

World Skate Artistic Nations Meeting
September 27, 2023
Location: Estelar Hotel, Ibagué, Colombia at 10 a.m.

Minutes

1. The countries listed in Schedule 1 were present.
2. Welcome: Nicola opens the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and welcomes the nations and introduces the members of the Committee present:

Nicola Genchi - Chairman
Gabriela Otten-Flach - Europe

He thanks Colombia for hosting the World Championships 2023 and the amazing experience it was for our sport.

3. Figures World Cups: Nicola informs that the World Cup Figures 2023 will take place in Freiburg, Germany from 20-23 October. The World Cup Figures 2023 will include the following age categories: Cadet, Youth, Junior and Senior. For 2024 there is a request from Italy to hold the World Cup Figures in Italy in the first weeks of October.
4. Recap on Competitions and Championships 2023: The World Cup was a great experience in 2023. The Competitions in Italy, Paraguay and Argentina had many participants. Nicola informed that also the Continental Championships were very well organized and the World Championships in Colombia were very organized an amazing atmosphere and location. He points out that the Continental Championships now follow the World Skate Rules which creates consistency for all skaters and nations.
5. World Skate Academy: The World Skate Academy will be divided into Online and Live Trainings:
 - World Skate Seminar and Camp for Skaters in Venice, Italy in November 2023.
 - Academy of World Skate Coaches, Online Classes for New Rules 2024 and Compulsory Dances will be online

Nicola shows the schedule of the event in Venice which will start on November 17, 2023 - November 19, 2023, with seminars and judges exams (19th November) in Venice followed by an athletes camp in Spinea from 19-26th November. The camp is open to the categories Espoirs (only Free Skating), Cadets, Youth, Junior and Senior.

The agenda is planned as follows:

19.-20. November: Free Skating Group 1
21.-22. November: Free Skating Group 2

The training content is identical in both groups.

23.-24. November: Dance (Int. Cadets-Youth)

25.-26. November : Dance (Int. Junior-Senior)

The location of the athletes camp is in Pattonodromo Nueve Gemme, Via Giovanni Pascoli 33, Spinea (VE), Italy.

Only skaters affiliated and registered with World Skate Association can participate.

Nicola asks all nations to properly notify their skaters and officials of these events.

6. World Skate Ranking and Series: Nicola informs that the ranking will be regularly updated after each relevant competition for the categories:

Senior (Free Ladies and Men, Dance Couples, Solo Dance Ladies and Men and Pairs)

Junior (Free Ladies and Men, Dance Couples, Solo Dance Ladies and Men and Pairs)

The current ranking can always be found under
(<https://www.worldskate.org/artistic/ranking.html>)

- Nicola informs that in the future the ranking will decide on the skating order of the aforementioned groups. So the skaters will skate their short program or Style Dance in reverse order of the ranking. Any skaters not listed in the ranking will skate in the first groups in the order drawn.
- For the World Cup Series in 2024, the categories Cadet, Youth, Junior and Senior will be included. The categories Precision and Show will not participate in the Finals in 2024.
- It is for the organizer of a World Cup Semifinal allowed to add for Free Skating and Solo Dance (just Long Program and Free Dance) the age groups:
 - Tots (Freeskating max 20, Solo Dance max 10)
 - Minis (Freeskating max 20, Solo Dance max 10)
 - Espoirs (Freeskating max 20, Solo Dance max 10)
- The World Cup Final will take place after the World Championships in 2024 and the points gained will be valuable for the 2025 season.
- The prize money will amount to:

1. Place Senior USD 2500
2. Place Senior USD 1500
3. Place Senior USD 1000

7. World Skate Calendar: Nicola informs about the following dates:

- Americas Cup 14.-18.01.2024 (valuable for Ranking)
- Artistic International Series (valuable for ranking):
 - o Brazil 7-14 April 2024
 - o Trieste 20-26 May 2024
 - o Asuncion (End of October - Final)
- World Skate Games 2-15 September 2024 in Italy
- World Cup Figures - Italy, October 2024

8. Situation of Judges. Nicola informs that in the majority of countries the number of judges and specialists must be increased. He strongly recommends working in each country to develop international judges and specialists.

The Spanish Federation informs about a concern on the quality of the judges and specialists and that judges and specialists are not well trained enough by their nations to judge competitions. Nicola answers that he only invites judges and specialists to World Championships he fully trusts. When he sees that any breach of code of conduct or World Skate rules takes place, he will sanction such judges and specialists according to the rules. World Skate is working consistently to train judges all over the world, he personally did trainings in Latin America, Europe and Australia in 2023. But it is also the responsibility of each nation to train their judges.

9. Miscellaneous:

- Nicola informs about the changes in the costume rules especially pointing out that all costumes must be constructed in a way that genitals, breasts including lower half and nipples are fully covered and not visible through the material. Further he informs that the rhinestones on the costumes create a constant problem for the skaters irrespective of their size. Serious accidents happened already. He informs that World Skate will work on this problem and will implement a rule for 2025.
- Nicola reminds all nations that in World Skate Open Competitions all clubs entering registrations must be affiliated with World Skate. It is the requirement of the organizer to control this. All skaters participating should be confirmed by the National Federation to guarantee compliance with this rule.
- Nicola informs about the rule that each skater can only participate in one age category during the same competition/championships. So no skater can compete in two age groups with the exception of Precision, Show and Quartet where skaters can skate in 2 age groups but with a

maximum of ¼ of the group/team or in quartet one skater per quartet.

- Nicola informs about the new music requirements that for Free Skating, Dance, Solo Dance, Inline, Precision and Quartet music with spoken words can only be used a maximum of 10 seconds at the beginning or end of the program.
- Nicola reminds all nations that coaches/trainers are not allowed to send any comments, questions or complaints via messages of any kind or via a chat, direct messaging or social media apps to officials involved in the competition. If this happens, the coach's skaters will be eliminated from the competition.
- Nicola reminds on the uniform rules which applies to all technical officials and not just the judges.

Nicola closes the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Schedule 1
Countries Present

Egypt
Portugal
Spain
Andorra
Italy
USA
Australia
Colombia
Argentina
New Zealand
Switzerland
Brazil
Mexico
Paraguay
Bolivia
Chile
Uruguay
Denmark
Croatia
Germany