



**SKATEBOARDING  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
PROVISIONAL REGULATIONS 2016**

## THE ATHLETE

### DUTIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

All athletes have duties and responsibilities as shown below:

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

### COMPETITION OFFICIALS

The jury of a Skateboarding event is composed by competition officials, the Secretary and the Head Judge.

#### HEAD JUDGE

The Head Judge is the highest authority in the competition area. Among his/her prerogatives there is the power to ask the competition officials, the Organizing Committee and the authorities for advice/opinions in order to take determinant 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 is the ultimate decision-maker on any issue linked to the safety of the competition area.
- The Head Judge enforces the compliance of the competition regulations and punishes with disqualification any irregular behavior towards the athletes.
- The Head Judge interfaces with the Calculating Judge for the conferment of the competition sheets.
- The Head Judge, together with the competition officials, checks and approves the competition documents before they can be used or shared.
- The Head Judge determines the lengths of competition by establishing the pauses that are needed by the jury or the organization to carry out their work.
- The Head Jury represents the jury when interacting with the organizing committee and the athletes.

### COMPETITION OFFICIALS

Competition Officials appointed for every FIRS event represent the Federation on the competition area. Their duties are:

- Judging the athletes' performances so as to compile a ranking of the event.
- Behaving in a respectable way that is appropriate to their mandate.
- Reporting any violation of the Federal Regulations, situations that can hinder the development of competitions and aspects that may constitute a hazard for the athletes, the staff and audience to the Head Judge.

- Being familiar with the regulations is force during every event.

### **CALCULATING JUDGE OR COMPETITION SECRETARY**

It is for the Calculating Judge redacting all the competition documents necessary to the development of the event. He/she shall interface with the Organizing Committee that will provide him/her with the list of registered athletes that have been verified and are admitted to compete. He/she receives the list in digital format (spreadsheet) organized by disciplines and competition category.

The Calculating Judge's competences include:

- Compiling the starting list.
- Printing the competition sheets for the jury, speaker and DJ.
- Receiving from the Head Judge the competition sheets duly filled out.
- Receiving from the Head Judge positive opinion on the formalization and dissemination of the competition results.

The Calculating Judge operates by using a PC and a printer made available by the Organizing Committee.

### **TIMEKEEPER**

The Timekeeper is responsible for keeping the times of competition.

He/She operates by using a chronometer accurate to one 100th of a second.

He/She is coordinated by the Head Judge and communicates on timing directly to the Speaker and Head Judge.

### **SPEAKER OR ANNOUNCER**

The Speaker transfers Organizing Committee's and Head Judge communications and deliberations to audience and athletes.

- He/she announces the starting order and introduces the athletes.
- He/she announces the competition results.
- He/she determines pace and rhythm of competition phases according to head judge inputs.
- 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.

### **SAFETY**

Safety is an essential aspect for the FIRS. The Organizing Committee, together with its staff, the Competition Officials and the athletes shall collaborate so that the event is carried out under conditions of highest safety of all people involved.

### **MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

During the whole event, it is mandatory the presence in the competition venue of an emergency vehicle (ambulance). Said vehicle shall be operated by qualified and equipped staff regulated by law so that they can provide all the required first aid services during the event.

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. Organizing committee shall guarantee fast and

efficient access for emergency emergency vehicles to the contest site.

## ACCESS IN THE COMPETITION AREA

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

- Athletes.
- Coaches.
- Media Operators.
- Competition Officials.
- Speaker/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 athletes, technical staff and media operators.

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 athletes' 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 ATHLETES IN THE COMPETITION AREA

The Organizing Committee shall impose and enforce a maximum simultaneous number of athletes on the competition area.

Said number shall be established and dictated through a control of the access by evaluating a reasonably low level risk of collision among athletes. In no case, within any facility and during any competition nor practice, more than 30 athletes can perform at the same time.

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.

## ATHLETES' SAFETY PROTECTION

Each athlete shall skateboard using protections he deems are necessary to guarantee his/her safety. Said choice shall be made evaluating his/her ability level, the discipline carried out and his/her falling technique.

Underage athletes cannot participate in the competitions if they do not wear adequate protective head-gear (helmet). This mandatory norm shall be enforced by the Organizing Committee during the training/practice sessions. The Head Judge shall not start the competitions in the case underage athletes are not wearing protective head-gear.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE MATERIALS

**SKATEBOARD** The board shall be structurally solid and shall not constitute an hazard for the safety of the athletes and of others. It shall also not have cutting edges that may harm the other athletes. 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
- Ball bearing wheels
- Trucks with respective fasteners to the board
- Rails

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

It is forbidden equipping 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 Poly Styrene) as primary component for shock absorption.
- Helmet manufactured without using EPS but that has received written approval by the FIRS.

## COMPETITION PROCEDURE

### COMPETITION SYSTEMS

Competition systems are the method used in order for the athletes to perform their competition routine and being evaluated by the jury. There are several competition systems that can be applied at the Organizing Committee's discretion and in accordance with the Technical Commission.

- **RUN:** The procedure of "Run" competitions provides for the presence of only one athlete in the competition area for a period of time that may vary depending on the characteristics of the facilities and competition format.
- **OPEN RUN:** It is just like "Run", but when the athletes' time is up he/she has the chance to continue with his/her performance until he/she makes the first mistake.
- **JAM:** The Jam Session provides for the presence of several athletes inside the competition area. The length of a Jam may vary depending on the number of athletes

performing simultaneously during competition on the characteristics of the facilities and competition format.

- **ORGANIZED JAM:** It constitutes a compromise solution between "Run" and "Jam". The athletes split in groups are asked to skate in a given order giving them the chance to use the facility while alone in the competition area.

Each athlete can continue his/her performance until he/she makes a first mistake or reaches the maximum time allowed on the facility.

### COMPETITION SCORE

The competition score is awarded by the judges according to a 0 to 100 scale and it comes from each judge's overall evaluation of the athlete's performance based on quantitative, quality, aesthetic and interpretative criteria, as well as criteria linked to personal expression and creativity. Once competition scores are approved by the Head Judge and published, they are no longer open to appeal.

### COMPETITION FORMAT

There is a wide variety of competition formats that can be applied to Skateboarding competitions. Among these, we can identify two major categories:

**FORMATS WITH COMPLETE RANKING:** The term defines all those competition formats that allow compiling a complete, organized and with no joint-winners ranking of all the athletes registered in the competition.

**FORMATS WITH INCOMPLETE OR APICAL RANKING:** The term defines all those competition formats commonly defined as Best Trick, Best Line and Multi Best Trick that do not allow compiling a complete ranking but are limited only to declare one or more winners of prizes attributed according to the jury's specific indications.

The Organizing Committee may freely adopt the format as long as the chosen format is communicated beforehand to the FIRS. In case of competitions that attributes points for the National ranking, it is mandatory using a format with complete ranking.

## COMPETITION PHASES FOR FORMATS WITH COMPLETE RANKING

**PRACTICE:** The Organizing Committee shall provide for a minimum amount of time required for athletes to practice and acquaint themselves with the competition area. There are two different practice sessions:

- **Pre-competition practice:** Athletes shall be given at least 2 hours of practice prior to the beginning of competitions. During pre-competition practice only registered athletes (for a maximum of 30 athletes simultaneously present in the competition area) may access the skatepark..
- **Competition practice:** Athletes shall be given at least 15 minutes of practice prior to their competition performance. During competition practice only athletes about to compete in the following competition phase may access the skatepark.

## QUALIFIERS

Qualifiers are those phases of competition that all athletes shall take part in in order to access the following competition phases. The format, the length and the number of heats of the qualifiers shall be structured so as to allow athletes equal competition conditions and opportunities.

Special attention shall be paid in the organization of the competition practice. No more than 60 minutes shall pass between the practice and competition performance of each athlete participating in the qualifiers. The competition will take place only if all those registered in

the competition have participated in the qualifying sessions. Not having competed in the whole qualifying session, will not make possible the compiling of a final ranking valid for the purposes of the FIRS' score.

## PHASES SUBSEQUENT TO QUALIFIERS

Based on the number of registered athletes, the number of competition phases to compete will vary: with a number of registered athletes lower than 12, there will be only two phases of competition: Qualifiers and Finals. Over 30 registered athletes, there will be 3 phases:

Qualifiers, Semi-finals and Finals. The Organizing Committee can decide to split the final phase in two different competitions called Finals and Super Finals.