

2025 USS CONGRESS PROPOSAL SUMMARY					
	REVIEW WORKGROUP:	PROPOSED BY:	PROPOSAL:	ACTION:	RATIONAL:
1	Long Track	Carl Platt	I suggest eliminating this method of submitting ideas. Instead, I propose adding an email address for the person responsible for each area on the website, allowing ideas to be submitted directly via email. A rule should be made for the mass start that states:	NA	Not a Task Force decision, encourage members to make suggestions via emails or calls, but think a formal process should also remain in place.
2	Long Track	Carl Platt	"If a skater does not compete in the first mass start of the event then they are not permitted to skate in the second mass start of that event."	Approved in principle but looking at demands of schedules.	Task Force Discussion - the Task Force supported this proposal in principle, however fitting in all the races in 3 days is a dilemma for some athletes.
3	Long Track	Carl Platt	"If a quota spot will be left open in any category and if any of the next 1 eligible skaters are willing to self fund to fill the quota and has the applicable ISU time standards to skate, they will be permitted to self fund." For Senior World Cups a time standard between A and B could also be added.	Denied, but looking into second option about a time between A and B for a move up.	Task Force Discussion - Task Force explored this idea amongst other scenarios. The TF would like to avoid moving down the list until an athlete is found that is willing to pay. The proposal does state 1 eligible skater so this may handle that. Task Force does want to keep a standard of performance for any skater considered for a move up position. Staff and logistical demands may also require a limit to be applied.
4	Long Track	Tom Miller	Add a class for Senior B skaters to the AmCup Series.	Pending more details	Task Force Discussion - the Task Force will look for further details. Suggestions were to add an outdoor qualifying time for the AmCup as well as adding a 1000m to the already available 500m for skaters not achieving the senior time standard.
5	Long Track	Steven Penland	I propose that each race in AmCup racing series be assigned points that are totaled at the end of the season for the determination of final standings.	Supported	Task Force Discussion - this proposal is supported in principle by the LT Task Force.
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6	Events	Aidan Liu	Incorporating Voluntary School Recognition in Regional Competitions - For regional competitions, include an OPTIONAL field in the registration system for each participant's school name, whether it is a virtual or in-person elementary, middle, high school, or college. In the competition clerk system and during award ceremonies, display the school name alongside individual skater achievements for those who voluntarily provided it. Additionally, introduce a "School Ranking" award, similar to the USS club ranking used in some regional competitions, to recognize schools based on the combined results of their student-athletes.	None	This proposal is not considered to fall under USS jurisdiction. It is open to each club to recognize their athletes' achievements and recognize their respective schools if desired and deemed valuable. At local and regional competitions, it would be up to the Meet Directors to decide if the implementation of a school award is feasible and brings added value to the event and athletes. A ranking system would have to be maintained on a spreadsheet as the USS competition software does not account for this and such adjustments in the software are not planned for in the near future.
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7	Short Track	Tom Miller	We need to look at another way or options for skaters to qualify for Age Class Nationals. We now have the ability to track everyone's times and come up with a monthly class ranking. Let's take a look at our top ranked skater and then add qualification spots from there. So maybe say 16 skaters ranked for that year are qualified for age class nationals. If the fear is safety and slower skaters we can also take a look at the top rank and add 8 or 10seconds as the qualifying time. There we skaters who skated in Heartland Series who were competitive but also unable to make the 500m sprint time USS uses for Age Class Nationals.	Partially approved.	This has been discussed in the ST Brainstorm session. The idea of adding a qualification pathway into AGN through the NEST/Heartland/regional racing series, with the goal of boosting participation in both the series and AGN. While there was interest, the general consensus was that tracking those results would require too much administrative work. Instead, the STTF will revisit the current entry time standards to ensure they are a bit more inclusive while still maintaining a safe and competitive environment for all athletes.