

SKATE CROSS

THE DISCIPLINE



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SHORT STORY

The Skate Cross discipline was born at the end of the 90's in France with some side events during Roller Freestyle events, using competitions skateparks ramps. The word "Cross" represents well this discipline, as it is a mix between different disciplines especially Roller Freestyle, Speed Skating and Inline Downhill, where the most versatile skaters were always having the best results.

In the beginning of 2000's, the Urban Roller Race, a series of 3 events in the main French cities (Paris-Lyon-Marseille) was the first event to combine events and establish a Ranking on several events. It was Downhill skate-cross races.

Right after, more skate cross events appeared, the "Freeskate Festivals" with several skate cross organized on Flat courses, in many European cities such as Lausanne, Paris, Munich and London. A Few years later, with the main sponsor and promoter of this sport leaving the inline skate industry, Skate Cross events were not organised anymore in Europe during few years.

The World Skate Cross Series then appeared in the middle of the 2010's with different events in more countries, mainly in Europe, China, and Canada and a World Ranking was created.

Starting in 2020, this series of events is now evolving in a new Era under World Skate, with the first Skate Cross World Championship which will be held in Shanghai, China the upcoming year.

WHAT IS SKATE CROSS?

The Skate Cross is a race between 4 skaters on a track with several obstacles (type skateparks ramps, fun-box, pyramids, waves, ecc.) of different heights, and with several turns.

The top 2 skaters who cross the finish line in each race are qualified for the next round until the final where the 4 best skaters will race against each other.

Individual time trials are generally organised to rank the skaters and place them in the different race groups.

The track changes for each race and can be on a flat surface or a slope, of around 300m-400m length.

The Official Skate Cross rules are available [here](#)

WHICH SKATERS CAN COMPETE ON SKATE CROSS COMPETITIONS?

All skaters from all disciplines are welcome to join Skate-Cross events.

The skaters' skills for this sport are power, speed, precision, technique, strategy, adaptation, versatility, endurance.

Fair play between skaters and respect of judges' decisions is part of the sport's culture.

Men, Women and Junior categories are organised during each international race, and national federations have their own lower age categories from 6 years old in national championships and cups.

EVENTS

The very first Skate Cross World Championships will be held in Shanghai, China next year.

You can click [here](#) to watch the video of Mix World Skate Cross Series events held between 2014 and 2019.

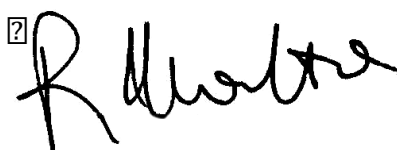
For further questions or comments, we invite you to contact the Skate Cross Manager, Mr. Sebastien Laffargue at sebastien.laffargue@worldskate.org.

We look forward to seeing you in the upcoming Skate Cross events!

Best Regards,



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