

**Artistic Sport Committee meeting January 28, 2026 at 8:30pm EST**

*Present:* Jamie Chekon, Jessica Gaudy (athlete), Jody Harrah (chair), Michelle Higby, John Hultquist, Katelyn Lee (athlete), Stephanie Moore (arrived 9:30pm), Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Amy Waters

*Absent:*

**The meeting was called to order at 8:35pm EST.**

1. Declaration of Conflicts
  - a. No new conflicts
2. Approval of 2025 December Meeting Minutes
  - a. **Amy motioned to approve the 2025 December meeting minutes. John seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
3. Subcommittees
  - a. Regional Reps
    - i. No new minutes to report.
  - b. Academy Leaders
    - i. Discussed tracking coaching levels for approved coaches for World Skate courses.
    - ii. 2026 January 11 minutes accepted.
  - c. Officials committee
    - i. Discussed new committee roles and training/continuing education opportunities for judges.
    - ii. Discussed meet directors exam in the works.
    - iii. 2026 January 7 minutes accepted.
4. Old Business
  - a. USARS Google Drive Access
    - i. USARS completed Google Drive access for all committee members.
5. New Business
  - a. New Sport Committee Guidelines
    - i. Discussed updated guidelines that will be coming from the executive board once they meet with USOPC.
  - b. Minimum Score Update
    - i. Amy provided update on skaters who made minimum score at the America's Cup (all solo dance skaters)
    - ii. Amy to do a deep dive into minimum score and how it could be affected by new 2026 rules.
  - c. Pan Am Games in Lima (2027)
    - i. Discussed info needed in order to select skaters who can qualify our country at continentals (2026) for spots at Pan Ams.
  - d. Judge Training at Nationals

- i. Discussed possibility of using time during C Championships to train judges.
- ii. Discussed the need for training videos for World Skate Academy and Officials training (domestic).
- e. Academy Leaders Updates
  - i. Katelyn and Amy to help run level 1 trainings during February and March
  - ii. No sign ups/applications for World Skate Academy Leaders yet
- f. World Skate Academy Applications
  - i. Discussed JotForm and suggested improvements, including clarifying that this is a three consecutive year commitment.
- g. Logo costume rule
  - i. Discussed clarifying AR CD.109 so that this costume rule applies to advertisements, not necessarily club logos.
  - ii. Jody to rework wording on the rule and email it out for approval.
- h. International Competition List
  - i. Tabled
- i. Team USA Outfits
  - i. Discussed that the current Team USA costumes are no longer allowed for figures.
  - ii. Discussed possibility that the National Office may become in charge of the team costumes.
- j. Email from Debbie Berg
  - i. Discussed email from Debbie Berg regarding the current freestyle structure and the removal of the Boekel from the list of allowed jumps in domestic free skating.
  - ii. Discussed forwarding this email to the Officials Committee
- k. Email from Diane Parker
  - i. Discussed request from Diane Parker to be allowed to coach a C skater at regionals and the C Championships without a coaching card.
  - ii. Discussed the need for an AC1 in order to coach any level at regionals and nationals.
- l. Mandatory Coach Training Proposal
  - i. Discussed problems at Americas Cup where it was evident that the US in specific was not following the new 2026 rules.
  - ii. Proposed making the viewing of our kick-off webinar mandatory.
- m. Clarifications from Americas Cup Seminar
  - i. Discussed making a clarification for updates from the World Skate seminar in Orlando.

**Action items:**

- Jody - add discussion of how to encourage more teams to agenda
- Jody - reach out to Vickie for a list of training videos needed for coach webinars
- Michelle - create a list of training videos needed for domestic judges training
- Katelyn and Amy - get with Vickie to plan level 1 training dates
- Jody - message Brent to create a flier for coach training dates
- Jody - rework wording on costume rule AR CD.109 and email it out for approval
- Amy - forward email from Debbie Berg to Officials Committee
- Jody - Email Debbie regarding our discussion of her email
- Jaymee & Jess - work on a clarification from the World Skate seminar in Orlando

**Next meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 8:30 pm EST.**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:50pm EST. (Amy motioned to adjourn. Jessica seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.)**