

**EASTERN REGION USARS**  
**ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I**

**ORGANIZATION**

The organization hereafter constituted shall be known as the Eastern Regional Association of the United States of America Roller Sports and hereafter referred as the ER USARS or Eastern Region.

The ER USARS will be comprised of the states of Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

**ARTICLE II**

**OBJECTIVES**

1. To advance and improve the sport of competitive roller skating under the organization of the United States of America Roller Sports (USARS)
2. To act on all sanction applications for all contests within the boundaries of the Eastern Region in accordance with the authority vested in the body by the parent USARS Board of Directors.
3. To assist individuals in the formation of roller skating clubs and their activities, and assist in the training and education of its members in all aspects of the sport of roller skating.
4. ER USARS shall sponsor, prepare for, and conduct Regional Championship competitions. The officers of ER USARS shall select qualified officials for Regional Championships. ER USARS shall work with the host operator(s) within the guidelines set forth per the regional bid. **Each federation is responsible for operating its own Regional Championship, in coordination with the Regional Chairperson.**
6. ER USARS shall receive bids on facilities available for the Regional Championships; hold meetings to report to the body on such facilities and to vote on Regional Championship sites at the annual meeting. The ER USARS must give a 30-day advance notice to all member clubs within the region when a meeting is to be held to approve regional sites.
7. ER USARS shall set requirements governing the regulation and conduct of competitive skating events within the region as set down by the USARS by-laws and rules.

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**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership in the Eastern Region shall be restricted to current clubs registered with USARS and within the boundaries of the Eastern Regional states.
2. Eastern Region member clubs shall be represented by their current president, vice president (as elected by the club at an annual meeting), or secretary/treasurer at any regular or special meeting and shall enjoy voice and equal vote in affairs of the region.
3. Each president, vice president, or secretary/treasurer of a USARS registered club must be in possession of a current valid amateur card or coaches card in any one of the recognized disciplines.
4. Each member club shall cast one vote in regional affairs and the vote must be made in person. If the president is not able to attend he/she may designate a club member to vote in their absence.
5. All USARS sanctioned clubs within the region are to be accepted as members of the ER USARS should they petition to join. ER USARS shall collect \$15 association dues per year per club, which are due by the first meeting of the year. These dues shall be used to defray costs of running the association during the year.

**ARTICLE IV**

**MEETINGS**

1. ER USARS shall conduct a minimum of one meeting annually, and preferably should conduct meetings semi-annually.
2. Any regular meeting shall be given at least 30 days prior written notice stating the time and the place. Any special meeting should be given at least 10 days prior notice, either written or verbal, to all member clubs, coaches and officials.
3. A majority number of ER USARS representatives present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at regular or special meetings.

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**ARTICLE V**

**GOVERNMENT**

1. The power of government shall be vested in an Executive Board of at least five members. They shall include an elected: President, Vice-President of Artistic, Vice-President of Speed, a Treasurer, Secretary and President of the Artistic Coaches Association.
2. Each member of the Executive Board shall serve a term of **one year**, but may be re-elected without limitation. The term of office shall run from September 1 to August 31, or until a successor has been elected.
3. The officers at the time of their election into office and at all times in office shall be a member in good standing in USARS and hold a current valid amateur card or coaches card.
4. The Executive Board may appoint committees, as it deems necessary to carry out functions of the association. Any member of any club shall be eligible to serve on such committees.
5. If the office of President is vacated, one of the Vice-President shall assume that office for the unexpired portion of the term. A vote of the Executive Board shall decide the President. An election shall be held to fill the vacant office of Vice-President at the next scheduled meeting. Any other vacancies may be filled in a like manner.
6. All officers shall be elected by those eligible members present at the annual meeting by a majority vote.
7. Any duly elected officer may be removed from office whenever it is the judgment and in the best interest of the Region, by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire membership present.
8. The President shall be the principle executive officer of ER USARS and shall in general supervise and control business and affairs. The President shall preside at all meetings.
9. The President shall appoint one of the Vice-chairmen, in the event of the absence or inability of the President, to perform all duties of the President in or acting.

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10. The secretary shall keep minutes of meetings in books provided for the purpose, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the by-laws as required, and be custodian of the records on behalf of the ER USARS.
11. The treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the ER USARS. In addition, the Treasurer shall receive and give receipts for all moneys due and payable and deposit all moneys in the name of ER USARS in such banks, trust companies and other depositories as shall be designated.
12. The articles of this constitution shall be in accordance with, and subject to the by-laws, the general rules and amateur status of the parent USARS. On any points of controversy the Constitution, by-laws and Rules and Regulations of USARS shall prevail.

**ARTICLE VI**

**INDEMNITY**

The Eastern Region USARS shall indemnify any person serving or who may have served as an officer, director or agent, committee member of this confederation, or who is serving or may have served at the Eastern Region's request, as an officer, director, employee or agent of another corporation in which the Eastern Region is a creditor, against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with any defense action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal in which they are made a party by reason of being or having been an officer, employee or director of the Eastern Region USARS.

**ARTICLE VII**

**AMENDMENTS**

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed at any regular or special meeting, upon proper notification of all members, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

## Operation Procedures and Committees Eastern Region

- 1.0 Club Definitions and Responsibilities
  - 1.1 Regional dues are payable annually prior to the first meeting (Fall) of each competitive season.
  - 1.2 Dues are \$15.00 per charter and provide one vote based on section 3.
- 2.0 Voting Procedures
  - 2.1 Regional voting is done at two levels, voice vote of members present and a roll call of represented clubs.
  - 2.2 Voice Vote: Election of officers, issues to be presented to the National Board, and routine expenditures from the treasury.
  - 2.3 Roll Call: Selection of Regional Host Sites, as requested on controversial issues, and adoption of regional policies. Roll call votes are limited to clubs in good standing represented at the meeting. Roll call votes are usually by confidential paper ballot.
  - 2.4 Election of Regional Officers: Nomination and election of officers is held annually at the spring meeting. Nominations may be submitted to the President of Regional Association or in person at the meeting. The willingness of the nominee to serve must be assured prior to election.
  - 2.5 Season: The fiscal year as represented by USA Roller Sports, September 1, until August 31 of the following year.
  - 2.6 Selection of Artistic Regional Championship Sites: The regional association is charged with selecting sites for the annual Regional Championships. The selection is done two years in advance to allow proper time for planning and organization. Bids are submitted in writing each year at the Fall meeting. Bids may be submitted for 30 days after the Fall meeting date to the Regional President. Voting for the sites is done at the Spring meeting by confidential paper ballot roll call.
  - 2.7 Selection of Regional Speed Championship Sites: The Eastern Region Speed Coaches Association is charged with the selection of the Eastern Region Speed Regional Championship sites. This selection will be made two seasons in advance at the Fall Meeting of the Eastern Region Speed Coaches Association. The speed coaches' site selection will be presented to the Eastern Region USA Roller Sports Association at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Keystone Speed League will be the responsible party for ensuring proper championship organization and will ensure that all events and procedures set forth by USA Roller Sports are met.

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- 2.8 Standard Agenda: The Regional Association meets twice during the competitive season, once in the fall and then again in the spring. The meetings are generally one to two weeks after the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors meetings. The meetings follows Robert's Rules of Order and the following items are addressed annually at the stated meeting.
- 2.9 Fall Meeting: Receive bids for Regional Championship Sites.
- 2.10 Spring Meeting: Election of Regional Officers, voting and award of Regional Sites.

### 3.0 Voting Rights

A member club in good standing (paid up dues account) may cast one vote per charter on matters that affect that discipline.

### 3.1 Regional Business

All persons present may vote on all Voice Vote issues. Persons in attendance may bring issues to the floor for discussion. Issues presented for a vote require a second to come to a vote.

### 4.0 Standing Officers and Committees

Current Officers Eastern Region USA Roller Sports:

President:	Steven G. Hinkle
Vice President Artistic:	John Heffner
Vice President Speed:	Jim Weiderhold
Treasurer:	Marie McGee
Secretary:	John Patton

### 4.1 Artistic Regional Judges Selection Committee

A standing committee was established for the selection of artistic judges. The selection shall be based on the current year to develop the selection committee.

Chair:	Eastern Regional President
Member:	Eastern Region Vice President, Artistic
Member:	Representative from current host club
Member:	Representative from next year's host club
Member:	President Eastern Region Coaches Association

### 4.3 Eastern Region Awards Dinner Committee (Currently Inactive)

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### 4.4 Evening of Champions Committee

Chair: Allen Bell III  
Member: Anne Wahlig  
Member: Alice Cohen  
Member: Steven G. Hinkle  
Member: Kristen Taylor Kievit  
Member: Debbie Lewis  
Member: Janet Jordan

### 4.5 Frank McHenry Scholarship Committee

Chair: Dottie Walsh  
Member: Allen Bell III  
Member: Carey Elder  
Member: Kristen Taylor Kievit  
Member: Linda Miner  
Member: Marsha Neary

### 4.6 Artistic Coaches Representatives

Elected by Artistic Coaches,

President: Carey Elder  
Vice President: Anne Wahlig  
Treasurer: Avril Pickersgill  
Secretary: Ed Heater

### 4.7 Artistic Officials Upgrade Committee (Approval for B Commission)

Chair : Dottie Walsh  
Member: Carey Elder  
Member: Marie McGee  
Member: Marsha Neary  
Member: Bill Houle

Selected Eastern Region Championship sites:

Artistic: 2006 Holiday Skating Center  
2007 Holiday Skating Center  
2008 Palace Skating Center  
2009 Fantasy Skating Center (If no pair teams – Holiday if pair teams)  
2010 Bids Due at the Eastern Region Fall 2007 Meeting