

SR160 ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

SR160.1 Each contestant and member of a relay team filing an entry form for a sanctioned meet must possess a current USARS speed membership.

SR160.2 Each contestant and member of a relay team must file proper entry forms in order to participate in any interclub or invitational contest, the designated regional championships or the national championships.

SR161 Filing of Entry Applications:

Prior to the deadline for entry into the regional or qualifying championship, clubs shall submit the number and type of relays that will represent that club on the forms provided and pay the additional entry fees for each member of the designated relays. In addition to the Master Entry Sheet each club MUST submit one copy of the relay roster sheet DESIGNATING THE NAMES OF THE SKATERS IN EACH RELAY. (The other copy of the relay roster sheet is to be used in the event that changes are made in any of the relays. If changes are made, a second set of relay rosters must be turned in at the start of the speed meet, or at the time designated by the meet director. IF CHANGES ARE NOT MADE, YOU MUST SKATE YOUR RELAY TEAMS AS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED WITH THE MASTER SHEET.) All relay skaters must be registered for the championships under the individual registration and pay the appropriate entry fee. Each contestant who is skating relay only and not one of the individual events, shall have one (1) secondary event registration fee credited on the relay registration form so as to avoid an overcharge for an extra event.

SR162 Championships Rules of Entry (Qualifying & National)

SR162.1 The following contestant fees are the maximum that may be charged for one or more events within each federation and shall include the contestant's registration, entry, general admission (with in-and-out privileges) and assessment fees:

- A. For a qualifying speed championships (Regional Meets). First event - \$45.00; Additional events - \$25.00.
- B. The contestant's combined ENTRY and REGISTRATION fees include a \$3 per skater per event assessment payable to USARS. ***There will be no assessment fees collected for the 2020 regional qualifiers.***
- C. The \$3 per skater per event USARS assessment fee collected for each federation entry must be forwarded to the USARS National Headquarters within five (5) days from the close of the championships. ***No fees will be mailed to the USARS National Headquarters for the 2020 Regional Championships.***
- D. No other assessments may be collected from the competitors. Warm-ups held prior to the skating of an event are considered part of that contest and no additional fee may be assessed to the skater for participation in the event warm-up.
- E. Open Nationals - Late Fees: For Quad and Outdoor National Speed Championships, the normal registration deadline shall be 30 days prior to the start of the meet. A late fee double the normal registration fee shall be in effect from 30 days to seven working days prior to the beginning of the Championships. After the seven working days, no further registrations will be accepted under any circumstances.
- F. At the Outdoor National Speed Skating Championships, the Road and Track Championships will be considered separate primary events and a separate registration fee will be collected for each Championships when entered by the same individual. There are no secondary event fees.

SR162.2 On the first scheduled day of the speed skating events, or at the time designated by the meet director, and prior to the start of the relays, the officially designated team

coach or the designated club representative shall turn in relay rosters to the meet director on the forms provided for this purpose. Any changes must designate the exact composition of each relay. Any additional changes after the initial event heats must meet the injury provisions for substitutions.

SR163 Relay Team Membership

SR163.1 Club Affiliation-Members of a relay team for the quad or inline events may represent only one club in relay speed skating competition. If the members are affiliated with a different quad club than an inline club, they may only represent the same quad club and the same inline club for competition. If the members are from various teams the team must skate unattached at the Regional Championship and members must skate unattached in all speed races in which they compete. No substitution will be allowed for unattached skaters at the National Championships as outlined in SR 163.2 & SR 163.3. (See USARS General Rules 5.02.03).

SR163.2 A relay team must skate and qualify for the National Championships at a Regional Qualifying Championship.

Change to : A relay team entering a national championships will have qualified in a regional championships by placing first, second, third, fourth or fifth will have qualified by virtue of being current defending national champion in that relay event, or qualified through the Alternate Entry Qualification (see SR 404).

A. At the National Championship, team members may be selected for the qualifying team relay from any club members that have qualified for the National Inline Championship in any Elite Division, Relay provided that skater meets the qualification to be entered in that relay event.

B. Substitutions other than a National Qualifying skater will be allowed provided the substituting team members entered the Regional Qualifying Championships and are listed on the master entry submitted for the National Championship before the deadline.

C. Substitutions may be made in accordance with the rules of substitution after the initial heat as stated in SR 163.3.

D. A defending team must be intact at the time their qualifying relay event is skated at their respective Regional Qualifying Championships. Substitutions on defending relay teams will only be allowed for injuries encountered at the National Championship after the team has skated a heat or semi-final or an original member is injured at the National Championship during a preliminary race prior to the National Championship. Defending teams must skate intact if the event is a final event, no injury substitution will be allowed except as stated above during the preliminary events.

3. SR163.3 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: No more than two additional team members may be substituted for injury.

B. Four Mixed Relays: No more than two additional team members, one man and/or one woman may be substituted for injury.

C. Two Person Relays: Only one team member may be substituted for injury.

D. Two Mixed Relays: One additional team members, one man or one woman may be substituted for injury

E. Three Person Relays: Only one team member may be substituted for injury.

F. Three Mixed Relays: One additional team member, one man or one woman may be substituted for Injury.

4. SR163.4 Any substitute must fulfill all eligibility and entry requirements for the qualifying meet including payment of the appropriate entry fees.
5. SR163.5 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.

6. **SR400 ELIGIBILITY**

7. **SR401 Regional Championship Eligibility**

Contestants and contestant teams entering a regional championship must conform to the residence regulations outlined in USARS General Rule 7.03.

8. **SR402 National Championship Eligibility**

A. Other than the Quad Nationals and the Outdoor Road & Track Nationals, contestants and contestant teams entering a national championships will have qualified in a regional championships by placing first, second, third or fourth, will have qualified by virtue of being current defending national champion in that division, or qualified through the Alternate Entry Qualification (see SR 404).

B. When only one skater or team is entered in an event at a Regional Championship, that skater or team automatically will qualify for the National Championships without being required to skate the Regional Championships. Regional entry fees for the event must be paid. The Meet Director must notify the skater within 5 days after the 30 day regional deadline. The skater will have the option to skate (either the entire distance or the one lap qualifier) or not to skate that event at the Regional Championships.

SR404 Elite Inline Indoor Individual National Qualifications - Alternate Entries

Time will be scheduled before the official practice to run qualifying races for the empty slots in the Elite Inline Indoor Individual divisions. World Class events are excluded from this procedure. 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 (www.usarollersports.org).

Change to: Time will be scheduled before the official division practice to run qualifying races for the empty slots in the Elite Inline Indoor Individual divisions. Time will be scheduled before each respective relay practice to run qualifying race for the empty slots I the relay events. 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 (www.usarollersports.org).

SR404.1 Qualifications

In order to enter the qualifier the contestant must be a member in good standing of USARS 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 that they entered at the regional championships for the National Championships (The regional entry division and National entry division must be exactly the same). The interested skaters will be required to enter the qualifier on their team entry form and in accordance with the entry deadline.

Change to: SR404.1 Qualifications

In order to enter the qualifier the contestant or relay contestants must be a member(s) in good standing of USARS and have entered their respective division and/or team

relay event at the regional championship contest (the team relay event must be entered and paid, but the skaters names may change pursuant to the speed substitution rules). The contestant(s) must not have been the subject of a meet disqualification during their respective regional championship contest, but a meet disqualified individual may be replaced with another eligible athlete in the relay event. The contestant will pay the standard entry fee for an individual event or the relay team will pay the standard per skater event that they entered at the regional championships for the National Championships (The regional entry division and National entry division must be exactly the same, and the regional relay entry division and the national entry division must be exactly the same.). The interested skaters and relay teams will be required to enter the qualifier on their team entry form and in accordance with the entry deadline.

Example of the procedure:

Senior Men National Championship Qualifiers

Northeast 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 are 13 (A2, A3, A4, B4, D4, E4, F2, F3, F4, G3, G4, I3, and 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 in to 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.

Change to: A. If less skaters or relay teams enter than there are slots available, no race will be run, the skaters or relay teams will draw, in the order their entry was received, from the pool of available slots. The skaters or relay team will be seeded in to 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 or the appropriate relay distance for the event.

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.

Change to: B. If the group is less than the maximum number allowed on the starting line by USARS speed rules, they will draw for starting position and race their middle distance or appropriate relay 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 or relay teams 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.

Change to: C. If the group is more than the maximum allowed on the starting line by USARS speed rules, they will be divided as evenly as possible into race groups according to the USARS 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 for the division or the appropriate distance for the relay event . . . 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 or relay teams, the tied contestants will toss a coin to determine who gets first pick between the tied contestants. 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 or relay team will be required to re-skate their middle distance or appropriate relay distance, the first-place skater in this event will become the qualifier.