**GREAT LAKES REGIONAL USARS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this association shall be “Great Lakes Regional USARS Association.”

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

1. To improve, encourage, and advance artistic, speed and hockey roller skating through

governing all activities within the association’s jurisdiction and to maintain a high standard

of conduct and sportsmanship at all times.

2. To act as liaison between the competitive roller skating clubs and rink operators in any

operation pertaining to competition.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

1. All member clubs of this association must be bona fide members of USARS and located in

the Great Lakes Region.

2. All clubs located within this jurisdiction shall automatically become, and remain active

members as provided by the Constitution and By-laws with payment in advance of charter

fees and dues.

ARTICLE IV – GOVERNMENT

The government of this association shall be vested in an executive committee consisting of two

Board members from each state. All must be active members of USARS and be members of

member clubs.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

The officers of this association shall be Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and

Sergeant-at-Arms. The Secretary and Treasurer may be the same person. All officers must be

members of the USARS and member clubs.

ARTICLE VI –VOTE

Each Board Member, in good standing shall have one vote at any meeting of the association. In the

absence of the Board Member, the delegate representative must have a letter of authorization from

his or her state, to be eligible to vote.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

The executive Committee has the power to form committees for the association’s business.

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ARTICLE VIII – DUES

Dues and assessments of all member states shall be such as the Executive Committee may

recommend. But must be approved my the majority of the member States present.

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

1. Regular and emergency meetings can be called by the Chairperson or Executive Board.

Written notices will be sent to all member States thirty days prior to the meeting.

2. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairperson or Executive Board with a 14 day

notice prior to the meeting. All notices for this meeting must be sent by telegram or

***E-mail*** to all Board Members. If six out of the ten Board Members object to the date, then

a new date must be set with the same rules as above.

ARTICLE XI – EXPULSION

Any member state may be formally accused by written communication from the secretary for:

1. Their failure to live up to the rules and regulations of USARS.

2. Being guilty of conduct injurious to the sport of roller skating.

These accusations shall be referred to the National Headquarters of USARS for further

investigation and action. Accordingly the Great Lakes Regional USARS Association, in turn, will

abide by the decision rendered by the USARS National Headquarters.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the constitution and or By-Laws may be made at all special meetings called for that

purpose. A vote of the majority of the States present will constitute a 2/3 majority for the passing

of any such amendments, provided said amendment is stated in writing to all member States thirty

days prior to the special meeting.

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**GREAT LAKES REGIONAL USARS ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS**

I – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Nominations and election of the Officers serving as the Executive Committee shall be held

at the *Great Lakes* USARS Meeting

2. Officers shall be elected each year at ***the fall quarter meeting***.

II - DUTIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON

1. He/she shall preside at all meetings and shall exercise the usual duties pertaining to the

office of Chairperson throughout the term of office. The Chairperson shall act in the

capacity of the Chairperson of the Executive Board.

2. **The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and or the Secretary/Treasurer shall sign all**

**checks**..

3. The Chairperson shall attend the National Board Meetings and if unable to attend shall

designate a person from the Board to attend in his/her place.

III - DUTIES OF THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON

1. He/she shall assist the Chairperson in his/her duties and have all powers and perform all

duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence.

IV - DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

1. He/she shall keep a record of the minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall send out all

notices of all meetings thirty days prior to the meeting dates, and also be responsible for

other Great Lakes USARS correspondence. The secretary shall remit to the National

Headquarters ***and*** all members of the Great Lakes Regional Board within 30 days of the

meeting with copies of the minutes.

2. He/she shall be responsible for all arrangements for all meetings.

3. He/she shall keep the accounts and financial records of the association. The Sec./Treas.

should have a written, itemized financial statement at each meeting and/or whenever called

upon by the Chairperson or the Executive committee of the financial condition of the

Association.

V - DUTIES OF THE SARGENT-OF-ARMS

1. He/she shall assist the officers in maintaining the orderly conduct of each Association

meeting and shall count the ballots

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***VI- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***

***1. Shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary/treasurer, and Vice-Chairman.***

***2. This committee will resolve issues that arise that need immediate attention.***

***3. Minutes shall be taken and members may be polled for opinions*** *.*

***VII*** - OBJECTIVES

1. To promote competitive roller skating in the Great Lakes Region.

2. To ascertain and report on the facilities for holding the Great Lakes Regional

Championships and to assist in the promoting and preparing for all such Championships.

3. To arbitrate any differences in the Region and to investigate any alleged violations of the

USARS rules.

***VIII*** - ANNUAL AND SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting of the Executive Board and State representatives shall be held in the

***fall quarter of the year***, at a central location for the purpose of selecting a Regional

Championship site for the following year, and for the election of officers for the Executive

committee.

***2. A semi-annual meeting will be held at a time,place, and manner designated by the***

***Chairman when needed****.*

***IX*** - ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Roll Call

2. Reading and approving of previous minutes

3. Treasurer’s report

4. Reports of the Executive committee, officers, special committees, and at the annual meeting

reports of the previous year.

5. Unfinished business

6. New business (including election of officers at the fall meeting)

***X*** - VOTE

1. Each state shall have two votes at all regular and special meetings.

2. A majority vote of all delegates present at any special meeting shall be necessary for the

adoption of any resolution.

3. No member state in arrears of dues shall vote.

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***XI*** - DUES

1. The dues of this Association shall be $0.00 per year and payable on or before the annual

meeting.

2. Any member state in arrears of dues shall not be permitted to vote at regular or special

meetings.

3. No member state will be released from this association, unless all dues to date of written

resignation are paid in full.

***XII -*** REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

1. The committee will consist of one USARS Regional Board member from each state:

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

2. A representative of the Host Site will be on the committee as a consulting member.

3. An advisor member may be appointed ***by*** the Great Lakes USARS Board.

4. Selection of the Regional Championships Meet Director will take place at the annual

Meeting prior to the Championships

***5. The Regional Meet Director must be a certified Meet Director for qualifying***

***Championships and must select/approve all of the officials to see that they hold proper***

***credentials for a qualifying Championship;.***

***6. It is recommended that the Meet Director be a member of the Regional Board or a past***

***member of the Board*.**

**7. *At the Great Lakes Regional Championships to control expenses a stipend, not to exceed***

***the cost paid for the officials), determined by the Board, should be assigned to those***

***members working the meet to be used toward their lodging during the championship.***

***Each Board member will be in charge of finding their own lodging during the***

***championship.***

***XII - SPECIAL FUNDING***

***The Regional Board the majority vote of the members may approve funding for:***

***1. Educational Seminars***

***a. To be held in the Great Lakes Region.***

***b. The Board must approve the type and content of the educational materials***

***and decided on the funding to get the seminars started*** .

***c. The Seminar Committee should have a Board Member from the State where***

***the Seminar is being held to work with the organizers*** .

***d. At the completion of the seminar the amount provided for the seminar, minus***

***expenses and any excess funds shall be returned to the Board within 30 days***

***of the conclusion of the Seminar.***

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***2. World Team Skater Funding***

***The Regional Board, based on funds from the Great Lakes Regional Speed and Figure Meet,***

***with a majority vote of the members, may approve funds to assist with travel to the World Meets.***

***This vote will be taken at the annual meeting. The skater(s) must meet the following***

***requirements***:

***a Not have funding from the USA-RS National Office***

***b. Must be a member in good standing of a Club in the Great Lakes Region.***

***c. Must be a resident of one of the States in the Great Lakes Region.***

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