



Speed Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 11th, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 5:34pm PST

In Attendance:

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

Not in Attendance:

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

Follow up on past discussions and business

USOPC asking for highlights from World Skate Event from 2025 – will look into getting those results – USOPC requested to have this by Friday February 13th, 2026

Rule Book Committee almost finalized – goal is general speed rules updates – relevant and clarification of existing rules

Officials Committee almost finalized – goal is technical rules updates and clarification

Jewelry Rule Update – Still waiting to hear back from office before we can post any updates

Middle Distance Tie Breaker Rule - has been posted and published 2/5/26

Review ODN Division Age groups – Update both Track and Road age divisions so they match and are listed correctly and as they have been raced in recent ODN

Master Division 10k vs 5k pts - We received a list of the Master Skaters for the past 3 years

Need to create the survey to send out to the Masters and their coaches for feedback on the distance

Discussion over what we should do regarding distance. Send out survey or just make the change across the board. Discussion on how the race normally runs when combining divisions.

Committee will work on the Survey questions to send out to membership

Spring Clinic – March 21st

Committee checked with Webers – the date for the proposed clinic is available. Discussion over alternate venues but agreed to use Webers due to short notice and cost efficiency at this time of year.

Committee agreed to use Weber's as the venue

Still need to choose Clinic Leaders and Volunteers – we can look at that later

Senior PanAmerican Games Qualifier – July 16th 2026

Waiting to get all results so we can generate the list of qualified athletes

Sponsor Applications

Waiting for the office to send out the sponsor applications

National Helmet Cover Update

Discussion to have Commemorative helmet covers with that years logo, among other ideas. More discussion for future meeting

Championship Helmet cover from previous year (like a championship jersey)

Consider having these donated by a sponsor – still need to discuss sponsor criteria

National Team 2026 – posted and published

The 2026 National Team's have been posted and published

National Team Certificates

Discussed sending out as a Digital Certificate vs Physical Certificate

Digital is easier, physical would be more personal and special

Need to create the design and wording for certificate

President and Executive Director signatures – genius sign to get digital signatures

Theresa Cliff Rule Amendment

Can be updated as a clarification not a change and can be put into the selection process

New Business

Team USA Staff Applications

Received the application from last year, we can update the wording and send out ASAP

Discussion over changing the coaching positions from Sr. and Jr. Coach to Sprint and Distance Coach whereby the Roles and Responsibilities would be updated accordingly.

It was Motioned and Seconded to change the Team USA Coach positions from Sr. and Jr. Coach to Sprint and Distance Coach – Unanimous Vote

Roles and Responsibilities will be updated

ODN Dates – Aug 22nd – Sep 2nd

Discussion over the dates and School Schedule – can we change anything since dates have already been posted

Agreed to keep the dates as it has been posted

Still waiting to hear from the office for the location so we can send to membership

Future USARS Clinics

Need to start thinking about future dates so those can get sent out ASAP

IDN Schedule Ideas

Need to get a Tentative IDN schedule sent out ASAP so members can start planning

New Team USA Selection Process

Discussion on new Roles and Responsibilities for Team USA Staff

Discuss Team USA Surveys

We need to somehow send this to the staff as a productive share of information. Staff needs to be aware of how the athletes and parents felt and how we can address these issues. How can we improve and be there for the athletes.

Proposed to have small group meeting with Team USA Staff and Committee to go over surveys.

Team Staff Selection Committee

Discussion on additional coaches to bring in to be a part of Team USA Staff Selection Committee

Social Media

It has been asked by membership on SM - Why the federation does not promote events

Is this something we can help with, is there a way to set this up? How do we collect the info and distribute

This does not fall under Speed Committee responsibilities but if we can help how can we do it

Possibly create a sub-committee to handle this. Can we get a list of all the sanctioned events from the office ?

7:06pm – Motion to Adjourn Bryan / Tony 2nd it – Meeting Adjourned at 7:06pm