

Artistic Sport Committee meeting April 8, 2026 at 8:30pm EST

Present: Jamie Chekon (arrived at 8:41pm), Jessica Gaudy (athlete), Jody Harrah (chair), Michelle Higby, John Hultquist, Katelyn Lee (athlete - arrived at 9:07pm), Stephanie Moore, Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Amy Waters

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 8:33pm EST.

1. Declaration of Conflicts
 - a. No new conflicts
2. Approval of 2026 March Meeting Minutes
 - a. **John motioned to approve the 2026 March meeting minutes. Amy seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
3. Subcommittees
 - a. Regional Reps
 - i. Discussed question regarding the use of jumps such as toewalley and boekel in domestic skating.
 - ii. Discussed question regarding skating multiple levels within a single World Skate discipline.
 - iii. Discussed question regarding AC1 test
 - iv. Minutes accepted.
 - b. Academy Leaders
 - i. Discussed new proposed dates for Dance Level 2 training: May 31st and June 14th
 - c. Officials committee
 - i. Discussed National planning, new scoring proposal, and music deduction proposal
 - ii. Updates on mentoring program
 - iii. Minutes accepted.
 - iv. Proposal for Definition of USARS Domestic Scoring System
 1. Discussed sending this to Bob Styma for review as to how this would work in our Tab program.
4. Old Business
 - a. Email Decisions
 - i. None
 - b. Flighting Update from Officials Committee
 - i. Pending
 - c. Team USA Outfits
 - i. No new updates
 - d. Creative/Duet JotForm
 - i. Discussed updates to JotForm, including timestamps

- e. Rules Committee Clarification on International Competition
 - i. tabled
- 5. New Business
 - a. Chicago Midwest Invitational
 - i. Stone rule clarification for World Skate figures at Domestic events
 - ii. Dance clarification needed - in the style dance or compulsories, the “next step” of the dance must be skated and to time
 - iii. Clarification needed on number of flips and lutzes allowed (World Skate)
 - iv. Junior Men Figures skated the wrong figure first
 - v. Cadet Women figure draw mix up
 - b. Update on minimum score: Amy
 - i. Discussed rule changes and how they could be impacting the minimum score
 - c. Meritorious nomination
 - i. Begin thinking about possible nominations for these awards and skater of the year.
 - d. Requirement sub-groups, any further updates or discussion
 - i. Plan on meeting with your subgroup before May meeting
 - 1. Team & Solo Dance, including OCD tempos-Michelle, Jaymee, Jamie
 - 2. Figures & Loops-Katelyn, John, Jessica
 - 3. Free Skating, Pairs, Precision, & Show-Jody, Amy, Stephanie
 - e. Rule Book Clarifications
 - i. Keep updating throughout the season as needed
 - f. Senior PanAm Games in Lima
 - i. Still need more clarification on who needs to qualify, ages, etc.
 - g. Team USA Attire Agreement
 - i. **Michelle motioned to allow World Team outfits for training but not during competition at Regionals and Nationals for the 2025-2026 season. Amy seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
 - h. International Competition Log
 - i. tabled
 - i. Jamie Chekon Proposal
 - i. Discussed proposal to reach out for grant money to fund a developmental camp for up and coming skaters.

Action items:

- Jody - respond to regional rep questions
- Jody - Reach out to Vickie regarding the new Dance Level 2 dates

- John - reach out to OC to have Bob Styma overview the USARS Domestic Scoring Definition Proposal
- All - think about possible nominations for meritorious nominations and skater of the year
- All - set up meetings with requirements groups
- All - keep updating the rule book clarification document for next season when needed
- Amy - find out PanAm event/age qualification info
- Jody & Jaymee - work on clarifications document regarding CMI

Next meeting: Thursday, May 21, 8:30 pm EST.

The meeting adjourned at 11:31pm EST. (Jessica motioned to adjourn. Jamie seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.)