

Speed Skating Policy

Policy Name: Coaching Credential Requirements	Effective Date: October 1, 2010
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Applies to: All Northwest Region Invitationals	See Also:

I. Policy:

All NW Region Speed Skating Coaches must have a current Coaches Certification through USARS at any level 1-4 as shown below. Coaching certification levels and information on registering are available online on the USARS National Office's website at www.usarollersports.org.

II. Levels of USARS Coaching Certification/Credentials:

1. Level 1 Registered Coach
2. Level 2 Certified Coach
3. Level 3 Advanced Coach
4. Level 4 Elite Coach

III. Coaching:

1. Each club must have at least one certified speed skating coach (that will be reflected on the USARS website).
2. Only USARS certified speed skating coaches are allowed on the floor during a competition or invitational meet.
3. Only USARS certified coaches will be allowed and have a vote in the NW/USARS meetings that occur in conjunction with meets.
4. Only USARS certified coaches have the right to protest, etc. at a meet.
5. All certifications must be current and reflected on the USARS website by the first day of the competition that the coach will want to utilize their coaching credentials for.
 - a) Example: Coach Bob has been coaching for Speedy Wheels Speed Club for 5 years, but has never gained USARS coaching credentials. Although Coach Bob may be respected by his skaters and peer coaches; without the proper credentials, Coach Bob will not be allowed on the floor during the meet.
 - b) Example: Coach Bob decides that before he attends the next meet, he should get his USARS coaching credentials. Coach Bob sends in his paperwork, but is not reflected on the website as having a current USARS coaching card. It is Coach Bob's responsibility to contact the National Office and ensure that his name is reflected on the website, prior to the meet in order for him to be able to coach from the floor. If his name is still not reflected on the list as of the first morning of the meet, the Meet Director and other Coaches will have no choice but to not allow Coach Bob on the floor at that meet, as they cannot prove that Coach Bob has actually obtained the proper credentials.

IV. NW/USARS Website

1. NW/USARS will maintain the names of each speed coach, affiliated club, and coaching level on their website for reference of all currently certified speed coaches in the NW Region. This will be updated by the Webmaster one week prior to each competition, or as changes occur.