



Speed Committee Meeting - January 9th 2020

ATTENDEES

Jay Ingram	Chris Payne
Megan Schuller - Non-voting	Dennis King
Tony Cabral	Kelly Springer
Kay Gallatin	Harry Stuart
Mary Allmond	Gypsy Lucas
Erin Jackson	Ricci Porter-Kmetz - Non-voting
Mckenzie Browne	

Meeting started at 6:10pm PST

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AGENDA

- Discuss the efforts to sabotage a few regional events after making the changes to the Regional Qualification System, Market the regional championships in a way that allows the promoters to increase participation!
- Review and discuss Staff Applications for the 2020 and 2021 Championships as well as the Alabama World Games Staff (should be selected separate later this season or early next season). Please review ALL applications attached by Peggy that was forwarded to this committee.
- April Camp Coaches to invite (remembering that we have 3 camps running at the same time!) (create volunteer coach application to assign and combine with camp leaders leaders).
- Confirm the same schedule that Gypsy developed for the April camps last year, or make changes?
- April Camp Budget
- April Camp reg form & our committee's intended marketing and coach recruitment.
- Discuss the communication within the Speed Committee and creating a unified front to the membership.
- Initiate discussion for Track and Road Championships & we have had calls regarding the day of camps that we did the last few years. (Officials Committee to recommend staff, and USARS intentions for staff) & Marketing.
- Initiate discussion for the location of the Road Championships in Colorado Springs.
- City/State FL rough Draft proposal
- Initiate discussion for Cedar Rapids Championships (Officials Committee to recommend staff, and USARS intentions for staff) & Marketing.
- World Skate indoor update from Joe Hanna.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION - Consider the 2020 Entry and Eligibility rules approved by the speed committee if no comment is heard back from anyone by close of business Monday for the edits. - SECONDED - PASSED

MOTION - For two Coaches and two Managers for the 2020 World Championships - SECONDED - PASSED

MOTION - Approval for the two manager applications of Mary Allmond and Sean Roberts by the committee - SECONDED - PASSED

MOTION - Chris to send out an email vote for the 2020 Team USA Staff. At the conclusion of the vote the 4 staff members will be invited to be coaches for the April Camp. SECONDED - PASSED

DISCUSSION AREAS

- Strategic Plan -- Looking for input and discussion each meeting.
- Fundraising will most likely be moved into the individual sport committees
 - Kay suggests not waiting and get going on ideas and gathering personnel now for this effort.
 - Kelly stressed the need for grant writers for true support and fundraising but suggests that the real efforts should be done by the National Office.
- Cutoff for Rule Change Addendum Close of Business Monday.
- Review and discuss Staff Applications for the 2020 and 2021 Championships as well as the Alabama World Games Staff (should be selected separately later this season or early next season). Please review ALL applications attached by Peggy that was forwarded to this committee.
 - *Jay withdrew from consideration*
 - *Gypsy confirms consideration*
 - *Mike Dausey confirmed*
 - *Mary confirmed for apprentice*
- Coaching Staff Application
 - Gypsy Lucas
 - Kelly Springer
- Apprentice Managers Application
 - Mary Allomnd
 - Sean Roberts
- April Camp Coaches to invite (remembering that we have 3 camps running at the same time!) (create volunteer coach application to assign and combine with camp leaders leaders).
 - There was a positive reaction to the idea of invitations being sent for the above item.
 - Gypsy suggests Mike Dausey as camp leader since he has applied for a staff position.
 - Kelly recommends letting Gypsy continue to run ALL the camps.
 - Gypsy has some recommendations, She suggested a method of rotation for staff and new coaches to be able to give them opportunities to lead camps for a certain period of time.
 - 4 Coaches and 2 additional planned on being there
- Confirm the same schedule that Gypsy developed for the April camps last year, or make changes?
 - Lots of discussion and more discussion needed. Gypsy to get budget done, list of coaches, create registration for volunteers. Rooms - Airbnb or possibly Ice may have access for staff. More investigation and discussion needed on whos gonna use what.
- April Camp Budget - 750 daily rate. Leave pricing as is.
- April Marketing - Flyers can be created. Gypsy and Dennis to create flyers. Once created it needs to be forwarded to website and social media. Push to Regional Reps also.

- Discuss the communication within the Speed Committee and creating a unified front to the membership.
 - Kelly stressed that the committee should present a unified face for the membership and even though committee members may disagree with each other, the committees goals are first and foremost together in helping and furthering USA Rollersports Goals.
- Initiate discussion for Track and Road Championships & we have had calls regarding the day of camps that we did the last few years. (Officials Committee to recommend staff, and USARS intentions for staff) & Marketing.
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- City/State FL rough Draft proposal
 - Gypsy plans to put together a powerpoint and then decide who may want to go to FL and pitch the plan.
- Initiate discussion for Cedar Rapids Championships (Officials Committee to recommend staff, and USARS intentions for staff) & Marketing.
 - Committee needs to go to the regions and make sure that we press and make sure the message is delivered that this will be a good and proper National Championships.
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Meeting concluded at 8:30 pm PST

Minutes compiled by Christopher Payne

APPENDIX A

Not to be modified unless the speed committee is notified.

Remove the requirements for out of region officials at the Regional Championships in order to control the cost of running the event.

Allow the Regions to purchase the Regional Awards direct at discount or purchase Regional Awards where ever they choose!

Allow the regions to refund the \$3 per event assessment fee to athletes that actually compete at the Regional Championship, thereby; collecting and forwarding the \$3 per event assessment fee for athletes that enter the National Championships under the Alternate Qualification rule.

SR163 Relay Team Membership

1. 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).
2. 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.

400. 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 in 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.