

The following rules and definitions apply to World Skate - World Championship of Vert Skateboarding. Nanjing 6th to 9th of September 2017.

THE SKATER

Duties and Code of Conduct

All Skaters have duties and responsibilities as shown below:

- Skaters will report to the competition office at least one hour prior to the beginning of the competition in each day of competition.
- Skaters will acquaint themselves with the competition area and facilities by warming up and practicing at the designated spot.
- Skaters will clear the competition area before the beginning of a competing session and avoid interfering or disturbing its development.
- Skaters will respect and accept the jury's judgement.

COMPETITION OFFICIALS

Contest Director

Contest Director appointed by WORLD SKATE to represent the Federation on the competition area. He will perform the following tasks:

- Coordinates staff and functions involved in running the event
- Consults with the head judge and staff, determines the length of competition by establishing the pauses that are needed by the jury or the organization to carry out their work.
- He is the ultimate decision-maker on any issue linked to the safety of the competition area.

Judge Panel

The judging panel consists in five officials including 4 Judges and 1 Head Judge appointed by WORLD SKATE

Head Judge

The Head Judge is the highest authority in the Judge Panel. Among his/her prerogatives are the power to ask the competition officials, the Organizing Committee, and/or the authorities for advice/opinions in order to make definitive decisions for the correct development of the event.

- The Head Judge can take part in the judgement in the case his/her presence is not prejudicial to the impartiality of the jury's members.
- The Head Judge enforces the compliance with the competition regulations and reserves the right of disqualification for any irregular behavior towards the Skaters.
- The Head Judge interfaces with the Secretary of competition for the conferment of the competition sheets.
- The Head Judge, together with the Judges, checks and approves the competition documents before they can be used or shared.
- The Head Judge represents the jury when interacting with Contest Director, organizing committee and the Skaters.

Judges

- Judging the Skaters' performances to determine final rankings for the event.
- Behave in a respectable way that is appropriate to their mandate.
- Report any violation of the Federal Regulations, situations that can hinder the development of competitions, or aspects that may constitute a hazard for the Skaters, the staff, and audience to the Head Judge.
- Being familiar with the regulations is paramount during every event.

Competition Secretary

Competition Secretary operates documents necessary to run the event. He/she shall interface with the Organizing Committee that will provide him/her with the list of registered Skaters that have been verified and are permitted to compete. He/she receives the list in digital format (spreadsheet) organized by disciplines and competition category.

The Competition Secretary's duties include:

- Compiling the starting list.
- Printing the competition sheets for the jury, announcer, and DJ.
- Receiving from the Head Judge the competition sheets duly filled out.
- In case of use of an electronic contest system, the Competition Secretary is in charge of setting up, running the system, acquiring scores, and supplying results.
 - Receiving from the Head Judge positive opinion on the formalization and observation of the competition results.

The Competition Secretary operates by using a personal computer and a printer made available by the Organizing Committee.

Timekeeper

The Timekeeper is responsible for keeping the times of competition. He operates by using a chronometer accurate to 1/100 of a second. He reports to the head judge and communicates on timing directly to announcer and head judge

Announcer

The announcer (one or more) delivers commentary, as well as communications / deliberations between Organizing Committee and Head Judge, to the audience and Skaters.

- He/she announces the starting order and introduces the Skaters.
- He/she announces the competition results.
- He/she makes announcements of interest for the audience or the Organizing Committee.
- On the basis of indication by the Head Judge, he/she makes announcements regarding the jury's decisions.
- He/she announces contest timing.

SAFETY

Safety is an essential aspect for the WORLD SKATE. The Organizing Committee, together with its staff, the Competition Officials, and the Skaters, shall collaborate so that the event is carried out under the safest conditions possible for all parties involved.

Medical Emergency

During the whole event, the presence of an emergency vehicle (ambulance) in the competition venue is mandatory. Said vehicle shall be operated by a qualified and equipped staff regulated by law so that they can provide all the required first aid services. The Organizing Committee shall take the necessary steps so that it is possible for the emergency vehicles to get easy and prompt access in the competition area.

During the development of the event, access in the competition area will be permitted only to:

- Skaters
- Coaches
- Media Operators
- Competition Officials
- Announcer
- DJ
- Provider of medical and paramedical services
- Organizing Committee staff

In order for each phase of competition to begin, the competition area shall be clear of Skaters, technical staff and media operators before. The presence of objects and people on the margins of the competition area can be allowed only if it does not interfere with the competing Skaters' performance.

The Organizing Committee shall implement a system that regulates the access in the venues, so that only authorized personnel is allowed in the competition area.

Maximum number of Skaters in the competition area

The Organizing Committee shall impose and enforce a maximum simultaneous number of Skaters on the competition area. Said number shall be established to allow a reasonably low level risk of collision among Skaters. At any moment, the Head Judge can ask for the counting of the people in the competition area and suspend the event until the aforementioned safety conditions are reinforced.

Skaters' safety protection

Each Skater shall skateboard using safety gear he/she deems necessary to guarantee his/her safety. Said choice shall be made evaluating one's own ability level, and style of skating. Despite personal preferences and age, wearing of a helmet is compulsory. This mandatory norm shall be enforced by the Organizing Committee also during the training/practice sessions. The Head Judge shall not start the competitions in the case Skaters are not wearing helmets. Failure to wear a helmet will invalidate one's run.

Technical specifications of the materials

SKATEBOARD - The board shall be structurally solid and shall not constitute a hazard for the safety of the Skaters and of others. It will also not have cutting edges that may harm the other Skaters. There are no limitations on shape, materials and size of the skateboard or of its parts, as long as it is composed as follows:

- Board with non-slip upper surface of choice.
- Ball bearing wheels.
- Trucks with respective mounting hardware to the board.
- Rails (optional).

Any other component shall be sanctioned by the Head Judge before its use during competitions.

It is forbidden to equip skateboards with engines (electric or driven by internal combustion) or systems that secure feet to the board.

HELMET – Only the following three types of helmets are allowed:

- Helmets with ATSM, CE, CPSC, SNELL certification or other verifiable valid certifications.
- Helmets manufactured using EPS (Expanded PolyStyrene) as primary component for shock absorption.
- Helmets manufactured without using EPS, but has received written approval by the WORLD SKATE.

COMPETITION PROCEDURE

COMPETITION SYSTEM

WORLD SKATE Vert Skateboarding Championship is conducted under the RUN competition system.

RUN – The procedure of “Run” competitions provides for the presence of only one Skater in the competition area for a period of time that may vary depending on the contest phase. Every skater will skate 3 to 4 runs, depending on the contest phase. For every contest phase, judges will score each of the runs. Best run will count toward final score. Registered skaters will be seeded in heats of 4 to 12 Skaters depending on contest phase, and need to include every registered skater in the starting list. skaters in the same heat will skate the designed number of runs one after the other, first to last, and back to the top of the heat list.

COMPETITION PHASES

Practice

Pre-competition practice - Skaters shall be given at least 2 hours of practice prior to the beginning of competitions. During pre-competition practice, only registered Skaters may access the ramp.

Competition practice - Skaters shall be given at least 10 minutes of practice prior to their competition performance. During competition practice only Skaters about to compete in the following competition phase may access the skatepark.

Qualifiers

Qualifiers otherwise known as Prelims are the first phase of the contest. Every skater has the possibility to skate 3 runs of 30 seconds each. Skater will be randomly seeded in 12-skater heats. 10 minutes of warm-up between each Heat. Each run begins, and timekeeping starts, when skater drops into the ramp. Runs finish when timekeeping reaches 30 seconds or skater bails, whichever comes first. First 12 skaters ranked in the Qualifiers will have access to finals. If registered skaters in a specific division are less than 12, the Head Judge will define a new qualification cut line. skaters and the public will be informed of the new cut line prior to the start of the contest.

Finals

Final are the last phase of the contest. Every skater has the possibility to skate 4 runs of 30 seconds each. Skater will be seeded, in reverse qualification order, in a single 12-skater heat. Each run begins, and timekeeping starts, when a skater drops into the ramp. Runs finish when timekeeping reaches 45 seconds or the skater bails, whichever comes first.

Skaters can withdraw from the event for any reason, by giving notice to Contest Director.

COMPETITION SCORE

The competition score is awarded by the judges according to a 0 to 100 scale. The score comes from each judge's overall evaluation of the Skater's performance, based on:

- Quantitative criteria (amplitude, speed, length, number of tricks)
- Quality criteria (difficulty and variety of tricks in a routine)
- Aesthetic and personal expression (style of execution, creativity of tricks and routines)

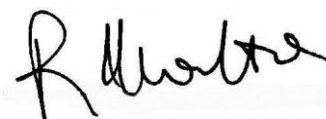
For each run, of the five judge's scores, the highest score and lowest score will be discarded. The remaining 3 judge's scores are added together and divided by three. The best scored run of each skater will count for ranking. If an Skater forfeits one run they will not be given a re-run. Forfeited runs will be scored zero.

Judges will not score skaters who skate out of start order for a Heat. Repeated refusal to skate respecting start order may result, at discretion of the Head Judge, in Skaters disqualification. If for whatever reason a contest phase cannot be completed, ranking will be defined including scores up to the last run that every skater skated with equal opportunities. Equality must be considered on the base of safety and rideability variable such as: surface moisture, visibility, light, wind, noise. Decisions on this matter are left to the head Judge after consultation with Judges and Contest Director.

Tie Breaking

In order to break tied results in rankings the following procedures must be adopted in order:

1. Adding the 5 judge's scores (no highest and lowest score discarded) from the best run breaks the tie
2. If still adding after averaging all 5 judges, the 2nd best run score breaks the tie
3. Adding the 5 judges scores for the 2nd best run breaks the tie
4. 3rd best score breaks the tie
5. Adding the 5 judges scores for the 3rd best run breaks the tie
6. 4th best score breaks the tie if available
7. Adding the 5 judges scores for the 4th best run (if available) breaks the tie
8. Head judge breaks the tie



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