



Special Speed Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, June 9, 2024 (11:00am CT)

In Attendance:

- Mikey Ratliff
- Robin Pendergast
- Kelly Springer
- Brian Talley
- Darian Orozco
- Tosha Hill
- McKenzie Browne (via phone)
- Jay Ingram*
- Patty Leazier (via phone)

Missing

- Erin Jackson*
- Deb Alpers
- Sammy Johnson*

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 USARollerSports, Team USA Travel Manager. Has skaters/child on the National Team.
- 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 US and sponsors athletes trying out for team, previous world team staff member, current Team USA Coach.
- Kelly – coach of athlete trying out for team, owns a skate company that does business in US and sponsors athletes and events, current Team USA Coach. Has skaters/child on the National Team.
- Darian –owner of skate company that does business in US, husband is a coach and Team USA Manager.
- Brian – will 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. Has skaters/child on the National Team.
- Erin – US Speedskating board
- Jay – former world team staff member, organizer of camps, and is coaching practice during the meeting, athletes trying out team. Has skaters on the National Team.
- Robin – may have skaters on the National Team
- McKenzie Browne – no conflicts for this meeting

Pan American Jr Qualification Event (qualifying spots for USA for 2025 Pan American Games)

- On May 22nd, the Speed Committee received information regarding the upcoming qualifier for Jr Pan American USA spots, starting 8/1 in Ibague, Colombia.

- USOPC requires that we give 6 months' notice to membership to hold a qualifier to choose USA representatives.
- USARS will fund 4 athletes (2 male/2 female), but we are able to take 8 male/8 female athletes to compete (only 2 may be allowed to compete in each race, but that has not been confirmed).

The Speed Committee approved the below process:

- In order to prevent additional travel cost to the athletes, the Speed Committee to use the 2024 National Team as the selection.
- The Speed Committee will invite the first 2 female and first 2 male paid spots first, with the following process to determine who is invited:
 - Starting with the junior male/female sprint athletes on the existing National team
 - Invite 1st place junior National Team sprinter
 - If decline, invite 2nd place junior National Team sprinter
 - If decline, invite 3rd place Junior National Team sprinter
 - If decline, check Senior National Team top 3 sprinters for anyone 22 or younger.
 - If 22 or younger exists in the top 3, invite the highest ranked Senior World Team sprinter
 - If decline, invite next highest ranked 22 or younger sprinter (in the top 3)
 - If none are age eligible, or all decline, invite 4th place Junior National Team sprinter.
 - Duplicate process for Endurance athletes
 - Invite 1st place junior National Team distance
 - If decline, invite 2nd place junior National Team distance
 - If decline, invite 3rd place Junior National Team distance
 - If decline, check Senior National Team top 3 distance athletes for anyone 22 or younger.
 - If 22 or younger exists in the top 3, invite the highest ranked Senior World Team distance athlete
 - If decline, invite next highest ranked 22 or younger distance athlete (in the top 3)
 - If none are age eligible, or all decline, invite 4th place Junior National Team distance athlete.
- Must receive a response from invited athlete (or parent) before inviting the next athlete in the category (will email and call to get response).
- Once the 2 male/2 female paid positions have been accepted, invite remaining 14 athletes, who will be responsible for paying their own way, with the following process:
 - Starting with the junior male/female sprint athletes on the existing National Team
 - Invite highest ranked remaining sprint athlete
 - If decline, invite next highest ranked 22 or younger sprint athlete from Senior National Team

- Once a sprint athlete accepts that position, repeat process with the endurance athletes.
- Once endurance athlete accepts, repeat process for the next sprint athlete, etc.
- Repeat, alternating between sprint athletes and endurance athletes until 7 additional male/female athletes have been selected to represent USA.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am CT.