

2004 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

2004 marked significant membership alterations for USSS; Registration became available on-line, an updated database is in process, our increase in membership dues has brought us in closer alignment with similar sports, and we have begun educating our membership to the diverse needs and goals of our sport. Issues concerning national team relocation, fiscal year adjustments, membership categories, technological advances that allow us to access our rulebook online, and rules changes that may affect the general membership, will be evaluated and scrutinized. The hope is that each member feels confident in the organizations assessments and feels as if they are garnering the rewards of such decisions. The impact of amendments on our past, current and future members must be considered for USSS to uphold its integrity. Involvement in membership needs and demands will continue to be a focus in the coming year.

This year, every member enjoyed the opportunity to bask in the glow that our Olympic team created for our sport. This glimmer can only continue to flicker if our membership remains educated, up-to-date and active in working cooperatively to provide our athletes with the resources, stability and training they deserve. We are delighted that our Olympians have so eloquently showcased our sport and our hopes are to see a 100% increase in new membership.

In conclusion, a continued effort to resolve membership quandaries will remain a priority and increasing our membership base will steer us into the coming year. It has been a pleasure to continue working with our dynamic national office staff and look forward to continuing these efforts into the 2005 season. I would like to thank Patti Flanagan, Lisa Fontenot, Barbara Harrell, Patricia Jones, Scotti Nichols, Pat Patterson, Andrea Nott, and Don Kane for their continued dedication while serving on the membership committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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