



Speed Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 5:04pm PST

In Attendance:

- Robin Pendergast
- Deb Alpers
- Darian Orozco
- Mikey Ratliff
- Tony Jones
- Bryan Hays
- Kelly Springer
- Tosha Hill

Not in Attendance:

- Erin Jackson
- Brian Talley

Guest in Attendance: Christopher Springer

Declaration of Conflicts

Reminder of types of conflicts for new members – Sponsor, Vendor/Supplier, Official, Coach with athletes in positions that may be topic of meeting, Team USA staff that may be topic of meeting. The committee determines that those with conflicts can/cannot participate in discussions or vote/not vote on certain topics.

- 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 applied for Team USA Manager.
- Brian Talley – official at indoor and outdoor Nationals, represents different skate companies, wife is a Classic division athlete
- Deb – Daughter will be trying out for Team USA
- Erin – no conflicts at this time
- Bryan Hays – no conflicts at this time
- Tony – no conflicts at this time

Welcome Bryan Hays and Tony Jones to Committee

Indoor World Team Selection

Christopher Springer on call to discuss questions the speed committee had on the proposed Indoor World Team Selection Process.

The Indoor World Team selection process has been discussed at the Regional Rep level for a few years.

Chris explained the proposal below:

“World Skate has released the Indoor World Championship criteria, how many skaters in Jr. and Sr. can go, what the different races would be, etc. With that the Regional Reps developed a selection criteria for Team USA. Based on the premise that we never know when outdoor nationals is going to be, there does not need to be a date for indoor world team selection.

If they announce Worlds is in November, then we are not selecting team until August or maybe September as in the past. We're not going to select a team six months in advance. So, who makes team, who gets the race, when is it going to be? These answers will fall in line with the same structure as bids for outdoor nationals.

We want to set the proposal on how to select the Indoor World Team – all the other criteria (when and where the tryout will take place is a secondary issue) is separate from this proposal.”

Other countries are having Indoor National Championships now. It was discussed that the US have an Indoor World Team tryout and have skaters that would be on the Indoor World Team to lead put the rest of the world on alert. To be ahead of the game and pro-active.

The Indoor Tryout would take place dependent upon when the Indoor World Championships are scheduled. There would have to be a bid for the Tryout location.

Board Meeting Updates and Report from Speed Committee

- The officials Committee is continuing to work on recruiting new officials and encouraging advancement of officials. In 24/25 season credentialed 13 new officials and saw seven officials achieve upgrades.
 - The Legends clinics have included Officials Training (all levels)
 - Officials class at indoor national has been established
 - Shared how some leagues require each team to provide volunteer officials as a way to get new people involved
- Discussed the Town Hall meeting we held for membership and that we said we would hold
- Sub Committee is creating a comprehensive coaching seminar series that is a combination live training, video series and hard copy
- In the 24/25 season, speed welcomed 11 new coaches and 6 successfully advanced to the next level
- We had a jump in World Skate Academy applicants with 7 applying
- Discussed the 1 lap challenge idea
- Drafted a handbook for new teams, coaches and members – how to grow a team, how to become an official, the benefits of 501c3 status, et
- Discussed Outdoor National locations and that we only really have 2 locations for this event
- Discussed IDN Grand Premier program which did not meet criteria so will be discontinued
- Discussed the IDN schedule and how to continue to make it better
- Discussed World Games and Jasmine was our athlete representative
- Discussed the Pan Am Games and how the US athletes did

Board Approved

- ODN Dates in August (location will be determined by USARS)
- NOTE: if either of the 2 locations cannot do August and we need to go back to June, then we need to announce the location in December. USARS needs to let us know if the location can do August ASAP
- Making Middle Distance the tie breaker- will take affect at IDN 2026
- Jewelry restriction (pennants tucked in, earrings can only be a certain size, that kind of thing)

Speed Committee Responsible For:

- ODN Dates set ASAP so board vote and do a bid process and get a location approved so it can be announced 6 months ahead of time
- World Skate Academy – we collect applicants for that. We need to wait until the Academy publishes the dates and we send out applications to all coaches.
- Senior Pan American Games Tryouts – coming in summer – selected people from National Team
- National Team needs to be announced by January 1st, 2026
- Speed Committee serves as a Rule Committee at Indoor Nationals
- Rule Book for Outdoor Nationals – primary division needs to be added as an official division
- ODN – When Team USA tryouts races match
- Transfer and Transfer Rules – changed to transfers must happen 30 days before Regionals (if there is one) or 30 days before the IDN entry due date. Check the deadline in the case of ODN before IDN
- Working on an updated Selection Process through a tryout
- Additional event at IDN to get new participants to attend without adding days to the event.

3 Committee Roles

- Chair Person – Runs the meetings, helps with the agenda
- Vice Chair – Runs the meetings when Chair is not available
- Secretary – takes meeting minutes, helps with agenda and helps with dates for events

Chair Nominations – Kelly Springer, Darian Orozco, Bryan Hays

Kelly declined as his time is coming up and wants others to get experience, he will assist as needed

Chair – Bryan Hays

Vice Chair – Darian Orozco

Kelly Springer – Assisting as needed

Secretary – Deborah Alpers with help from Tony Jones

Bryan Hays motions to adjourn 6:18pm Kelly 2nd the motion – meeting adjourned at 6:18pm