

NORTHEAST REGION USARS
ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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(CHANGES IN BOLD)

ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION

The organization hereafter constituted shall be known as the Northeast Regional Association of the United States of America Roller Sports and hereafter referred as the NE USARS.

The NE USARS will be comprised of the states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York.

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 Northeast 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. To serve as representative of USARS Board of Directors, if so appointed, and to arbitrate, investigate, make recommendations and find solutions to regional problems.
5. NE USARS shall sponsor, prepare for, and conduct regional championship competitions. The officers of NE USARS shall select qualified officials for regional championships. NE USARS shall work with the host operator(s) within the guidelines set forth per the regional bid form. Each federation is responsible for operating its own regional championship, in coordination with the regional chairperson.
6. NE 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 NE 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. NE 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.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in the Northeast Region shall be restricted to current clubs registered with USARS and within the boundaries of the NE Regional states.
2. Northeast 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.

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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 must designate in writing that the vice president (with proper documentation of being elected in an annual club meeting) or the secretary/treasurer may vote on all affairs to be voted on at a meeting. This vote is contingent, as per the USARS by-laws, that the club must have a minimum of **5** registered qualified amateur memberships.
5. All USARS sanctioned clubs within the region are to be accepted as members of the NE USARS should they petition to join. NE USARS shall collect \$30 association dues per year per club and are due by the first meeting of the year. Invoices shall be mailed with the fall meeting notice. These dues shall be used to defray costs of running the association during the year.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

1. NE 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 previous 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 concerned.
3. A majority number of NE USARS representatives present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at regular or special meetings.

ARTICLE V

GOVERNMENT

1. The power of government shall be vested in an Executive Board of at least **four** members. They shall include an elected: Chairman, Vice-Chairman of Artistic, Vice-Chairman of Speed, and a **Secretary/ Treasurer**
2. Each member of the Executive Board shall serve a term of two years, 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, and shall be comprised of at least one representative from each state, to carry out functions of the association. Any member of any club shall be eligible to serve on such committees, and a member of the Executive Board shall be chairman of each committee. If a member of the Executive Board is not re-elected or resigns, he/she shall continue to serve as the committee chair for one year, to provide a smooth transitional period.
5. If the office of Chairman is vacated, one of the Vice-chairman shall assume that office for the unexpired portion of the term. A vote of the Executive Board shall decide the chairman. An election shall be held to fill the vacant office of Vice-Chairman at the next scheduled meeting. Any other vacancies may be filled in a like manner.

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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 Chairman shall be the principle executive officer of NE USARS and shall in general supervise and control business and affairs. The chairman shall preside at all meetings.
9. The Chairman shall appoint one of the Vice-chairman, in the event of the absence or inability of the Chairman, to perform all duties of the Chairman in or acting.
10. The **Secretary/Treasurer** 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 NE USARS. The **Secretary/Treasurer** shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the NE USARS. In addition, the **Secretary/Treasurer** shall receive and give receipts for all moneys due and payable and deposit all moneys in the name of NE USARS in such banks, trust companies and other depositories as shall be designated.
11. 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 Northeast 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 Northeast Region's request, as an officer, director, employee or agent of another corporation in which the Northeast 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 Northeast 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.