

 WORLD SKATE

ATHLETES COMMISSION ELECTION

RULES AND PROCEDURE

WORLD SKATE ATHLETES' COMMISSION

2026 CALL FOR CANDIDATURES AND ELECTION OPERATING RULES

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These Operating Rules govern the call for candidatures and the election of the members of the World Skate Athletes' Commission for the 2026–2032 term.

The election will be conducted electronically during the World Skate Games ASU 2026 in Asunción, Paraguay.

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1. CALL FOR CANDIDATURES AND PURPOSE

World Skate hereby calls for candidatures for the election of the Athletes' Commission representatives for the 2026–2032 term.

These Operating Rules establish the representatives to be elected, candidate and voter eligibility, the candidature and voting procedures, the applicable conduct requirements, and the process for confirming and announcing the results.

2. CLUSTERS AND RELEVANT SPORTS AND DISCIPLINES REPRESENTED

For the purposes of these Operating Rules, each Cluster appearing in the list below constitutes a separate "Electoral Category". Each Electoral Category may include one or more specific Sports and/or Disciplines, as expressly indicated in the list. All references to an Electoral Category shall therefore mean the relevant Cluster, including the Sports and/or Disciplines assigned to it in the approved list.

IMPORTANT

An athlete may submit a candidature and vote only in relation to an Electoral Category for which the eligibility requirements set out below are satisfied. Where specific Sports and/or Disciplines are included within an Electoral Category, eligibility shall be assessed by reference to the Cluster and to the Sports and/or Disciplines assigned to it in the approved list.

CLUSTER	FEMALE REPRESENTATIVES' QUOTA TO BE ALLOCATED	MALE REPRESENTATIVES' QUOTA TO BE ALLOCATED
AGGRESSIVE	1	1
ARTISTIC	1	1
DERBY	1	1
DOWNHILL (Inline Downhill, Skateboarding Downhill, Street Luge)	1	1
FREESTYLE	1	1
INLINE HOCKEY	1	1
RINK HOCKEY	1	1
SCOOTERING	1	1
SKATEBOARDING (Street, Park, Vert)	2	2
SLALOM (Inline Slalom, Skateboarding Slalom)	1	1
SPEED (Speed Skating, Skate Cross)	1	1

Skateboarding representation. As Skateboarding is an Olympic sport, it shall have the additional Representatives provided for under the World Skate Charters. For the 2026 election, the Skateboarding Electoral Category shall elect two female Representatives and two male Representatives among Street, Park and Vert.

The candidates receiving the highest number of valid votes shall be elected, up to the applicable quota for each gender, subject to the discipline-specific requirement set out below.

The final composition of the Skateboarding Representatives must include at least one male Representative and one female Representative from Street and/or Park. Accordingly, where the provisional result does not include at least one Representative of each gender from Street and/or Park, the lowest-ranked provisionally elected Vert Representative of the gender concerned shall be replaced by the highest-ranked eligible candidate of the same gender from Street or Park.

This discipline-specific requirement shall prevail over the ordinary ranking by votes and shall be preserved when applying any other adjustment required under these Operating Rules or the World Skate Charters.

3. WHO MAY SUBMIT A CANDIDATURE

A candidature may be submitted only by the athlete concerned. National Federations, clubs, teams, agents, coaches, family members and any other third party may not nominate an athlete or submit a candidature on an athlete's behalf.

To submit a candidature for an Electoral Category, the athlete must:

1. be at least 18 years old on 18 October 2026;
2. be participating in the relevant 2026 World Championship held as part of the World Skate Games ASU 2026, or have participated in at least one edition of the relevant World Championship during the four years preceding the election (former athletes who satisfy these requirements are also eligible);
3. not have been subject to a final sanction for a doping, ethical or disciplinary offence; and
4. personally complete and submit the official candidature form, provide all required information and materials, and confirm their intention and availability to serve on the Athletes' Commission until the representatives elected in 2032 take office.

Relevant participation. Participation must relate to the same Electoral Category (see above) for which the athlete submits the candidature. Where a Sport, Discipline or Cluster is listed as a separate Electoral Category, eligibility shall be assessed specifically by reference to that Sport, Discipline or Cluster.

Personal submission. An athlete may receive practical assistance in preparing the application, but must personally approve the information provided, submit the form using their own email address, accept the required declarations and confirm their availability. No nomination, endorsement or supporting letter from a National Federation is required.

4. HOW TO SUBMIT A CANDIDATURE

Eligible athletes must complete the [official online candidature form](#).

The candidature form shall require, at a minimum:

- the athlete's full legal name, preferred public name, date of birth, nationality and National Federation of belonging;
- the Electoral Category (see above) for which the candidature is submitted;
- the competition information necessary to verify eligibility;
- a valid personal email address and telephone number;
- a short biography and a short statement explaining the athlete's motivation to serve on the Commission;
- a recent, good-quality portrait photograph suitable for publication;
- the declarations required to confirm eligibility, accuracy of the information provided and availability to serve until 2032; and
- authorisation for World Skate to verify the information supplied and publish the approved candidate profile.

One candidature per Electoral Category. An athlete may submit only one candidature for the same Electoral Category (see above). An athlete who independently satisfies the eligibility requirements for more than one Electoral Category may submit a separate candidature for each such Electoral Category, unless otherwise provided in the approved list or in the World Skate Charters. Each candidature shall be assessed separately in accordance with these Operating Rules.

Responsibility for submission. The athlete is responsible for correctness and veridicity of the information and data submitted and for ensuring that the application is complete and received before the deadline. An automated acknowledgement confirms receipt only and does not constitute acceptance of the candidature (see below).

5. VERIFICATION AND PUBLICATION OF CANDIDATURES

Following the closing date, the World Skate Secretariat and Legal Department shall verify each application against the World Skate Charters, these Operating Rules and World Skate's official records.

A candidature may be rejected or subsequently withdrawn where:

- the athlete does not satisfy the eligibility requirements;

- the application was not personally submitted by the athlete;
- the form is incomplete or the required biography, photograph or declarations are missing;
- the application was received after the deadline;
- the information supplied is false, misleading or materially inaccurate; or
- an eligibility issue arises or is discovered before the final confirmation of the election results.

Where reasonably possible, World Skate shall inform the athlete of a curable issue and allow a short period for correction, provided that this does not extend the candidature deadline or prejudice the equal treatment of candidates.

World Skate shall publish the final list of eligible candidates in a consistent format, including the candidate's name, photograph, biography and motivation statement. Publication of a profile does not constitute an endorsement by World Skate.

Review of a rejection. An athlete whose candidature is rejected may request a review within 48 hours of receiving the decision by writing to secretariat@worldskate.org. The request must identify the alleged error and include all supporting information available at that time.

6. CAMPAIGNING

Candidates may campaign from the publication of the final list of eligible candidates until the close of the voting procedures. Campaigning must be respectful, proportionate and consistent with the World Skate Charters, Codes and applicable integrity and safeguarding requirements.

Candidates and persons acting on their behalf must not:

- offer or provide money, gifts, benefits or any other advantage in exchange for support or a vote;
- pressure, threaten, intimidate, harass or improperly influence any voter or candidate;
- make statements about another candidate that they know to be false or materially misleading;
- use personal data obtained through World Skate, a National Federation or an Event function for campaign purposes without a lawful basis;
- misrepresent any communication as an official World Skate endorsement or misuse official World Skate communication channels;
- impersonate another person, request access to another athlete's voting link or attempt to discover how another athlete voted; or
- interfere with the voting platform, the check-in process, the determination or validation of the results or the integrity of the election.

A material breach may result in a warning, removal of campaign material, exclusion of the candidate, invalidation of affected votes and/or referral to the competent World Skate disciplinary or ethical body. Except where urgent action is required to protect the election, the person concerned shall be informed of the alleged breach and given an opportunity to respond.

7. WHO MAY VOTE

An athlete is entitled to vote in relation to an Electoral Category (see above) only where the athlete:

- is at least 18 years old on 18 October 2026;
- is registered in Infinity as an athlete for the World Skate Games ASU 2026;
- has completed the official on-site check-in procedure for the World Skate Games ASU 2026;
- is participating at the World Skate Games ASU 2026 in the Electoral Category concerned (see above); and
- has a valid personal email address recorded in their Infinity profile.*

ONE SIMPLE RULE

Athletes may vote only for the representatives of the Cluster (including the relevant Sports and Disciplines) in which they are participating (i.e. "Electoral Category"). An athlete participating in more than one Electoral Category may vote in each Electoral Category for which all eligibility requirements are independently satisfied.

Coaches, team officials, delegates, judges, referees, accompanying persons, as well as World Skate Staff and Management Members and other accredited persons do not acquire voting rights merely because they hold an event accreditation.

Athletes are responsible for ensuring that the personal email address contained in Infinity is correct and accessible. World Skate may require reasonable identity or accreditation checks before activating or reissuing access to the ballot.

***Derby Cluster.** For the Derby Electoral Category only, considering that no World Championship will be held during the World Skate Games ASU 2026, the right to vote shall belong to those athletes who competed in the last edition of the relevant World Championship held during the World Skate Games Italy 2024, provided that they satisfy the other applicable eligibility requirements under these Rules. The voting link shall be sent to

the personal email address recorded in the athlete's Infinity profile used for participation in that event.

8. VOTING PROCEDURE

After completing the official check-in process and starting from October 4th at 8am (Asunción time), each eligible athlete shall receive an email at the personal address registered in Infinity containing a secure voting link. The link shall activate the ballot only for the Electoral Category/ies in which that athlete is entitled to vote.

The voting link is personal and non-transferable. It may be used only by the athlete to whom it was issued and must not be forwarded, shared or used by any other person. **Voting by proxy is prohibited.**

For each Electoral Category, the ballot shall indicate the maximum number of Representatives that may be elected for each gender, in accordance with the quotas set out in the approved list under Article 2.

An eligible athlete may abstain in relation to one or more representatives. Once a ballot has been finally submitted, it may not be changed, withdrawn or submitted again.

Technical assistance. An athlete who does not receive the voting email or experiences a technical problem must contact the election help desk before the voting deadline at platform@worldskate.org. The Operational Staff may assist with access and technical issues but may not view, direct or cast an athlete's vote.

9. ADMINISTRATION, SECRECY AND INTEGRITY

The election shall be administered jointly by authorised staff members of the World Skate Secretariat and Legal Department. World Skate Operational Staff may provide technical and practical support and shall operate the election help desk under their supervision.

Voting shall take place by secret electronic ballot. The system shall verify eligibility and prevent duplicate voting while keeping the content of each ballot confidential and separate from the voter's identity to the extent technically and legally required.

World Skate may apply reasonable technical, security and audit measures to verify eligibility, protect ballot secrecy, prevent duplicate or unauthorised voting, investigate irregularities and verify the integrity of the results generated by the digital voting platform.

Any ballot shown to have been cast through impersonation, duplicate access, manipulation or another material breach of these Operating Rules may be invalidated following review by the Secretariat and Legal Department. Any related disciplinary or ethical consequences shall be determined by the competent World Skate bodies.

Athletes are expressly prohibited from photographing, recording, publishing, displaying, circulating or otherwise disclosing their ballot, the candidate(s) they voted for, or any screenshot or other material capable of revealing their vote.

10. DETERMINATION OF THE RESULTS

The candidates receiving the highest number of valid votes shall be elected, up to the number of Representatives of the relevant gender to be elected for each Electoral Category under the approved list, subject to any discipline-specific requirement set out in these Operating Rules or in the approved list. No minimum turnout or quorum is required.

Discipline-specific requirements. Where the approved list or these Operating Rules require the final composition of an Electoral Category to include Representatives from a specific Sport or Discipline (see Art. 2 above), the result shall be adjusted accordingly.

National Federation limitation. Where two or more Representatives elected for the same Electoral Category belong to the same National Federation, the Representative who received the highest number of valid votes shall remain elected. Each other elected Representative from the same National Federation shall be replaced by the next highest-ranked eligible candidate of the same gender from a different National Federation, in accordance with the World Skate Charters. Where two or more such Representatives received the same number of valid votes, priority shall be given to the Representative whose result is scrutinised first. The scrutiny order shall be established before the results are confirmed.

Tied results. Where two or more candidates receive the same number of valid votes and the tie affects the election result, the successful candidate shall be determined by lot under the joint supervision of the Secretariat and Legal Department. The draw shall be recorded in the official election report.

Uncontested candidature. Where the number of eligible candidates does not exceed the number of Representatives to be elected for the relevant gender and Electoral Category, those candidates shall be declared elected without the need for a competitive vote, subject to final eligibility verification, any applicable discipline-specific requirement and any applicable National Federation limitation.

Unfilled representation. Where no eligible candidate is available, or a Representative position otherwise remains unfilled, World Skate shall apply the general principles set out in the World Skate Charters and determine the appropriate course of action. Until such determination is made, the relevant position may remain vacant.

11. CONFIRMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

The Secretariat and the Legal Department shall review and validate the results generated by the digital voting platform, verify their consistency with the World Skate Charters and these Operating Rules, apply any required National Federation limitation and/or Discipline specific requirement, resolve any tie under Article 10 and prepare the official election report.

The final results shall be announced within 21 calendar days following the close of voting and, in any event, **no later than 8 November 2026**.

The announcement shall identify the elected Representatives for each Electoral Category and may include the number of valid votes received by each candidate, the total number of valid ballots and any adjustment applied under these Operating Rules. No information capable of revealing how an individual athlete voted shall be disclosed.

The elected Representatives shall take office upon confirmation of the final results, unless the official announcement specifies a later date.

12. TERM OF OFFICE: 2026–2032

In accordance with the World Skate Charters and the decision of the World Skate Executive Board, the representatives elected through the 2026 election shall remain in office until the representatives elected in 2032 take office.

This six-year term is a transitional measure adopted to align the Athletes' Commission's electoral cycle with the terms of the other World Skate elected bodies from 2032 onwards.

Eligibility for re-election in 2032 shall be determined under the World Skate Charters and election rules in force at that time.

13. CHAIR OF THE ATHLETES' COMMISSION

The athlete ballot governed by these Operating Rules elects the members of the Athletes' Commission only. It does not directly elect the Chair of the Commission or any other World Skate office.

Once the Commission has been constituted, its Chair and any other functions shall be determined in accordance with the World Skate Charters.

14. ELECTION COMPLAINTS

A complaint concerning voter eligibility, candidate conduct, access to the ballot, voting integrity, the determination or validation of the results or the announced results must be submitted in English to secretariat@worldskate.org within 72 hours of the relevant event, decision or publication.

The complaint must:

- identify the complainant and provide their contact details;
- describe the alleged breach or error clearly;

- state the remedy requested; and
- include all evidence reasonably available to the complainant.

A complaint does not automatically suspend the election, the announcement of results or the taking of office. The competent World Skate authority shall determine the complaint in accordance with the World Skate Charters and applicable procedures.

15. PERSONAL DATA AND CANDIDATE MATERIALS

World Skate shall process personal data collected through the candidature, eligibility verification, check-in and voting processes for the purposes of administering the election, verifying eligibility, communicating with candidates and voters, preventing fraud, publishing approved candidate profiles and results, resolving complaints and complying with legal and regulatory obligations.

Candidate names, photographs, biographies, motivation statements and relevant sporting information may be published through World Skate's official channels. Non-public identification, contact, system and ballot-administration data shall not be published and shall be handled in accordance with the World Skate Privacy Policy and applicable data protection law.

By submitting a photograph, biography or other material, the candidate confirms that they are entitled to provide it to World Skate for the purposes described above and that it does not infringe the rights of any third party.

16. PRACTICAL GUIDE AND COMMUNICATIONS

World Skate shall circulate a detailed practical guide before the voting period. The guide (or video) may include screenshots, step-by-step voting instructions, information on checking and updating the email address recorded in Infinity, help-desk contacts and answers to frequently asked questions.

The practical guide may explain and facilitate the implementation of these Operating Rules but may not change candidate or voter eligibility, the number of representatives to be elected, the voting rights attached to an Electoral Category or the method for determining the results.

17. FINAL PROVISIONS

These Operating Rules implement and shall be interpreted consistently with the World Skate Statutes, By-Laws, Codes, Rules and Regulations

(collectively, the “World Skate Charters”). In the event of any inconsistency, the World Skate Charters shall prevail.

Any exceptional, borderline or otherwise unforeseen situation not expressly governed by these Operating Rules shall be determined by World Skate in accordance with the World Skate Charters and the general principles of fairness, equal treatment and integrity of the election.

World Skate may issue additional technical or operational instructions where reasonably necessary to implement these Operating Rules, ensure equal treatment, preserve ballot secrecy and integrity, address a technical failure, force majeure event or material organisational change, or comply with the World Skate Charters or applicable law.

Any material change to the election calendar or procedure shall be communicated through World Skate’s official channels as soon as reasonably possible. No change shall retroactively prejudice a candidature or vote validly submitted before the change.

These Operating Rules are adopted in English. Any translation is provided for convenience only, and the English version shall prevail in the event of inconsistency.



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