

# April 10th USARS Rink Hockey Committee Minutes

**Call to Order:** President Brent Sisson

**Minutes:** Jim Trussell

**In Attendance:** Shawn Schmelcher, Pat Ferguson (non-voting), Scott Ferguson, Lucas Thompson, Carlos Pulido, Rachel Trussell, Brent Sisson, Jim Trussell, Justin Bradford, Kevin Hayes.

Discussion: Approving last years' National Championship rule changes for 2024, and Official Motions 1 through 4 regarding official organizations.

Motion: Justin Bradford, 2nd Shawn Schmelcher

## **Head Official Position**

### **Motion 1**

To remove the full time position of Head of Official to align with processes of other USARS sport disciplines

### **Motion 2**

In place of the Head of Official position a position has been created that will be called 'Officiating Manager' who will manage all officials, including those attending the National Championships each year. This position will be a yearly position and will be appointed by the Rink Hockey Committee each year.

### **Motion 3**

Due to time constraints this year, the Rink Hockey Committee has appointed Pat Ferguson to be the Officiating Manager for this year. Next year there will be an application process. More information to come on that process.

### **Motion 4**

To replace the Head Official's Rink Hockey Committee Position (voting position) with an open at large voting position with a 4 year term to start after the conclusion of the fall board meeting. Open to all members in good standing who are 18 years of age or older.

***Motion to approve Head Official Position and all motions 1-4 in the Head Officials Category.***

***Motion by Justin Bradford  
2nd by Shawn Schmelcher***

***Vote: 9-0 Motion Approved***

# **National Championships Motions**

## **Motion 1**

For 2024 National Championships, allow level 2 referees to officiate games in all divisions up to and including Silver Division.

## **Motion 2**

For 2024 National Championships, allow 3A and 3B officials to be compensated

## **Motion 3**

For 2024 National Championships, allow any official, Domestic or International, that is deemed qualified and voted upon favorably by the Rink Hockey Committee to officiate Gold Level games

## **Motion 4**

For 2024 National Championships, To allow a Bronze Level Player to Play as a floor player in the Bronze division, and also play as a goal-tender in the Silver Division in order for a team to compete. All Such exceptions must be approved by the Rink Hockey Committee Vote.

## **Motion 5**

For the 2024 National Championships, to Change all Men's Gold level games to 25 Minute Halves in order to match international rules and World Games rules.

Discussion regarding the 5 motions and the need for committee decisions to be made at or before the 1st official Divisional game,

**Motion to approve Motions 1,2,3,5 motions listed above. (Excluding Motion 4)**

**Motion Kevin Hayes**

**2nd Shawn Schmelcher**

**Vote 9-0**

***Motions Approved***

**Motion: Any instances of support needed for a division, team, or player may be approved by the committee for 2024 national championships prior to the first Divisional Game.**

**Motion Rachel Trussell**

**2nd Justin Bradford**

**Vote: 8-1-0**

**Motion Approved**

Discussion to improve the 2024 National Championships. Topic to discuss in our next Rink Hockey Committee Meeting may be:

- Activities outside of hockey to make it more enjoyable
- Increase the level of Officiating
- Better streamline games
- Opening Ceremonies improvement
- Making the event more spectator friendly
- And any other idea that the committee may wish to discuss.