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Introduction

The present World Skate Rulebook shall be applicable to all World Skate Marathon Events, special circumstances can modify some of its articles on the basis of specific local venue characteristics where the Marathon takes place, only under authorisation and supervision from World Skate.

Participation in a World Skate Marathon, in whatever capacity, shall imply acceptance of all provisions of the Regulations applying thereto. In these Regulations the masculine gender is used, for no other reason than simplicity, in relation to any physical person. It is a mere formality to indicate both the feminine and masculine gender. The word “skater” means any man or woman practicing the Speed discipline governed by the present Regulations.

The present Technical Regulations Rulebook is the Official version, written in the Official World Skate language: English. In the event of divergence between different versions of the present Regulations, the original text in its original language shall prevail.

Definitions

The World Skate Marathon Tour

The World Skate Marathon Tour is an official international event under the World Skate umbrella.

The Marathon Race

This is a Long-Distance race that can be carried out only on road. In this race an unlimited number of skaters can participate at the same time.

Organizer

Organizers can be Continental Areas, National Confederations, National Federations, Associations and associated Clubs or private Organizations and are responsible to carry out the whole execution of the World Skate Marathon Tour Stage as the host body.

The Season

The Season is the chronological list of marathon races which have received prior authorisation by the World Skate as regards the international Marathon Tour. The Season is composed of the World Skate Marathon Tour Stages to be held during the corresponding year: from 1 January to 31 December.

The Officials

International Officials

The international officials are: World Skate President, World Skate Vice President, Organizational Delegate, World Skate Anti-Doping Manager/Delegate, International Technical Officials (the Jury), The Technical Delegate and World Skate Secretary General.

The Technical Delegate

The Technical Delegate is assigned by World Skate and will be responsible for all the technical matters of the competition. He conducts the Technical Meeting, decides about unforeseen circumstances of any matters in conjunction with the organizers to assure the event success. The Technical Delegate evaluates the conformity of the organization of the event with the regulations, the technical and logistics specifications and the various relevant guides and directives.

He also conducts a prior inspection of the event route onsite at least 3 days before the competition, paying particular attention to safety issues, the danger points indicated by the organizer and himself, arrangements relating to the specifications for organizers and other relevant rules for which he takes appropriate decisions as necessary. He draws up a detailed evaluation report of the event and sends it to World Skate.

Competition Officials

The Competition Officials are: The Jury and the Chief Judge, The Official Speaker, the World Skate Anti-doping Manager/delegate.

The Delegate

The Teams can be represented by a delegate who has been officially appointed by the participating Team, who is responsible for the delegation and must behave according to the principles of sports honesty and fair play. Each Team is allowed to register up to two (2) Delegates per Marathon Stage.

Coaches

The Teams can appoint a Coach, who is also responsible for the skater's behavior and must act according to the principles of sports honesty and fair play. Each Team is allowed to register up to two (2) Coaches per Marathon Stage.

Participation

All Pro and Masters skaters affiliated to a National Federation recognized by World Skate are allowed and welcome to take part in the World Skate Marathon. Skaters can participate either individually or by Teams. Skaters and Teams registered in the World Skate Marathons automatically accept World Skate rules and procedures.

Teams

Teams are represented by a group of Skaters for either category:

- Pro Men and/or Pro Women.

A Team is considered as such when having a minimum of two (2) Pro Skaters and no more than four (4) Pro Skaters per gender. Teams can include only men, only women or both men and women.

When Skaters register as a team, they must wear identical uniforms. The use of sponsor advertising on their uniform is permitted. Teams may be composed of skaters from different countries. Skaters are not allowed to participate representing any National Federation.

All Skaters and Teams must fill out the Participation Form provided on the registration platform.

World Skate reserves the right to admit a Team or Skater's registration to the Tour.

When a Team obtains the registration approval from World Skate, the Team gets the benefits communicated by World Skate for that Stage.

Individual Participation

Individual skaters are welcome to participate for the following categories:

- Pro Men and Women.
- Masters, Men and Women

Registration Process

The registration process shall be done via World Skate's registration platform: Teams and Individual Skaters. All worldwide skaters are allowed to participate.

Skaters registered by Team must represent the corresponding Team during the whole Season.

All Teams register for the entire World Skate Marathon Tour season. The registered Skaters must race the whole season for the Team they have registered. Individual Skaters register per each World Skate Marathon Tour Stage.

Together with the registration on the platform, each Team must send its official uniform design and a photo of each Skater by following the indications provided when registering online. Registrations deadline, payment modalities and general information will be announced by the World Skate.

All skater registrations must contain: surname, name, date of birth, nationality and gender. The applying Skater or Team must sign the Participation Form that includes the Skater's background information.

Registration fee

The following registration fees will apply for all participants as follows:

- Team's fee: \$2000 USD per Season
- Individual or Team Skater fee: \$100 USD per Stage

Skaters

Nationality

To establish the Skaters nationality, all Skaters must provide a valid identification issued by the National Authorities of the corresponding country.

Age and Categories

The World Skate Marathon Tour will recognize the following categories:

- a. Pro Men
- b. Pro Women
- c. Masters, Men and Women:
 - Under 40
 - Under 50
 - Under 60
 - Over 60

Skaters must race in the registered category during the whole Season. All limits of age established in these rules are to be considered on December 31st of the year of the competition.

The Pro Category skaters are aged at least fifteen (15).

Masters Category Age:

- under 40 (30 to 39)
- under 50 (40 to 49)
- under 60 (50 to 59)
- over 60 (60 and above)

“Future Star” skaters

In addition to the Pro ranking, Pro skaters aged 15 to 18 years old will have a dedicated ranking -Future Star- to motivate and promote the development of new skaters; making these Skaters participate in both the Pro and Future Star rankings.

Equipment

The Racing Suit

All skaters of the same Team must wear their official racing suit inscribed in the registration. The name of the team must be clearly visible. Sponsorships are allowed. Nevertheless, those advertisements must never hinder the easy identification of the official colors of the Team.

Identification of the Champions

When racing a Marathon Tour Stage, the following Pro skaters (Men and Women) shall wear the corresponding representative jersey provided by the organization:

- The current World Champion
- The current Marathon Tour ranking Leader
- The current Future Star Ranking Leader

Awards ceremony

All skaters concerned shall, in accordance with their placing, classifications and performances, participate in the official ceremonies such as the presentation of jerseys, bouquets, medals or trophies and press conferences.

Unless otherwise stated, skaters shall appear at official ceremonies wearing competition clothing and their skates, without caps or sunglasses.

The overall ranking leaders Pro Category and Future Star Skater are awarded with the Leader Jersey.

After the ceremony, the following Skaters Men and Women must pass to the Mixed Zone for the interviews:

- the three (3) best ranked Pro Skaters in the Stage;
- the Pro Ranking overall Leader;
- the current best Future Star ranked overall Leader.

Skates

Skates having a maximum of five (5) wheels, fastened inline are permitted. The skate must not exceed fifty (50) centimeters in length. Skates must be firmly attached to the shoes and axles are not to protrude from the wheels. Brakes are forbidden. The maximum diameter of the wheel must not exceed one hundred and twenty five (125) millimeters.

The Helmet

The helmet must be a hard gear with international certification. The hard gear must have a regular shape and may not have protrusions or ends. Each skater is solely responsible that their personal equipment meets the highest safety criteria in order to obtain their own utmost safety.

The helmet must be well fastened on the head, all the time while being in the race course, in conformity with the safety instructions of the manufacturer.

The Race Numbers

Skaters are identified by means of four (4) numbers. Two (2) are applied on both hips and two (2) adhesive numbers placed on both sides of the helmet. Numbers are to be clearly visible, they have to be printed in black color over a white background.

Skaters are to wear corresponding race numbers. Those who are not properly equipped are not allowed to start the race.

The Transponders

The transponder must be placed on the skate or ankle. For the World Skate Marathon Tour, each skater shall use at least one transponder and it is placed with a fixation supplied and validated by the Time-keeping service. It is the responsibility of the skater to wear the transponder, skaters not complying with this equipment will not be ranked.

Other Equipment

The skater is allowed to start with a small plastic bottle of water or hydration adapted equipment.

World Skate Marathon Tour Ranking

The following Rankings will be taken into account:

- Pro Men Individual
- Pro Women Individual
- Pro Team (Men & Women)
- Future Star Men
- Future Star Women

Each Stage results give a series of points to be accumulated by the Pro Skaters and the Pro Teams. The Pro Teams score is calculated by adding the results of their three (3) best ranked skaters per stage: men and/or women. To have access to the final season ranking, the skater must participate in the last stage of the season.

Each Marathon Tour Stage awards with points to all the Pro Skaters that finish the race within the stipulated time limit per gender as follows:

Position	Marathon Tour Stage Points
1	500
2	490
3	485
4	480
5	479
6	478
7	477

8	476
9	475
10	474
11	473
12	472
13	471
14	470
15	469
16	468
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As shown in the previous table, the maximum number of points is 500. From position number four (4) and on the number of points decreases one (1) point: 480, 479... .

Ranking Tiebreaker

In case of equal number of points in the Ranking, the following tiebreaker criteria will be used:

For Individual Ranking

- a. The best individual result in the Season.
- b. The best individual result in the World Championship Marathon Stage.

For Team Ranking

- a. The Team's best performance (sum of points) in the Season.
- b. The Team's best performance (sum of points) in the World Championship Marathon Stage.

Results Ratification

After the race, the results of the first peloton (or about 20 first skaters) will be unofficially announced. The official results will be completely announced by 48 hours after the race day. Competition results become official only after their ratification by the Chief Judge and their publication in the Official Communication on the World Skate website.

Disqualified Skaters Ranking

When a skater is disqualified for sports or disciplinary faults (DQ-SF / DQ-DF), he is not ranked and the following skater takes his place. The disqualified skater appears at the end of the result without position and points, with the Remark 'DQ-SF' or 'DQ-DF'.

The Podium & Prizes

The winner of the World Skate Marathon Tour holds the title until the following Marathon Tour version.

Podium per Marathon Stage

Pro Category per gender:

- The three (3) first places;
- The overall Ranking Leader;

- Future Star best Stage ranked;
- Future Star overall Ranking Leader.

Master Categories per gender:

- The first place.

Prize Money per Marathon Stage

Pro Category per gender:

- The ten (10) first places.

Season Ranking Marathon Tour Prize Money

After the last season Marathon Tour Stage.

Pro Category per gender:

- Ten (10) best ranked.

Future Star Skater per gender:

- The first place.

Teams:

- The ten (10) best ranked Teams.

Records

The following records are recognized per category:

- Women Marathon Pro Category
- Men Marathon Pro Category

In order to have a record recognized, it is necessary to have a technical proof of the official distance to be covered from the Stage's Organizer and to proceed accordingly to all the items of this Rulebook. This information will be given during the Technical Meeting. The use of electronic time-keeping service and the Anti-Doping control is mandatory. The current records will be officially published on the World Skate website.

General Regulations

Entry check

The Technical Delegate shall provide the Jury panel in due time with a list of the skaters who have entered for the race and who have been confirmed by World Skate. At least one (1) week before the Technical meeting the identity of the skaters who will be starting must be confirmed to the Jury, the time-keepers and the photo-finish services.

World Skate Anti-Doping Rules

WADA Code, World Skate antidoping Rules, WADA international standards for Testing and investigation, WADA International standards for Results Management and World Skate test distribution plan will be observed for sample collection process, laboratory analysis and results management.

Withdrawn Skater

Skaters who abandon the race for any reason (ie, personal decision, falling down, etc.), are not ranked.

Ex-Aequo Placement

After the position number twenty (20), when a group of skaters crosses the finish line all together and the transponder system registers the same time, all of these skaters involved will be awarded the same placement position and the same number of points for the Ranking.

Claims

It is possible to present a claim to the Technical Delegate and Chief Judge on the order of arrival of the first twenty (20) placed Skaters. The fee for each claim is \$300,00 USD. In the case in which the verdict resulted in favor of the claimant, such fee will be refunded. The Claim form will be provided to the participants during the Technical Meeting. No claims about jury decisions on sanctions are allowed.

The Jury

The World Skate Technical Commission Referee in Chief appoints the Jury -composed of International Judges- for the World Skate Marathon with the agreement of the Technical Commission Chairperson. In case of an insufficient number of available International Judges, National Judges can be appointed to complete the Jury.

The Jury Composition

At least twelve (12) International Judges shall be appointed. Judges' roles are: Chief, Secretary, Lap Scorer, Arrival and Course judges.

The Chief Judge

The Chief Judge is an official appointed by the World Skate to ensure that the Marathon event complies with the provisions of the regulations that may apply. The Chief Judge is appointed by selecting him among the regularly registered Judges. Chiefs Judges, with the panel shall direct the sporting aspects and ensure that the event be in all respects conducted according to the regulations. They shall, in particular, ensure that the regulations specific to the marathon, the manner in which it is conducted and all technical provisions relating thereto comply strictly with the applicable provisions of the regulations. The Chief Judge is responsible for judges' proper conduct during the competition.

He shall record decisions of individual Judges and shall apply and/or confirm the penalties imposed. Judges shall act neutrally and independently. They may in no way be involved in the organization of the race. They shall immediately decline his appointment if they are aware of any aspect that could cast doubt on his neutrality.

Moreover the Chief and the course judges shall be individually entitled to take the following measures:

1. to refuse to allow skaters who do not comply with the regulations or who are manifestly not in any condition to participate in the race;
2. to give warnings and to inflict an admonition;
3. to immediately remove from the competition a skater who commits a serious fault, who is manifestly not in any condition to continue the competition or who constitutes a danger to other persons.

Such decisions shall be set down in the corresponding World Skate Speed Sanction Form.

The Secretary Judge

The Chief Judge shall be assisted by the timekeeper team and one or two International Secretary Judges. The Secretary shall coordinate all aspects concerned with the collection of the results

and sanctions from the Time-keepers and the Jury, This Judge checks and signs together with the Chief Judge the final results.

The Lap Scorer Judge

Under the responsibility of the Lap Scorer Judge, in case of race courses with laps the bell announces the last lap. The bell rings only for the first pack of skaters. When a skater or a small group of skaters escaped, the bell rings only for this skater or small group.

The Lap Scorer Judge shows the number of laps to be covered. The lap counter changes each time the first skater or peloton crosses the finish line.

Arrival Judge and Time-keeping Service

Based on the circuit characteristics, a bell and a lap scorer (or similar technology) shall be made available at the finish line. Time-keeping, as stipulated in the corresponding Handbook, shall be a transponder and electronic photo finish based system that must be supplied by the organizer with the adequate Control Points under the World Skate supervision.

For each Marathon Tour Stage, the organizer shall designate a sufficient number of timekeepers. Timekeepers must work in conjunction with the Arrival Judge.

Course Judges

Field Judges are in charge of controlling the discipline throughout the race course, supervise that the rules are respected and cooperate to make the race as safe as possible. They report the faults and any relevant situation to the Chief.

Venue requirements

The following requirements are essential in the organization of the World Skate Marathons for a proper and successful development of the event. More detailed information can be found in the corresponding Handbook.

Race Course

The race course is a road course. It may be either an "open" or "closed" circuit. The race course is measured on the inner edge. The measuring, both left and right bends, is to be taken along an imaginary line from the extreme ends of the bends themselves.

On open road circuit, the measurement of the distance is done:

- a) in the middle of the road when all the width of the road can be used;
- b) in the middle of the race course when only a part of the width of the road can be used.

In all courses, bends are to be bordered by either a natural edge or moving signals that are highly visible. Such signals are never to be placed on the race course because they might represent a danger for skaters.

During races only judges and skaters are allowed to stay on the course. Only Delegates and medical teams can enter on the race course when the Chief Judge has authorized them.

A signal indicating the last five hundred (500) meters of the race shall be visibly present.

Skaters Check-in

The skater must confirm his presence on the Infinity platform, as well as sign the Check-in List during the Technical Meeting or at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the race. The skater must present with his complete equipment and his race numbers correctly positioned.

The judges must control the conformity of the race equipment: race numbers, transponders and size of wheels.

Each skater is solely responsible to meet the technical rules. In case they are not respected, the skater will be disqualified by technical fault (DQ-TF).

Warm-up Area

An area near the race course shall be arranged in order to allow the skaters' warm-up before the race. This area shall be easily accessed from the athletes' area. That area shall be available at least two (2) hours prior to the Competition and at least one (1) hour after the end.

Vehicles of the Course

Only versatile automobiles are accepted: cars and motorcycles. All these automobiles shall visibly display an accreditation official signal. Only experienced -in sport races- chauffeurs / motorists are authorized to pilot these automobiles.

Safety, Staff and Press vehicles

Police, Staff and Press vehicles are authorized, always respecting the local safety measures. Safety Motorcycles to guide the skaters and prevent spectators on the peloton pathway along the circuit.

Motorcycles and helmets are required for about five (5) judges, with the corresponding experienced pilot.

Medical Cover in the Venue

Certified Medical Cover must be provided from at least one hour before the Marathon start time until the arrival of the last skater. The personnel shall include a local medical doctor or paramedic.

Medical Equipment

The following equipment shall be provided: CPR (Cardiopulmonary) resuscitation equipment: including defibrillator, ambulance, oxygen. Appropriate first aid equipment, including compression bandages, stretcher, crutches and a ready supply of ice. And at least two (2) well equipped ambulances on-site.

Logistics

Good quality radio communication system shall be provided between the emergency medical personnel, the Jury and the World Skate Event Manager.

The Bell

Depending on the circuit, a bell (or similar technology) shall be made available at the finish line.

The Lap Counter

Depending on the circuit, a lap scorer (or similar technology) shall be made available at the finish line.

Rules and Sanctions

All Skaters must participate in competitions with fair-play and enthusiasm. All those who show a negative attitude, or an evident inability might be excluded from the marathon. Athletes should strictly comply with the provisions supplied by the Jury or by the Organizer, particularly as far as safety is concerned.

The organizer video recording can be used by the Chief Judge and the Technical Delegate to do the control they need if they have doubts to take or confirm a decision. Only official video shall be used, personal devices media are not accepted.

Start of the race

The start shall be given by means of a pistol, a whistle, a bell, a flag or by electronic means. In case of a false start, the start is not resumed and the skater in fault will receive a minus thirty (30) points penalty in the Individual and Team rankings.

Finish line

The finish line shall comprise a line of 5 cm in width, painted in white. The finish occurs at the instant that the first wheel of the front skate meets the vertical plane rising from the starting edge of the finishing line. To this end, the verdict of the photo-finish shall be taken for the first twenty (20) skaters. For the following arriving skaters, their position will be established by the time given by the transponder system without any other verification.

Time Limit

The maximum time to complete the Marathon is two (2) hours. In any case, depending on the specific Stage race course characteristics, the time limit will be announced and made official during the Technical Meeting by the Technical Delegate.

Skaters Communication during the race

Skaters are allowed to race with communication system devices like radios or walkie-talkies. In any case, this must not compromise the security of the race.

The Discipline

Violating specific race regulations or failing to comply with them can lead to penalties, including disqualification. Rules include situations related to the sprint, finish line and other race-specific considerations. Skaters and teams are expected to adhere to these guidelines to ensure fair competition and the safety of all participants.

Sports Faults

Sports faults are voluntary faults against fair play. When the skater takes part in a situation and/or disputes positions in an unfair and non-honourable way. Every situation is evaluated by the judges and notified to the Chief Judge. The Chief Judge sanctions the skater who commits a sports fault.

When a skater receives three (3) warnings in the Marathon he is disqualified by sports fault (DQ-SF). When a skater commits a fault considered as voluntary and dangerous is disqualified by sports fault (DQ-SF).

Voluntary Shortcut of the Race Course

When a skater leaves the race course and comes back by another point, in order to take advantage, cut distance or gain positions (Unless instructed by the Jury), the skater in fault is disqualified by sports fault (DQ-SF).

Assistance to a Skater

Skaters are strictly forbidden to accept or provide any sort of help. In case of fall, skaters who are still able to continue the race must stand up without any help from a third party. Otherwise, they are disqualified for sports faults (DQ-SF). At all times, the skaters can receive advice or information from the trainers or coaches. During the Marathon race, a skater is allowed to give water or food to a teammate.

Deviation from trajectory

Skaters are expected to maintain a straight line during a sprint. Sudden and dangerous deviations from the line, blocking other skaters, or forcing them towards barriers leads to disqualification. Deviations (in an attack form = when the skater needs to change his line to make a pass) are allowed only if it does not block or force another skater to slow down. If a deviation is made to block an opponent (voluntarily or not), this defensive deviation will result in a disqualification. If the deviation is done in a way to protect the position of another teammate, this action is considered as team fault. The skater who deviates will be disqualified and the skater who benefits from the action will be reduced in rank (RR) behind the skater who got the damage.

Elbowing - Hand contact - Blocking (with upper body)

Physical contact, such as elbowing, hand contact or blocking opponents, is not allowed. Riders must avoid using their bodies to impede the progress of others. In case of doubt, the skater using his hand or elbow first is the skater starting the fault.

Irresponsible skating

Actions (side jumping or passing in small spaces) that are deemed dangerous or reckless, such as sudden swerving, can lead to disqualification. skaters are expected to prioritize safety and fair play.

Pushing or Pulling

Physically assisting or hindering another skater by pushing, pulling, or any form of physical contact that gives an unfair advantage or disrupts fair competition will result in disqualification. A push between teammates in the form of a relay or in a form of a pushing train technique will be considered as a team fault. In that case all the skaters involved in the action or the team members getting benefit from it will be disqualified.

Trajectory and Obstructions

Skaters are to reach the finish line along the shortest imaginary line. In no case can skaters push other skaters or cut in front of them. It is also forbidden to let oneself be taken in tow, to push, obstruct or help any skater. In no case, shall the passing of other skaters cause difficulty to other skaters (passage in force/ entry in force in the pack). The skater leading the race shall not obstruct the runner-up and must continue in a straightway path without loops or lateral deviations. For the last straight, if there are several skaters arriving to the finish line together, they have to reach the finish line through the right trajectories.

Disciplinary Faults

Disciplinary faults are faults against the fair play, when a skater acts desiring to inflict injury, harm, or suffering on another, either because of a hostile impulse or out of deep-seated meanness, in a planned or sudden attack. Skaters disqualified by Disciplinary Fault will be blocked to race the following Marathon Tour Stage.

Team Fault

There are two (2) types of Team faults :

Team Fault 1

When skater A makes a voluntary sports fault in order to let his teammate (Skater B) win one (1) or more positions.

Skater A who commits the fault is disqualified by sports fault or disciplinary fault (DQ-SF / DQ-DF).

Skater B who benefits from the fault must be reduced in rank (RR), according to the number of the affected skaters. If Skater B does not receive benefits, there will be no penalty for him.

Team Fault 2

When two (2) or more skaters (A and B) make a voluntary sports fault acting physically together in order to avoid and prevent another or other skaters from passing them and win one (1) or more positions:

Skaters A and B are disqualified by sports fault or disciplinary fault (DQ-SF / DQ-DF).