



## Speed Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, November 24, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 4:34pm ET

### In Attendance:

- Mikey Ratliff (left early)
- Robin Pendergast
- Deb Alpers (left early)
- Patty Leazier
- Brian Talley
- Darian Orozco
- Tosha Hill
- Kelly Springer (joined late)

### Missing:

- Erin Jackson
- Jay Ingram\*

### Declaration of Conflicts

- Patty – Daughter is a sponsor. Associated with Bont, previous Team USA staff member, board member of USARollerSports, involved in coating BPP
- Tosha – Official at upcoming events, World Skate official, affiliated with events that occur in the Southern region.
- Mikey –owns a skate company that does business in the US and sponsors athletes, previous Team USA staff member
- Kelly –owns a skate company that does business in US and sponsors athletes and events, current and previous Team USA staff member.
- Darian –owner of skate company that does business in US, husband is a coach and Team USA Manager.
- Brian –official at indoor and outdoor Nationals, represents different skate companies, wife is a Classic division athlete
- Jay – coach clinics around the world, previous Team USA staff member
- Robin – no conflicts at this time
- Deb – no conflicts at this time
- Erin – no conflicts at this time

### ODN Dates Discussion

- If IDN starts on the 1<sup>st</sup>, it gives us challenges for getting set up after ODN. If on the 5<sup>th</sup>, it gives us some breathing room with ODN in June, and if we are considering August, then we may conflict with World Games on 8/15.
- Cannot bump into May, too close to other events.
- Can we request later dates for IDN? No – there was another sport with a conflict.
- No matter when it is, it is going to be bad. Some officials are going to have a hard time getting to Reno no matter when it is.

- If ODN is June 5, and July 5 is IDN, it's more time than last year. ODN in August is also more time.
- Fundraising challenges if done after Nationals... At some point in time Team USA fund raising should start fund raising for the next year's event.
- Scheduling issues every year. Hard to schedule ODN when we don't have IDN dates or World dates. Someday when we change ODN to just a qualifier to the trials, we could shorten ODN and have it over a weekend and schedule it for the same weekend every year. Then trials could happen at end of July.
- What is best for all athletes? China World Championships are more expensive than any other locations. If trials are in August, a payment plan is not possible.
- Cons, can't do Team USA recognition at IDN, not as many kids participate in fundraising.
- Pros August gives them more time to train without having to swap training focus to IDN and then swap focus back to Outdoor.
- Will possibly need to shorten residency.
- Having it in August could run us up against the portal close dates and the fire drill to get everyone entered and some kids not having passports.

Speed Committee will wait for more information and reconvene. Too hard to choose dates when we don't have IDN or World Championship dates.

Need estimates for costs for China for those registering for Trials.