



Speed Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:12pm ET

In Attendance:

- Mikey Ratliff
- Robin Pendergast
- Kelly Springer
- Brian Talley
- Darian Orozco
- Sammy Johnson*
- Patty Leazier
- Jay Ingram*

Missing

- Erin Jackson*
- Tosha Hill
- Deb Alpers
- McKenzie Browne

Declaration of Conflicts

- Patty. 2 trying out for World Team including her child, associated with Bont, former staff member, hosting large event in US, board member of USA Roller Sports, Piper Wheels sponsors her child and one of her skaters.
- Mikey – coach of athlete trying out for team, owns a skate company that does business in US and sponsors athletes trying out for team, previous world team staff member, planning on applying for Team USA staff.
- Kelly – coach of athlete trying out for team, owns a skate company that does business in US and sponsors athletes and events, past staff member.
- Darian – owner of skate company that does business in US, husband is a coach.
- 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
- Sammy – coach and parent of athlete trying out for world team.
- Jay – former world team staff member, organizer of camps, athletes trying out team.
- Robin – no conflicts currently.

ODN/IDN Updates (Budgets/Entry Forms)

- ODN Budget – still pending a few items to be able to have a full budget finalized in regards to expenses.
- IDN – voting by the Officials Committee is currently in progress for officials panel

Victim/Declass Rule Update

- Speed Committee made some modifications to the victim/declass rules that were presented by the Regional Reps previously, and has sent suggestions back to the

Regional Reps for review. Once they review, and either make any modifications or approve, they will send back to Speed Committee for approval.

National Records Update

- In 2018 National Records were lost, so subsequent times could not be verified as records until 2018 times were recovered. Speed Committee and USARS have obtained 2018 times, and gone through subsequent National times to update everything. Updated times have been posted on the USARS website.

National Team Gear

- Will send out form to vendors to bid, Speed Committee supports including the National Team Gear request on the Team USA bid, so that the vendor that is donating for Team USA gets the opportunity to sell the National team items.

Volunteer Applications

- Add volunteer question to Sport80 Coaches membership so that it is easy to volunteer each year without having to look/wait for a separate email.
- Create criteria for clinic leaders, and choose leaders from that list, qualification per USOPC standards.
- Level 1 clinic structure requirements need to be adjusted/updated.
- There have been a lot of changes by World Skate that affect our criteria.
- Speed Committee will follow up with National Office to make sure Level 1 clinic info is updated and published.
- Speed Committee to consider keeping a clinic leader/volunteer database that gets passed down as a backup.

Start Procedure/False Starts at the World Championships

- New start procedure at Worlds caused many false starts.
- Start procedure may have already changed again, to be a little more forgiving.
- Would like to have Jorge and an official get on a zoom call with all the coaches to explain the current procedure, so that it is clear to all. Speed Committee will reach out to get this set up.
- The change was introduced at the World Championships and was not enforced at any previous international competitions, which made it difficult to prepare for.
- The start procedure will be covered at the clinic this weekend.
- Consider updating indoor rule to make the first jump applied to the field, and the next person that jumps in that race is eliminated. The first person that jumped will carry that jump through to semis and finals. The downside may be that we get a jump (for strategy) in every race, so if the jump carries through to semis and finals it may discourage that strategy.
- Contact Erin regarding her false start at Worlds for a movement of her foot to get details.

Team USA Staff Handbooks

- No current Team USA Staff Handbooks

- Speed Committee needs to get together with the previous managers and coaches to create new handbooks.
- There are some old ones floating around out there that we will try to get and incorporate into a new book.
- Needs to be electronic document kept by USARS.
- Speed Committee members (Patty/Jay) volunteered to put new books together and would like to get additional members involved.

Scheduling Future Clinics and ODN

- Would like to collect bids from venues for ODN – we may not get bids from Colorado Springs, Visitors Bureau previously gave us \$10,000 to come to Colorado Springs
- Need to wait for World Skate to announce when World Championships are to figure out when we can have ODN.
- Speed Committee will reach out to see if there is any information on Indoor and Outdoor World Championships dates and locations.
- Proposed dates for clinics – Oct/Weber Avoid Holidays and Spring Break, Spring TBD/BPP

Other

- Need to create a checklist/timeline of what needs to happen when and what we are responsible for.

Kelly made a motion to adjourn, Jay seconded. Adjourned 8:23pm ET.