



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 55 years 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 sanctioned or approved by World Skate that are not directly awarding points in the Olympic World Skateboarding Ranking (OWSR). **Renewal every 2 years.**

**Level 2:** The second tier of international certification provided by World Skate. In addition to the rights of Level 1, Level 2 judges they can judge international events sanctioned by World Skate that are directly awarding points in the Olympic World Skateboarding Ranking (OWSR). **Renewal every 2 years.**

**Level 3:** The third tier of international certification provided by World Skate. In addition to the rights of Level 1 and Level 2 judges they can work as head judge at any events sanctioned or approved by World Skate. **Renewal every 4 years.**

Summer Olympic Games Judges are appointed from the Level 3 judges listings only base of proven work excellence.

All the World Skate certified judges support the relaying and promotion of international judging standards into their national sports systems.

## INTERNATIONAL SKATEBOARDING JUDGING CERTIFICATION

### ORGANIZATION AND CERTIFICATION RIGHTS

World Skate international level judging certification can be achieved only by passing World Skate sanctioned and organized seminars and tests.

The World Skate International Judging Certification tests schedule is approved by the ISJC on an annual basis.

National Federations, Continental Areas, and private enterprises may offer themselves to become a host of a National or International Judging Seminar. Such seminars are conducted in cooperation with WSK and the participation of its team of lecturers.

For inquiries on hosting skateboard judging seminars, please contact WSK Sports Department.

## 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 become a certified judge.

Eligibility criteria for participants to the International Judging Certification Level 01 are the sole responsibility of the ISJC. Nomination of eligible candidates is at the discretion of sovereign National Governing Bodies / National Federations and in exceptional cases World Skate

- **Access to Level 01 Certification** is open to candidates that have at least 2 (two) years of experience judging skateboarding competitions at the national level. The maximum number of entries for participation in a seminar is set by World Skate.
- **Access to Level 2 Certification** is possible after having judged a minimum of 3 (three) World Skate events. Exceptions to this rule may be granted at ISJC's discretion based on the judge's proven excellence.
- **Access to Level 3 Certification** is possible after having judged a minimum total of 5 (five) World Skate sanctioned events having achieved the required overall grade revealed through World Skate Judging Evaluation Technology (WSK JET). Exceptions to this rule may be granted at ISJC's 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-led 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 fulfils 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 designers to fine-tune FOP layouts.
- Defining and deploying educational programs for national and international judges
- Design and deliver, together with the 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 based on their experience, vision, and knowledge of skateboarding and judging. Appointed members can be part of more than one sub-commission. Appointed members can withdraw from their positions for any reason upon their personal request. Appointed members can be removed due to continuous inability or inactivity in the commission's work and due to a significant breach of any valid WSK statute and regulation.
- **Elected Members** are elected for a 4-year term aligned to all elective offices in World Skate. The election will be held as per the 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 10 years. 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	3	3	3
Athlete Members*	2	2	2
Total*	8	8	8

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

\*\* In the event of a tie during a voting process, the Head of Skateboard Judging, who is typically a non-voting member of the commission sessions, will cast the deciding vote to break the tie.

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 2028-2032 quadrennial.

### **INTERNATIONAL JUDGES APPOINTMENT**

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