

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY TOM ATKINS

SPEED COMMITTEE ACTION ADDED IN BY RICCI PORTER-KMETZ (in green)

- Action is a result of a SC meeting conducted on 8/2/19 (7:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.) at the Spokane Convention Center

SOUTHWEST REGION

1. Implement maximum wheel size for competition by division.
Adopt World Skate wheel size restrictions by age group.

Age 5 and below - 84mm max

Age 6-9 - 90mm max

Age 10-14 - 100mm max

Age 15 and above - 110mm max

Vote: Favor 5 Against 2 Abstain 1 – Motion Carries

SC ACTION – Yes, pending World Skate information. Also, a survey will be sent out seeking opinions on re-structuring the age groups in relays.

2. Go to an Open Entry National Championship.

Vote: Favor 2 Against 4 Abstain 1 – Motion Failed

SC ACTION – Going with the regional rep vote, and sending out a survey requesting input on how to make qualifying for nationals cost effective.

3. Separate the National Championships, with ODN and IDN 3 weeks or less apart we are forcing most skaters to enter one or the other. If we can move the two championships 30 to 45 days apart more skaters will be able to compete in both championships.

Indoor Nationals could move to late June.

Outdoor Nationals should be end of August.

4. To make #3 work we need to stop using ODN to select our World Team . . . ODN and selected other outdoor and indoor events should qualify skaters for a National Team. All National Team members (including the previous seasons World Team members) would be eligible to attend a world team selection camp to be scheduled according to the world championships. A one-week camp with skaters running distances multiple times will give our coaching staff the ability to select the best team based on consistent performance.

Moot point - in process already. Note: 3 and 4 are linked issues.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

1. No regional qualifier for National Championships, Regionals to remain intact for Star Skate, grass roots program.

Moot point - in process already.

2. Coat Colorado Springs 200m Banked Track according to Joe Cotters original proposal.

Moot point - in process already.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

- 1) Changing rule SR560.1

Original Rule SR560.1

At the command "TO YOUR MARK," skaters move forward to the starting line in a preliminary starting position. A preliminary starting position is:

- A. standing up; or,
- B. in a four-point position with two hands, one knee and one foot on the floor (a standard track start).
- C. in a 3 point position with one hand, one knee and one foot on the floor.

New Rule SR560.1

At the command "IN POSITION," skaters move forward to the starting line in a preliminary starting position. A preliminary starting position is:

- A. standing up; or,
- B. in a four-point position with two hands, one knee and one foot on the floor (a standard track start).
- C. in a 3 point position with one hand, one knee and one foot on the floor.

Vote: Favor 8 Against 0 – Motion Carries

SC ACTION – Going to a coach vote

2) Original Rules

SR560.4 In the event of a false start, the offending skater or skaters will move to an eight foot (8') setback line in their proper lane position before the starting procedure resumes. At the command, "To your mark," this skater or these skaters move forward to the four foot (4') setback line only, not to the starting line.

SR560.5 When a skater starts before the gun has sounded, it will be considered a false start. Two false starts by the same skater will result in his or her disqualification from the race.

SR560.6 Any deviation from the starting procedure, excluding a false start, will result in a warning to the entire group in that particular race. After the warning in that particular race, any deviation from the starting procedure will be penalized the same as a false start.

New Rule

SR560.4

The skater or a team (relay) who commits two (2) false starts in the same race (heats, semi-finals and final), is disqualified DSQ-TF.

b. When one skater causes a false start, thereby causing the other skater to follow; only this skater shall be given one (1) warning for false start.

c. In each instance, in case of false start, the judge shall call back skaters to the starting line (with one or two gunshots or two blows of whistle). Skaters must resume their positions and the start is repeated.

d. The Starting judge signals the false start to the skater by showing a yellow card. He shows a red card to signal the disqualification after a second false start

Vote: 0 Favor 6 Against 1 Abstain – Motion Failed

SC ACTION – A survey will be conducted with pros and cons (including World Skate information)

3) Adding to rule SR361.11

K. No helmet face shields shall be worn at any indoor event.

Vote: 0 Favor 6 Against 1 Abstain

EASTERN REGION

Proposal #1:

This proposal is requested for the speed committee to reevaluate the age groups from relays to align with all of our new Safe Sport regulations. For instance, to properly adhere to Safe Sport, at no time should an 18+ year old man/woman be skating with a 14-year old child. We need to avoid any issues that may arise and possibly compromise a child's wellbeing.

The proposal was amended to ask the Speed Committee to evaluate this issue.

Vote: 5 Favor 3 Against – Motion Carries

SC ACTION – Will evaluate

Proposal #2

So as to reward World Team Members for their hard work, World Team Members will be given the same numbers to be used throughout their skating careers at USARS events. The Numbers will have a "W" designation, with size and dimension to be determined by the Speed Committee.

Vote: 8 Favor 0 Against – Motion Carries

NORTHWEST PROPOSALS

1. Change requirement for girls to start 3 mixed relays to anyone can start

If you are allowed to have 2 girls then the coach of the relay team to choose the starter.

Vote: 8 Favor 0 against – Motion Carries

SC ACTION – Coach Vote

2. Change the relay re-entry requirement, add a side entry to avoid crashes

Vote: 2 Favor 6 Against – Motion Failed

3. Eliminate all grand divisions

Vote: 1 Favor 7 Against – Motion Failed

4. Eliminate requirement for regionals to be national qualifier. Keep regionals as a regional championship and that is it.

Previously discussed

GREAT LAKE PROPOSALS

1. Keep Regionals as a qualifier

Previously discussed

2. If there are 5 teams are less skating Regionals and there is a disqualification, that team would be declassified to 4th and still be allowed to enter Nationals.

Vote: 6 Favor 0 Against 1 Abstain – Motion Carries

SC ACTION – Yes, on the 5 teams, but also sending back to the regional reps for feedback on handling if there are 6 or more teams. For example, what happens if there are 6 teams, and 3 are disqualified (leaving 2 slots) –how do you determine which two get the slots? The current change applies to 5 teams or less, but the SC would like there to be a step 2 considered.

SOUTHEAST PROPOSALS

1. Keep Regionals as a qualifier

Previously discussed

2. Change the 3 Person Relays from qualifying as a timed event to qualifying 1st to 3rd

The relay laps were already shortened, why do they need to be timed

Vote: 6 Favor 0 Against 1 Abstain – Motion Carries

SC ACTION - Coach Vote

3. Bring World Class back, doesn't have to involve money.

Vote: 3 Favor 5 Against – Motion Failed

4. The Speed Committee should consist of a Representative from each Region. Ask board to change the process.

Ricci Kmetz - Research and ask Committee on Committees

Tabled - to be done by Ricci

5. Veteran and above Quads should mirror Inlines with distances.

Tabled – SC will look at quad distances to see if they should mirror inlines

6. Teams in the same Region to be able to skate relays together

It was requested to table this issue. Motion to table.

Vote: 5 Favor 0 Against – Motion To Table Carries

At the beginning there was a long discussion about General Rule 21. Sport Rule Change Process. There is a committee looking at rewriting Rule 21 to fit all disciplines.