Team: Mark Vittese-Coach. Vittese was ultimately replaced by Charlie Sgrillo as the Coach (3/16). Sgrillo was originally approved as the alternate coach and as the Team Manager. (Dave Marmorstein-Assistant Coach approved 12/17/14).
- Junior Men's Team: Jamie Cook-Coach (ultimately replaced by Dave Inouye), and Gerry Lullove-Team Manager.

WORLD TEAM SELECTION COMMITTEES: Approved as follows during their November 20, 2014 Committee Meeting:

- Men's Team - Brent Benson, Jon Roux, Don Molnar, Charlie Sgrillo, Mark Vittese, John Ryder, Sean Sloman, Keith Noll, Jamie Cook-athlete.
- Women's Team - Brent Benson, Jon Roux, Don Molnar, Charlie Sgrillo, Mark Vittese, Joy Garvey-athlete, Arlene Lehman, Keith Noll.
- Junior Men's Team - Brent Benson, Jon Roux, Don Molnar, Charlie Sgrillo, Mark Vittese, John Ryder, Sean Sloman, Keith Noll, David Inouye, Jamie Cook-Athlete.
- Junior Women's Team - not be attending the 2015 World Championships.

USA TEAM SIZE: Approved during their November 20, 2014 Committee Meeting: Senior Men and Senior Women's Team will have a maximum of 10 players and 2 goalies each. Junior Men can have a maximum of 12 players and 2 goalies.