

**USA ROLLER SPORTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CALL FOR NOMINATION - ELECTION NOTICE 2020**

Nominees are solicited for the following USARS representatives:

Speed Athlete Director - Three Year Term of Office

Rink Hockey Athlete - Three Year Term

Club Representative Director - Three Year Term of Office

Grassroots Director - Three Year Term of Office

Athlete Advisory Council Representative for Roller Sports – Four Year Term of Office

Under our current USARS Bylaws, election procedures for members of the Board are established on staggered three-year terms, except as qualified through representation for roller sports with other organizations or as noted above. The above seats on the USARS Board of Directors will be filled in 2020.

Nominations for the Speed Athlete, Rink Hockey Athlete, Club Representative and AAC positions must be received by USARS by **February 15**, which is followed by a period where nominations can be made via write-in petition.

Speed Athlete Board Seat - Anyone meeting the following criteria may nominate himself, herself or another person with their written permission.

- 1) Be 18 years of age or older.
- 2) Hold a 2019-2020 USA Roller Sports Speed Membership Card,
- 3) Meet the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee definition of an active athlete. This is defined as one who has competed in speed skating in the Pan American Games, Senior World Speed Championships, or other senior international elite level competitions within the last ten years.
- 4) Submit a personal and skating history, a written agreement to run for the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors seat, and signed Code of Ethics and Pledge of Commitment forms by no later than January 15, 2020. Nominees must be able to attend two meetings each year in order to serve as a Director on the Board.

Rink Hockey Athlete Board Seat - Anyone meeting the following criteria may nominate himself, herself or another person with their written permission.

- 1) Be 18 years of age or older.
- 2) Hold a 2019-2020 USA Roller Sports Speed Membership Card,
- 3) Meet the United States Olympic Committee definition of an active athlete. This is defined as one who has competed in rink hockey in the Senior World Rink Hockey Championships, or other senior international elite level competitions within the last ten years.
- 4) Submit a personal and skating history, a written agreement to run for the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors seat, and signed Code of Ethics and Pledge of Commitment forms by no later than January 15, 2020. Nominees must be able to attend two meetings each year in order to serve as a Director on the Board.

Club Representative Board Seat - Anyone meeting the following criteria may nominate himself, herself or another person with their written permission.

- 1) Be a USA Roller Sports Club Officer for a minimum of five years.
- 2) Be an officer in a league, state or regional association for a minimum of three years.
- 3) Be a current USA Roller Sports member.
- 4) Be actively involved in USA Roller Sports programs.
- 5) Contribute significantly to the advancement of the roller skating sport.
- 6) Agree in writing to abide by the USA Roller Sports Code of Ethics for Members of the Board and sign a Pledge of Commitment form. Nominees must be able to attend two meetings each year in order to serve as a Director on the Board.
- 7) Submit a resume and application for consideration as a candidate for the Club Representative to the Board to the USA Roller National Office in Lincoln, Nebraska no later than January 15, 2020.

Election Process for Speed and Rink Hockey Athlete, Club and AAC Representative Director Positions -

Ballots shall be electronically transmitted to eligible voters 45 days prior to the start of the 2020 Fall Annual Board Meeting. Any eligible elector who has not received a ballot 15 days before the start of the Fall Annual Board Meeting may contact the principal office and a ballot shall be emailed immediately. Votes must be returned and received at the USARS principal office no later than 10 days prior to the start of the Fall Annual Board Meeting. The new directors will assume office following the close of the Annual Meeting of the USARS Board of Directors in the Fall of 2020.

Election of Grassroots Board Representative - In 2020, a Director shall be elected by the Board to represent the domestic and multi-discipline developmental interests of USA Roller Sports in terms of funding, management and program administration. Anyone meeting the following criteria may nominate himself, herself or another person with their written permission:

- 1) Be a current and 10-year member of USA Roller Sports.
- 2) Possess overall knowledge and experience of the technical aspects for the sport, including, but not limited to: competitive skating, coaching, various official assignments and administrative experience as a club officer.
- 3) Be actively involved in USA Roller Sports' programs.
- 4) Contribute significantly to the advancement of roller sports.
- 5) Agree in writing to abide by USA Roller Sports' Code of Ethics for members of the Board and sign a Pledge of Commitment.
- 6) Submit a resume and application for a board seat.

Candidates will be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Alternate candidates who meet the requirements, at the discretion of the Board, may be proposed.

United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee Athlete Advisory Council Representative for Roller Sports

- The elective term of office for the Athlete Advisory Council Representative will be four years, coinciding with the Olympic quadrennial (starting on January 1, 2021 and concluding on December 31, 2024). Only athletes who have represented roller sports in the Pan American Games, World Championships or other major international competitions are eligible to be nominated for election to the AAC. Such representation must have occurred within the preceding ten years as measured from the first AAC meeting of the quadrennial, typically held in January. The athlete must not have served two previous terms on the AAC as a representative - status as an alternate does not constitute serving as a term. If an alternate replaces a representative and serves over half of the quadrennial in the latter capacity, one term has then been served. Athletes cannot be paid employees of the USOPC or USA Roller Sports and simultaneously serve on the USOPC AAC. *The representative and alternate must be of the opposite*

gender in sports that represent men's and women's teams for a single National Governing Body (USA Roller Sports).

Solicitation of eligible athlete nominations for the AAC roller sports representative position will commence November and December prior to the beginning of the Summer Olympic Games and be conducted prior to the end of the quadrennial. All such athletes that meet the eligibility requirements may be nominated. Only athletes registered as USARS members and eligible under the AAC criteria as specified above may nominate a candidate, however, a candidate will be permitted to nominate him or herself. Only athletes in this same category may be electors.

A complete list of all nominees that are declared eligible under the rules by the AAC-USARS Nominating Committee will be voted on electronically (if feasible) and placed on the ballot in alphabetical order. If done by mail, at any time until the deadline for ballot return, an eligible elector may request a ballot for an AAC representative, provided said ballot is returned by the established deadline. A request for a ballot shall be accompanied by a statement from the individual denoting their eligibility as an elector/nominator/candidate under the rules of eligibility.

Eligible athletes must attend all scheduled AAC meetings; a representative may be replaced by his or her alternate if the representative fails to attend three consecutive AAC meetings for any reason or at least half of scheduled AAC meetings in any two-year period during the Quadrennium. For additional information on what the AAC is and the commitment required, visit <https://www.teamusa.org/Team-USA-Athlete-Services/Athletes-Advisory-Council/About-AAC>. In this document you will see that it is a requirement for all AAC members to also be a member of their sport's governing body board. Please note that the USARS Board regularly meets two times each year. Failure to attend two consecutive regular meetings of the Board, except for reasons beyond the control of the director, may constitute cause for removal.

Resumes may be submitted to Peggy Young at USA Roller Sports - pyoung@usarollersports.org.