



MINUTES

World Skate Ordinary Executive Board Meeting 10th December 2025 2:00 PM (CET)

Conference call

Executive Board members with voting rights attending:

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| • Sabatino Aracu | President |
| • Karen Doyle | 1 st Vice President and Commissioner of WSK Oceania |
| • Nathanael Koty | Vice President WSK and President WSK Africa |
| • Alberto Herrera Ayala | Vice President WSK and President WSK America |
| • Huang Qiang | Vice President WSK and President WSK Asia |
| • Luís Sénica | Vice President WSK and President WSK Europe |
| • Leticia Bufoni | Chair Skateboarding Technical Commission |
| • Marco Cardoso | Chair of the Speed Technical Commission |
| • Ellen French | Chair Roller Derby Technical Commission |
| • Nicola Genchi | Chair of the Artistic Technical Commission |
| • Shelby Grimnes | Chair of the Scootering Technical Commission |
| • Weifeng Gu | Chair Freestyle Technical Commission |
| • Andrea Fonzari | Chair of the Inline Hockey Technical Commission |
| • Carmelo Paniagua | Chair of the Rink Hockey Technical Commission |

Executive Board members not attending:

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| • Jana Hermle-Börsig | Chair Downhill Technical Commission |
| • Amalia Brodka | Athletes representative |

Executive Board members with no voting rights attending:

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| • Roberto Marotta | Secretary General |
| • Doris Gentile | Vice-Secretary General |
| • Patricia Wallace | Chair of the Medical Commission |
| • Francesco Zangarini | Sports Director |

AGENDA

1. Opening by the President
2. Approval of the minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on 18th June 2025
3. Approval of World Skate 2026 budget
4. Activity Reports of World Skate Continental Areas
5. Sports and administrative Governance in Continental Areas
6. Updates on the events scheduled for 2026 and beyond
7. Report IOC IF Medical Chairs Meeting
8. Approval of the following Regulations:
 - A. Speed Track Series World Cup Final
 - B. World Skate Marathon Tour
 - C. Inline Freestyle World Ranking Regulations
 - D. Skate Cross
 - E. Scootering
 - F. Roller Freestyle
 - G. Inline Slalom
 - H. Inline Hockey
 - I. Roller Derby
9. Miscellaneous

Secretary General Roberto Marotta, having ascertained that the majority of Executive Board members are present and that the meeting has been duly convened, declares the Executive Board validly constituted and able to deliberate on the items on the agenda.

1. Opening by the President

The President welcomes and thanks all the Executive Board members, with particular regard to the Continental Presidents, for their commitment throughout 2025, which he defines as a crucial year following the successes of Paris 2024 and the World Skate Games Italy. He announces that several bids were received to host the upcoming editions of the World Skate Games, noting that the 2026 edition will take place in Asunción, Paraguay, from October 2 to 18.

The President gives the floor to the Secretary General, who moves on to item 2 of the agenda.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on 18th June 2025

Secretary General Roberto Marotta asks the Executive Board members to vote on the minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting.

Votes against 0

Abstentions 0

Unanimously approved

3. Approval of World Skate 2026 budget

Secretary General Roberto Marotta moves on to item 3 of the agenda and introduces the budget for the year 2026 that has a positive balance of 996,878 USD. Considering the financial availability as at 31 December 2025 (2,97,000 USD), World Skate is expected to close 2026 with an overall financial availability of nearly 4,000,000 USD. The budget also includes contingency and risk funds.

Secretary General Roberto Marotta asks the Executive Board members to vote on the World Skate budget 2026.

Votes against 0

Abstained 0

Unanimously approved

4. Activity Reports of World Skate Continental Areas

Secretary General Roberto Marotta moves on to item 4 of the agenda and first gives the floor to Karen Doyle, 1st Vice President and Commissioner of WSK Oceania, who reports on the success achieved in 2025 by the Oceania Scootering Championships in Morayfield and the Artistic Skating Oceania Championships in Mount Warren. Both competitions, valid for the world ranking, saw the participation of athletes from Australia, New Zealand, as well as neighboring Asian Countries. World Skate Oceania also strengthened its presence in the region by investing in the younger generations through the Pacific Cup format. The 2025 World Skate Oceania Artistic Skating Championships and the Pacific Cup 2025 strengthens the competitive structure in Oceania for roller-artistic skating, offering continuity and opportunities for ranking and international exposure. The year 2026 opens with excellent prospects, thanks to the World Skate Oceania Artistic Seminar and Skate Camp in Brisbane, which already counts over 250 registrants to date.

Secretary General Roberto Marotta thanks Mrs Doyle and gives the floor to Alberto Herrera, President of World Skate America, who presents the 2025 results, characterized by wide participation in the Pan American Artistic Championships in Buenos Aires (Argentina), the Speed Championship in Colombia, and the Inline Hockey and Rink Hockey Championships in Mexico and Argentina, respectively. The focus on youth festivals and Junior categories underlines the commitment to generational renewal. For 2026, the main objective is the development of Skateboarding, Roller Freestyle, and Scootering in Lima, in preparation for the 2027 Pan American Games.

Despite the economic challenges, World Skate America continues to support athletes through direct grants and to invest in the training of new sports managers. President Herrera concludes by noting a growing interest in Skateboarding and Speed within Caribbean countries as well, signaling the steady expansion of roller disciplines throughout the continent.

Secretary General Roberto Marotta thanks Mr Herrera and gives the floor to Huang Qiang, President of World Skate Asia. The latter mentions an extremely productive year, culminated by the success of the World Games in Chengdu, alongside three World Championships and a World Cup, all organized with the support of World Skate. Excellent results were also recorded at the 20th Asian Roller Skating Championships, which successfully included Australia and New Zealand as well. For 2026, the calendar features the Asian Cup for Speed, Inline Hockey and Rink Hockey, as well as Artistic in Australia, and the debut of the Asian Skateboarding Championships in Meishan. However, the flagship event will remain Skateboarding at the Asian Games in Nagoya, scheduled for October 2026.

Secretary General Roberto Marotta thanks Mr Qiang and gives the floor to Luis Senica, President of World Skate Europe, who describes an extraordinary season for the continent, which hosted a total of 29 continental competitions spanning the entire range of our disciplines. Specifically, these included 11 Rink Hockey, 5 Artistic, 7 Speed, 1 Inline Freestyle, 3 Inline Hockey, and 1 Roller Freestyle championships. Of particular significance was the organization, for the first time, of the European Scootering Championship, a milestone that marks a new step forward in the evolution of our sport.

Secretary General Roberto Marotta thanks Mr Senica and gives the floor to Nathanael Koty, President of World Skate Africa, who, due to the organizational challenges encountered in 2025, will organize continental activities in 2026 for the following sports: Speed, Inline Freestyle, and Skateboarding Championships in Cairo, Egypt, in April, and the 2nd edition of the Luanda International Marathon in Angola in November. President Koty concludes by noting that the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) will be held in Dakar, Senegal, in November, with Skateboarding, specifically the Street discipline.

President Aracu thanks all Continental Presidents for their dedication and efforts in resolving organizational challenges despite limited operational and financial resources. He invites those present to establish synergistic and continuous planning.

5. Sports and administrative Governance in Continental Areas

Secretary General Roberto Marotta moves on to item 5 of the agenda, giving the floor to President Aracu, who reiterated that the future of World Skate relies on the awareness of being a single Institution where responsibility is shared. Since any individual mistake reflects upon the entire movement, it is essential to operate in total synergy with the central structure. This approach must translate into a marketing strategy, leveraging the expertise provided by the headquarters to ensure that every event, from continental championships to world-level competitions, reflects the same standards of excellence and brand consistency. In the end, the President urges Continental Presidents to engage in direct and constant dialogue, confident that only through collaboration and a unified vision will the global success of World Skate be consolidated.

6. Updates on the events scheduled for 2026 and beyond

Secretary General Roberto Marotta moves on to item 6 of the agenda and outlines the 2026 events schedule. The year will feature the fifth edition of the World Skate Games that - after Nanjing (2017), Barcelona (2019), Buenos Aires (2022), and Italy (2024) - will take place in Asunción, Paraguay, in October 2026.

7. Report IOC IF Medical Chairs Meeting

Secretary General Marotta moves on to item 7 of the agenda and invites the members of the Executive Board who have already received the Report to ask the Chair of the Medical Commission, Pat Wallace, any questions they may have. As there are no comments, the Secretary General moves on to the next item on the agenda.

8. Approval of the following Regulations: a) Speed Track Series World Cup Final b) World Skate Marathon Tour c) Inline Freestyle World Ranking Regulations d) Skate Cross, e) Scootering, f) Roller Freestyle, g) Inline Slalom, h) Inline Hockey, i) Roller Derby

Nine new Regulations are presented, in which the changes made were grouped together in the Changes Control Management.

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Cross, e) Scootering, f) Roller Freestyle, g) Inline Slalom, h) Inline Hockey, i) Roller Derby is put to a vote.

Votes against 0

Abstentions 0

Unanimously approved

9) Miscellaneous

Secretary General Roberto Marotta moves on to item 9 of the agenda and gives the floor to President Aracu, who raises concerns regarding the procedure involving Sportradar for Russian and Belarusian athletes, proposing to consider the introduction of self-certifications as a replacement. This measure would aim to streamline the bureaucratic process and, above all, reduce the costs borne by the participants. Secretary General Marotta asks those present to express their views on this proposal. The Board unanimously approved the introduction of self-certification for athletes.

President Aracu requests Alice Lizza, World Skate Head of Communications, to report on the activities conducted. A presentation is then delivered on the communication activities carried out over the last two years, which are characterized by a significant increase in strategic and operational investments. The primary objective is the consolidation of a unified brand identity for the twelve federal disciplines, based on shared values such as inclusivity, urban culture, sustainability, and competitive excellence. This positioning allows the Federation to strengthen its connection with a young target audience (10-35 years old), a segment in which the Federation holds a competitive advantage over traditional sports.

In terms of digital results, a sharp exponential growth in social media engagement is recorded over the 2022-2025 period, quantified by a 3,150% increase. Performance across Meta platforms shows approximately 30 million total views and an average monthly reach of 3 million users. Furthermore, a substantial enhancement of the YouTube channel is noted, reaching 4.9 million impressions thanks to the implementation of live streaming. The total follower base across the various platforms (including TikTok and the specific World Skate Skateboarding channels) currently stands at 555,000 units.

Regarding direct communication channels, the newsletter service reaches nearly 40,000 subscribers, with a significant component of institutional stakeholders, including approximately 20,000 accredited international journalists. Concurrently, the World Skate TV platform records 165,000 unique registered users, following a recent optimization of the user interface and the efficiency of the internal search systems.

The restyling activity involves the entire graphic identity, with particular attention to enhancing the world rankings for all sports and disciplines. Looking ahead to future prospects, the project for the comprehensive overhaul of the institutional website is presented. In addition to an aesthetic update compliant with modern digital standards, the intervention aims at a functional enhancement designed to optimize the accessibility of documents, regulations, and live results for athletes, teams, and national federations. Finally, the analysis by geographical areas confirms the consolidation of the Federation's presence in strategic markets such as Italy, Argentina, the United States, Spain, Portugal, and Brazil.

President Aracu thanks Alice Lizza for the work carried out.

Carmelo Paniagua, Chair of the Rink Hockey Technical Commission, takes the floor and calls for a statutory reform that officially recognizes the value of adaptive sports. In Spain, a strong commitment is underway to integrate athletes with disabilities into all federal disciplines; however, the absence of adaptive sports in the World Skate Statutes represents a significant formal obstacle. This omission prevents the national federation from including these activities in institutional projects and accessing dedicated government initiatives. It is therefore necessary for adaptive sports to be officially recognized as a discipline within the international regulatory framework, in order to properly support the growing participation of athletes who are already successfully practicing skateboarding, hockey, and speed skating, thereby making a well-established reality official.

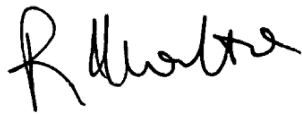
Paniagua continues his intervention regarding the organization of the upcoming World Skate Games in Paraguay, calling on the Executive Board to comply with the current qualification regulations. The existing rules mandate compulsory participation in continental championships as a requirement for accessing the world championships in team sports; nevertheless, requests for waivers are already recorded from nations that have not fulfilled this obligation. It is fundamental to maintain a rigorous and consistent course of action so as not to undermine the calendar planning efforts and to protect the value of continental competitions, the preservation of which is essential for the global development of the movement. A strict enforcement of the regulations is the only way to ensure sporting fairness and the proper functioning of the federal structure.

President Aracu thanks Chair Paniagua and confirms that the inclusion of adaptive sports and the related statutory amendment is a central item on the upcoming Congress Agenda, ensuring a more open and integrated perspective for all roller sports.

In closing the Executive Board meeting, President Aracu once again thanks the members of the Executive Board and wishes everyone all the best in their work, with the hope of meeting in person soon.

The meeting ends at 4:03 p.m. (CET).

Roberto Marotta
Secretary General

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Sabatino Aracu
President

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