



## Speed Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 25, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm

### In Attendance:

- Mikey Ratliff
- Robin Pendergast
- Darian Orozco
- Tosha Hill
- Deb Alpers
- Brian Talley
- Kelly Springer
- McKenzie Browne
- Sammy Johnson\* (15 minutes late)
- Patty Leazier
- Jay Ingram\* (60 minutes late)

### Missing:

- Erin Jackson\*

### Declaration of Conflicts

- Patty - Parent of a Team USA member, associated with Bont, current Team USA staff member, hosting large event in US, 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. Has been voted in as ODN official.
- Mikey –owns a skate company that does business in the US and sponsors athletes trying out for team, previous world team staff member, Team USA staff.
- Kelly – Parent of a Team USA member, owns a skate company that does business in US and sponsors athletes and events, past staff member. Team USA Staff.
- Darian –owner of skate company that does business in US, husband is a coach and Team USA Manager. Placed a bid for Team USA Apparel.
- Brian – will be applying to be an official at indoor and outdoor Nationals, represent different skate companies, spouse will be trying out for Team USA
- Robin – no conflicts at this time
- Deb – no conflicts at this time
- Sammy – no conflicts at this time

## **IDN Recap & Ideas**

- In Person Spectator perspective:
  - reffing was good
  - nothing negative
- Internet Spectator perspective:
  - bring it back to how it used to be/easy to follow. Ross was online in the past and it was a much better experience.
- Athlete/Official perspective:
  - ran smoothly
  - warmups could be split – as an official liked the breaks
- Coach perspective:
  - Event was on time
  - The last 2 relay days were tough with long days
  - speed committee didn't get to sign off on the schedule, could have helped Tasha if we had seen it
  - awards for every race is time consuming, maybe have another place to do awards and only do overall awards
  - breaks in the middle of the day are good – allows the athletes to rest before finals
  - rotate officials through the video review
- Coach/Parent perspective:
  - too many events, do we need all the 4s and all the 3s?
  - Some didn't skate races to save legs, what is best for athletes, having a break in the middle of the day before finals is important
  - food could have been better – maybe food trucks
  - Refereeing was good
  - coaches were disrespectful to officials and need to address – some officials classes for coaches to understand rules/etiquette
  - relay events need to be reviewed and decide what we should keep
  - awards somewhere else
  - pilot programs – did it meet standards.
  - running 3 persons by time meant that you had to go all out every lap and couldn't save legs
  - If we have a live feed, it needs to work, you can't hear anything, and video was bad
  - need someone on the live feed to commentate – can we get pointers from NSC on how to do better
  - start later in the morning, shorter break, end earlier
  - timing chips that work would be good
  - in favor of team practice
  - clarifying warm up blocks during the event (who will be warming up in each block?)
  - on the practice day consider letting teams practice instead of divisions
  - understands the scheduling difficulties
  - need to get the rules committee together to go through every rule
  - set up room with photographer and podiums and do awards there
  - live feed is bare minimum, internet provider did not do a good job

- we can't get enough volunteers to cover all the video
- if we do video review, we don't want officials to feel disrespected if calls get picked apart
- drone operator could do more if we can get him some help, and even have better replay video
- 3 persons should be considered if we are eliminating relays, or could reduce number of teams in final
- Official perspective:
  - same schedule as last year
  - We asked if podium could go somewhere else so awards could be elsewhere but art uses the podium so we couldn't move it, we don't have a second podium yet
  - 629 events at Nationals with 9 protests total, 14 injury reports
  - relay schedule is awful – need another half a day to make it better, if membership goes up, then more time will be needed
  - Timing chips were not here this year due to manpower (not enough to run)
  - practice 5-minute blocks coming next year
  - team practice schedule would need to be developed
  - jumbotron guy did a great job and wants to come back
  - body cameras for referees being tested
  - live feed does not have anyone to man it
- Official/coach perspective:
  - need a better coaches' box and need to figure out how to keep non-coaches out
  - 3 person relays are dangerous
  - venue was fine
  - food could be better
  - seating was uncomfortable

### **Bid Process for 2025 ODN**

- We have been waiting to see if we have World Championship schedule to determine dates, but don't want to wait too long
- Worlds in China was previously in September
- May might be early for northern states to be able to prepare, but the bigger the gap between ODN/IDN/Residency/Worlds is ideal
- Take advantage of May 26 holiday
- Speed Committee would like to request specific position in the IDN lineup of events  
*Sammy motioned to use Memorial Day holiday weekend, Brian seconded, discussion around timing. Start 200s Thursday night, 5/22, finish on Tuesday night, 5/28. 2 abstain, none against, motion passed*

### **Other Updates**

Next meeting will discuss clinic schedule/locations

**Tosha made a motion to adjourn, Patty seconded. Adjourned 5:49pm ET.**