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INTRODUCTION

The following competition rules apply to all World Skate-sanctioned skateboarding Vert events including, but not limited to, events which provide point-earning opportunities for the World Skateboarding Vert Rankings (WSVR). The content of this document applies to sports and technical matters; for any other purposes, World Skate Statutes, By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations shall be applied.

DEFINITIONS

Disciplines

World Skate event rules in this document are set for sanctioned skateboard competitions in the Vert discipline.

Divisions

distinct by athlete's gender:

- Male
- Female

Age Limit

There are no age limits set for athletes to enter the competitions. All athletes of the same gender compete in one division of a given discipline.

Visual Identification

No visual identifications for athletes such as bibs, numbers, name tags, or other physical identification must be applied to competitors.

ATHLETES

Responsibilities

All athletes have the following responsibilities:

- To hold a valid license, membership, or affiliation to a World Skate-recognized National Federation or have been granted a wild card by World Skate.
- To abide by the World Skate rules and regulations.
- Athletes will check-in at the competition office according to deadlines and times defined by World Skate in official bulletins or communications.
- To attend official practice according to the official schedule released by World Skate.
- To clear the competition area before the competition begins and avoid interfering in any way with the progress of the competition.
- To respect and accept the Jury's judgment.
- Vert athletes of all ages must wear a helmet during practice and competition.
- To read, understand, and acknowledge the World Skate Concussion Protocol, which must be considered as valid and effective for all sanctioned and non-sanctioned events. (Please see Concussion Protocol in the annexed documents section).
- To be aware of their immediate physical environment at all times while in Vert Ramp (FOP) in order to avoid collisions throughout practice and competition time.

Nationality

All athletes entering World Skate official events represent the country of their Sport Nationality ([Par. 10.C World Skate By-Laws](#)). Athletes shall compete under the responsibility of the skateboarding NGB recognized by World Skate in their country. This means that the NGB shall be responsible for all athletes representing the country concerned in terms of assistance, registration fee payment, insurance, possible complaints, issues, injuries, and whatsoever the athlete can incur into, regardless of what the status of the athlete concerned is (country quota athlete registered through the World Skate sports entry platform, wild card athlete, pre-seeded athlete and so on).

In case of the absence of a recognized NGB in their country of origin, the athlete will be considered an independent athlete, and they will represent their country without being part of a National Team. These athletes will compete under their own responsibility, or that of a legal guardian if underage. When checking-in on site, they will be required to:

- Provide proof of existing insurance coverage for the duration of the event.
- Nominate a support-contact person who must be available at the competition venue every day, and the entire time he/she is practicing or competing. The support contact person will have the same tasks and responsibilities as a National Team Manager in case of injury or other event-related situations.

Reference Ranking

World Skateboarding Vert Ranking (WSVR), when published on www.worldskate.org, will be referenced in order to determine the athlete's right to compete and/or be pre-seeded. Seeding into Continental Championships, 5-Star events and Pro Tours will refer to the WSVR as of 7 days before the qualifier takes place. Seeding into the Vert Skateboarding World Championship quarter-final and semi-final will use World Skateboarding Vert Ranking (WSVR) as of after the previous World Championship event.

Athlete Eligibility Status

Athletes are eligible to register and compete in World Skate events under the different statuses listed below:

<p>Country Quota Athletes</p>	<p>Country Quota athletes are skaters who enter the competition by being registered by a National Governing Body member of World Skate.</p> <p>A fixed number of athletes can be registered by NGBs at each event.</p> <p>Country Quota athletes must be registered by NGBs through the World Skate sports entry platform or through any other registration procedure communicated by World Skate.</p>
<p>Extra Quota Athletes*</p>	<p>The top-ranked athletes in the World Skateboarding Vert Ranking (WSVR), as of 30 days before the event qualifier starts, will be entitled to compete in the event without counting against their NGB Country Quota.</p> <p>The list and World Skateboarding Vert Ranking (WSVR) ranking spots of these athletes will be confirmed and published by World Skate with a relevant bulletin or event-tier communication and won't change before the event takes place.</p> <p>The Extra Quota Athletes spots are awarded to the athletes on the World Skateboarding Vert Ranking (WSVR), ranking spots only. If the nominated athletes do not participate in the event, spots do not move to the next ranked athlete in the World Skateboarding Vert Ranking (WSVR).</p> <p>The competent NGB shall confirm the Extra Quota Athletes attending the competition upon World Skate request.</p>
<p>Pre-Seeded Athletes*</p>	<p>Pre-seeded athletes are those athletes who have gained access to an advanced phase of the competition, because of their standing in the World Skateboarding Vert Ranking (WSVR), as of 7 days before the event qualifier round begins.</p> <p>Pre-seeded spots which are not claimed by the eligible athletes will be assigned to athletes based upon the results of the previous competition round.</p> <p>Pre-seeded athletes don't count against the relevant NGB country quota.</p> <p>The relevant NGB shall confirm the pre-seeded athletes attending the competition upon World Skate's request.</p> <p>The registration of these athletes must not be processed on the World Skate sports entry platform.</p>

Wild-Card Athletes	<p>Wild-card athletes are skaters who are otherwise non-eligible to participate in the event but are allowed to compete by World Skate.</p> <p>The status of a wild-card athlete is granted at World Skate’s discretion and is limited to these cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of an existing and recognized NGB in the country of athlete’s origin.• Host-country citizenship.• Event organizer Wildcards. <p>Additional information will be defined and communicated through Seeding Rules or Event Bulletins.</p>
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* Extra quota and pre-seeded athlete categories will become available upon the establishment and publication of WSVR.

NATIONAL TEAM

A National Team is a team which represents a Nation during a competition, and it is comprised of:

- One National Team Manager per discipline.
- All National Technical Officials (NTO) and/or support staff registered to access the competition venue (medical support, legal guardians for underaged athletes, coaches, athlete's guests, etc.) as per World Skate instructions.
- All competitors of the same nationality.

In case an NGB does not register a Team Manager, it must provide World Skate with information on who will bear responsibility for those tasks.

National Team Manager

Each National Team must confirm the appointment of a National Team Manager (NTM) per discipline during the on-site accreditation process and before any of the National Team athletes start practicing or competing. While confirming the NTM appointment, the following information must be confirmed to the World Skate Competition Secretary. The National Team Manager/s shall bear the following responsibilities for the entire duration of the event:

- Represent the NGB and National Team members in the relationships with the LOC and WS.
- Ensure athletes, NTOs, and support staff read and understand competition rules and abide by all World Skate rules and regulations.
- Make sure athletes and staff have the latest information about the competition.
- In case of injury or illness, must assist National Team members under their responsibility.
- Represent athletes and team members during riders' meetings and any other events/ meetings if athletes cannot attend.

EVENT OFFICIALS AND STAFF

World Skate Officials (WSO)

<p>Technical Delegate (TD)</p>	<p>The Technical Delegate is a function established for all international competitions. The TD is appointed by World Skate to ensure that the competition is organized and conducted in compliance with International Federation (IF) rules and technical standards, as well as the contract signed with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).</p> <p>TD is responsible for applying all World Skate rules related to the competition and its participants.</p> <p>TD conducts the rider meetings together with the Head Judge.</p> <p>TD has the final word/authority regarding athlete disqualifications for competition or safety/health-related issues.</p> <p>TD issues the final approval of the following event outputs before they can be released, announced, and distributed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry lists • Practice groups • Starting lists • Partial, final, and complete results <p>In any situation which has a significant impact on the running of an event, the World Skate Technical Delegate will complete a description of the incident made on the appropriate form within the shortest time possible.</p> <p>The following information should be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who made the decision - the name of the TD • The event and/or athlete affected • The date and time of the decision • The description of the decision • The affected area (results, schedule, or other) • The signature of the decision-maker attesting to the accuracy of the TD's description of the incident <p>The TD will establish, together with the Organizing Committee, the maximum number of athletes within the competition area. The number shall be established to allow a reasonably low-level risk of collision among athletes. If this is not respected, the event might be suspended until the aforementioned safety criteria are met.</p>
<p>Competition Secretary (CS)</p>	<p>The Competition Secretary is the World Skate staff member responsible for all documents and data management necessary to execute the event. The Competition Secretary works with a dedicated staff assigned by the LOC and/or World Skate.</p>

Event Medical Official (EMO)	<p>The Event Medical Official is a function defined for every international event sanctioned by World Skate. The EMO is a qualified medical practitioner hired by the LOC and appointed by World Skate with responsibility for coordinating the overall medical service for the event.</p> <p>The Official Medical Doctor must always be present and in proximity to the Field of Play (FOP), in order to provide immediate assistance and consultation for any medical need. In cases when the Official Medical Doctor has to leave office, temporarily or permanently, a delegate with a similar level of competence must be appointed and introduced to the TD. The EMO is competent and has the last word on every medical and health-related evaluation, including but not limited to the concussion protocol.</p>
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International Technical Officials (ITOs)

Judging Panel	<p>The judging panel is appointed by World Skate and sourced among World Skate International Skateboarding Judges, it consists of 5 Judges and 1 Head Judge. In this case, the Head Judge doesn't score or contribute to the Tie-Break process and may act as TD as well.</p> <p>Limited to national-level events, like National Championships, the judging panel consists of 4 Judges, and 1 Head Judge. In this case, the Head Judge scores and contributes to the Tie-Break process</p> <p>Appointed judging panel members must agree and follow the World Skate Judge's Code of Ethics.</p>
Head Judge (HJ)	<p>The Head Judge is the highest authority on the Judging Panel.</p> <p>The Head Judge's duties are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcing compliance with competition regulations, while deferring to the TD for any disqualification issues. • The Head Judge provides a final and official statement on the following matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landed versus bailed tricks, runs, and jams • Timing related validity of tricks • The Head Judge checks and approves the competition documents before they are signed by the TD <p>The Head Judge represents the Jury when interacting with the Event Director, TD, Local organizing committee (LOC), National Federations and the athletes.</p>
Judges	<p>Judges evaluate athlete performances to determine the event's final rankings, as per World Skate Judging Criteria.</p>

Timekeeper (TK)	<p>The Timekeeper is responsible for keeping the time of each athlete's performance during the competition.</p> <p>The Timekeeper operates by using a chronometer accurate to 1/10 of a second. The timekeeper reports to the Head Judge and Technical Delegate. They communicate on timing directly to the announcer and Head Judge.</p>
Course Manager (CM)	<p>The Course Manager is a technical official appointed by World Skate, in agreement with the LOC, with the responsibility to oversee and manage operations any time athletes have access to the Field of Play (FOP).</p> <p>All athletes, media, support staff, and everyone else present inside the FOP is subject to the course manager's responsibility and rules.</p> <p>The course manager's work is supported by the course security staff, a group dedicated to managing people and their security inside the FOP.</p>

Event Officials and Staff (EOS)

Event Director (ED)	<p>The Event Director works inside the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) with comprehensive responsibility for the event production.</p> <p>The ED is responsible for the competition venue infrastructure, equipment, and staff's overall safety and functionality.</p> <p>The position must be agreed upon between World Skate and the LOC. Once the position has been assigned, the ED works under the legal and financial responsibility of the LOC.</p>
Announcers	<p>The Announcer (one or more) delivers commentary, as well as communications from the Technical Delegate, Event Director, Local Organizing Committee, and the Head Judge, to the audience and athletes.</p> <p>The LOC must ensure that an English-speaking Announcer, ready to communicate via the PA system, is available at the event site anytime the venue is accessible by the public and by competitors with their supporting teams.</p>
Competition Management and Scoring Service (CMSS)	<p>The Competition Management and Scoring Service (CMSS) is a service set up, operated, and provided by the LOC following World Skate's requirements.</p> <p>The CMSS is a combination of human resources, software, hardware, and outputs needed to run the event. The LOC is required to provide a single contact person responsible for coordinating CMSS.</p>

SAFETY

Safety is an essential aspect of all World Skate events. The Local Organizing Committee, together with competition officials and athletes, shall collaborate fully to carry out the event under the safest conditions possible.

- Any medical or injury-related situation that poses a threat to athletes, staff, or spectator safety is evaluated by the Event Medical Official and officialized by the TD.
- The World Skate Concussion protocol (Annex no. 1) must be always followed during practice and competition.
- The Organizing Committee shall comply with domestic regulations and take all necessary steps to guarantee immediate medical first aid for the entire event (practice and competition).
- The Local Organizing Committee must take all required steps to provide easy and prompt access to the competition area for all medical staff and emergency vehicles.

Athlete Safety Equipment

Each athlete shall skateboard using the safety gear they deem necessary to guarantee their safety. Said choice shall be made by evaluating one's own ability level and style of skating. Wearing a helmet is mandatory during practice and competition time for all athletes in the Vert discipline.

Athletes must wear helmets, if applicable, under their own responsibility or of their legal guardian. Failure to wear a helmet when required will result in the athlete's disqualification.

Competition Area Access

The Local Organizing Committee shall implement a system to regulate the venues' access so that only authorized personnel is allowed in the competition area. The access rights plan must be shared and approved by the TD during the organization process. In specific circumstances and following World Skate's approval, access permission can be varied to suit the need of event operations. In order for each phase of the competition to begin, the competition area shall be clear of athletes, technical staff, and media operators. Objects and people's presence on the margins of the competition area can be allowed only if it does not interfere with the competing athletes' performance.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF MATERIALS

Skateboard

A skateboard consists of a deck with four wheels attached by trucks. There are no limitations on the shape, materials, or size of the skateboard or its parts. The skateboard cannot be attached to a skater's feet by any physical means.

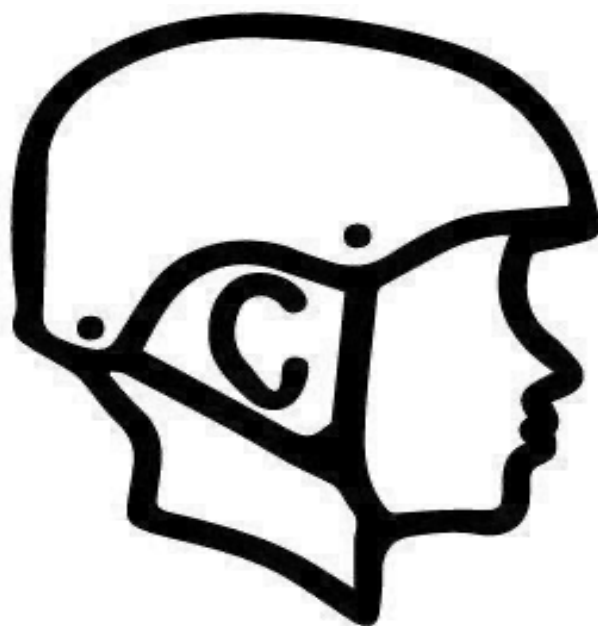
Helmet

A variety of helmets fitting the athletes' need for protection are available on the market. While World Skate suggests the use of products that are compliant with one of the following standards:

AS/NZS 2063,
EN 1078-2012,
Snell B95-1998. (Latest version),
Snell B90 (Latest version),
US CPSC 16 CFR Part 1203,
ASTM F1447 - 12. (Latest version)

The final decision and responsibility on which helmet to choose are left to the athlete or legal guardian, provided that the helmet has all of these characteristics:

- Cranial coverage and security are guaranteed by a one-piece hard shell that cradles the occipital
- Hard or soft internal padding that guarantees impact absorption
- A chin strap with buckle lock



ATHLETE MEETINGS

Meetings for all riders, team managers, and National Federation representatives will take place in a suitable location before the first day of competition begins.

The athlete meeting(s) for the event phase, including pre-seeded riders, their Team Managers, and National Federation representatives, will take place in a suitable location before the start of the semi-final event phase.

The Technical Delegate will host such meetings in conjunction with the Head Judge and the Event Director. It will be open to athletes, coaches, team managers, and competition officials. Topics of athlete meetings should include at least the competition schedule, contest format, judging criteria, and other important event-related information.

The time and place of this meeting will be officially announced in advance, slotted into the competition schedule, published in the venue, and via other available communication channels. Should the meeting room not be spacious enough to accommodate all of the athletes, the TD might choose to limit the participation in the meeting to NTOs, and designated athlete representatives.

PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURES

Practice & Warm-Up

Pre-competition practice - Athletes shall be given a minimum of 120 minutes of practice prior to the beginning of a competition. The minimum duration of a single pre-competition practice session shall not be shorter than 45 minutes. During pre-competition practice, only registered athletes may access the course (hereafter: field of play - FOP).

To guarantee fair conditions and the safety of all participating athletes in pre-competition practice, athletes on the vert ramp must skate individually (not in groups) and after dropping-in must not occupy the FOP for more time than the duration of a competition run. Sneaking in or blocking athletes from dropping-in or approaching any obstacle in the FOP is considered as a violation of the pre-competition practice and the WSK Competition rules.

Unsportsmanlike behavior towards other athletes and disrespectful use of the FOP during pre-competition and warm-up practices will be considered a violation of the WSK Competition Rules.

The Course Manager will conduct all practice sessions. If a pre-competition practice or warm-up session rules are being violated by any athlete, the Technical Delegate may intervene and address this breach of the Competition Rules with an initial verbal warning or, depending on the character of the violation, with a reduced practice-time penalty. If the pre-competition practice rules are repeatedly violated by the same athlete(s), the TD may address the situation by means of a DSQ or DQB ruling.

Competition warm-up - Athletes will be granted a minimum warm-up time of 10 minutes prior to their competition heat.

During the warm-up, only those athletes about to compete in the following heat may access the vert ramp. To guarantee fair conditions and the safety of all participating athletes in the warm-up, athletes on the ramp will skate in the heat's starting order individually. Vert athletes must not occupy the FOP longer than the full time of a competition run. After the maximum time is up or after an athlete falls, the next athlete on the heat's start list continues.

The Course Manager will conduct all warm-ups. If warm-up rules are being violated by an athlete, the Technical Delegate may intervene and address this breach of the Competition Rules by a reduced Competition warm-up time penalty.

In case of a severe violation of the Competition Rules, and after an optional counsel with the Event Director and fellow competing athletes, the Technical Delegate can rule an athlete out from the further competition with a DSQ or DQB status.

Practice groups

Practice groups must be defined, meeting the best possible standard of safety and practice quality for all athletes. Diverse types of grouping criteria can be applied depending on:

- Skatepark design
- Discipline
- Schedule constraints
- Gender

Practice groups can be defined based on:

- World Skateboarding Vert Ranking Standing (WSVR) if available
- Age groups
- Nationality

Whichever criteria are applied to create practice groups, these groups should never exceed a maximum of 10 athletes in Vert discipline.

COMPETITION FORMATS

Boundaries of Performance

Whatever competition procedure will be applied; athletes shall be able to freely choose the type of tricks they will execute, as well as which obstacle and areas of the field of play (FOP) they will use. In the Run format, athletes skate the Field Of Play solo, for a designated amount of time or until they fall within that period. During single trick attempts, athletes perform their trick solo in the Field Of Play with complete freedom of choice over the Vert Ramp Features and the kind of tricks they perform.

VERT

Vert competitions must be undertaken by applying the Run format for the Qualification and Semi-final competition round. The athletes will compete for the best out of two runs, up to a maximum of four runs of 30 to 45 seconds, depending on the overall number of athletes competing, as well as the size and layout of the Vert Ramp (FOP). The length of runs will be communicated alongside the registration information. The five judges will each use a 0.00 -100 point scale, with the use of two decimal places (numbers). The highest and the lowest scores for each run are dropped, and the remaining three scores are added and then averaged to two decimal places. The athlete's highest overall scoring run using this formulation counts for the final ranking position in the Qualification and Semi-final competition rounds.

In the Final round of the competition, the 3/5/3 format is applied.

3/5/3 FORMAT

In the Final round's 3/5/3 format, the athletes will compete with 3 runs of 30 seconds with time until the fall, where the best run's score always counts, and 5 individual trick attempts where 2 best single-trick scores count. The athlete's highest aggregate score of the best run score together plus their two best trick scores count for the final ranking position.

Single trick attempts must be performed within a maximum of 4 vert-walls after the athlete's drop-in to the ramp. If more than one trick attempt is completed within those 4 opportunities, the highest-scoring trick will count as the best trick attempt.

The VERT competition typically comprises 3 rounds: qualifier, semi-final, and final. Competition rounds can be run applying formats as shown in the table below.

Round	Allowed Formats
Qualifier	Run with time until the fall
Semi-final	Run with time until the fall
Final	3/5/3 format

JUDGING

World Skate Vert competitions are using the World Skate Judging Criteria RELEASE 1.3 - 2022 or its latest update with the specifications for Vert Run performances and the Individual Trick Attempts phase as listed below.

RUN PERFORMANCES

The judging panels will use the following Judging Criteria to formulate a single score based on the overall impression of an athlete's performance within the parameters of the competition.

1. **Difficulty and Variety** of Performed Tricks
2. **Quality** of Execution
3. **Use of Vert ramp** and its additional features
4. **Flow and Consistency**
5. **Repetition**

SCORING OF RUN PERFORMANCES - OVERALL IMPRESSION

Scoring is based on a 0-100-point range on the following global scale with the use of two decimal numbers:

DNS	Did not start
Low level of criteria met	00.01- 29.99 points
Medium level of criteria met	30.00 -69.99 points
High level of criteria met	70.00 -100 points

INDIVIDUAL TRICK ATTEMPTS

During the Individual trick attempt phase, the judging panels use the World Skate General Judging Criteria to evaluate athletes' performances against the global field of currently existing tricks in Vert skateboarding.

Judging panels will closely examine the evaluation of identical or similar tricks from the same athlete performed in their previous RUN performances.

SCORING OF INDIVIDUAL TRICK ATTEMPTS - LEVEL OF CRITERIA MET

Scoring performances during the Individual Trick Attempt phase will be based on a global scale with a 0-100-point range and the use of two decimal numbers:

DNS	Did Not Start
Non-make or Trick Attempt Score Refusal	0.00
Standard level of criteria met	00.01 - 45.00
Advanced level of criteria met	45.01 - 65.00
Expert level of criteria met	65.01 - 85.00
Master level of criteria met	85.01 - 100.00

SCORING PROCESS REGULATION

Tie-Break for VERT Format

- The score of the second-highest run decides the Tie-break.
- If still tied, the score of the best Individual trick attempts decides the Tie-Break,
- If the tie is not broken, the jury votes to break the tie. Each judge has one vote. The Head Judge records the voting process and breaks the tie in the final results and rankings.

Makes versus Bails

The Head Judge is the final decision maker (authority) in identifying “made” tricks versus bailed tricks.

Judging Clarification Request

Once competition scores are approved by the Head Judge and published, they are final and not subject to any appeal. Athletes can request an explanation on judging and competition-related matters following the WS Clarification Protocol.

For details, see the World Skate Clarification Request Protocol listed in the annexes of this document.

In every circumstance, athletes and National Federation officials (NTO) must address their clarification requests respectfully and professionally to the World Skate ITOs and the LOC. Any unprofessional and/or aggressive (physical or verbal) behavior will be evaluated by the TD and may result in the disqualification of the NTO and/or the athlete from the competition.

TIMEKEEPING

All devices and other tools used to measure or signal the time of skateboard performances are managed by a Timekeeper.

Athletes can commence their performances only after a Course Manager's signal.

For all runs, jam sessions, and individual trick attempts, athletes have a 5-second limit to begin after receiving the Course Manager's signal. If athletes intentionally fail to start their performances within this time limit, they may lose the opportunity to be scored.

The clock for the RUN performances is triggered by the Timekeeper when the athlete places both feet on the board.

If the performance has to be interrupted for external reasons, the athlete will be granted a restart or re-run option.

In Vert events, for all competition rounds following the qualifier, the Timekeeper will stop the clock in case of an athlete's fall. In this circumstance, the athlete's performance is complete regardless of whether the entire time limit has expired and scored according to the World Skate Judging Criteria.

The Timekeeper will trigger a signal horn 5 seconds before the expiration of time (select events only) and upon expiration of time at the end of an athlete's performance.

A trick will be considered within time and scored only when the maneuver has been in progress before the signal horn marking the performance's end sounds. The Head Judge is the final decision maker in this process.

The Head Judge shall apply the following criteria in determining whether the trick is within time:

- Athletes are approaching a trick and have all four wheels on the transition "wall" when the signal horn starts.

The successful or unsuccessful maneuver is counted in the athlete's performance and scored according to the World Skate Judging Criteria.

COMPETITION RELATED PROCEDURES AND SITUATIONS

Competition Related Procedures

<p>Event Registration</p>	<p>This is the first step of the procedure to enter a competition. Event registration follows the rules and procedures set by the World Skate event bulletin and is done only electronically.</p> <p><i>WHERE: Online</i> <i>WHEN: Within the registration time window</i> <i>WHO: National Federations</i></p>
<p>Event Check-in</p>	<p>The event check-in is a time-limited and in-venue procedure that confirms an athlete's participation in the competition. It can be fulfilled by the athletes or preferably performed by the National Team Manager. A valid passport is required to complete the check-in.</p> <p><i>Only after completion of the event check-in will the athlete be added to the competition start list and allocated a practice and competition slot.</i></p> <p><i>WHERE: Registration office</i> <i>WHEN: Upon the first arrival at the venue</i> <i>WHO: Athletes or national Team Managers</i></p>
<p>Competition Check-in</p>	<p>The competition check-in is an FOP procedure to be completed in order for athletes to confirm their presence and participation in the competition round. Athletes are check-in to the course manager. This procedure must be completed at each competition round.</p> <p><i>Only after the competition check-in are the athletes allowed to access the competition warm-up and compete.</i></p> <p><i>Only checked-in athletes are technically considered as competitors in the specific competition phase and are eligible to be awarded WSVR points according to their ranking</i></p> <p><i>WHERE: Field of Play (FOP)</i> <i>WHEN: Before each competition phase/round</i> <i>WHO: Athletes only</i></p>

<p>Athlete Withdrawal & Replacement</p>	<p>Athletes can withdraw from the event for any reason before the competition check-in. The withdrawal <i>must be communicated to the Technical Delegate directly or through the Competition Secretary in written form. The withdrawal must be signed by either the withdrawing athlete or the National Team Manager. Replacements are possible only for the quarter-final and semi-final rounds; replacements are not allowed for the final round of competition.</i></p> <p><i>WHERE: Registration Office</i> <i>WHEN: Before the competition check-in</i> <i>WHO: Athlete or national team manager</i></p>
<p>WSVR Points Allocation</p>	<p>As a general principle, athletes are awarded WSVR points only based on their scored competition performance and its reflection within the final ranking of the event.</p> <p>In order to be eligible to receive WSVR points, an athlete must have performed and been scored at least once during the event.</p>

Irregular Ranking Marks (IRM)

Code	Description
<p>DNS</p>	<p>Did Not Start. This IRM is used to refer to athletes who completed a competition check-in but later did not skate any of the competition runs, jam sessions, and/or trick attempts.</p> <p>DNS athletes are normally ranked at the bottom of the competition round in which they refused or were unable to skate.</p> <p>In order to provide more transparency and readability of the competition ranking, different types of DNS will be used in round results and complete results.</p> <p>Round results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNS: Generic, unspecified cause • DNS-INJ: Inability to start because of an Injury <p>Complete results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNS: Generic cause <p>Score marking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNS is granted as a scoring mark in case an athlete fails to start a performance within 5 seconds from when the Course Manager provides the start signal.

N/A	Not Available. Athletes who complete the event check-in, but fail to show up for the competition check-in, will be ranked according to the last competition round they have checked-in to.
WDW	<p>Withdrawal. Athletes who complete the event check-in, but later withdraw from the competition will be ranked according to the last competition round they have checked-in to. In order to provide more transparency and readability of the competition ranking, different types of WDW will be used in round results and complete results.</p> <p>Round results WDW: Withdrawn not having been replaced WDW-REP: Withdrawn and replaced with another competitor</p> <p>Complete results WDW: Generic withdrawn mark</p>
DSQ	<p>Disqualified from competition due to competition rules infringement. DSQ athletes will be listed at the bottom of the event round and final event ranking. DSQ athletes are listed in the competition results without a ranking position.</p>
DQB	<p>Disqualified from competition due to bad behavior. DQB athletes will be listed at the bottom of the event round and final event ranking. DQB athletes are listed in the competition results without a ranking position.</p>
<p>In case of replacements made by the TD after an athlete withdrawal, the replaced athletes will be ranked as the first-in-line of the non-qualified athletes of the previous competition round.</p> <p>Disqualified athletes (DSQ, DQB) and Pre-seeded athletes, who received an IRM and do not skate in any competition round, will be listed in the round ranking with the relevant marking. Once the competition is completed, they will be listed at the bottom of the complete results without being ranked or awarded any WSVR points.</p> <p>If two or more athletes receive the same IRM within the same competition round, they will be ranked following their placement in results from the previous competition round. If they haven't skated at all during the event, they will be listed in order based on their current WSVR standing</p>	

Competition Related Situations

A presented athlete does not start a run or a trick attempt	If an athlete, for reasons other than personal health condition, does not start their run or trick attempt within 5 seconds from the starting signal provided by the Course Manager, DNS will be used as a score marking for the run, jam, or single trick attempt.
Competition interruption during an athlete's performance	The competition will resume from where it was interrupted, and the interrupted athlete(s) will be granted a restart or re-run within the same or later session of the same competition heat.
External interference during an athlete's performance	In case of external interference which might compromise the athlete's performance, the Technical Delegate or Event Director - at their own discretion- can grant the athlete a restart or re-run option.
Equipment (skateboard) failure during athlete's run or a jam session	<p>If any equipment failure occurs during a run or a jam session, the athlete may try to continue with the broken or otherwise damaged equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clock is not interrupted. • The run is scored up until the withdrawal or the end of the run. • The athlete can be provided with a replacement skateboard. The clock is not interrupted. • The run is scored up until the end of the run. <p>In case the athlete stops: the run is scored up until the moment of withdrawal.</p>
Failure of the scoring system/clock	In case of interruption due to a timing or scoring equipment failure, the competition may be resumed using the OC manual timing and scoring systems. Affected outputs will be produced as normal.
Minor infringement to the competition rules or sportsmanship-like behavior	The Technical Delegate may decide to score a run or a single trick attempt with a "0" - ZERO points. The athlete remains eligible for ranking with their other performances.
An athlete qualified for the final event round and is disqualified before the final starts	If an athlete who has qualified for the final is marked as disqualified before the start of the final round, the next highest-ranked non-qualified athlete from the previous competition round will progress to the final.

Disqualification after an event	<p>Disqualification due to any violation of the Olympic Charter, or the World Anti-Doping Code, or any other serious breach of an applicable regulation issued by the IOC, World Skate, or a NOC, will be sanctioned by the Technical Delegate and will be indicated with the Invalid Results Mark "DQB" in all event outputs and WSVR.</p> <p>This type of DQB is applicable from the moment of the official competition finish and up to 24 hours after the award ceremony completion.</p>
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ATHLETE'S COMPETITION PERFORMANCE REQUEST

Athlete's Re-run Request

An athlete can request a re-run of the single trick attempt or run performance only when:

- Conditions of the FOP change dramatically and unexpectedly during the athlete's performance and have negatively influenced it (e.g., weather change)
- Technical conditions on or around the FOP prevented the athlete from completing a full performance (cables and cameras in the way, venue lights went off, concrete from an obstacle chip off, etc.)
- Third-party interference during the athlete's performance (security running on FOP, fans jumping in, photographer flashes from a close proximity, etc.)

In the situation described above or alike, an athlete must:

- Stop during or immediately after any interference or change of condition occurs,
- Raise their hand and approach the Course Manager to claim the re-run request,
- Describe the incident and request a new trick attempt or run.

The Head Judge shall decide if the request will be accepted. Re-runs can be granted right away or deferred at the Head Judge's discretion. The Head Judge's decision will be communicated by the announcer(s).

If a re-run for an individual trick attempt is granted, the athletes are free to choose any trick on any FOP obstacle for their granted re-run attempt.

Scoring Refusal Rule

During the Individual Trick Attempt phase of the Vert competition, athletes have the right to decline being scored for a trick they have just completed.

To refuse to be scored for a Trick Attempt, athletes must clearly signal their refusal to the Judging Panel. Signaling must be carried out by the gesture of "both arms crossed above the athlete's head".

All refusals must be claimed immediately after completing the trick, within 5 seconds of landing. Once a trick has been scored no refusal claim will be accepted.

Athletes who refuse their trick point evaluation will be scored with Zero - "0" points for that particular attempt.

During the following trick attempts, athletes will be scored and awarded points according to their performance only. There is no penalization for then re-trying the declined trick over, but it is not compulsory to do so: athletes are free to choose any trick they wish to perform.

EVENT SCHEDULE RELATED STATUS

<p>DELAYED</p>	<p>A delay may occur if a session does not start as scheduled but should start within the current segment of the same competition day. The new exact start time is unknown. All athletes shall stand-by in the venue area.</p> <p>If the delay exceeds the current competition day, the status will be changed to Re-scheduled or Cancelled.</p>
<p>POSTPONED</p>	<p>A session did not start as scheduled and has been postponed to a later segment of the same competition day. The new date and start time are yet unknown but will be announced and published as soon as possible.</p> <p>If not possible to postpone, the status will subsequently be changed to Re-scheduled or Cancelled.</p> <p>If a postponed session cannot be resumed within the current competition day and the new date and start time are unknown, the status will be changed to Re-scheduled or Cancelled.</p>
<p>INTERRUPTED</p>	<p>A session may be subject to an unplanned interruption after it has started. The time of resumption is yet unknown.</p> <p>If the session cannot be completed within the current competition day, the status will be changed to Re-scheduled or Cancelled.</p> <p>The results of previously-completed athlete performances will be carried forward to the new date and start time.</p> <p>An uncompleted performance will continue from the point of interruption (score and time) or will be granted with a re-run status. The Technical Delegate decides the fairest option to affected athletes considering each and every individual situation.</p>
<p>RE-SCHEDULED</p>	<p>A session may be Re-scheduled if it cannot be held at the originally scheduled start date/time. The new date and start time are known.</p> <p>If it is impossible to Re-schedule a session or round of competition within a certain time frame, the status may be changed to "Cancelled".</p>

CANCELLED	<p>An event phase that cannot be rescheduled within the available time in the competition schedule, including the weather reserve days, is canceled.</p> <p>In such a scenario, the World Skate Technical Delegate must follow the steps of the event contingency protocol and decide if the results can be validated and announced.</p>
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EVENT RESULTS VALIDATION PROCEDURE AND CONTINGENCY FORMAT PROTOCOL

If the runs/tricks cannot all be completed

In the Qualification and Semi-final competition round Format

RUN format: At least one run each must be completed to validate round results. In the semi-final and final rounds: a minimum of one run each must be completed to validate the final's results.
Jam Session format: All athletes must have completed their jam session to validate the round results.

3/5/3 Final competition round Format

If a contingency competition format has not been announced, then in the final round: a minimum of two runs must be completed to validate the final's results.

Contingency situation causing factors

VENUE / FOP related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FOP structural issues or potential structural integrity risks ● FOP rolling surface changes ● Public/spectator behavior causing organizational issues ● General safety & security issues ● Power outage ● Significant transport disruption of athletes/officials ● Unless absolutely necessary, alterations in the schedule should not force a practice or competition heat to start later than 10:00 PM.
Weather-related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Performance is affected by strong winds ● FOP frequently gets wet due to rain, regardless of the amount ● A high chance of lightning occurring on or near the FOP ● Air quality, low temperature, or intense heat causes potential health hazards to athletes ● Natural disasters or other force majeure alerts released by local authorities
Sport Technical equipment related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A major failure occurs in the scoring - result system ● Critical accident involving athletes on FOP during competition

Contingency Competition Format

In the case where it is clear that the weather, or other external conditions, will not allow the completion of the intended competition format, the Technical Delegate, after consulting with the Event Director, may opt to apply an alternative competition format.

Depending on the competition round of application, and provided that equal opportunities have been granted to all competitors, all athletes competing in a single heat will complete a first run, then try and complete the second run, and so forth. If the competition has to be stopped, the round ranking will be established based on the completed runs (e.g., the same number of runs are considered for all athletes). This system also applies to the 3/5/3 Vert competition format. If the competition has to be stopped, all skaters will be marked as DNS in the interrupted run or trick, and the final ranking will be established based upon the number of runs or trick rounds that all skaters have completed.

The application of contingency competition formats must be announced and defined in detail at least 1 hour before the start of the affected competition phase.

EVENT COMMUNICATION

Event entries

At the end of the last practice day, the World Skate Technical Delegate (TD), after a signing-off, will submit **event entries** and other relevant communication to World Skate.

Start list and results

At the end of every competition day, World Skate will release and distribute the **start lists, results**, and other relevant communication.

Start List, Result, or Ranking Review Request (RRR)

Athletes or National Team representatives may file a start list or event result review request based on World Skate's official documents during or after the event.

RRR requests must be filed the following:

During an ongoing event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In a written form to the hands of the Competition Secretary.• Or via an official email address to the WS Sports Department.• After a start list release or a partial event result announcement and publication, but no later than before the start of the following competition round's first practice group session.
After the completion of the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In a written form or via an official email address to the WS Sports Department.• Within a maximum of 5 days of the event completion and event final results publication.
After the release of the WSVR update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In a written form or via an official email address to the WS Sports Department.• Within a maximum of 3 days after the WSVR update release

RRR requests must provide the following information and declare:

The subject of the request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event name, • Athlete's full name, • Athlete's nationality.
ID number	Identification document number
Division Category	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male • Female
Time of occurrence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of the competition practice group or • Number of the competition heat, • Name of the event round, • Hour and date • Type of released document (start list, results, practice schedule, etc.) • If in WSVR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSVR update version's release date • Event name • Athlete's ranking position
Description of error	<p>Details of the released or published error in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarizing description <p>Preferably accompanied with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screenshot or photo attachment • Website address or link reference
Correction request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What should be rectified? • What is supposed to be the correct version?

The World Skate Competition Secretary, during an ongoing event, and World Skate Sports Department, after the completion of the event or after a WSVR update release, will seek correction and notify relevant parties about any changes without any unnecessary delays.

ANNEXES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

Managing Concussion At An Event

INTRODUCTION

A concussion is a brain injury caused by a blow to the head and/or a blow to another body part that is transmitted to the head.

It affects the way the brain functions rather than the structure of the brain, so you can't see it on an X-ray, CT, or MRI. This means you must be able to recognize it from assessing how the injury occurred and the way in which the athlete behaves.

Only about 10% or so of concussed athletes will lose consciousness.

Effects of concussion may be immediate or may develop over hours to days.

The effect of concussion is more serious in children and young athletes and takes longer to resolve.

Athletes, coaches, event administrators, parents, and everyone involved in sport need to know how important it is to recognize and manage concussions appropriately both at the events and afterward.

CONSEQUENCES OF CONTINUING IN THE EVENT WHILE CONCUSSED

If second and subsequent concussions happen before the first one is resolved, then there is a significant risk of a more serious concussive injury that can lead to more serious damage which takes a long time to resolve and may cause permanent damage.

If an athlete continues to compete or train while affected by a concussive injury, their reaction time, judgment, and balance may be affected, making a fall and further concussive and musculo-skeletal injury more likely.

All athletes suspected of having sustained a concussive injury MUST be removed from training and competition and not allowed to return for the duration of the competition. This decision should not be influenced by the athlete saying they feel OK or from pressure from a coach, parent, or anyone else. All athletes suspected of being concussed must be cleared by a medical practitioner before being allowed to return to competition.

A more serious brain injury may be present in addition to any concussion.

World Skate will appoint a concussion coordinator for each event who will be responsible for ensuring the athlete is removed from the competition and is appropriately monitored.

Recognizing Concussion

(Concussion Recognition Tool and SCAT5 Concussion assessment tool attached)

Watch for when an athlete collides with:

- Another athlete
- A piece of equipment
- The ground

Asking observers and video review of the incident can be very helpful in assessing the chances of concussion.

Visual Signs

- Lying motionless on the surface
- Getting up slowly after a blow to the head
- Disorientated or unable to respond quickly and appropriately to questions
- Having a blank or vacant stare even if they do respond to questions
- Having balance or co-ordination difficulties, e.g. stumbling, unsteady
- Having a visible facial or head injury

Symptoms

- Headache
- Feeling "Pressure in the head"
- Balance problems
- Nausea or vomiting
- Drowsiness
- Dizziness
- Blurred vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Aggression or more irritable than usual
- General feeling of unwellness
- Brain feels formless or clouded
- Difficulty in concentrating or remembering
- Feeling anxious or nervous
- Feeling slow
- Emotional

Memory Test

- What venue are we at today?
- What part of the competition is in progress now?
- What day of the week is it?
- What is the date today?
- What is the time right now?

You can adjust these questions to questions which any competitive skateboarder should be able to answer. Failure to correctly answer any of these questions means concussion is possible, and the athlete should be removed from the competition.

Red Flags (indicators that more serious injury may be present)

- Neck pain or tenderness
- Double vision
- Weakness or tingling of the arms or legs
- Severe or increasing headache
- Seizure or convulsion
- Deteriorating consciousness
- Vomiting
- Increased restlessness, agitation, or aggression

If any of these signs are present, the athlete should receive an urgent assessment by a medical practitioner at the venue, emergency department, or at a local practice.

Initial management of any concussion must adhere to basic first aid rules, airway, breathing, circulation, and spinal immobilization before removal from the competition area.

Athletes with a suspected concussion should

- Be immediately removed from participation after any basic first aid
- Not be left alone initially and for at least 2 hours
- Not drink alcohol
- Not take aspirin, ibuprofen, or any other NSAID
- Not use recreational drugs
- Not sent home to be by themselves
- Not drive a motor vehicle
- Be referred for appropriate medical assessment

CLARIFICATION REQUEST PROTOCOL

HOW TO FILE A COMPETITION CLARIFICATION REQUEST:

As per World Skate competition rules: “Once competition scores are approved by the Head Judge and published, they are final and not subject to any appeal.”

Athletes can request an explanation on judging and competition-related matters following the WS Clarification Protocol.

Please follow these steps to apply for a clarification:

- Clarification requests can **only** be filed in written form by using the dedicated form available at the event registration desk (during event time) or online at the following address: sportsdepartment@worldskate.org
- Clarification requests can be filed anytime during and within 24h from the end of the competition, at the latest.
- Clarification requests must be delivered to the World Skate Competition Secretary at the event registration desk or in the World Skate office. Under no circumstance should the TD, the HJ, or the judges be contacted directly.
- Clarification requests can be filed exclusively by:
 - The athlete or legal guardian if under 18
 - National Team Manager
- In case of a clarification request filed by the National Team Manager, the athlete or legal guardian must provide consent to the filing by co-signing the form.
- All clarification requests must be duly filled in all parts, providing details and context that is to be clarified. Generic requests will be rejected.

Once the competition secretary has received the clarification request, the document will be passed on to the Technical Delegate, who will connect with the Head Judge and other relevant ITOs to process the request.

While running the competition has priority over responding to clarification requests, the TD will do their best to process the request within 24h during the competition, and within one week from filing the clarification request after the competition is completed.

CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM

Athlete's name:
Country:
Date and Time of occurrence:
Event name, discipline, competition phase:
Clarification request (explain the facts and express in detail your clarification request)
Email contact
Name and role of the applicant (if different from the athlete's)
Signature of the applicant