

CONSTITUTION
OF
THE OHIO SKATING ASSOCIATION

AS OF NOVEMBER 21, 2010

ARTICLE I

NAME

THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE KNOWN AS: THE OHIO SKATING ASSOCIATION (OSA).

ARTICLE II

POWERS

THE OSA HAS THE CONTROL OVER ICE SPEEDSKATING IN THE STATE OF OHIO THROUGH POWER INVESTED U.S. SPEEDSKATING.

ARTICLE III

OBJECTIVES

THE OSA IS ORGANIZED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL, INCLUDING, FOR SUCH PURPOSES, THE MAKING OF DISTRIBUTIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT QUALIFY AS EXAMPT ORGANIZATIONS UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954 (OR CORRESPONDING PROVISION OF ANY FUTURE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE LAW). THE OBJECTIVES OF THE OSA SHALL BE TO ENCOURAGE, ADVANCE, IMPROVE, AND CONTROL AMATEUR ICE SPEEDSKATING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES, THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF OHIO.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIPS

SECTION 1. *ANY INDIVIDUAL RESIDING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND INTERESTED IN ICE SPEEDSKATING MAY BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS ASSOCIATION BY, PAYING DUES AND, IF COMPETING, FURNISHING SATISFACTORY PROOF OF AGE. SUCH MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES HIM OR HER TO ALL BENEFITS OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND UNLESS RESTRICTED, TO COMPETE IN SANCTIONED CONTESTS HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THIS ASSOCIATION, U.S. SPEEDSKATING OR ANY OF ITS ASSOCIATIONS.*

SECTION 2. *IF ANY MEMBER CLUB OF THIS ASSOCIATION BECOMES INACTIVE, OR THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE SKATERS SHALL NUMBER LESS THAN FIVE SKATERS, ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL, IN THE DISCRETION OF TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL, CEASE. CLUBS CAN BE REINSTATED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE.*

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS WITH ANNUAL DUES AS SPECIFIED:

A. CLUB MEMBERSHIP - DUES SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

B. INDIVIDUAL CLUB SKATER AND OFFICIALS - DUES SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

C. INDIVIDUAL SKATER, UNATTACHED - DUES SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

D. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES MEMBER TO A VOICE AT ANY DULY CALLED MEETING OF THIS ASSOCIATION. THEY SHALL BE SPECIFICALLY NOTIFIED OF THE ANNUAL MEETING WHERE THERE IS A COMBINATION OF MEMBERSHIPS. DUES SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

E. LIFETIME MEMBERS IN U.S. SPEEDSKATING THROUGH THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A MEMBER OF THE OSA WILL BE LIFETIME MEMBERS OF THE OSA.

F. PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE OSA SHALL BE GRANTED LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IN THE OSA.

SECTION 4. FINAL DECISION IN ALL QUESTIONS ARISING IN REGARD TO MEMBERSHIPS SHALL REST WITH THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

SECTION 5. DUES.

A. ANNUAL DUES OF EACH MEMBER CLUB SHALL BE PAYABLE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE THAT THE ASSOCIATION DUES ARE PAYABLE TO U.S. SPEEDSKATING (INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO JOIN DIRECTLY WITH U.S. SPEEDSKATING).

B. IF DUES OF ANY MEMBER CLUB ARE UNPAID ONE MONTH AFTER DUE DATE, THE CLUB SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED; AND IF UNPAID BY JANUARY 1, THE BOARD OF CONTROL SHALL MEET TO DETERMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPULSION FROM THE ASSOCIATION. MEMBER CLUBS IN ARREARS ON DUES SHALL HAVE NO VOTE.

SECTION 6. A CLUB MEMBER DESIRING TO TRANSFER HIS/HER MEMBERSHIP FROM ONE ACTIVE CLUB TO ANOTHER OF THIS ASSOCIATION AFTER THE SKATER HAS BEEN REGISTERED IN A MEMBER CLUB FOR ANY ONE SKATING SEASON, SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF THIS ASSOCIATION IN WRITING OF HIS/HER INTENTION. SUCH TRANSFERRING SKATER SHALL SKATE UNATTACHED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON OR UNTIL JUNE 1.

SECTION 7. A NEW CLUB MAY BE ADMITTED TO THIS ASSOCIATION BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL. A NEW CLUB MAY BE ADMITTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. IT MUST MAKE WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE OSA CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. ITS NAME.**
- 2. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND A MINIMUM OF TEN ACTIVE SKATERS.**
- 3. REASON WHY MEMBERSHIP IS DESIRED.**
- 4. CLUB LOCATION AND MAILING ADDRESS.**
- 5. TENTATIVE CLUB COLORS.**
- 6. CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.**

B. THE NEW CLUBS SHALL BE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THIRTY DAYS.

C. OBJECTIONS TO THEIR ADMISSION MUST BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE OSA WITHIN THIS THIRTY DAY PERIOD.

D. NEW CLUBS ADMITTED TO THE ASSOCIATION LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING SHALL HAVE NO VOTE AT THAT MEETING.

SECTION 8. ALL MEMBER CLUBS SHALL HAVE INDIVIDUAL AUTONOMY AND AUTHORITY WITHIN THIS ASSOCIATION IN MATTERS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION AND PROCUREMENT OF COACHES, PRACTICES, WORKOUTS, ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS, ISSUES PERTAINING TO CLUB BY-LAWS, MEMBERSHIP TO THE CLUB, AND ADMISSION TO ANY AND ALL ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY SAID CLUB, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ICE PRACTICES, TRAINING, AND MANAGEMENT OF EQUIPMENT INDIVIDUALLY OWNED BY THE CLUB SO LONG AS THE ACTIONS OF THAT CLUB ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, CONSTITUTION, AND BY-LAWS OF THE OSA AND U.S. SPEEDSKATING. CLUBS SHALL ALSO HAVE SOLE DISCRETION AND AUTHORITY TO REFUSE CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND/OR ADMISSION TO CLUB SPONSORED ACTIVITIES AT ANY TIME, TO ANY SKATER OR INDIVIDUAL, WITHOUT REGARD TO CLUB AFFILIATION AND REGARDLESS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THIS ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE V

GOVERNMENT

THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE VESTED IN THE BOARD OF CONTROL; THE PRESIDENT, AND IN HIS/HER ABSENCE THE VICE PRESIDENT, SHALL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL CONSIST OF AN ELECTED PRESIDENT, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, AND TREASURER, AND AN APPOINTED SECRETARY..

ARTICLE VII

BOARD OF CONTROL

THE BOARD OF CONTROL SHALL BE COMPOSED OF TWO (2) MEMBER DELEGATES DULY ELECTED BY EACH ACTIVE CLUB. EACH CLUB MAY ALSO BE REPRESENTED BY A MAXIMUM OF FIVE ALTERNATE DELEGATES,

ARTICLE VIII

CODE OF CONDUCT

U.S. SPEEDSKATING'S CODE OF CONDUCT SHALL BE ADOPTED BY THE OSA.

ARTICLE IX

RULINGS

THE RULINGS AND SUSPENSIONS OF ALL THE ASSOCIATIONS THAT BELONG TO U.S. SPEEDSKATING WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY THIS ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE X

SANCTIONS

SECTION 1. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ICE CHAMPIONSHIP SANCTIONS WILL BE GRANTED ONLY BY U.S. SPEEDSKATING.

SECTION 2. THE BOARD OF CONTROL SHALL HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OF SANCTIONS OTHER THAN THOSE ISSUED BY U.S. SPEEDSKATING, AND SHALL PROVIDE OFFICIALS FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND OTHER OSA MEETS.

SECTION 3. ALL MEETS, EXHIBITIONS, BENEFITS, ENTERTAINMENTS, AND CONTESTS OF ANY KIND WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS ASSOCIATION, WHERE MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION COMPETE OR EXHIBIT MUST BE SANCTIONED, EXCEPT WHERE THE SAME ARE HELD BY A CLUB WHOSE MEMBERS ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THE ENTRIES ARE CONFINED TO THE MEMBERS OF SAID CLUB.

SECTION 4. ALL PROGRAMS AND ENTRY BLANKS PERTAINING TO A SANCTIONED MEET MUST CARRY THIS NOTICE:

"SANCTIONED BY THE OSA"

SECTION 5. THE BOARD OF CONTROL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVOKE OR CANCEL ANY SANCTIONED MEET AFTER ISSUE.

SECTION 6. IN NO MEET, GAME, ENTERTAINMENT, OR EXHIBITION SANCTIONED BY THE ASSOCIATION SHALL AN ENTRY BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THE ENTRANT HAS A MEMBER CARD OF REGISTRATION CERTIFYING THAT HE IS ELEGIBLE TO COMPETE.

SECTION 7. THE RECIPIENT OF A SANCTION IS OBLIGED TO SEE THAT ALL SKATERS ARE PROPERLY REGISTERED FOR SAID MEET, AND MUST PREVENT ALL SKATERS NOT PROPERLY REGISTERED FROM COMPETING.

SECTION 8. THE RECIPIENT OF A SANCTION SHALL CORRESPOND TO THE SECRETARY OF THE OSA ALL MATTERS OF RECORD OF THE MEET, AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL SKATERS, WINNERS, EVENTS, AND TIME OF EACH RACE.

SECTION 9. THE BOARD OF CONTROL WILL DETERMINE THE RATE FOR SANCTION FEES. NO SANCTION FEE SHALL BE CHARGED FOR ANY CONTEST HELD IN PARKS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WHERE NO ADMISSION IS CHARGED.

SECTION 10. NO PERSON SHALL HOLD A CONTEST, GAME, EXHIBITION OR ENTERTAINMENT UNDER THE NAME OF THIS ASSOCIATION WITHOUT THE SANCTION OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

SECTION 11. ANY SKATER KNOWINGLY PARTICIPATING IN AN UNSANCTIONED MEET OR RACE OUTSIDE YOUR CLUB SHALL BE SUSPENDED FOR A LENGTH OF TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL, AND SHOULD THE BOARD SEE FIT, BE EXPELLED FROM THE ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE XI

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL WILL BE HELD AT LEAST TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SPRING BOARD MEETING OF U.S. SPEEDSKATING, AT WHICH MEETING THE MEMBERS WILL ELECT A PRESIDENT, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER. THE ELECTION SHALL BE BY BALLOT, AND SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY OF ALL VOTES CAST TO ENTITLE THEM TO ELECTION. SUCH DULY ELECTED OFFICERS SHALL CONTINUE IN OFFICE FOR TWO YEARS, OR UNTIL SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN ELECTED. IN EVENT OF DEATH, RESIGNATION, OR INABILITY TO PERFORM DUTIES OF ANY OFFICER OF THIS ASSOCIATION THE BOARD OF CONTROL SHALL ELECT A SUCCESSOR WITHIN 30 DAYS.

SECTION 2. THE PRESIDENT, UPON HIS/HER ELECTION, SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.

SECTION 3. NO ELECTED OFFICER MAY SERVE MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE FULL TERMS IN THE SAME OFFICE.

SECTION 4. ANY MEMBER OF THIS ASSOCIATION IN GOOD STANDING MAY BE ELECTED TO OFFICE.

SECTION 5. THE PRESIDENT, AND IN HIS/HER ABSENCE THE VICE PRESIDENTS IN ORDER OF SUCCESSION, SHALL ACT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL. ALL OFFICERS SHALL BE PRIVILEGED TO SIT WITH THE BOARD OF CONTROL, AND TAKE PART IN ITS DELIBERATION, BUT SHALL HAVE NO VOTE UNLESS THEY ALSO ARE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL BY VIRTUE OF ELECTION BY AN ACTIVE CLUB.

SECTION 6. IN THE EVENT THE PRESIDENT, OR PRESIDING OFFICER, IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL, HE SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO CAST THE DECIDING VOTE IN CASE OF A TIE VOTE.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. THE CONSTITUTION AND/OR BY-LAWS OF THIS ASSOCIATION MAY BE AMENDED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

SECTION 2. ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL SHALL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING BY THE SECRETARY, OF SUCH PROPOSED AMENDMENT AT LEAST TEN DAYS PRIOR TO A MEETING AT WHICH THE AMENDMENT IS TO BE CONSIDERED.

SECTION 3. ALL AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY TO U.S. SPEEDSKATING FOR DETERMINATION OF NON-CONFLICT WITH U.S. SPEEDSKATING'S BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE XIII

CORPORATE CONDUCT

NO PART OF THE NEW EARNINGS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTED TO ITS MEMBERS, TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PRIVATE PERSONS, EXCEPT THAT THE CORPORATION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO PAY REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE THREE HEREOF. NO SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE THE CARRYING ON OF PROPAGANDA, OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION, AND THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN, OR INTERVENE IN (INCLUDING THE PUBLISHING OR DISTRIBUTION OF STATEMENTS) ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THESE ARTICLES, THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT CARRY ON ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON (A) BY CORPORATION EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954 (OR THE CORRESPONDING PROVISION OF ANY FUTURE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE LAW) OR (B) BY A CORPORATION, CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH ARE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170(C)(2) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954 (OR THE CORRESPONDING PROVISION OF ANY FUTURE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE LAW).

ARTICLE XIV

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

UPON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION, THE BOARD OF CONTROL SHALL, AFTER PAYING OR MAKING PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL OF THE LIABILITIES OF THE CORPORATION DISPOSE OF ALL OF THE ASSETS OF THE CORPORATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION IN SUCH MANNER, OR TO SUCH ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AS SHALL AT THE TIME QUALIFY AS AN EXEMPT ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954 (OR THE CORRESPONDING PROVISION OF ANY FUTURE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE LAW), AS THE BOARD OF CONTROL SHALL DETERMINE. ANY SUCH ASSETS NOT SO DISPOSED OF SHALL BE DISPOSED OF BY THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION IS THEN LOCATED, EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUCH PURPOSE OR TO SUCH ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS, AS SAID COURT SHALL DETERMINE, WHICH ARE ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

BY-LAWS OF THE OHIO SKATING ASSOCIATION (OSA)

ARTICLE I

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. THE PRESIDENT OF THIS ASSOCIATION, OR IN HIS/HER ABSENCE, THE VICE PRESIDENTS IN ORDER OF SUCCESSION, SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS AND EXERCISE THE USUAL FUNCTIONS OF A PRESIDING OFFICER. HE MAY AUTHORIZE THE CALL OF ALL REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES, APPROVE ALL BILLS, AND SIGN ALL OFFICIAL WRITINGS.

SECTION 2. THE OFFICERS OF THE OSA (PRESIDENT, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER) SHALL FORM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF THE OSA WITH THE POWER TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL BETWEEN MEETINGS ON DAY TO DAY MATTERS. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE FULL BOARD OF CONTROL ON MAJOR OSA MATTERS PRIOR TO DECISIONS, AND MAY NOT ALTER THE BY-LAWS WITHOUT THE ACTION OF THE FULL BOARD. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE ALL REASONABLE EFFORTS TO COMMUNICATE ALL MATTERS THEY DECIDE TO THE FULL BOARD OF CONTROL WITHIN 5 DAYS, EITHER VIA MAIL, FAX OR E-MAIL.

SECTION 3. THE PRESIDENT, WITH APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL, SHALL APPOINT REFEREES, STARTERS, CHIEF JUDGES, COMPETITOR STEWARDS, TIMERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

SECTION 4. THE SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL. HE/SHE SHALL NOTIFY ALL MEMBERS OF THE DIFFERENT BODIES OF ALL MEETINGS, SHALL NOTIFY THE DELEGATES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ALL MEETINGS THEREOF, AND SHALL CONDUCT ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

THE OTHER DUTIES OF THE OSA SECRETARY SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- A. DISTRIBUTE A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF ALL MEETINGS TO EACH CLUB.
- B. TO KEEP RECORDS OF THE SKATING RECORDS BROKEN IN SANCTIONED OPEN AND CLOSED OSA MEETS.
- C. MAKE PROVISIONS TO DISTRIBUTE A PROTOCOL FOR ALL MEETS SANCTION BY THIS ASSOCIATION.
- D. ASSUME ONLY THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS SET FORTH ABOVE.
- E. UPON APPOINTMENT OF A NEW SECRETARY, THE RETIRING SECRETARY SHALL TURN OVER TO HIS/HER SUCCESSOR ALL PAPERS AND RECORDS PERTAINING TO HIS/HER OFFICE AND TO THE ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 5. THE TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL KEEP THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ASSOCIATION, RECEIVE ALL MONEY, PAY ALL BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY, AND MAINTAIN PROPER VOUCHERS TO SUPPORT ALL PAYMENTS. HE/SHE SHALL SUBMIT AT EACH MEETING OF THE OSA AN INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE ASSOCIATION. HE/SHE SHALL, WHENEVER REQUIRED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL, SUBMIT AND TURN OVER TO SAID BOARD ALL MONEY, ACCOUNT BOOKS, PAPERS,

VOUCHERS, AND RECORDS PERTAINING TO HIS/HER OFFICE AND TO THE ASSOCIATION, AND SHALL TURN THE SAME OVER TO HIS/HER SUCCESSOR WHEN ELECTED. HE SHALL BE BONDED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ASSOCIATION, IF SO DESIRED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL. THE TREASURER, IN ADDITION TO OTHER POWERS OUTLINED HEREIN, SHALL MONITOR THE BALANCE(S) OF ALL ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL ACCOUNT(S) INCLUDING THE ASSOCIATION'S OPERATING ACCOUNT. THE TREASURER SHALL STOP ANY DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE ASSOCIATION'S OPERATING ACCOUNT AND IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL WHEN THE BALANCE OF SAID OPERATING ACCOUNT FALLS BELOW A MINIMUM BALANCE REQUIREMENT OF \$7,500.00 OR OTHER MINIMUM BALANCE AS DEFINED BY AND VOTED UPON BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

SECTION 6. THE OFFICERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION (DEFINED AS THE PRESIDENT, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER) SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE, AT ALL TIMES TO UPHOLD, ADHERE TO, AND ENFORCE THE OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPLES, POLICIES, AND MANDATES SET FORTH IN THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF U.S. SPEEDSKATING.

ARTICLE II

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

SECTION 1. THE BOARD OF CONTROL SHALL HAVE THE POWER AND CONTROL OF ALL OF THE PROPERTY, ASSETS, AND EFFECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 2. THE BOARD OF CONTROL SHALL MAKE OR AUTHORIZE ALL NECESSARY CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES BUT SHALL HAVE NO POWER TO RENDER THE ASSOCIATION OR ANY MEMBER LIABLE FOR ANY DEBT IN EXCESS OF MONEY ON HAND.

SECTION 3. THE BOARD OF CONTROL SHALL HAVE FULL POWER TO DECIDE ALL QUESTIONS NOT GOVERNED OR DETERMINED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

SECTION 4. THE ASSOCIATION'S OPERATING ACCOUNT SHALL NOT SHOW A FINAL BALANCE BELOW \$7,500.00 ON ANY MONTHLY STATEMENT. SHOULD THE FINAL BALANCE OF ANY MONTHLY STATEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION'S OPERATING ACCOUNT FALL BELOW THE MINIMUM BALANCE REQUIREMENT OF \$7,500.00 OR OTHER MINIMUM BALANCE REQUIREMENT AS DEFINED BY AND VOTED UPON BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL OR UPON NOTIFICATION OF SAME BY THE ASSOCIATION'S TREASURER, THE BOARD OF CONTROL SHALL ALSO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER SPENDING OR OTHERWISE INCURRING DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE BOARD OF CONTROL IS ADVISED THAT THE BALANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S OPERATING ACCOUNT EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM BALANCE REQUIREMENT OF \$7,500.00. THE BOARD OF CONTROL MAY MODIFY, ADJUST AND REVIEW THE STATED MINIMUM BALANCE REQUIREMENT AS NEEDED AND UPON VOTE TAKEN BY SAID BOARD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OR AT ANY OTHER PROPERLY CALLED MEETING FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FORMER PROVISIONS, THE BOARD OF CONTROL MAY AUTHORIZE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS OR THE INCURRING OF DEBT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION AND/OR DIRECT THE TREASURER TO DISBURSE FUNDS OR INCUR DEBT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION WHEN THE BALANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S OPERATING ACCOUNT FALLS BELOW \$7,500.00 OR OTHER MINIMUM BALANCE REQUIREMENT AS SET FORTH BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL UPON THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF FOUR-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

SECTION 1. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OSA WILL BE HELD AT LEAST TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SPRING MEETING OF U.S. SPEEDSKATING AT A LOCATION TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE PRESIDENT. EACH ACTIVE MEMBER CLUB WILL SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY OF THIS ASSOCIATION, AT OR PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING, A LIST OF BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS FOR THAT CLUB ALONG WITH CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THOSE DELEGATES.

SECTION 2. AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OSA, THE SECRETARY SHALL MAKE A FULL REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR, IF REQUESTED TO DO SO BY THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 3. AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OSA, THE TREASURER SHALL PRESENT AN INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT.

SECTION 4. A SPECIAL MEETING OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE CALLED WHENEVER THE PRESIDENT SHALL BE REQUESTED TO CALL ONE BY THE WRITTEN PETITION OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBER CLUBS. SUCH FORMAL REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL MEETING SHALL BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION, SETTING FORTH THE REASONS FOR THE MEETING. UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH WRITTEN REQUEST, THE SPECIAL MEETING SHALL BE CALLED, USING BEST EFFORTS TO HOLD WITHIN A MAXIMUM OF TEN DAYS THEREAFTER.

SECTION 5. NOTICE OF EACH ANNUAL MEETING OR SPECIAL MEETING SHALL BE CONVEYED AT LEAST FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING OF ALL OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL AND DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION. REASONABLE EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO NOTIFY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE OSA.

SECTION 6. AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL, 50% OF MEMBERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM. THE MEMBERS MAY PHYSICALLY BE PRESENT OR IN ATTENDANCE BY ELECTRONIC MEDIUM, consistent with Ohio State Law, SUCH AS TELEPHONE OR WEB CONFERENCE CALL EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW. DURING THE TIMES LISTED BELOW ALL MEMBERS MUST PHYSICALLY BE PRESENT TO BE COUNTED AS IN ATTENDANCE.

- ANY MEETING WHERE A CHANGE TO THIS DOCUMENT IS being voted on
- ANY MEETING INVOLVING THE ELECTION AND / OR REMOVAL OF OFFICERS
- IF A BOC MEMBER WISHES TO PARTICIPATE USING ELECTRONIC MEDIUM, 7 DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN TO THE OSA SECRETARY.

ARTICLE IV

VOTING RIGHTS

SECTION 1. VOTING RIGHTS SHALL ACCRUE TO EACH MEMBER CLUB OF THIS ASSOCIATION ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS:

A. LESS THAN FIVE (5) ACTIVE SKATERSNO VOTE

B. MORE THAN FOUR (4) BUT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY (20) ACTIVE SKATERS1 VOTE

C. MORE THAN TWENTY (20) ACTIVE SKATERS2 VOTES

SECTION 2. AN ACTIVE SKATER IS ONE WHO PARTICIPATES IN ACTIVE COMPETITION IN A SANCTIONED MEET.

SECTION 3. MARCH 1ST SHALL BE THE DATE FOR DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE SKATERS ENROLLED IN EACH OF THE MEMBER CLUBS.

SECTION 4. PAST PRESIDENTS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AUTOMATICALLY WILL BECOME DELEGATES-AT-LARGE AND COLLECTIVELY WILL BE ENTITLED TO ONE (1) VOTE.

ARTICLE V

BUSINESS

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AT ALL MEETINGS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: ROLL CALL, READING OF THE MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, UNFINISHED BUSINESS, REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMUNICATIONS, NEW BUSINESS, AND AT THE ANNUAL MEETING EVERY TWO YEARS, ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

ARTICLE VI

CONDUCT

ANY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WHOSE CONDUCT SHALL BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE INTERESTS OF THE ASSOCIATION MAY BE SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL, PROVIDING CHARGES ARE PRESENTED IN WRITING AND PROVEN.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

THE PRESIDENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL, SHALL AT THE ANNUAL MEETING APPOINT THE CHAIRMAN AND ALL COMMITTEES AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

ARTICLE XI

FINANCE AND AUDITING COMMITTEE

THE BOARD OF CONTROL SHALL, AT ANY TIME, HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVIEW, OR REQUEST AN AUDIT AND REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ASSOCIATION. ALL MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION IN GOOD STANDING ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A FULL AND ACCURATE COPY OF ANY FINANCIAL REPORTS, AUDITS OR REVIEWS CONDUCTED BY THIS ASSOCIATION UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE PRESIDENT. AN EXTERNAL AUDIT SHALL TAKE PLACE EVERY TWO YEARS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION'S FISCAL YEAR, TO COINCIDE WITH THE ELECTION YEAR OF THE OFFICERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE VIII

SPEEDSKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE ASSOCIATION WILL SANCTION ANNUAL STATE SHORT TRACK AND/OR LONG TRACK RACE MEETS FOR ICE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE STATE OF OHIO, WITH THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE MEET TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL. CURRENT RACING RULES OF U.S. SPEEDSKATING WILL BE ENFORCED IN ALL SANCTIONED CHAMPIONSHIP AND OPEN RACES.

ARTICLE IX

SCORING CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

SECTION 1. WHEN A PRIZE IS GIVEN AT A CHAMPIONSHIP MEET FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF POINTS, POINTS FOR EACH FINAL EVENT SHALL BE DETERMINED TO CONFORM WITH THE FORMAT OF THE MEET.

SECTION 2. THE SKATER HAVING THE GREATEST NUMBER OF POINTS AT THE COMPLETION OF THE SCHEDULED EVENTS SHALL BE THE CHAMPION.

SECTION 3. EVERY EFFORT SHALL BE MADE TO CORRESPOND THE EVENTS FOR EACH CLASS OF SKATERS TO THE APPROVED EVENTS FOR EACH AGE GROUP AS APPROVED BY U.S. SPEEDSKATING. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE, THE HIGHER PLACED SKATER IN THE THIRD EVENT OF THE MEET WILL BE RANKED AHEAD OF THE OTHER SKATER.

ARTICLE X

AGE CLASSIFICATION

SECTION 1. AGE CLASSIFICATIONS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE SET BY U.S. SPEEDSKATING. THESE AGE CLASSIFICATIONS MAY BE MODIFIED TO CONFORM WITH THE PROCEDURES OF THE MEET.

SECTION 2 . RECOGNIZED SKATING DIVISIONS

A. THE ASSOCIATION SHALL RECOGNIZE TWO DIVISIONS OF SKATERS:

1. REGISTERED DIVISION "A" SKATERS
2. REGISTERED "B" SKATERS

B. A REGISTERED "A" SKATER SHALL BE PROPERLY REGISTERED WITH THE OSA AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO POSSESS SKATING ABILITY EQUAL TO THAT FOUND NORMALLY IN INTER-ASSOCIATION COMPETITION AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED THE MOST ADVANCED DIVISION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

C. A REGISTERED "B" SKATER SHALL BE PROPERLY REGISTERED WITH THE OSA AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS A BEGINNER SKATER, EITHER CLUB MEMBER OR UNATTACHED, WHOSE SKATING ABILITY HAS NOT BEEN PROVEN IN INTRA-ASSOCIATION COMPETITION.

D. A REGISTERED "B" SKATER MAY COMPETE WITHIN THEIR DIVISION EITHER AS PART OF A SANCTIONED OSA MEET, PROVIDING THE SPONSOR HAS SCHEDULED SUCH EVENTS, OR IN AN INDEPENDENT NON-SANCTIONED MEET.

E. A REGISTERED "B" SKATER SHALL ADVANCE TO THE DIVISION OF A REGISTERED "A" SKATER BY:

- 1. REQUESTING A CHANGE IN HIS/HER REGISTRATION DIVISION.**
- 2. OBTAINING A POINT IN AN ADVANCED DIVISION "A" RACE SANCTIONED BY ANY ASSOCIATION OF U.S. SPEEDSKATING.**
- 3. SCORING THE LARGEST TOTAL OF POINTS IN HIS/HER AGE CLASSIFICATION AS A RESULT OF INTRA-CLUB OR ASSOCIATION COMPETITION SANCTIONED BY THE OSA IN ANY ONE SKATING SEASON.**

F. THE SECRETARY OF THE MAY PRESENT THE TOTAL POINT SCORE OF ALL REGISTERED "B" SKATERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION AND MAY NOTIFY ALL HIGH POINT WINNERS, THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE CLUBS, OF THEIR CHANGE IN DIVISION AFTER APPROVAL OF SUCH CHANGES BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

G. A DIVISION "A" SKATER WHO FAILS TO EARN ONE (1) OSA POINT IN SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS AFTER A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS MAY RETURN TO REGISTERED "B" DIVISION PROVIDING THE TWO (2) YEARS HAVE BEEN SPENT IN THE SAME CLASS.

H. PEE WEE AND TOT WHO ARE REGISTERED WITH THE OSA, WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS REGISTERED "B" DIVISION SKATERS.

I. A REGISTERED SKATER MAY NOT FORSAKE THE STATE LONG TRACK OR STATE SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ANOTHER ASSOCIATION MEET, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION, WITHOUT FIRST HAVING RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE OSA.

SECTION 3. ADVANCEMENT IN SKATER CLASSIFICATION

A. WHEN FEWER THAN FOUR (4) SKATERS IN A CLASS ARE PARTICIPATING IN A MEET WITH ONLY OSA SKATERS, THE MEET DIRECTOR MAY ADVANCE THESE SKATERS TO THE NEXT HIGHER CLASSIFICATION.

B. IF MORE THAN SIX(6) SKATERS ARE IN A CLASS, BECAUSE OF ADVANCING SKATERS FROM A LOWER CLASS, ALL SKATERS MUST QUALIFY EQUALLY FOR EACH FINAL EVENT.

C. IN FINAL EVENTS, SKATERS WILL BE GIVEN POINTS AND SCORED ACCORDING TO THEIR NORMAL OSA REGISTERED AGE CLASSIFICATION. THIS WILL INSURE THE SKATER'S NORMAL AGE CLASS FOR INTERSECTIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITION.