



This document outlines the participation, procedures, and structure of the World Skate International Skateboard Judging Commission.

## WORLD SKATE INTERNATIONAL SKATEBOARD JUDGES

World Skate International Judges are active skateboarders, between the age of 18 and 50, with a deep knowledge of the sport and its judging techniques.

## INTERNATIONAL SKATEBOARD JUDGING LEVELS

The following are the levels of qualification that World Skate certifies for international judges. Higher levels inherit all the rights of the levels below.

**Level 1:** The first tier of international certification provided by World Skate. Level 1 judges can judge international events held on their continent including Continental Championships. Renewal every 4 years.

**Level 2:** With the second tier of international certification, judges can judge international competitions held worldwide. These include qualifying events for the summer Olympic Games, World Championships, and Youth Olympic Games. Level 2 Judges can work as head judges at international events held in their continent including Continental Championships. Renewal every 2 years.

**Level 3:** The third tier allows judges to judge and work as Head Judges at all levels of World Skate sanctioned events, including the Summer Olympic Games. Level 3 Judges can work as an instructor for World Skate sanctioned judging courses.

## INTERNATIONAL SKATEBOARDING JUDGING SEMINARS

### ORGANIZATION AND CERTIFICATION RIGHTS

World Skate international level judging certification can be achieved by participating in judging seminars organized by World Skate.

- Only World Skate can sanction and/or organize seminars to certify international judges at every level.
- Only World Skate, through the ISJC, can define teachings, schedules, testing principles, and prerequisites for judges to participate in international judging seminars.
- Only World Skate can grant international certifications to skateboarding judges.

National Federations, Continental Areas, and private enterprises may offer themselves to become a host of International Judging Seminars.

### ORGANIZATION FREQUENCY AND FORMAT

Level 1 and Level 2 International Judging Seminars will be organized at least once a year. Level 3 judging seminars will be organized at least every two years. All seminars can be held live, online, or in a mix of the two formats. Participants of Level 1 and Level 2 seminars are required to take a final test to be certified.



## PARTICIPANTS ELIGIBILITY

World Skate puts the quality of candidates, and so forth their ability to perform well in the international panels, as the only criteria to enter a judging seminar and become a certified judge. Eligibility criteria for participants to the International Judging Seminars are the sole responsibility of the ISJC.

- Participation in Level 1 seminars is open to candidates that have at least 2 (two) years of experience judging skateboarding competitions at the national or international level. The maximum number of entries for participation in a seminar is set by World Skate.
- Participation in Level 2 seminars is possible after having judged a minimum of 3 (three) World Skate sanctioned events and at least three years' experience judging international competitions. A limited exception to this rule may be granted at ISJC's discretion based on the judge's proven excellence.
- Participation in Level 3 seminars is possible after having judged a minimum total of 5 (five) World Skate sanctioned events at the international level. A limited exception to this rule may be granted at ISJCs' discretion based on the judge's proven excellence.

## INTERNATIONAL SKATEBOARD JUDGES DATABASE

A Certified International Judges list will be kept up to date and published by World Skate on its official website. National Federations will be informed by the World Skate sports department anytime a judge from their country is added or removed from the Certified International Judges list.

## THE INTERNATIONAL SKATEBOARDING JUDGING COMMISSION

The International Skateboarding Judging Commission (ISJC) was created to foster the Athlete-lead progression of skateboarding, while highlighting the importance of creativity and originality within skateboarding competitions.

The ISJC is committed to enhancing the spontaneous development of competitive skateboarding while creating an easy to understand, level playing field, for Athletes to compete globally.

The ISJC fulfills its scope by:

- Observing skateboarding's technical development
- Observing and evaluating the impact of judging over Skateboarding competition
- Discussing and defining judging standards with Athlete representatives
- Engaging with Skatepark designer to fine-tune FOP layouts
- Defining and deploying educational programs for national and international judges
- Design and deliver, together with SB Communication Manager, a communication plan to spread the understanding of judging standards



## ISJC STRUCTURE

The overall work of the ISJC is coordinated by the **Head of Skateboard Judging** appointed by World Skate.

ISJC members are divided by sub-commission based on the three disciplines covered by the ISJC: Street, Park, and Vert. For each sub-commission there are three different ways to become a member of the ISJC:

- **Appointed Members** are appointed by World Skate on the basis of their experience, vision, and knowledge of skateboarding and judging. Appointed members can be part of more than one sub-commission.
- **Elected Members** are elected for a 4-year term aligned to all elective offices in World Skate. Therefore, in case the election takes place during the quadriennial term, the term of office of the elected members will expire in advance. The election will be held as per specifications provided below. Spots that are vacant before the first election is held, will be filled by additional appointed members. Once an election has been held, vacant spots will be filled with the first of the non-elected members of the same sub-commission. If this isn't possible any vacant spot will be filled in by an additional appointed member.
- **Athlete Members** are appointed by the World Skate Skateboarding athletes commission based on their willingness and ability to convey the needs, the perspective, and the experience of active athletes into ISJC work. In case of temporary inability to perform their duty, Athlete Members nominate alternates to substitute them in their mandate.
- No member can be part of the ISJC for more than two consecutive mandates. ISJC members can withdraw at any time, vacant spots will be filled either by a subsidiary appointment or delegated to the first-in-line of the non-elected candidates, as per World Skate decision.

The ISJCs' membership is broken down as follows:

	Street	Park	Vert
Appointed Members	3	3	3
Elected Members	2	2	2
Athlete Members*	2	2	2
Total	7	7	7

\* gender balance per sub-commission must be achieved within athletes' appointments

ISJC activity will be conducted within sub-commissions during meetings that will be held mainly, but not exclusively, online. A joint meeting of all the sub-commissions must be summoned at least every 12 months.



### **INTERNATIONAL SKATEBOARD JUDGES ELECTION (ISJE)**

The ISJE comprises all international judges that have judged a minimum of 3 international level events sanctioned by World Skate in the 18 months prior to the assembly summoning. Candidacy and voting rules will be released by ISJC a minimum of 60 days before elections are held. Voting will be conducted online, starting from the 2024-2028 quadrennial.

### **INTERNATIONAL JUDGES APPOINTMENT**

Judges working on international judging panels will be appointed by the Head of Skateboarding Judging after having heard from the ISJC. The World Skate sports department will notify appointed judges and inform the NGBs.