

Speed Skating Policy

Policy Name: Competitive Hip Numbers	Effective Date: October 1, 2014
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Applies to: All Northwest Region Invitationals	See Also:

I. Policy:

Each skater registered to a Northwest Region Speed Club and competing at competitions or invitationals in the NW Region shall be issued a permanent hip number for all competitions within the region. The hip number will be ordered through the skater's coach. A database consisting of each skater's permanent hip number and the club that they are registered to will be maintained by one of the NW/USARS club officers.

II. Coaches & skaters shall ensure this by:

1. It shall be the responsibility of the Coach to request numbers for new skaters that are registering for the first time for a competition within the Northwest Region.
2. Coaches should request the hip numbers two weeks prior to the first event that the skater is competing in.
3. Keeping track of the skaters permanently assigned hip numbers shall be the responsibility of the skater.
4. Skaters shall affix the hip numbers to the side of their uniform just below their hip.
5. Hip numbers shall be viewable from (at a minimum) the left side of the skater, so that the referees may reference the skater by number from the inside of the track.
6. Skaters shall not trade their hip numbers with another skater or loan their hip numbers to another skater.
7. Skaters are responsible for the cost of the hip numbers and coaches shall be responsible for paying for the hip numbers when requested. Payment must be collected by the skater's coach and be made to NW/USARS prior to hip numbers being sent to that coach for assignment.
8. Skaters will be responsible for the cost of replacement hip numbers, should they lose their permanently assigned set. Hip numbers cannot be replaced at the same assigned number, but will be replaced at the next available number in the NW series.

III. Exceptions to the Hip Number Rule:

- a. Skaters that are visiting from outside of the region will be issued a "visitor number" at the time that they register for the competition. This number will be rented from NW/USARS, and the fee will be refunded when the numbers are returned in good condition. If the numbers are not returned, or are returned in a condition that is not reuseable, the fee will not be refunded, and will be applied toward the replacement of that set of visitor numbers.