

## **NATIONALS**

At the 2010 National Championships Speed Branch AGM a lot of voting was done

By CLUB Reps. (I voted on behalf of Morley).

Firstly, we voted on changing the Points system so as all States competing have a chance at winning the Nationals regardless of the number of skaters on the team.

Eg : SA (6) and NSW (7).

The new points system is now worked per capita for the Overall points.

“Put simply, if a team scored 194 points with a team of 26 athletes, their

Overall points score would be  $194/26=7.46$  points (x100 if you like, so that tallies sound suitably worthy of announcement, therefore 746 points. A well-performed smaller team then, with 8 skaters, could score 68 points and have their overall be  $62/8=7.75$  (x100) =775 and be ahead of the 26-member team on the overall leaderboard.

Add to the above figures an ‘overall points system’ guideline that “any event comprising athletes from only one state will be awarded medals and run as normal, but will not count toward the overall points system.”

This way, the Overall Points ‘competition’ would truly be won by the best-performed team irrespective of size. Further, it would then be in the interest of a State to send unsuitably novice skaters to Nationals to “fill” events, as these skaters ( if only from State A) would not count toward overall points, or if in a

Multi - State event, would need to perform better than skaters from other States to make their score count ( because of the Per

Capita system).””

This was trialled at the 2010 Nationals and was so successful, that we have brought it in permanently.

## **QUALIFYING FOR NATIONALS.**

Because getting onto the State team is so easy in every State, the following proposal was put forward, voted on and agreed to unanimously.

We would like to recommend that each State selects its top 3 (three) athletes per event, per division from their STATE Championships who will race in the recognised State Skinsuit in that event at the National Championships. Further skaters from that State who are selected to skate at Nationals, do so in their CLUB or SPONSORED SKINSUIT in that event. All skaters are competing for the same National Title, however the 3 from each State are identifiable by their State Uniform.

Eg: Queensland has 9 Junior International Men racing at their State Championships. Skater standards are such that the selectors determine that all 9 skaters should race at the National Championships. The Qld selectors then nominate the top 3 of those skaters, in each event, to wear the State Skinsuit in that event at Nationals – the other 6 skaters will wear their Club or Sponsored Skinsuit in that event.

This will affect all skaters competing at the State Championships with a view to also contesting the National Championships.

In the current climate of low participant numbers at State Championships, the aim is to lift skating standards and add value to the wearing of the ‘State Uniform’. To encourage skaters to strive not just to attend State Championships and go to Nationals, but to compete for the right to wear the State Skinsuit in their best events at Nationals – as a reward for themselves, and to

show others who excelled at the State Championship. To provide skaters for whom State and National Championships may be their highest level of competition with a further performance indicator and place due importance on skating for their State at the National Championships.

This was voted on unanimously, and will come into effect at the 2011 Nationals.

## **OVERALL POINTS**

The overall points for the 2010 Nationals ;;

### **OUTDOOR**

SA	80
NSW	271
QLD	452
WA	512
VIC	695

### **INDOOR**

QLD	369
NSW	400
SA	460
VIC	672
WA	875

## **MEDALS**

The medal tally for WA is

GOLD 69

SILVER 63

BRONZE 55

For a total of 227

Breaking that down further, Morley skaters received ::

GOLD 11

SILVER 3

BRONZE 9.

This was Alex Sims's first Nationals, and he received ;;

GOLD 1

SILVER 2

BRONZE 3.

Well done to Alex.

The 2011 NATIONAL SPEED CHAMPIONSHIPS are being held in Sydney, from January 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **OCEANIA'S**

This years Oceania's are being held in Hastings, new Zealand from April 6<sup>th</sup> to April 10<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a new skinsuit for the 2010 Oceania's. I have included a picture in this report.



This year Morley Speed have been lucky, as our coach, Rod Miles, was selected to be a part of the team.