

**Rule book changes for 2021 selection process only! All events will be conducted on a 400m running track due to the lack of availability of the normal 200-meter Banked Track & World Skate Road Track (COVID 19 restrictions).**

#### SR440 USARS WORLD SPEED TEAM SELECTION

World Skate speed competitions are held outdoors in both track and road; thus, the selection process for Team USA is based on the National Banked Track and Road Championships (in 2021, the selection process will not be held under the normal selection process but will be conducted according to the changes listed throughout the rest of the SR440 – SR443 “2021 only” changes). The selection process will be governed by the selection procedures printed in the Speed Rule Book and conform to the distances used in the World Championships (the 500m will not be contested in 2021). 2021 World Championship expenses will be the responsibility of the individual athlete or their sponsors.

#### SR441 Senior World Speed Championships Team Selection:

The Senior Men and Senior Women’s World Speed Team may each consist of up to six men and six women. The following point value will be awarded for each distance: 15 points for first place, 12 points for second place, 10 points for third place, 8 points for fourth place, 6 points for fifth place, 4 points for sixth place, 3 points for seventh place, and 2 points for eighth place. Points awarded for 5th to 8th in 500m Track and One Lap Road by times posted in the semi-final of the respective event. To be eligible, athletes must be at least fourteen (14) as of January 1, of the current competitive season.

#### SR441.1 Senior World Team - The Senior World Team shall include the following athletes:

“A” Position, highest total points in the 100m, 200m & One Lap

“B” Position, highest total points in the 100m, 200m, One Lap & 1000m

“C” Position, highest total points in the 10k Points, 10k Points/Elimination & 15k Elimination races

“D” Position, highest total points in the 10k Points, 10k Points/Elimination, 15k Elimination & 1000m races

“E” Position, highest total points in all events (100m, 200m, One Lap, 1000m, 10k Points, 10k Points/Elimination & 15k Elimination races if the athlete earned at least one podium (medal) position in one of the events contested. If the Position “E” athlete with the next highest points did not earn a podium/medal position in any of the events, the position will not be filled for 2021.

“F” Position, highest total points in all events (100m, 200m, One Lap, 1000m, 10k Points, 10k Points/Elimination & 15k Elimination races if the athlete earned at least one podium (medal) position in one of the events contested. If the Position “F” athlete with the next highest points did not earn a podium/medal position in any of the events, the position will not be filled for 2021.

See section SR921.9 and SR921.10 for tie breaking formulas (500m event will not compete in 2021).

SR441.2 In the event that one or more of the above positions are declined by the athlete or an athlete is unable to attend, the USARS Speed Committee will determine the replacement, if any, of that skater with emphasis being placed on the position being vacated

SR441.3 Event participation at the World Championships is the responsibility of the team coach. The team coach is responsible for determining the final starting position. Written evaluation records shall be used in this determination and shall include their performance at the Outdoor National Championships, residency, and practice on-site just prior to the World championships.

#### SR442 Junior World Speed Championships Team Selection:

The Junior Men and Junior Women’s World Speed Team may each consist of up to six men and six women. The following point value will be awarded for each distance: 15 points for first place, 12 points for second place, 10 points for third place, 8 points for fourth place, 6 points for fifth place, 4 points for sixth place, 3 points for seventh place, and 2 points for eighth place. Points awarded for 5th to 8th in 500m Track and One Lap Road by times posted in the semi-final of the respective event. To be eligible athletes must be at least fourteen (14) but not yet Eighteen (18) as of January 1, of the current competitive season.

#### SR442.1 Junior World Team - The Junior World Team shall include the following athletes:

“A” Position, highest total points in the 100m, 200m & One Lap.

“B” Position, highest total points in the 100m, 200m, One Lap & 1000m.

“C” Position, highest total points in the 10k Points, 10k Points/Elimination & 15k Elimination races.

“D” Position, highest total points in the 10k Points, 10k Points/Elimination, 15k Elimination & 1000m races.

“E” Position, highest total points in all events (100m, 200m, One Lap, 1000m, 10k Points, 10k Points/Elimination & 15k Elimination races if the athlete earned at least one podium (medal) position in one of the events contested. If the Position “E” athlete with the next highest points did not earn a podium/medal position in any of the events, the position will not be filled for 2021.

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#### SR443 USA World Speed Team Injury Plan:

A. Skater must be a USARS member in good standing.

B. Skater must have written proof of injury from physician to USARS Executive Director

C. Skater must be a world medalist the previous year in a Junior or Senior individual division (2019 for the 2021 season).

D. Two-thirds of the participants in the qualifying event at World Team Trials must approve by secret ballot the inclusion of the injured athlete in the residency program.

E. Skater must attend residency program at his or her own expense to try to qualify in the five races on the track and four races on the road against all same gender in nine races.

F. Athlete must have entered the Outdoor National Championships and paid the appropriate entry fee(s).