



Speed Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 17th, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm PST

In Attendance:

- Robin Pendergast
- Deb Alpers
- Darian Orozco
- Mikey Ratliff
- Jay Ingram
- Brian Talley
- Patty Leazier

Not in Attendance:

- Tosha Hill
- Erin Jackson
- Kelly Springer

Declaration of Conflicts

- Patty – Daughter is a sponsor. Associated with Bont, previous Team USA staff member, board member of USA Roller Sports, involved in coaching BPP
- 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 – official at indoor and outdoor Nationals, represents different skate companies, wife is a Classic division athlete
- Jay – coach clinics around the world, previous Team USA staff member
- Robin – Official at IDN
- Deb – Daughter will be trying out for Team USA
- Erin – no conflicts at this time

New Team USA Selection Process

- Review and discuss the most recent version of New Team Selection Process
- Discuss how to implement
- Need to finalize and send to the board for approval
- Need to work out how to qualify athletes when World Championship dates are earlier than our qualifying events
- Need to finalize the process when skaters move up a division
- Discuss other events to possibly qualify skaters for the Tryout

World Championship Race Assignment

Unanimous – all athletes on committee believe that the final athletes chosen to compete in races can be selected right up until the WC race deadline.

Tentative League Championship Event at IDN

- Discussing the League Championship Outline as an additional event at the Indoor National Championships
- How to address athletes / teams who are not a part of a league
- Athletes from non-sanctioned leagues can skate as unattached
- Star Skate membership will be an option and will compete exclusively in the beginner events
- Event format – held over 2 afternoons sessions following the completion of quad divisions earlier in the day
- Beginner athletes can compete in IDN relays but not IDN divisions
- No relays at the League Championship
- Create a video to outline and explain the event
- Create an entry form and tentative IDN schedule

Additional Items to Work Out

- How many races will there be / What distances ?
- Enough races for athletes to make the trip worth it
- How are we determining exclusively beginner athletes / parameters
- Define Beginner
Follow up on Star Skate parameters / membership qualification
- How to run 3 races in less time? Qualify / place in med or short to get to long ?
- Look at the NSC model – Grand Championship Race

Miami Marathon Event Update

- Event organizers confirmed - Participants can purchase a membership card at time of the event
- Start working on a Star Skate Championship outline / proposal

World Skate Academy Sign Up

- Review and approved the sign-up form
- Need to send out and promote to get sign-ups

Speed Committee Open Positions

Application deadline tomorrow September 18th, 2025
Currently only 6 applications

Proficiency Tests - 15 Sec Club

- Idea is to create something like a proficiency test to help build local teams.
- Create some kind of chart that showcases athletes progression / lap time accomplishments
- Teams can post in their rink
- USARS creates a kit to distribute to participating teams
- Could be used as a National Ranking as well
- Post on social media showing some kind of ranking
- Discuss other ways to utilize this ranking system to help grow / promote our sport
- Need to create a system to manage and update

Brian motions to adjourn 8:04pm Mikey 2nd the motion – meeting adjourned at 8:04pm