

Artistic Sport Committee meeting August 15th, 2023 at 9:15 pm EST –

Present: Joyann Donaldson (athlete, Chair), Jody Harrah (joined at 9:25pm), John Hultquist (9:34pm), Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Lawaun Modrich, Janet Pavilionis, Katelyn Rodgers (athlete), Kristen Taylor, Jodee Viola

Absent: none

Meeting was called to order at 9:18pm EST.

1. Declaration of Conflicts
 - a. Many coaches and athletes on the call coach skaters who compete in these events or skate in the events being discussed for requirements/rules.
2. 2023 July Meeting Minutes
 - a. **Lawaun moved to approve the 2023 July Meeting minutes, Kristen seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
3. Subcommittees
 - a. RollArt
 - i. Reviewed 2023 June meeting minutes and accompanying proposals.
 - ii. Reviewed 2023 August meeting minutes and accompanying proposals.
 - iii. **Lawaun moved to combine the RollArt and Officials subcommittees per their recommendation. Jody seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
 - iv. **Kristen moved to base minimum qualifying score for Worlds on total score. Janet seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
 - v. **Jodee moved to add Tot Solo Dance into the competitive structure for 2023. 6 ayes, 2 nays. Motion approved.**
 - b. Coaches Reps
 - i. Reviewed 2023 July meeting minutes.
 - ii. Reviewed 2023 August meeting minutes.
 - c. Officials
 - i. Tabled officials' feedback to be discussed during finalization of requirements.
 - d. Academy Leaders
 - i. No minutes
4. Old Business
 - a. World Skate Basics Seminar
 - i. Jodee, Jaymee, and Kristen to discuss logistics and update the committee.
 - b. World Team Update
 - i. As of now, there is no World Team trainer. All options have fallen through.
5. New Business
 - a. Proposals

- i. Advanced dance events
 1. **Jodee moved to change the Advanced International Solo event to Classic Gold International Solo and move it into the adult portion. Janet seconded. 7 ayes, 1 nay. Motion approved.**
 2. **Jody moved to change the age range of all advanced categories to 13 and up. 7 ayes, 1 nay. Motion approved.**
- ii. Youth and adult crossover
 1. Discussed that no youth or adult crossover rules exist and whether they are needed. Decided this rule is not needed at the moment.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **August 17th, 2023** at 9:00pm EST and Sunday, August 27th, 2023 at 5:00pm EST.

Action items:

Meeting adjourned at 11:03pm EST. (Lawaun made a motion, Jodee seconded). Motion approved by acclamation.

Submitted

Jaymee Meloy
Secretary

Artistic Sport Committee meeting August 17th, 2023 at 9:00 pm EST –

Present: Jody Harrah, John Hultquist, Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Lawaun Modrich, Janet Pavilonis, Katelyn Rodgers (athlete), Kristen Taylor, Jodee Viola (arrived at 9:20pm)

Absent: Joyann Donaldson (athlete, Chair)

Meeting was called to order at 9:05pm EST.

1. Declaration of Conflicts
 - a. Many coaches and athletes on the call coach skaters who compete in these events or skate in the events.
2. Officials requirements feedback
 - a. Discussed point of concern about adding 3 requirements back into B.
3. Figure requirements
 - a. Discussed recommendations to the draft of figure requirements

- b. Waiting until next meeting for Joyann to be in attendance to make finalize figure requirements since she was on the figure requirements subcommittee
4. Adult dance requirements
 - a. Finalized all adult dance requirements

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 27th, 2023 at 5:00pm EST.

Action items:

Meeting adjourned at 11:48pm EST. (Lawaun made a motion, Jodee seconded). Motion approved by acclamation.

Submitted

Jaymee Meloy
Secretary

Artistic Sport Committee meeting August 27th, 2023 at 5:00 pm EST –

Present: Joyann Donaldson (athlete, Chair), John Hultquist, Jaymee Meloy (athlete, arrived at 5:25pm), Lawaun Modrich, Janet Pavilonis, Katelyn Rodgers (athlete), Kristen Taylor, Jodee Viola

Absent: Jody Harrah

Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm EST.

1. Declaration of Conflicts
 - a. Many coaches and athletes on the call coach skaters who compete in these events or skate in the events.
2. Committee was reminded about confidentiality within the committee about business that we discuss.
3. Continuation of requirements discussions
 - a. Team dance - discussion about possible change to 2 people or keep as one male and one female participant - decide to keep as is and accept petitions as needed for non-binary athletes
 - i. **Janet moved to Add to adult rulebook AR AD.114 “Petitions on the basis of gender identity can be submitted to the Artistic Sport Committee”, John seconded. 5 approved, 1 abstention.**
 - b. **Lawaun moved to allow WS junior and senior figure skaters to skate A creative events, Jaymee seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**

4. Promotional World Skate Program
 - a. Briefly discussed pros and cons of adopting this program and how parts of it could be used or adapted in our B programs.
5. Elimination of Juvenile B
 - a. Discussed whether or not this is a big enough structural change that it would need to be passed through the board.
 - b. Discussed putting together a clear proposal for removing Juvenile B and why that could be shown to the field to get support for next season.
6. Splitting of Freshman/Sophomore B
 - a. **Lawaun motioned to split Fresh/Soph B Women's Figures, Fresh/Soph B Women's Free Skating, and Fresh/Soph B Solo Dance. Janet Seconded.**
 - i. Discussed potential pros and cons of the split - including how it could affect the length of Nationals, how it could move more skaters out, how it would be hard to implement this change without changing sliding scale.
 - ii. Motion withdrawn on the recommendation that we draw up a B structure proposal to be put out at the beginning of the season so the field can provide feedback to implement for next season.
7. OCD max time limit
 - a. **Janet motions to increase the max time to 2:30 from 2:15 for OCD. John seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
 - i. Discussed pros and cons of decreasing from two rounds to one round.
 - ii. Conflicts were noted and all were allowed to vote.
8. Domestic Pairs
 - a. Discussed adding this to the proposals we send out for review to the field (see action items)
9. Trial events - International Compulsory, Duet, and Classic Creative events
 - a. Discussed the purpose of the international compulsory event and how it helps promote international dance (into World Skate or for skaters who want to stay in domestic)
 - b. Discussed the pros and cons of creative duets and emphasized the potential to put all show events on or near the same day.
 - c. Classic Creative - well attended and very competitive. Discussed making this event elimination/final since there is a rule stating that all classic events are final only (rule under discussion: AR AD.112 a All Classic Events will skate only a FINAL round regardless of number of entries.)
 - i. **Janet motioned to replace rule AR AD.112 with the following wording: *All international dance and all original compulsory dance events (team and solo) will be final only.* Jodee seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
10. Renaming World Skate events

- a. **John motioned to remove the World Skate (WS) in front of the World Skate events, Kristen seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
11. Renaming domestic precision events
 - a. **Janet motioned to change the name of Novice Precision to Precision 12 & Up, change Junior Precision to Precision 15 & Under, and change Youth Quartet to Elementary Quartet. John seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
12. Classic freestyle
 - a. Discussed if there is a need to put limits on this event or a split in this event.
13. Loop event
 - a. Discussed regrouping loop events and that this should be added to the proposal to go out to the field (see action items).
14. Figure requirements
 - a. Finalized
15. Youth and adult dance
 - a. Finalized
16. Footwork Requirements
 - a. Finalized

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 at 8:30pm EST.

Action items:

- Committee to draw up a structure proposal to be put out at the beginning of the season so the field can provide feedback to implement for next season. This includes the domestic pairs program, the domestic free skating proposal (John and Kristen) loop age regroupings in youth, and silver figures (figure 5 issues) as well.
- Review finalized requirements before August 29th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm EST. (Lawaun made a motion, John seconded). Motion approved by acclamation.

Submitted

Jaymee Meloy
Secretary