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Chapter I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS ROLLER FREESTYLE

General Definitions

Roller Freestyle competitions are judged events, in which riders are scored based upon their skill at executing a routine, including one or more of a variety of different manoeuvres, that are known as “tricks”.

Within the context of these regulations, Roller Freestyle competitions shall refer to Roller Freestyle Park and Roller Freestyle Vert Ramp.

The season for Roller Freestyle shall begin on 1st January and end on 31st December.

Chapter II

CATEGORIES AND LICENSES

2.001 Age of Participants

For participation in events on the international calendar, riders categories are determined by the age of those competing. A rider's age is defined by the difference between the year of the event and the year of birth of the rider.

A rider must be at least 7 years of age to compete in a Roller Freestyle event. The minimum age of 7 refers to the real calendar age on the day of event commencement.

2.002 Competition Categories

Two levels of categories are defined for Roller Freestyle competitions.

a. World Skate Categories:

Roller Freestyle Park:

- Junior: from 12 years old to 18 years old
- Pro 19 years old and up

Roller Freestyle Vert Ramp:

- Pro 19 years old and up

World Skate will consider junior those athletes that are under 19 years of age by 31st December of the year of competition.

A rider older than the Junior categorie criteria can't register in the Junior categorie.

A rider which is considered by age as a Junior can choice by himself to register in the Pro category.

Each rider registered in one category will not be able to change his category during the season. The points regarding the overall or yearly ranking will be affected only to the category selected by the rider during is first yearly registration.

These categories shall be held at all events registered on the World Skate Roller Freestyle International Calendar.

b. National Categories: These categories shall be held at all events registered on a Roller Freestyle national calendar.

World Skate Categories for Roller Freestyle Competitions:

Roller Freestyle Park:

1. Categories for Men: Pro Men & Junior Men
2. Categories for Women: Pro Women & Junior Women

Roller Freestyle Vert Ramp:

1. Categories for Men: Men Pro
2. Categories for Women: Women Pro

2.003 Combination of Categories

A Roller Freestyle competition can only be held for categories in which 4 or more riders have completed the registration and riders' confirmation process. In case a category has less than 4 riders registered and confirmed, that category may be combined with a different category at the discretion of the competition organiser.

If a number of 4 riders are registered and confirmed during the rider confirmation, the category will be run even if less riders show up at the start, for whatever reason.

Chapter III

CALENDAR AND ORGANISATION OF ROLLER FREESTYLE EVENTS

3.001 Riders Meeting

The place and time of the Riders Meeting will be announced via World Skate Bulletin or by an official communication from the Judges and the Organizer.

3.002 Riders Confirmation

Riders confirmation is a process carried out under the responsibility of the organization, by which registered riders complete the registration process. The organization shall have the exclusive authority to decide whether a rider's entry is valid or not.

Riders confirmation is done at the times and place described in the Technical Guide or when the start list is shared on course.

During rider confirmation, each rider or their representative must attend to confirm the intention to start in the event.

Every rider by register at the event also accept the World Skate Rules and event regulations. (World Skate Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics 2019?)

A valid World Skate license issued by the National Federation shall be required, and must be shown at riders' confirmation to verify the identity. A national identity card or passport may also be required.

A rider is considered correctly registered for the competition if he has complied with the following requirements:

- payment of the registration fee (if any)
- signature of the waiver requested by the organizers
- completion of the rider confirmation

At this point will he be given the accreditation that allows him to take part in the event.

A rider must have completed the registration in order to access the first practice; no rider is admitted to the competition area before completing the registration process

No further entries shall be accepted following the end of riders' confirmation.

Likewise, all riders who have registered but have not participated in the rider confirmation meeting must be removed from the list of entries and are no allowed to start.

A rider whose licence could not be verified and whose status as a non-suspended licence holder cannot be established in any other manner, may not start and may not figure in the classification of the event.

3.003 Awards Ceremony

All riders concerned shall participate in official ceremonies, in accordance with their placing, classifications and performances. If a concerned rider is not showing up at the Ceremony his prize money may be cancelled at the discretion of the organization.

Unless otherwise stated, riders must show up at official ceremonies wearing competition clothing or decent clothes.

3.004 Roller Freestyle Competitions participant code of conduct

Each participant is engaged on their own or on behalf of employees and agents, and must Respect the World Skate Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics.

Anyone who signs the registration form declares to have been informed and to accept the Regulations, Bulletin, Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics of World Skate.

Fair play and respect are two essential values at all World Skate Roller Freestyle events.

Without prejudice to any specific provisions of these regulations, the organization and judges appointed to manage a Roller Freestyle

competition has the right to disqualify or refuse the start of a rider who violates the following standards of safety or good conduct:

- Failure to respect the equipment regulations.
- Failure to respect the published event schedule.
- Failure to respect restricted areas or the time limits of the competition.
- Failure to respect the start order for the competition deliberately causing damage to equipment, the venue, or the environment.
- Participating in the event (regardless of the stage) under the influence of alcohol or other illegal substances and not respecting WADA rules and World Skate Antidoping Rules.
- Inadequate behavior (eg: use of obscenities, insults, inappropriate language, obscene gestures)

Any other behaviour that would prejudice the fair conduct of the competition or damage the reputation of the sport, the organisation, or World Skate.

Without prejudice to any other disciplinary measures that may apply, in relation to this point neither verbal nor physical aggression will be tolerated; exclusion from the competition or event area will be immediate.

The decision of the organisation or the technical commission for disqualifying or refusing the start of a rider can not be protested.

Chapter IV

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

4.001 The Roller Freestyle Equipment

Equipment used in Roller Freestyle Competitions shall comply with the spirit and principle of considering the Roller Freestyle as a sport. This principle presupposes that riders will compete in competitions on a level playing field. The principle affirms the primacy of man over the machine.

The Roller skates and their accessories used in Roller Freestyle Competitions shall be of a type that is adequate for use by anyone practising Roller Freestyle as a sport.

It is up to each rider to check the conformity of their equipment.

The judges, the technical commission and the organization have the authority to refuse any equipment that could endanger the safety of the rider or any other person.

The roller skates used in Roller Freestyle Competitions are with at least two wheels of equal or different diameter per foot. The wheels shall be put together and assembly on bearings without electric or other assistance.

However, for various reasons, riders in Roller Freestyle Competitions may decide to build their Roller with 2 to 5 wheels per foot.

Wheels should be set on a frame.

The Roller skates used in Roller Freestyle Competitions shall be of a type that is generally used for Roller Freestyle. This position requires that the only points of support can be the following: 2 feet placed on 2 different-skates.

All Roller Skates used in Roller Freestyle Competitions must be equipped with wheels that are nominally a minimum of 40millimeters in diameter to a maximum of 130 millimeters in diameter per wheels.

4.002 Safety Equipment

Wearing a helmet certified for Roller Freestyle is an obligation attached to all categories. This helmet must be worn at all times while riding. Only accessories approved by the helmet manufacturer may be attached to helmets.

The helmet strap must be securely fastened at all times when riding, whether during competition, warm-up or practice.

It is strongly recommended that riders wear:

- a. Back, elbow, knee and wrist protectors
- b. Protection of the cervical vertebrae

For riders in any Junior category, knee protection is mandatory.

4.003 Clothing

Riders in Roller Freestyle Competitions shall wear clothing that is traditionally associated with Roller Freestyle. Such clothing in its design or construction must not constitute a danger to the safety of the rider (example: extremely loose clothing which could get caught in the field of play).

Likewise, the design or advertising printed on such clothing must not contain any offensive statement or image which could damage the public image of the organiser, World Skate, nor of Roller Freestyle as a sport.

4.004 Identification of Riders

Riders must at all times wear the visual identification provided by the organisation (sticker, wristband, bib or strap, whatever the case may be). Riders not doing so may be refused access to the competition venue or may be refused their start.

Chapter V

ROLLER FREESTYLE COMPETITIONS

- a. Roller Freestyle Park Competitions take place within a course that consists of various types of obstacles such as ramps, walls and railings. Riders perform timed routines within the course, and are scored based upon various factors, including the difficulty and quality of execution of their run.
The course used can be a slopestyle course or a park.
- b. Roller Freestyle Vert Ramp Competitions take place on a vert Ramp. Riders perform timed routines within the course, and are scored based upon various factors, including the difficulty and quality of execution of their run.

5.001 Competition Format

A Roller Freestyle competition for each category may be composed of the phases (Qualification, Semi-final or Final) described below. Within each phase, a certain number of heats take place.

A heat is a group which includes 3 to 6 riders.

The combination of phases and heats for a category depends on the number of entries, and is specified in the following table:

ROLLER FREESTYLE COMPETITION PHASES			
Number of entries	Competition phases	Qualification rules	Number of heats
4 - 8 entries	2 phases: Qualification x 1 Final x 1	Top 4 in Qualification advance to Final	Qualification: 1 or 2 Heats
			1 heat of 4 in Final
9 – 15 entries	2 phases: Qualification x 1 Final x 1	Top 8 in Qualification advance to Final	Qualification Heats of 4 or 5
			2 heat of 4 in Final
16 - 28 entries	2 phases: Qualification x 1 Final x 1	Top 12 in Qualification advance to Final	Qualification: as below
			heats of 4 to 6 in Semi Final
More than 28 entries	3 phases: Qualification x 1 Semi-final x 1 Final x 1	Top 16 to 24 in Qualification advance to Semi-final	Qualification: as below
		Top 10 to 12 in Semi- final advance to Final	heats of 4 to 6 in Semi Final
			heats of 4 to 6 in Final

5.002 Number of heats

The number of heats in each round is found in the table above. For the Qualification phase, the number of heats should be chosen such that as many heats as possible have 4 to 6 riders. Whenever it is not possible for all heats to have 4 to 6 riders, there will be either heats of 5 or heats of 3, whichever must be done to maximize the number of heats with 6 riders.

5.003 Number of runs

In all competition phases, within each heat, each rider shall do 1 to 3 runs.

A run is the individual unit of competition in a Roller Freestyle event, during which a rider performs a routine consisting of various tricks, which is evaluated by the judges. The number of runs and number of run counting for the results should be announced on the technical guide.

Classic competition format is 2 runs best run counts. Any other competition format needs to be approved by the World Skate Technical Commission.

5.004 Start Order

Each rider must perform a single run according to the starting order. Once the last runner in the order within each run has taken his first run, the riders will take their second run in the same order.

Within the Qualification phase, riders are randomly assigned to each heat.

However, in case an event that is part of a series, the Qualification phase shall be done in reverse order of the current series ranking. Riders are assigned to their heats in order, starting with the unranked or lowest ranked riders, and ending with the highest ranked riders in the last heat.

In such a case, within each heat, the start order continues to be in reverse order of ranking, so that the highest ranked rider within each

heat goes last in that heat. Any unranked riders are seeded randomly or not but the organiser in the first heats in the order.

In case of the first event in a series, the final ranking of the previous season of the series will be used.

Within the Semi-final phase (if done), the start order is in reverse order of the results of the Qualification phase.

Within the Final phase, the start order is in reverse order of the results of the previous phase.

Within each phase of the competition, the riders in each heat are entitled to a minimum 40 second warm-up before their heat begins.

In the Semi-final (if held) and the Final, any rider who is not present within the park or the rider area as described in the Technical Guide at latest by the start of the 15 minutes warm-up period preceding that phase, shall not be allowed to start. They will be scored as DNS (“Did Not Start”) for the phase in question.

In case one or more riders do not start in a Semi-final or the Final for the reason of missing the deadline, the heats shall be redrawn.

In case one or more riders withdraw (or are disqualified or refused their start) once the deadline has passed, the heats will not be changed.

5.005 Scoring and Results

Each judge shall give each rider a score of between 0.01 and 99.99, taking into account the rider’s entire performance.

The scores given by all judges for each rider are then averaged; this average score is the official score of the rider. No individual scores can be shared or analyzed, only the average scores of the panel of judges are official.

Within each phase it is possible that one or more riders may not start, or withdraw from competition.

In case a rider is refused his start for any reason or withdraws or simply does not show up before beginning their first run, he shall be scored as “Did Not Start” for the phase in question. Such a rider is not eligible to

transfer to the next phase of the competition. Should a rider withdraw after completing part of his first or second run, he shall be considered as having started in that phase of the competition and will be scored on the portion of the run(s) that he was able to complete before withdrawing.

In case a rider registered for the competition does not show up at the competition venue for a Semi-final or Final within the time-lines, their DNS shall be converted to a disqualification unless the rider withdraws for an acceptable reason such as injury a circumstance beyond one's control. It is the responsibility of the rider or their representative to contact the organisation and provide acceptable proof of this.

5.006 Results for Each Phase

Within each phase, a result shall be established in order of the highest score to the lowest. Ties shall be broken.

5.007 Non-starters and Withdrawing from Competition

Within the results established for each phase, riders who are scored as DNS (“Did Not Start”) are put in last place for the phase in question.

In case of multiple DNS riders, they will be placed after the riders who started, in the order of their results in the previous phase.

In case one or more riders do not start in the Qualification phase, they shall automatically be considered as Disqualified (DSQ) and will not be ranked in the final results of the competition.

After the Final of a Roller Freestyle Competition is completed, a competition classification accounting for the results of all phases of the event is produced as follows:

All riders not Disqualified (DSQ) who qualified for the Final, in order of their scores in the Final (from highest score to lowest). DNS riders in the Final as described below.

If it was held, all riders not Disqualified (DSQ) who qualified for the Semi- final but did not qualify for the Final, in order of their scores in

the Semi- final (from highest score to lowest). DNS riders in the Semi-final as described below.

If it was held all riders not Disqualified who started in the Qualification phase, in order of their scores in the Qualification phase, but who did not qualify for the next phase of the competition.

5.008 Judging Panel

No scores shall be released as official until verified and approved by the panel of Judges or the supervisor (if any).

No riders nor their family members, team representatives, members of the press, nor spectators should approach the judges stand or speak with the judges during the competition or when calculating scores.

The judges must act in a professional and impartial manner, and in doing so must put aside all preconceptions such as style preferences, or past performances. The performance of each rider during each run shall be judged entirely on its own merits.

5.009 Judging Criteria

The performance of each rider/run is judged on overall impression including, but not limited to:

- Difficulty (refers to not only the tricks performed but also the placement of the tricks within the course and the combinations used)
- Height (amplitude of the tricks performed)
- Flow
- Fluidity
- Originality, Creativity (tricks, lines and diversity)
- Style
- Consistency (refers the stability, fluidity and control of manoeuvres performed)
- Variety of tricks (refers to a good mix of standard airs, rotations, grinds and more)
- Landings (foot trailing, imbalance, half turn...)
- Control of the tricks
- Use of the Park or Vert Ramp

- Execution
- Progression (evolution of the Sport)

The overall composition of the runs is most important as the judge evaluates the sequences of tricks, the amount of risk in the routine, and how the rider uses the course. The judges take errors such as falls and stops into consideration as described below.

Errors are defined as interruptions in a run or losses of control such as those listed below.

- Minor errors can include flat landings, deck landings, sliding, light hand touches and other instabilities.
- Medium errors can include stopping in full or heavy hand touches,
- Major errors can include actions such as big crashing

Each judge will take into consideration any mistakes as fall, stops, hand down, ... The number of points deducted depends on the quantity and severity of the errors, and their overall impact on the rider's run performance.

In case of a tie, the judges shall discuss the performance of each rider concerned, and will use the following process to resolve the tie.

In their discussion the judges will first ensure that the scores are correct.

If no decision can be made and a tie remains:

5.010 Procedure for Managing the Competition

Riders may begin their run from any position, and must be ready in their chosen starting position prior to beginning their run.

The time for each run will be started when in the opinion of the *technical delegate or commission* the rider drops in from an obstacle or higher level of the park. In this regard, the decision of the responsible for time-keeping shall be final and may not be protested.

Finishing a Run:

A run ends when the time for the run has elapsed.

If a rider is stationary when the time runs out, nothing else will be scored.

If a rider is in motion when the time runs out, any remaining trick that is fully completed within 2 seconds after the time elapses shall be counted.

Completed trick is one in which both skates are in contact with a flat (horizontal) part of the park surface.

A run can be from 45 to 60 seconds.

Time-out for Mechanical Problems:

During a run, if a rider suffers any kind of a mechanical problem, the rider has until the time elapses for his run to either fix the problem or to get another roller and continue riding. If the time for his run elapses before he continues riding, then his run shall be declared finished, and he shall not be allowed to start riding again. Whether or not the rider is able to restart his run before the time elapses, the judges shall only consider any riding that was done within the time limit.

The Judges, together with the organiser and technical-commission, may decide based on their assessment of the riding conditions whether or not a weather time-out is necessary.

The judges, together with the organiser, may decide based on their assessment of the riding conditions whether or not a competition can be finished.

If the competition is stopped at any point during a run series (1st or 2nd run for the complete heat), then the entire run series (1st or 2nd run for the complete heat) shall be re-run once the competition is started again. However, the results of any heats that have been fully run before the competition was stopped shall stand; no such heats will be re-run.

If the competition can't be later restarted, the last scores from semi final or qualification will be the final results.

For whatever reason, in case a competition can't be finished after it has started, the results of the last phase completed shall form the final result.

Cancellation: If the competition is stopped before the Qualification phase is completed, there shall be no result; in this case, no prizes will be awarded.

CHAPTER VIII

SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE ROLLER FREESTYLE WORLD CUP

General Terms Applicable to the World Skate Roller Freestyle Cup

Competition Categories and Format

For Pro Men and Women, the World Skate Roller Freestyle Park Cup events are organized as described in 5.001 or the organiser can define different quota and limits for each competition phase by announcing the details in the official bulletins.

A ranking consisting of all events in the World Skate Roller Freestyle Cup series shall be drawn up for Pro Men and for Pro Women.

Points will be awarded based on the final ranking for each event, according to the schedule found in annex 1. The ranking shall be updated following each event. In case of a tie on points on the yearly series (World Cup) ranking, the rider with the better result in the final classification of the latest round held shall break the tie.

Following the last event in the World Skate ROLLER Freestyle Cup Series each season, the highest ranked rider in Men Elite and also Women Elite will be declared the World Skate ROLLER Freestyle Cup Champion, respectively, for the year in question.

In case the schedule must be altered the competition, format may be altered as follows:

- a. The Qualification phase may not be held, in which case all entered riders will start in the Semi-final round (or Final, in the case of no Semi Final scheduled).
- b. The Semi-final phase may not be held, and only a Final held.
- c. If the Final is not held, the results of the Semi-final will be used as results of the event for the prize money and overall series points (or the Qualification phase).

If an entire event is stopped and can't be resumed before the conclusion of the Qualification phase, neither prizes nor points will be awarded. In this case, a meeting will be called with the riders to inform them.

Delays

If an event is delayed, all athletes and staff must stay at the competition venue until informed otherwise by the organizer. The riders will be notified of the new schedule as soon as it has been decided.

Riders are responsible to read the schedule and for checking to see if it has been amended. Neither the World Skate nor the organizer shall not be responsible in case a rider misses the competition due to a change.

Schedule Changes

In case the event is stopped and can't be resumed before the Semi-final is finished, then there shall be no result.

The organizer and the World Skate acting jointly may decide to change the schedule before the start of the event.

During the event the Technical Delegate (if appointed) and organizer, acting jointly, will decide together if the schedule must be changed.

If there is a schedule change prior to the first day of practice, the adjusted schedule will be posted on the event web site (if any), on World Skate's website and at the competition venue. In case of a change during the event, the revised schedule will be posted, at minimum, at the competition venue.

Event Format

○ Qualification Phase

The start list order and composition of the heats are done in reverse order of the current Roller Freestyle World Cup ranking. The final ranking of the previous year is used in the case of the first event of the season.

Any riders not ranked will start before the ranked riders, in a randomly determined order.

Scores for all riders competing in the Qualification phase are published no later than 90 minutes after the Qualification phase is finished.

- **Semi-final Phase**

The start order of the Semi-final phase is done in first in reverse order of the results of the Qualification phase

In the Semi-final, the scores will be reported by the judges no later than 30 minutes following the end of the Semi-final.

- **Final Phase**

The riders who advance to the Final will be seeded in reverse order of the Qualification or Semi-final results (highest ranked rider from the Semi-final goes last).

In case one or more riders do not start or are disqualified in the Final, regardless of the reason, the final will be run with less riders. No other riders can enter to the final afterward.

In the Final, the scores will be reported by the judges following each heat.

CHAPTER IX

SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE ROLLER FREESTYLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Registration, Limited country quota, Qualification process and any specific rules for the Roller Freestyle World Championship will be held and share on specific bulletin send to national federations and share on the World Skate website.

Annex I - Roller Freestyle World Cup Points Table

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1st	10000	21st	900	41th	170	61st	82	81st	28
2nd	9000	22nd	700	42th	165	62nd	79	82nd	26
3rd	8200	23rd	500	43th	160	63rd	76	83rd	24
4th	7700	24th	400	44th	155	64th	73	84th	22
5th	7200	25th	300	45th	150	65th	70	85th	20
6th	6700	26th	290	46th	145	66th	67	86th	18
7th	6200	27th	280	47th	140	67th	64	87th	16
8th	5900	28th	270	48th	135	68th	61	88th	14
9th	5400	29th	260	49th	130	69th	58	89th	12
10th	4900	30th	250	50th	125	70th	55	90th	10
11th	4400	31th	240	51th	120	71st	52	91st	9
12th	3900	32th	230	52th	115	72nd	49	92nd	8
13th	3500	33th	220	53th	110	73rd	46	93rd	7
14th	3100	34th	210	54th	105	74th	43	94th	6
15th	2700	35th	200	55th	100	75th	40	95th	5
16th	2300	36th	195	56th	97	76th	38	96th	4
17th	2000	37th	190	57th	94	77th	36	97th	3
18th	1700	38th	185	58th	91	78th	34	98th	2
19th	1400	39th	180	59th	88	79th	32	99th	1
20th	1100	40th	175	60th	85	80th	30		