

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

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**Possible corrections to Artistic Skating competition scores and results and the time frame allowed to apply such corrections.**

- No protests against evaluations by Referees, Judges and the Technical Panel (Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Assistant Specialist, Data Operator) of skaters' performances are allowed.
- Protests against results are permitted only in the case of incorrect mathematical calculation. A wrong identification of an element or of a level of difficulty, although it results in a lower or higher score, is a human error and not an incorrect mathematical calculation.
- However, if the Referee learns
  - a. Prior to the beginning of the award ceremony or prior to the official announcement of results (if there is no award ceremony) that a human error relating to a wrong data input by the Data Operator occurred, the Referee may correct the error provided that the Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Assistant Specialist and the Data Operator all agree that there was an error.
  - b. That an incorrect mathematical calculation occurred, the Referee may correct the calculation (even without a protest) provided that the Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Assistant Specialist and the Data Operator all agree that there was such an incorrect calculation. If such correction results in a change of the final placements of the skaters, the corresponding medals shall be changed accordingly.
  - c. If the situation under paragraph a) and b) arises the Referee shall make a short record in writing which must be signed by all the Officials concerned.

Only corrections as outlined above (wrong data input by Data Operator and/or incorrect mathematical calculation) can be accepted within the said timelines.

If by correcting these errors, the result of the short program changes but the draw for order of skating for long program has been done, the draw must be redone.

Consequently, corrections of Technical Panel calls and/or Judges scores which are not in line with the above-mentioned Rule cannot be made once the score of a Competitor has been announced by the official speaker and/or displayed on the score board or video screen of the competition.

The above-mentioned clarification is in line with the generally accepted principles of applying "Field of Play" decisions.

### **Time limits for filing a protest**

- Protests concerning the participation of a competitor must be filed before the competition starts.
- Protests against incorrect mathematical calculation may be filed until 24 hours after the completion of the competition concerned.

### **Improper public comments or behavior**

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- Competitors and team officials who, either directly or through a third party, openly express themselves in an improper manner regarding the Officials or their decisions, namely for Artistic Skating competitions in particular but not limited to the calling of elements and/or levels of difficulty by the Technical Specialist, Assistant Specialist and the Technical Controller or regarding the markings of the Judges may be sanctioned.
- Judges cannot discuss a competition with any member of any delegation during the event, if this happens, the Artistic Technical Commission is allowed to take that judge out of the panel.
- The use of mobile phones on the technical or judges panel for personal purposes is prohibited whilst an event is in progress.

- World Skate would like to remind all officials their responsibility when invited to judge at any International competition:
  - Judges are refrained to take photos with skaters of any Nationality, upload and post on any social media.
  - A suspension of one (1) year will follow if any official is found in breach of their responsibility.
- Encouragement or advice of any kind, especially prompting during skating, by officials, is not permitted.
  - A suspension of one (1) year will follow if any official is found in breach of their responsibility.

## **Technical Panel Code of Ethics**

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The Technical Panel Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy applies to all individuals appointed by World Skate to serve as officials on a Technical Panel. Officials subject to this policy include: Technical Controller, Technical Specialist, Assistant Specialist, Data Operator and Video Replay Operator.

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- Reinforce that the highest standards of ethics, fairness, honesty and integrity must govern all officials eligible to serve on technical panels at World Skate sanctioned events.
- Ensure that all such officials comply with the fundamental policies and values of World Skate.

Technical Panel officials agree on the following:

- To conduct with independence and neutrality at all times, giving example of high standards of ethical behavior.
- To display no favoritism for, or prejudice against, any skater, coach, judge, official, volunteer or other individuals involved in a World Skate event.
- Conduct and comments should stimulate trust and confidence among all skaters and coaches. Appearance of misconduct or impropriety can be damaging.
- Not to accept cash or other benefits and favors for the participation in any World Skate competition.
- The failure to abide by the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy for Technical Panel officials will result in the suspension for a definite period of time, or may forever exclude the official, from all World Skate events and activities under the applicable eligibility rules.

## **Technical & Judges Panel Code of Ethics**

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The purpose of this Policy is to:

- Reinforce that the highest standards of ethics, fairness, honesty and integrity must govern all officials eligible to serve on technical panels at World Skate sanctioned events.
- Ensure that all such officials comply with the fundamental policies and values of World Skate.

Technical & Judges Panel officials agree on the following:

- To conduct with independence and neutrality at all times, giving example of high standards of ethical behavior.
- To display no favoritism for, or prejudice against, any skater, coach, judge, official, volunteer or other individuals involved in a World Skate event.
- Conduct and comments should stimulate trust and confidence among all skaters and coaches. Appearance of misconduct or impropriety can be damaging.
- Not to accept cash or other benefits and favors for the participation in any World Skate competition.
- The failure to abide by the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy for Technical & Judges Panel officials will result in the suspension for a definite period of time, or may forever exclude the official, from all World Skate events and activities under the applicable eligibility rules.

Judges Scores:

- Each judge's component score should not differ from the average score for that component by 1.5 marks or more.
- Each judge's QOE should not differ from the average QOE for that element by two (2) or more integers.
- ATC will analyze the results to monitor judge's performance and could decide to send a letter of admonition to the federation of the judge in question. A second admonition letter would result in the judge losing their international accreditation. To reinstate the title of International judge the judge would then need to take the exam again if the requirements allow (i.e. age, etc.)
- If a judge is observed to be consistently awarding higher than the allowed difference from the average to skaters of their own national federation it will be considered failure to abide by the Code of Ethics for Technical & Judges Panel officials and will result in the suspension for a definite period of time, or may forever exclude the official, from all World Skate Events and activities under the applicable eligibility rules.
- If a judge or technical specialist is seen to be unfair to skaters in any way, the official in question will be removed from the panel, and the Federation involved will not have any official invited by World Skate Artistic for the next year.
- Any Federation which tries to influence judges from its own, or any other Federation, to judge in favor of any particular skater/s either before or during a competition, will be suspended.
- This influence must not be either to Federation Delegates or directly to judges themselves.
- If this happens, the judges of the Federation attempting to do this will be removed from the competition. The offending Federation will not have judges at the next World Championships.
- Such action by any Federation is an embarrassment to World Skate, to ATC, and to the sport of roller skating as whole. Politics cannot and must not be part of this sport.

## Conflict of interest

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1. A direct conflict of interest exists when the official (or a parent, sibling, child, spouse, skating or life partner) have been teaching, choreographing or consulting any competitor in an event, in the previous one year.
  - A. An indirect conflict of interest could arise through any personal, family or financial relationship that could be perceived as a conflict of interest. This

includes any situation that has the potential to undermine the impartiality of a person.

2. Technical Panel officials must agree on the following:
  - A. Not to participate in any event (i.e. senior ladies free skating) in which there is a direct conflict of interest.
  - B. If a conflict is discovered after the invitation has been accepted, the Referee should be immediately notified.
  - C. To disclose all direct and possible indirect conflicts when submitting the availability of the official to serve at qualifying competitions. If a conflict is discovered after the assignment to a qualifying competition, it is necessary to notify the Referee immediately.
  - D. If those officials agree that a conflict exists, the official will be removed from the panel. If those officials do not agree, the referee will make the final decision.

## **Critiques, feedback and monitoring**

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Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Assistant Specialists can critique and provide feedback to skaters throughout the year with the following stipulations:

Officials may not critique skaters who will be competing in a World Skate event to which the official is assigned for a period of 2 months prior.

Technical Panel officials found in breach of this rule will be banned from being involved in any World Skate competition for 1 year.

## **Conducting club and rink seminars**

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Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and Assistant Specialists who are asked by rinks or clubs to conduct a seminar for skaters may do so as long as it is announced and is available to all skaters who wish to participate.

## **Rollart panels for international competitions**

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There will be the following number of panels:

- One or two panels for free.
- One panel for pairs.
- One or two panels for dance.
- One panel for precision.

The same TS /Controller/Assistant, judges, and data operators can participate in one or two panels.

Technical panel will be of four (4) people.

Judges panel will be of minimum five (5) people: four (4) judges and one (1) referee.

It will be responsibility of World Skate ATC to create the panels for the competitions.

The Technical Panel and Judges Panel can be different for short/style dance and long/free dance.