

# USARS Roller Derby Sport Committee Meeting Minutes



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**Conference Call August 8th at 5:00pm MST**

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Meeting called to order: August 8th at 5:02pm MST

Attendees: Christina Gerrish, Misty Nicolet Greer, Carmen Carcamo, Deanna Grieger-Petrella, Carrie Conlee Craft, Stephen Carter

**(non-attendees designated in bold)**

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## Item #1 – Nationals Follow Up

- Response time was agreed that it seemed long, but we do not have control of that. Medical training at the facility was discussed. The company on site was the same for all disciplines and booked through the USARS office. This is something to discuss at the Fall BOD meeting.
- Floor condition was sticky but not abnormal, this is the same floor that is used for all USARS disciplines. The floor is coated for speed and figure. In the future, we will encourage an equipment vendor for future events.
- Skaters that offered to help were not people that could officiate effectively. There was concern that they did not know the rules or interpret the rules. Other skaters were committed to games and could not be available to officiate when needed. More focus will be on recruiting officials, hosting ref clinics to grow and educate the base.
- Officials room = Volunteer room. Next event, it is suggested we would have a dedicated room for officials. NSO Staffing was difficult because people were not reporting for their scheduled position.
- This year there was a master document that had all games schedule, bracket, team rosters, etc. this was used last year, and it was successful, this year it was not successful. Solution for next time will have two contacts for each team and a message system. There will be a board to display live brackets after each game.
- Discussion regarding roster changes and clarification of rules for roster updates prior to the game.
- Everything was handled and accounted for leading up to the event, but it was noted that more can be delegated to committee members and help is available when needed.
- Suggestion for future events: Leagues must bring one official or NSO or help in other ways.
- No alcohol when working/volunteering in official capacity. There will be a policy included for future events.
- Suggestion: Meeting with team leadership for USARS team to have them involved more closely to the events. A town hall type meeting to discuss direction and important updates.
- Domestic rules will be used outside of international events. Domestic rules are the same as international rules except for numbering differences and gender policies.
- Discussion about the meeting with teams at the Nationals due to safety concerns. There was no discussion about the overturning of the game. There was discussion to shut down the poor behavior.

During this meeting, other grievances were mentioned such as communication, team rosters, treatment towards to officials and future communication.

- Rules of conduct / Fan code of conduct to be shared for next event.
  - Discussion around forfeiture and team standings, what does this look like for the future. Review procedures from other disciplines.
  - Discussion surrounding pack definition for further rule clarification.
  - Discussion regarding club charter participation.
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## **Item #2 – Community Updates Moving Forward**

- Committee will set date/time for future townhall call with team leadership.
  - It will be open to 1 representative from each of the teams at nationals this year.
- A post will go out to the community to summarize our call and note that their concerns were discussed.

Next Committee Meeting will be first week of October.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37PM

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