

SKATEBOARDING
WORLD SKATE JUDGING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
Street and Park

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World Skate Judging Certification Program (WS JCP) - 2024 Announcement

Dear National Governing Bodies and National Federations,

With the Olympic values of inclusion and equality in mind, World Skate wants to share upcoming plans for skateboard judging in 2024. We aim to establish consistent rules to ensure fairness and transparency in skateboarding competitions worldwide. Our main focus at World Skate is to create a standard set of rules for competitive skateboarding.

To achieve this, we need experienced judges who embody skateboarding's values and can provide fair results for athletes at any given competition. These judges will also have opportunities to participate in future World Skate events and potentially even the Olympic Games.

To start this process, we're excited to announce the launch of the Judging Certification Program for Level 01 during Q4 2024. This program aims to include judges from all continents, represent diverse cultures, and contribute to the growth of competitive skateboarding and skateboard judging.

WHAT DOES LEVEL 01 CERTIFICATION MEAN?

Level 01 is the first certification level for all aspiring judges from any country in the world. This initial level should test and guarantee the abilities and broader understanding of the competitive skateboarding mechanics to judge and evaluate skateboard performances via the judging criteria and standards used at all sanctioned World Skate events and the Summer Olympic Games.

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). Level 01 is the minimum required level of certification to be nominated for Judging Panels at the above-mentioned events.

(For further information and details on the tiers of skateboard Judging Certification levels, please see the [World Skate ISJC updated release](#)).

HOW WILL IT WORK?

CERTIFICATION OPTIONS:
<i>LEVEL 01 - Online Education, Online Certification Testing,</i>
<i>LEVEL 01 - In-Person Educational Seminar with Certification Testing.</i>



The Level 01 Certification Program consists of 3 phases:

Online Education.

- As a first step, all aspiring judges and applicants must get familiar with and educate themselves on the applied and valid **World Skate Competition Rules** and **World Skate Judging Criteria**. You can find both documents on the World Skate website or by following the links below:
 - [WSK Competition Rules](#)
 - [WSK Judging Criteria](#)
- As a second step, we suggest all applicants watch the WSK online video course Fundamentals of Skateboard Judging. This five-episode educational course is free and available on the <https://www.youtube.com/@SkateboardJudging/playlists>
- As a third step, we suggest all applicants to watch and read the **WSK Performance and Trick ledgers** from the previous Olympic Qualification events in Street and Park discipline.
 - The video version can be found on the World Skate Skateboard Judging Education YouTube Channel, among other useful educational materials on skateboard judging.
 - Digital versions in PDF format can be found on the World Skate website under the following link:
<https://www.worldskate.org/skateboarding/about/regulations/category/1308-judging.html>

(candidates, please follow only official WSK releases for the latest version of the above-mentioned documents). You can register for the WSK Mailing list on the following link:

<https://www.skateboarding.worldskate.org/newsletter.html>

Online testing.

The second phase of the Level 01 certification program is an online test on the World Skate Academy's platform.

Online testing will comprise of 3 main areas:

- Theoretical knowledge and understanding of World Skate Competition Rules, together with World Skate Judging Criteria,
- Practical Competition judging and
- Judging Conduct skills evaluation.

Every NGB/NF will be allocated a maximum quota of **10 candidates per each discipline** (Street = 10, Park = 10).

The country registration quota comprises a minimum of **3 guaranteed spots for Women judging candidates per each discipline**. If an NGB or NF has no female candidates, the allocated guaranteed spots cannot be transferred to male candidates.

In any certification discipline, the NF/NGBs may use a full registration quota or register only a limited number of candidates in one or both genders.



A single candidate can be registered for Park and Street discipline testing. Such registration will count for one allocated spot in each discipline. One spot for Park and one spot for Street.

Only recognized National Governing Bodies (NGB) / National Federations (NF) will be responsible for candidate selection and the registration process. The final number of their registered candidates within the allocated quota remains at their full discretion.

WSK Judging Certification Level 01 Online testing is scheduled for Q4 2024. with different dates for each discipline and allocated time slots for both hemispheres and most time zones. Please follow further WSK releases for specifications on dates and times.

Based on the results from the online testing, the candidates who fulfill the minimum required criteria will receive the Certification of Level 01 WSK skateboard judge.

LEVEL 01 - In-Person Educational Seminar with Certification

Starting in Q2 of 2025, all NGBs/NFs can apply for a WSK Skateboarding Level 01 Educational Seminar with Certification. This seminar will be an in-person, 3 to 5-day educational and certification Seminar hosted with the participation of WSK lecturers with a final exam for Level 01 certification. The WSK lecturers, from the global or Olympic Judges ranks, will conduct the seminar lectures in both Olympic disciplines.

In-person seminars will provide further education on skateboard judging, practical exercises, and simulated real-event scoring and testing.

Each participating candidate will be monitored and evaluated using criteria metrics similar to those at any WSK-approved or sanctioned event.

The educational seminar will conclude with a final practical Certification test. The results of this testing will be the basis for Level 01 certification.

All attending candidates will achieve a certification of completion of this national seminar issued by the hosting NGB.

Attendees who pass the test and successfully meet all of the necessary criteria for WSK Level 01 Certification will be officially certified via a WSK personal letter and announced/confirmed to the hosting NGBs/NFs. Newly certified judges will be included in the list of International Level 01 Judges on the World Skate website.

Educational Seminars with Level 01 Certification will be available to schedule upon an official email application letter submitted to the World Skate Sports Department at:

sportsdepartment@worldskate.org

If you are already interested in hosting such seminars in your country, please do not hesitate to file your application to the WSK Sports Department and book your scheduled dates in advance.



WHO CAN/ HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE WSK LEVEL 01 ONLINE TESTING?

Registration of candidates for the WSK JCP Level 01 will be conducted solely by the World Skate's recognized and respected National Governing Bodies (NGB).

NGBs/NFs will be entitled to register a maximum of

Maximum of **10 candidates for STREET** discipline,
with a minimum of 3 guaranteed spots for Women candidates.

Maximum of **10 candidates for PARK** discipline,
with a minimum of 3 guaranteed spots for Women candidates.

Details on Registration times, deadlines, and certification fees will be announced in the next WSK SKATEBOARD JUDGING CERTIFICATION BULLETIN.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBLE CANDIDACY AND APPLICATION?

All candidates for the WSK JCP Level 01 candidates must meet the following criteria:

Active or passive (with previous active career) skateboarders
between 18 and 40 years of age,
ideally with personal experience in competitive skateboarding.

Previous Judging experience at national tier of events or National championships
for a minimum of 2 years.

Good level of communication in English

All eligible candidates shall comply with the WSK Code of Conduct for Skateboard Judges and not hold any position that may conflict with their role as judges at skateboarding events.



WHEN WILL WE KNOW THE RESULTS AND HOW WILL THEY BE ANNOUNCED?

The results of the online testing will be announced and shared with the NGBs and the candidates, along with the personal result report, within 45 days of its completion.

Attendees who will pass the online testing and successfully meet all of the necessary criteria for WSK Level 01 Certification will be officially certified via WSK personal letter and announced/confirmed to the hosting NGBs/NFs. Newly certified judges will be included in the list of International Level 01 Judges on the World Skate website.

Candidates who did not meet the necessary criteria can repeat their application and be registered again in the following edition of the WSK JCP.

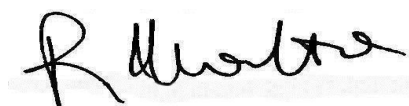
Further information and details on the WSK Judging Certification Program Level 02 will be released in 2025.

Thank you,

Best Regards



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