



## US Speedskating Event Sanction Form

Speedskating events held in the United States require a sanction from the National Governing Body of the sport, US Speedskating, in order to ensure a properly conducted event. Requirements for application are as follows:

Yes      No

The applicant group is a current member of US Speedskating in good standing (Club within an Association, Direct Club, Association, USOPC associated training venue or a venue where US Speedskating supported National and Developmental teams are located).

The applicant group as outlined above will ensure all competitors will be current members of US Speedskating or are authorized to participate by their foreign country's national governing body. Each participant must provide own primary health insurance.

Certified officials (referees, starters, stewards, etc.) will be used and are at least current Level 1 certified (higher level may be required for some competitions as noted below).

US Speedskating Regulations and Racing Rules and/or rules for Age Class Mass Start competitions will be utilized, and any exceptions will be published in the meet announcement.

Proper safety precautions will be taken to protect the personal welfare of the athletes and spectators at the competition. USS recommends at least 2x8" thick pads in crash zone.

The Chief Referee will be certified Level 2 or above if the race is qualified as regional meet. The name of the Chief Referee will be provided to US Speedskating at least 7 days prior to the beginning of the competition.

The following are requirements only if competitors will be allowed to use the competition to establish qualifying times for US Speedskating competitions:

The Chief Referee, Starter, Competitors Steward and Timer will be certified at Level 2 or above. Club/Association will provide official final results to US Speedskating within 30 days of the conclusion of the event.

We confirm that we will check the [CDD](#) database against our participants and no suspended USS member will take part in the sanctioned event.

Name of Competition: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Address of Competition: \_\_\_\_\_

Ice Surface Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Rink: \_\_\_\_\_

Host Club/Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Meet Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Competition:    Short Track                      Long Track – pack                      Long Track - metric

Level of Competition:            Regional                      Local

Do you wish to have the competition included in the official US Speedskating schedule?    Y            N

If the competition is open only to members of certain Associations/Clubs, please indicate the restrictions:

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Return at least 30 days prior to the event to: US Speedskating

Email: [mwohlab@usspeedskating.org](mailto:mwohlab@usspeedskating.org)

**Questions and Answers**  
**About**  
**US Speedskating Event Sanctioning**

**What does “Event Sanctioning” mean?**

Event sanctioning means that the meet/event your organization is planning meets the requirements as outlined on the US Speedskating Event Sanction Form. Your meet/event is being recognized as an official meet.

**Is there a cost to obtaining a “Sanction”?**

There are no fees involved with this application process.

**US Speedskating always sanctioned events in the past. How come the change in Policy?**

US Speedskating wants to insure that your event will be run in a safe fashion, with qualified officials, and that the Racing Rules for Age Class Mass Start Competitions will be utilized, unless exceptions are published in the meet announcement. For your protection and for insurance reasons, we also want to make sure that all competitors are registered members of US Speedskating or are authorized to participate by their country’s national governing body. Each participant must carry their own primary health insurance.

**What does it mean if US Speedskating does not sanction our event?**

If the event is not sanctioned, times earned by competitors participating in your event may not be used to satisfy the qualifying times needed for US Speedskating American Cup Races, Championship Events or other US Speedskating competitions. It is also recommended that your LOC carry some additional liability insurance during the course of the event as only sanctioned events have coverage under US Speedskating.

**What are the liability issues we should be aware of if our event is not sanctioned?**

There is no liability insurance under US Speedskating for a non-sanctioned event. A separate special event liability policy must be purchased by the organization sponsoring the event.

**Who can apply for sanctioning and how?**

The Meet Director from the applicant Club (which is within an Association), Direct Club, or Association that is a current member of US Speedskating, or a USOPC associated training venue or a venue where a US Speedskating sponsored National or Developmental team is located may apply for sanctioning. A form can be downloaded from the US Speedskating website ([www.usspeedskating.org](http://www.usspeedskating.org)).

**Who determines whether our event will be sanctioned or not?**

US Speedskating determines whether your event will be sanctioned.

**How long does it take to obtain a sanction?**

Once a completed application form is received, US Speedskating will notify the Meet Director/applicant within 1 week. Your event will also be listed on the US Speedskating website on the schedule as a "USS Sanctioned Event".

**What happens if our event is sanctioned but at the last minute, the Chief Referee we had lined up cancelled?**

We recommend that you have at least one more Level 2 or above Referee as part of your officials team. For meets where skaters are trying to establish times for events listed above, trained officials must be part of your team. Your meet will be allowed to take place but qualifying times may not be accepted for USS Events unless Officials as outlined are working at your event.

**Can skaters use the One Day/One Dollar or the Introductory First-Time Two Month Trial Membership to compete at a sanctioned meet?**

No! The One Day/One Dollar membership is designed for those interested in speedskating who wish to give it a try for a brief time period (maximum 5 times) at any local club's practice. The Introductory First-Time Two-Month Trial Membership is designed to provide some additional time to try the sport. Both memberships are for non-competing skaters new to speedskating.

**Who can I contact for more information?**

Contact the Events & Programs Director at:

US Speedskating  
5662 S Cougar Lane  
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