



Speed Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 7th 2026

Meeting was called to order at 5:34pm PST

In Attendance:

- Bryan Hays
- Darian Orozco
- Deb Alpers
- Kelly Springer
- Mikey Ratliff
- Brian Talley
- Tosha Hill
- Tony Jones

Not in Attendance:

- Erin Jackson

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 – No conflicts at this time
- Erin – no conflicts at this time
- Bryan Hays – no conflicts at this time
- Tony – no conflicts at this time

Chair and Vice Chair Reports

Discuss projects to follow up and start in 2026

Rule Book Update – include addendums, fix wording, check for contradictions and confusion (clear up)

- Technical Fouls in Rulebook – Officials Committee to address this section
- General Rules for Speed – Sub-committee to update

Timeline to complete the rulebook updates – 6 months to prepare for 2027

- Review Transfer rule GR5.04.12 - Confirm and clean up – the rule 30 days before the entry for IDN or ODN – whichever Nationals is done first

2023 Rulebook update – need all updates from 2023 – present to insure are included in rulebook update. Work with USARS to create a centralized repository for rule changes.

IDN Tentative Schedule

Start planning the tentative IDN schedule for 2026 designed to benefit athletes with more breaks

World Team Surveys

Next Meeting - Discuss Team USA surveys, highlighting a need to address issues and potentially restrict participation for certain individuals in the future

Simplify Official Licensing Structure

Review and overhaul the current process and simplify in order get officials upgraded sooner and give incentive. Also line those certifications with World Skate

Discussed the need to separate outdoor and indoor officials due to different skill sets and concerns about officials refusing to participate in evaluations without pay.

Need to go through USA credentials before upgrading with World Skate credentials

Discussed creating a visual grid to clarify the progression path similar to race protocols, which would make the system easier to understand for new officials.

Committee Member Reports

Officials Update

New BR2 commission obtained

Emerald Coast Official Update – all officials are updated with new World Skate Rules for competition

ODN distance discussion

There have been some questions from membership regarding the 10k points race at ODN for Masters being different from the World Class 5K points race

Ask Master Skaters and Master Skater Coaches – pull the data from past 5 years to figure out who to contact and poll to see about 10k or 5k at ODN.

Ongoing Projects

Finalize Speed Committee Playbook

Finalize and review the Parent Handbook

New Business

Spring Clinic Dates – pick dates and check with venue , process to staff the clinics , check with scheduled events
– Tentative Date March 21, 2026

6:52pm PST - Mikey motioned to Adjourn / Brian Talley seconded / Meeting Adjourned