



Speed Committee Meeting - Oct 9th 2017

ATTENDEES

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Meeting started at 6:00pm PST

AGENDA

Continuation of Regional Proposals

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Continuation of proposals from the regional reps meeting.

New Business

- FINISHED Regional Reps Speed Proposals
- Added new wording for the grass roots program into existing rule set.

SR170 USARS Learn to Speed Skate Program:

SR170.1 Divisions and move-up rules for Learn to Speed Skate Program.

The Learn to Speed Skate Program is a “grass roots” program designed to build the competitive sport of speed skating. The express purpose and intent of Learn to Speed Skate Program is to provide new skaters with competitive events designed to introduce them to the sport of Inline Speed Skating such as; local League Events, regional Invitational Events and the Learn to Speed Skate Program Regional Championships (athletes must upgrade membership to participate at the invitational and regional level).

SR170.2 The Learn to Speed Skate Program divisions can be based on the age of the skater, and mirror the current elite divisions, or individual leagues will have the ability to utilize systems that are most efficient for their demographics.

SR170.3 Eligibility for Learn to Speed Skate Program is established at the beginning of each skating season with the purchase of a competitive card. The grassroots membership is reserved for new speed skaters and is available for a maximum of 3 competitive seasons. The grassroots membership is only valid for participation in USARS team practices and local USARS league competition. If a grassroots skater enters an invitational, a qualifying clinic or a qualifying competition they will be required to upgrade their USARS membership to the Limited or elite category before they will be allowed to participate, and they will not be allowed to purchase the grassroots membership in subsequent years even if they are within the first three years of membership.

SR170.4 Skaters are eligible to compete in the Learn to Speed Skate Program, unless they have met any of the following conditions the previous or prior years.

A. Skaters placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any individual or relay event at the National Championships (including Standard/Inline, Junior Olympic, Novice, Quad, Banked Track or Road) are not eligible to compete in the Learn to Speed Skate Program in league, Invitational or the Learn to Speed Skate Program Regional Championships the next season. Participation or placement in the Tiny Tot division will have no effect on the Learn to Speed Skate Program eligibility.

B. Skaters will not be eligible to compete in the Learn to Speed Skate Program for more than three seasons beginning with the first the season's membership. Participation or placement in the Tiny Tot division will have no effect on the Learn to Speed Skate Program eligibility.

SR170.5 Learn to Speed Skate Program skaters are eligible to skate Learn to Speed Skate Program at USARS invitational and qualifying events in their first three seasons regardless of the level of their membership status as long as they do not lose eligibility under another eligibility rule listed under

GR5.03.10 A permanent USARS Elite or Limited Membership Card must be in the possession of members when that individual arrives for roller skating programs at the Olympic Training Center (the Learn to Speed Skate Program membership is not eligible for programming at the USOTC). Without a permanent Elite or Limited USARS membership card in their possession, they must purchase or upgrade one on site from the clinic leader who is authorized to serve on behalf of the national office as registrar for the purposes of the insurance policy. In the case of minors, the parents are required to fax authorization to the clinic leader for purchase or upgrade of an Elite or Limited membership card and acceptance of the waiver of liability prior to participation by the skater in any USARS program at the OTC. This process verifies insurance, age, identity and parental responsibility in the case of minors.

Add to "SPEED SKATING DICTIONARY":

League – A league is a set of short competitions established for the purpose of entry level skaters to compete and gain experience to better prepare them for the next level competitions known as "invitationals". Although leagues may cross the boundaries of states and regions, they are of close proximity for the purpose of cost effectiveness.

Invitational – An invitational is a competition established to allow skaters from multiple leagues and/or multiple regions to compete at an advanced level.

Qualifying Competition/Clinic – Qualifying competitions or clinics are established for the purpose of advancing skaters to another competition through defined performance or placement at said competition or clinic.

Create applications:

Application for Learn to Speed Skate Program athletes for \$10 with the provision to participate in lesson/practice & training and entry level league competitions. Also with the stipulation that the skater is no longer eligible for the \$10 membership after 3 seasons or membership upgrade to participate in advanced or elite clinics or competitions (which ever happens first).

Application for the advanced \$45 membership with the provision to participate in League Competition and Invitational Competitions, but are not valid at Qualifying Competitions for Qualifying Clinics.

Meeting concluded at 6:00pm PST

Minutes compiled by Chris Payne