

OFFICIAL NOTICE
October 30, 31 & November 1, 2015



USA ROLLER SPORTS
ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The following actions resulted from the USA Roller Sports Annual Board of Directors Meeting, October 30, 31 and November 1, 2015 and from Committee Meetings held since the 2015 Spring Semiannual Board Meeting. A copy of the motions upon which this summary is based is available on the USA Roller Sports website at www.usarollersports.org

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GENERAL

CODE OF ETHICS: Approved a revised USARS Code of Ethics to include the Board of Directors, Committees, Regional Representatives, Sub-Committees and USARS International Team Staff Members.

SEPARATE USARS OFFICERS TO INCLUDE A CHAIRPERSON AND A PRESIDENT: USARS will again separate the officer of Chairperson of the Board from USARS President and follow the previous Article VI that was in our Bylaws prior to this change, in all relevant places.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Number

The regular officers shall consist of a Chairman of the Board, President, one or more Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and such assistants as the Board may determine from time to time. The Chairman of the Board and President shall hold office for a term of three years or to coincide with the individual's term as a member of the Board of Directors when less than three years are remaining, or until his or her successor is elected and qualified. The Chairman and President shall be members of the Board of Directors. Other regular officers shall hold office for a term of one year. Other officers may be, but need not be, members of the Board. All officers shall be elected or re-elected at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Chairman of the Board

The Chairman of the Board shall call regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors, shall preside at all meetings, and shall perform other duties prescribed in these By-Laws. The Chairman of the Board shall substitute for the President as principal Executive Officer of USARS in the event of the inability of the President to represent USARS or with the expressed permission of the President.

Section 3. The President

The President shall be the principal executive officer of USARS and, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Corporation. The President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chairman.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ASSESSMENT FEES: Effective with the 2015-2016 competitive season, charge \$3 per event per skater for Regional Championships assessment fees and allow the Championships Host to raise their rates accordingly.

MEMBERSHIP CARD FEE INCREASE: Raised the 2015-2016 athlete membership card fees by \$10, starting January 1, 2016.

BOARD ELECTIONS (all terms conclude following the conclusion of the Fall Annual Board Meeting):

- Bill Spooner was elected to fill the Grassroots Director position on the Board, with a term expiring in 2018.
- David Adamy was elected to fill the At-Large Director position on the Board, with a term expiring in 2018.
- Trace Hansen returned as Figure Athlete Representative, with a term expiring 2018.
- Kylie Hughes elected as Hockey Athlete, to fill an unexpired term ending in 2016.
- Tom Hughes was re-elected as the At-Large Director for Rink Hockey, with a term ending 2016.
- Fernando Regueiro was re-elected as the At-Large Director for Derby.
- Kay Gallatin was elected as the National Officials Representative, for a term to expire in 2018.

- Trace Hansen will serve as the Figure Athlete Representative on the Board, for an additional term to expire in 2018.

USOC ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR USA ROLLER SPORTS: Annette Stapleton Haywood was elected to serve on the USOC'S Athlete Advisory Council Member for Roller Sports for the quadrennial ending December 31, 2016. One of the requirements of all sport is to have one male and one female athlete fill the two positions (the representative and an alternate). USARS will need to run an election for a male alternate to the AAC to meet this requirement. As the AAC representative for roller sports, she automatically has a position on the USARS Board.

USARS OFFICERS:

- Danny Brown was re-elected as the USARS President by acclamation, with his term expiring when his CPRS term expires, yet to be confirmed.
- Trace Hansen was re-elected as the USARS President by acclamation, for a one year term.
- Bill Spooner was elected by acclamation as the Board Chairman, with a term to coincide with his term as a grassroots member of the Board, expiring in 2018.
- Peggy Young approved as Corporate Secretary (Executive Committee - May 3, 2015)

NEW CPA FIRM FOR USARS: Approved retaining the CPA firm of Thomas, Kunc and Black, LLP, and authorize the president to sign the three year engagement contract on behalf of USARS.

USARS MEMBERSHIP YEAR: The membership year will return to starting on September 1, and concluding on August 31, instead of aligning with the calendar year. (Executive Committee - May 3, 2015)

RINK HOCKEY

NATIONAL/WORLD RINK HOCKEY TEAM SELECTION:

Selection of players to represent the United States at the Men's World Championships, Ladies World Championships or the U20 Men's World Championships will be through an "open" selection camp. The open selection camp will be held during the calendar year prior to the World Championships. To be eligible to participate in the National/World Team selection camp, a skater must play in their official division, Silver Division or World Class Division at the National Championships preceding the selection camp. If selected, the skater must also play in their official division, Silver Division or World Class Division at the National Championships preceding the World Championships.

Players training overseas are excused from attending the National Championships before the open selection camp and other training camps except the final selection camp held at the National Championships. Former World Team members unable to participate in the National Championships or any of the training camps due to injury, surgery, or other health related issues, may request to be considered for the current National/World Team. A medical/doctor's report should accompany the request. Requests will be decided on an individual basis by the selection committee.

At the open selection camp, the National Team will be selected. The National Team will consist of the top sixteen (16) floor players and four (4) goalies. The National Team must then commit to attend at least two (2) training camps, one of which may be the final camp held at the National Championships prior to the World Championships. At the final camp,

eight (8) floor players and two (2) goalies will be selected for the World Team. Upon selection for the World Team, all players must have all of their funds immediately available for their travel to the World Championships.

The National Team Selection Committee, which is comprised of the current World Team Coach, two Rink Hockey Committee members, and one athlete (former or current World Team Member) will rank and choose the National Team(s). If it becomes necessary to replace World Team players, they will be chosen in numerical ranking order starting with player number 9 for the floor players and player number 3 for the goalies. When the current ranking list is exhausted, then the player's list from the previous World Team selection camp will be used in numerical ranking order. If both lists become exhausted, the final player selected for the World Team will be made with recommendations from the World Team Coach and the selection committee, with final selection voted on and approved by the Rink Hockey Committee.

RINK HOCKEY RULE CHANGES: The complete revised rules can be found on the USARS website at www.usarollersports.org

Appreciation

Added - The information published herein shall supersede all previously published rink hockey data, and is effective September 1, 2015.

USARS CLUBS

Club Charters with USARS are renewable annually for a registration fee as set by the USARS Board. *Charters are effective September 1st of each year and continue through the skating season to expire August 31st of the following year, which coincides with individual membership registration (amateur card).*

Membership Cards

All membership cards are effective September 1st of each year and expire on August 31st of the following year. Cards are renewable annually for a fee set forth by the USARS Board of Directors.

Senior Bronze Division: Female players 14 years of age and older and male players 35 years of age or older. Male Players 14 years of age to 34 years of age in their 1st or 2nd year of registration and competition. *Once a male player moves to the Silver or World Class division, he may not move back to the Bronze Division until reaching 35 years of age. Male players 14 to 34 years of age wishing to remain in the Bronze Division after their second year of registration and competition must apply to the Hockey Committee for evaluation in order to remain in the Bronze Division.*

Officials

All matches played during a USARS officially sanctioned Tournament must be conducted by 2 qualified referees (*8U & 10U Divisions may be conducted by 1 qualified referee except during Championship Placement matches*), a timekeeper (to oversee the correct timing of the match), scorekeeper (records players names and numbers, referees names, goals, assists, fouls, and game statistics on the official score sheet) and an assistant to the scorekeeper to count and display team fouls. For local and inter club Tournaments, 1 qualified referee to conduct the matches is acceptable, as well as a timekeeper/scorekeeper combination.

Rink-Center Line

The **Center Line** is the line drawn across the rink, parallel to each end, which divides the rink into two halves for each team's defensive and attacking zones. The center line is the designated anti-play line. *For domestic play, the anti-play line is not enforced for the 8U Division.* The center spot, where the game starts and restarts, is a spot with a diameter of 4" located in the center of the floor and is surrounded by a marked circle with a radius of 9' 10".

The Team

A Team is comprised of five players (one goalkeeper and four floor players), and if desired any number of substitute players. For Regional and National Championship Tournaments, Teams must be ready to play one hour ahead of the scheduled starting time. *A team will forfeit the match if they present themselves with less than 5 players or are in an unfit condition to play. If 10 minutes after the starting time of the match, one of the teams is not on the rink in a fit condition to play, the referee will deem that the team has forfeited the match.*

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WORLD TEAM TRYOUT CAMPS: A \$25 registration fee will be collected to try out for a World Team, with the funds to be used to offset the cost of the team uniforms and any other fees that may be charged. (Rink Hockey Minutes of 10-25-2015)

SPEED SKATING

SPEED RULE CHANGES RESCINDED: *Rescinded* approval for the following Speed rule change: Effective 2016: You will only be eligible for Novice events for three competitive seasons (your three-year time begins with the purchase of your first USARS athlete membership).

SLALOM

SLALOM MEMBERSHIP: Approved USARS membership fees for Slalom skaters for one year only, during this first year of development:

USA ROLLER SPORTS MEMBERSHIP FOR SLALOM

- 1. Annual membership fee - \$45.00 - Application beginning on September 1, 2015
 - A. Membership to include insurance as set forth in insurance package for USARS skating disciplines.
 - B. Members become eligible to skate all USARS sanctioned slalom events.
- 2. International skater provision:
 - A. Any international skater wishing to compete in a USARS sanctioned event may purchase a single event card for \$20.00 US for that competition.
- 3. Guest Division:
 - A. A guest may be described as any US resident not belonging to USARS as a slalom member
 - B. This person may compete as a guest on a one time basis for \$10.00 for the event.
 - C. At this time the guest will be given a packet with information about USARS and a membership form at which time they may complete that day only to become a USARS slalom member.
 - D. The price will include the \$10.00 guest fee plus \$35.00 for a total of \$45.00 membership fee.
- 4. All competitive events must be sanctioned by USARS for a cost of \$100.00

ROLLER FIGURE SKATING - INLINE HOCKEY - DERBY

No Official Actions Since Last Board Meeting