

**Agenda**  
**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday March 18, 2020**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, 2021 Team USA Men's Manager Treasurer - Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Chairman of Referee Committee - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, 2021 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative - Voting), Tom Hughes (At-Large Board of Directors – Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting) and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

**Non-Committee Members:** Kylie Hughes (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting), Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting)

**Timekeeper:** Scott

**1. Coronavirus Update**

- a. Nationals is currently still scheduled as expected, but USARS will re-evaluate as things continue.
- b. USARS is in communication with the host city to determine future decisions.
- c. Discussion on whether requirements for nationals will change.
  - i. Will depend as situation proceeds.

**2. Treasurer's Report: Duane** (Time 5 minutes)

- a. Current Balance: \$7038.96
- b. Activity: None
- c. **Motion 1** by Bryce to approve treasurer's report.
  - i. Seconded by Tome
  - ii. Passed unanimously

**3. Referee Committee Report: Duane** (Time 10 Minutes)

- a. Provided list of compensated officials to the committee.
- b. **Motion 2** by Pat to accept referee's report
  - i. Seconded by Bryce
  - ii. Passed unanimously

**4. Club Committee Report: Scott** (Time 10 Minutes)

- a. What events will be hosted throughout the tournament for players and families?
- b. 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event.
  - i. Tom will investigate potential events.
- c. Opening ceremonies?
  - i. Kevin Lemons is contacting local groups.
  - ii. Kevin will participate in the next Club Committee call to discuss plans and ask for volunteers.
- d. Clubs are requesting tax number for donations.
  - i. Brent will check why we have not been able to share the number in the past and what we can do going forward.

**5. Coach's Report: Don/Brent** (Time 10 minutes)

- a. Level 1 test for review by committee **Don**
  - i. Committee has not received Level 1 test for review. Jim J. will request the prior to next meeting for review and discussion.
- b. Coach breakdowns used by other disciplines **Brent**
  - i. Jim and Jim T. will suggest few edits and provide to the committee for discussion at next meeting.

1. Suggestion to allow for coaches to remain at the level they have reached.
2. All committee members are suggested to review the document and suggest edits prior to next meeting.

## 6. Old Business

- a. **National Team Development Program Jim T.**
  - i. Current plans on hold as coronavirus policy of social isolation remains in place.
    1. Likely cancel May camp. Decision will be made by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - ii. **Motion 3** by Rodrigo to postpone all National Team Development Program camps, Team USA tryout camps, and lift the 3 sanctioned event requirements to qualify for the 2020 national tournament for the 2019-2020 Rink Hockey season.
    1. Seconded by Pat
    2. Passed unanimously
- b. **Team USA Coaches/managers call Scott/Jim J.**
  - i. Discussed camp before nationals.
    1. Per motion above, camps will be postponed.
    2. First camp will be held at nationals.
  - ii. Uniforms will be decided on by team managers prior to 2020 Pan Am Games.
- c. **Spring Board Meeting Notes**
  - i. Motions will be provided to the board which can all be found in previous minutes.
- d. **Voting for USARS Awards & Honors Brent/Bryce**
  - i. Brent supplied voting results and they will be submitted to the Board for approval at the Spring Meeting.
- e. **Nationals Live Stream – Camera and Site to be used Brent**
  - i. Will be using Brightcove for live streaming.
    1. <https://www.brightcove.com/en/>
    2. Scoreboard should be able to be shown in the livestream.
    3. USARS will provide a laptop and camera to use.
    4. USARS technical person, Frank, will provide assistance.
- f. **Finance Representative – National needs, Shot Clock Duane**
  - i. Nationals budget has been submitted.
  - ii. Duane will provide pictures of the shot clocks and stands.
    1. Shot clock funds request must be submitted by board meeting.
- g. **Floor for National Tournament Jim J.**
  - i. USARS has purchased a composite design floor, previously used at the artistic world championship.
    1. Floor is from Italy.
      - a. Board will discuss potential shipping issues from Italy due to current state with coronavirus in Italy.
- h. **2020 Pan American Games – Bids Submitted Brent/Jim J.**
  - i. Florida bid was submitted.
    1. Current issue regarding the floor.
    2. No wooden floor is currently available, which is a requirement from World Skate.
      - a. World Skate America (WSA) is working alongside Carlos to obtain a floor.
    3. Brent is in contact with WSA and has been informed on their decision to accept or deny the Florida bid for the 2020 Pan Am Games.
- i. **Rink Hockey Anniversary Brent**
  - i. Discussed above.
- j. **Strategic Plan Brent**

- i. Referee seminar and Grass Roots subcommittee are only goals which have not been started yet.
    - 1. Duane will investigate starting a referee seminar.
    - 2. National Team Development program can count as part of the Grass Roots subcommittee.
      - a. More Grass Roots subcommittee options to be discussed in the future.
  - k. **Late Registration Proposal**
    - i. **Motion 4** by Rodrigo to accept the Late Registration Proposal with the addition of Eric Steele's notes.
      - 1. Seconded by Duane
      - 2. Passed: 8 yes, 1 no.
      - 3. Copied below
7. **New Business**
- a. **Community concerns with current situation regarding coronavirus Jim J.**
    - i. Discussed above.
8. **Next Meeting April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Approved by 7 approve, 3 no response**

# Proposal for USA/rs Rink Hockey National Championship Late Player Entry Fee Registration

**Subject:** Allowing a Team to register a player, on an existing registered team, after the player deadline date of Registration for the USA Rink Hockey National Championships.

**Objective:** Provide guidelines to help hockey clubs and teams to register a needed player or Players after the deadline due issues or circumstances that roster many filled, and a team may play in the tournament.

**Purpose:** To resolve issues that Clubs and Teams may have in fielding a registered team in the National Championship Tournament.

## Examples:

1. A Team may have a player that has been released medically to play that wasn't thought to be able to attend the Tournament.
2. A Team may have players unable to attend the tournament and has found other players to replace them.
3. A Team may have a Goaltender that was injured and needs a replacement at the last moment.
4. A Team may have canceled at the last-minute leaving players available to play on other teams.

## Player Late Fee Program Details:

The proposal outlines criteria that will allow Clubs and Teams to better fill their rosters when issues arise and there is a need to fulfill a roster with an additional player or tender to an already registered team. A vast variety of scenarios may accrue. This will clarify the Late Entry Policy and eliminate the term Loophole upgrade that is currently in place better holding players and teams accountable. Loophole- *(players with limited memberships have been allowed to upgrade to full memberships after the deadline)*

**Cost of Late Registration Entry Fee:** \$125.00 (\$75.00 (USARS membership fee) + \$50.00) immediately payable to USARS via Brent Benson or acting USARS Register for the tournament.

Late Player Only Registration begins after the Deadline date up until the day before of the Tournament begins. Any exceptions or special circumstances will require committee approval. **Eric's' notes- Any exceptions or special circumstances will require approval by Executive Director- unless authority given to Sport Director or Sport Committee.**

***This does not allow Late Team Registration.*** Only players can register late to fill a needed roster spot on registered team paid to compete in the National Championships.

Players will no longer be allowed to upgrade their amateur card through the so-called Loophole that many players and coaches are not aware of. This holds players and coaches accountable, creates additional revenues, and solves many late registration issues that our member may have. **Eric's notes- players that do plan to upgrade from a limited to full membership, must do so by the same set deadline.**

***\*All Late Fee Players Registration is subject for review and approval by the committee members. – Eric's Notes- final approval will be by Executive Director- unless authority given to Sport Director or Sport Committee.***