

Midwest Points Series 2025-2026

(MPS)

Information and By-laws

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Official Midwest Points Series Rules:

General Information:

Entry Fees:

\$25.00 1st event.... \$10.00 each additional event

** All entry fees must be paid prior to the first event at the start of the meet.

Invitational Fees:

\$45.00 1st event....\$20.00 each additional event \$100 Cap

Scratches must be turned in 24 hours prior to meet, otherwise skaters will still be charged for each event they are registered in. Entries received 6 or more hours after the registration deadline will be assessed a \$25 fee per athlete.

All athletes are required to wear a helmet cover for officiating, and scoring purposes; MPS will have them available for visiting skaters. In lieu of borrowing helmet covers from the MPS league, teams may elect to have custom helmet covers made (3" white or black numbers - MPS to provide guidance as to requirements) It is the athletes responsibility to wear the correct helmet cover number assigned to them at all MPS events. Should the athlete lose their helmet cover, a replacement fee of \$15 will be assessed for each missing helmet cover.

Admission Fees:

- Free to all spectators, coaches & Officials.
- For multi-day contests, the rink, at its discretion, may charge a \$5 entry fee, allowing entry to the entire event

Staffing & Basic Guidelines

Officials will be standing & rolling. Lead Track Official may stand or roll.

- Competition Manager, Race Analyst, Lead Placement and Race Marshall
- Track Officials including 1 lead track Official
 - 100 to 124 skaters – 4 Officials
 - 125 to 200 skaters – 5 Officials
 - 201 or more skaters – 6 Officials
- Race events shall not have more than 8 skaters on the starting line (2 on back line)
- When there are 3 or more heats, semi-finals must be skated. (exception is Short distance)
- Any race with less than 3 skaters may be combined with other races.
- Individual Age Group skaters may skate their division, and challenge up 1 division.
 - Scheduling adjustments are not always possible, and may result in challenge up skaters skating back-to-back races.
- Division and Relay distances may be cut to conserve time.
- MPS will not turn a final into heats with additions the day of the meet.
- Lap rule will be in effect for all heats.
- Long distance will be a rolling start.

Midwest Points Series Award Structure:

The Midwest Point Series will provide awards for all competitions.

Individual Awards:

- Awards will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall placements for Standard, Rookie & Quad divisions.
- Finals for each distance are awarded points toward overall placements as follows - 34 pts 1st place, 21pts 2nd place, 13pts 3rd place, 8pts 4th place, 5pts 5th place, 3pts 6th place.
- Awards will be presented at the conclusion of each MPS meet.
- Every skater that competes, but does not place, will receive 1 point added to their year end points.
- A record will be kept of points received by each skater to be applied to year end point totals
- At the conclusion of each MPS season, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall awards will be presented to skaters based on accumulated year end point totals. (Minimum meet requirements for overall-5 events - skate 3 , 6 events skate 4)

Team Awards:

- Quad/Inline, Rookie & Standard division all count for overall year end team awards.

Divisions Hosted:

Rookie Inlines,

The Rookie program is a beginner participation program. Once the skater has purchased their competitive card, from any speed skating organization, they will have 3 years of Rookie eligibility. Placing 1st-3rd at the Rookie Showdown, or any Associations Championships, would make the skater ineligible for Rookie participation. A placement in Quads would still allow a skater to compete in Rookie on Inlines. Events may allow Rookie skaters to challenge up to Individual Age Groups at the discretion of the Competition Manager. (See Competition Manager's Flexibility Clause.)

Individual Age Groups Quads.

Individual Age Groups Inlines

Elite Inlines (14 and up) (No Challenge up allowed)

Challenge Up/Down

Individual age groups below the 17-19 year old division are permitted to challenge up no more than one age group for competition, in addition to or in place of, the age division that he/she would normally skate. Individual age groups older than the 17-19 year old division are permitted to challenge down and skate any age division, 17-19 or older, in place of, or in addition to the division he/she would normally skate.

Age/Gender Determination

- (a) All Age Groups, Rookie and Individual, are determined by the age of the skater as of December 31st of the competitive year. Skaters who qualify by age, may skate the age group relays as they choose, but not more than one age group classification or relay classification at the American Roller Speed Skating Championship or Rookie Showdown.
- (b) Gender determination-USRSS follows the rulings of the International Olympic Committee.**See Appendix

Individual Age Groups (Quad and Inline)

There are separate competitive events for males and females in Individual Age Groups.

	Quads	Inlines
5 - 7	200m, 300m, 500m	200m, 300m, 500m
8 & 9	300m, 500m, 700m	300m, 500m, 700m
10 & 11	300m, 500m, 1000m	300m, 500m, 1000m
12 & 13	500m, 700m, 1000m	500m, 700m, 1000m
14 - 16	500m, 1000m, 1500m	500m, 1000m, 1500m
17 - 19	500m, 1000m, 1500m	500m, 1000m, 2000m
20+	500m, 1000m, 1500m	500m, 1000m, 2000m
30+	500m, 700m, 1000m	500m, 1000m, 1500m
40+	300m, 500m, 1000m	500m, 700m, 1000m
50+	300m, 500m, 1000m	500m, 700m, 1000m
60+	300m, 500m, 700m	500m, 700m, 1000m

Time Trial and Elimination Race Age groups

There are separate competitive events for males and females, quad and inline, in Time Trial and Elimination events.

9 and under	100m Time Trial	2000m Elimination
10 - 13	100m Time Trial	3000m Elimination
14 - 17	100m Time Trial	3000m Elimination

18 - 29	100m Time Trial	5000m Elimination
30 +	100m Time Trial	3000m Elimination
40 +	100m Time Trial	3000m Elimination

QIR-6 Rookie Age Groups

There are separate competitive events for males and females in Rookie Age Groups.

The Rookie program is a beginner participation program. Skaters may participate in the Rookie program until they have achieved a placement of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any race in the Rookie Showdown at the USSS American Championships, or 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any Individual Age Group races at the USSS American Championships. Quad and Inline events are separate. Placement in Quads would still allow a skater to compete in Rookie on Inlines. Events may allow Rookie skaters to challenge up to Individual Age Groups at the discretion of the Competition Manager. (See Competition Manager's Flexibility Clause.)

Inlines

R5 & under	200m, 300m, 500m
R6 - 9	300m, 500m, 1000m
R10 - 13	500m, 1000m, 1500m
R14 - 17	500m, 1000m, 1500m
R18 and up	500m, 1000m, 1500m
R30 and up	500m, 1000m, 1500m

2 Person Relay Age Groups

Quads			Inlines		
5 - 9	2 Boy/Girl/Mix	1200m	5 - 9	2 Boy/Girl/Mix	1200m
10 - 12	2 Boy/Girl/Mix	2000m	10 - 12	2 Boy/Girl/Mix	2000m
13 - 16	2 Man/Lady/Mix	2000m	13 - 16	2 Man/Lady/Mix	3000m
17 & older	2 Man/Lady/Mix	2000m	17 & older	2 Man/Lady/Mix	3000m
35 & older	2 Man/Lady/Mix	2000m	35 & older	2 Man/Lady/Mix	2000m
50 & older	2 Man/Lady/Mix	2000m	50 & older	2 Man/Lady/Mix	2000m

3 Person Relay Age Groups

Quads			Inlines		
5 - 9	3 Boy/Girl/Mix	1800m	5 - 9	3 Boy/Girl/Mix	1800m
10 - 12	3 Boy/Girl/Mix	3000m	10 - 12	3 Boy/Girl/Mix	3000m
13 - 16	3 Man/Lady/Mix	3000m	13 - 16	3 Man/Lady/Mix	4500m
17 & older	3 Man/Lady/Mix	3000m	17 & older	3 Man/Lady/Mix	4500m
35 & older	3 Man/Lady/Mix	3000m	35 & older	3 Man/Lady/Mix	3000m
50 & older	3 Man/Lady/Mix	3000m	50 & older	3 Man/Lady/Mix	3000m

Official Midwest Points Series Constitution:

Article 1- Name

The League, here-in-after constituted, shall be known as the Midwest Points Series.

Article 2- Objective

To advance and improve the sport of competitive Roller Skating Team, and the Rink Operators, in any operation concerning competition within the league.

To act as a liaison between the competitive Roller Skating Team, and the skating rink operators, in any operation concerning competition within the league.

Article 3- Membership & Voting Rights

Membership in the MPS shall be open to all registered speed teams.

Each member acting as a representative of a USRSS registered Team, must have a valid USRSS amateur card or a USRSS coaches card.

Only rinks registered with USRSS may host an MPS meet.

For voting rights, each Team must pay a \$25 fee to the MPS. (1 vote per Team)

- Voting rights (\$25 fee) must be paid by the end of the November meet.

Article 4- Suspensions, Expulsions, Reinstatements and Grievances

Code of Conduct With purchase/renewal of their USRSS membership, all members and coaches are considered to have agreed to and signed the Code of Conduct as follows:

By signing this Code of Conduct, I agree to be accountable for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating, participating, and/or vendor representation at a US Roller Speed Skating competition, and shall conform my behavior to the following Code of Conduct:

Not to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any skater, coach, official, vendor, or any other attendee.

Not to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well being of any skater, coach, official, vendor, or any other attendee.

Not to engage in the use of profanity.

I will treat any skater, coach, official, vendor, or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or ability.

I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any skater, coach, official, vendor, or any other attendee.

I will not initiate a disturbance or fight with any skater, coach, official, vendor, or any other attendee.

I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in a US Roller Speed Skating competition, I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

- (a) Verbal warning.
- (b) Written warning.
- (c) Suspension or immediate ejection from a USRSS competition issued by the Lead Track Official or Competition Manager.
- (d) Suspension from multiple USRSS competition issued by the USRSS Board or their designee.
- (e) Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by the USRSS Board or their designee.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Signature

Date

(For Minor Child under the age of 18 As a parent/legal guardian I agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and be accountable for myself and my child.

QIR 36 Suspension and Permanent Exclusion When a USRSS member or SCA coach has been disqualified from an entire competition, the Competition Manager and Lead Track Official, within 5 working days from said meet, will submit a Code of Conduct Violation Report by email to the USRSS Board. The report will contain:

- (a) The name of the member or coach
- (b) Code of Conduct rule infraction.
- (c) All facts and circumstances concerning the disqualification
- (d) Names of any witnesses and their contact information
- (e) Competition Manager and Lead Track Official's recommendation with respect to disqualification, suspension, and/or permanent exclusion from participation in USRSS.

QIR 37 USRSS Review of the Report After receiving such written report, the USRSS Board will hold an informal hearing. The suspended member or coach will be notified that a Code of Conduct infraction has been received, forward copies of said Code of Conduct Infraction and a written notice of hearing to be held by teleconference not less than 30 nor more than 60 days from the USRSS Boards receipt of the written report by the Competition Manager and Lead Track Official.

Grievances

Grievances should be sent, in writing, to all members of the MPS Executive Board. If said grievance is with one of the members of the Executive Board, that member shall be excluded, and the remaining members of the Executive Board shall handle said grievance.

Article 5- League Government

The Administration of this league shall be vested in an Executive Board consisting of: The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant of Arms.

The members of the executive board shall serve a term of two years from September 1st of the year elected to August 31st of the second year and may be re-elected without limitations. President and Vice President voted on odd years , Secretary and Sergeant of Arms even years. Micheal Lackey will stay voted in as Treasurer as long as he is able, At the time of election to office, each officer shall be in good standing with the MPS and to USRSS.

The officers shall be elected by a majority vote, cast by the representatives of each Team present, at the regular meeting of the MPS, to be held each year at the time designated by the President.

If any office of the Executive Board is vacated during the year, a meeting and subsequent election will be held to elect a new officer.

Matters of business shall be voted upon by Team representatives, whether in person or in writing, and majority vote shall prevail.

Registration for each meet shall be required two weeks in advance in writing. Entry fees must be paid at the time of registration, the day of the meet.

Awarding of MPS meets to Teams/Rinks - Bids must be turned in by the end of the last MPS event. The MPS Board will vote, and approve.

Article 6- Limitation of Powers

The articles of the constitution shall be in accordance with, and subject to, US Roller Speed Skating Rules.

On any points of controversy, the US Roller Speed Skating Rules shall prevail.

Article 7-Dissolution of the League

In the event that the Midwest Points Series league shall become dissolved; all funds shall be distributed in accordance with **Article 9.**

Article 8- Disbursement of Money

All entry fees shall be deposited in the Indiana Speed League Account for the Midwest Points Series.

Distribution of moneys is as follows:

- Awards
- Sanction fees to US Roller Speed Skating(\$100 per each rink for whole season)
- General meet expenses
- MPS will pay rinks \$10 (per entered skater) for a full day meet or \$7 (per entered skater) for a half day meet.
- Payment of Officials & Staff of the MPS.

Article 9- Dissolution

If the MPS is dissolved, all funds in the treasury shall be distributed equally between the member Teams of the league the year of the dissolution.

Official Midwest Points Series By-laws:

Article 1- Duties of the Officers

The President shall preside at all meetings and shall exercise the usual duties pertaining to the office of President throughout the term of office. The President shall act in the capacity of Chairman at all MPS meets.

The Vice President shall assist the President in all duties, and in the absence of the President, will assume that role and all of its responsibilities and powers. Will be in charge of obtaining awards for the Midwest Points Series.

The Secretary shall keep a record of the minutes of all meetings and assist in any correspondences as required by the President, for the benefit of the MPS.

The Treasure shall keep the accounts and financial records for the MPS. He/she shall receive all monies, pay all bills, and shall make itemized statements of financial conditions of the MPS, whenever called upon by the President of MPS, or Team representatives.

The Sergeant of Arms shall keep order at all meetings. If other board members, or meeting attendees, are disruptive, the sergeant may warn them and, in extreme cases, eject them from the meeting.

Article 2- Duties & Powers of the Executive Board

The MPS Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant of Arms.

The MPS Executive Board shall enforce the Constitution, By-laws, rules, and regulations of the MPS.

The MPS Executive Board shall review all written complaints, and act on the same.

Article 3- Committees

The President shall appoint the Chairman of Committees, and any Members of Committees, subject to the approval by the Executive Board.

The President may remove any member of any committee, for cause, subject to the approval by the Executive board.

Article 4- Meetings

Speed Meetings may be called by the President, for consideration of specific business, with 2/3 member Teams present.

Election of Executive Board members, and Committee members, shall be held at the annual meeting of the MPS, to be held prior to the first event of the new season.

Article 5 - Amendments

These By-laws shall only be amended by a majority vote consisting of a minimum of 2/3 registered Teams in good standing with the MPS.