

THE INTERNATIONAL SCOOTER ASSOCIATION

RULES AND REGULATIONS



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1. INTRODUCTION

The International Scooter Association (ISA) is a not for profit organization established in 2011 to promote, develop and create a sustainable future for the sport of scooter riding.

The ISA is made up of riders, manufacturers, distributors, retailers, skateparks, organizers, media and those involved in the scooter industry. All members bring knowledge, experience and value to all scooter matters and activity.

The ISA is not a competition organizer; it's role is to coordinate, recognise, govern and develop an equal playing field for entire sport to benefit from. The ISA is dedicated to the development of the sport worldwide, on all levels from grassroots to pro level.

The ISA globally recognised within the scooter industry as the only international scooter body. The ISA aims to develop a network of national affiliated associations which supports the development and growth of national activity and participation worldwide.

1.1. OBJECTIVES

- To promote the interests and safety of riders at all levels
- Establish rules, judging criteria, point scoring, standards and rankings
- Set competition formats & point systems for conducting international scooter contests
- Co-ordinate National and International activities and contests.
- Work towards ensuring Freestyle Scooter Riding becomes recognized as an official sport
- Promote the values of good sportsmanship.
- Promote all aspects of the sport, improving cultural and sporting contacts between the scooter communities.
- Work towards the inclusion of Scooter riding into multi-sports events.

2. CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

The ISA championship provides pro riders an opportunity to compete for a place at the world final via a qualification structure. This structure consists of three regional championships and a world championship. The ISA aims to grow and develop a network of national associations that will be responsible for qualifying national riders into the world championship via multiple national championships. These national championships will support grassroots and developing a structured ranking system for riders to process from the grassroots to the pro level.

2.1. REGIONAL

- The championship is split into 3 regions – Australasia, North America & Europe.
- Each region has 5 qualifying events and a final (unless stated otherwise).
- The winner of each qualifying event receives a Golden Ticket, this secures them a place in the World Final. The next 10 riders (2nd-11th) go through to the regional final
- The top 10 riders from the regional final go through to the world final.

2.2. WORLD

- The top 15 riders from each region compete in the world final. 5 additional places in the final are reserved for Wildcards¹.

2.3. COMPETITION SELECTION

The purpose of the ISA Championship is to pull together the sport's top competitions to support stability and growth within the sport. The ISA is not the competition organizers but works closely with those that are. To have a competition included into the championship the ISA requires the following.

- Requests and/or proposals being submitted to the ISA by competition organizers or national associations.
- Basic championship competition details are then provided to ISA members who will have a consultation period to raise any concerns and to provide input.
- After the consultation period the ISA will then either decline or accept
- On accepting a competition the ISA will then continue communication and lock in dates and further details
- Those that weren't successful will receive support by the ISA in respect of helping to ensure their competitions meet ISA Standards, and therefore are considered again for next season.

Ownership The ISA has created the Championships and is the rightful owner of the championship. All competitions within the championship agree:

- To meet the ISA Standards

¹ More information about Wildcards can be found in section [3.3.6](#)

- Organizers understand they are the competition organizer and the ISA role is to provide standards to improve these competitions and recognition by inclusion into the sports championship.
- The ISA hold all commercial and other rights to the intellectual property of the ISA Championship. No competition organizer has permission to use the ISA logos for commercial purposes such as creating computer games, merchandise etc. The competition organizer has permission to use ISA logos to help support and promote their competition via marketing, advertising and any non-commercial methods to help increase participation. Use of the ISA logo for merchandise can be provided on request.
- It's the competition organizers responsibly to promote their event and look after their sponsors. The ISA provides support and assistance but aren't a marketing agency.
- All competitions within the ISA Championship are the legal responsibility of the competition organiser. The ISA will not be held responsible for any competition or rider that participates in a competition. If a competition is deemed unsafe riders must NOT participate.

2.4. COMPETITION ORGANIZERS

Competition organizers worldwide will have the opportunity of having their competitions recognised by the ISA and included into the championship. Organizers are required to ensure their competitions meet all safety standards, follow competition rules and regulations. The ISA will supply the rules and regulations, competition and judging guide, tabulation sheets and ongoing support to all organizers. Competition organizers are responsible for their competition and rider safety.

2.5. COMPETITION FORMAT

1. Regional Qualifier

- Each rider has 2 x individually timed runs. The competition organizer will decide a time limit between 45 to 90 seconds - depending on the size or layout of the skatepark more or less time may be appropriate. All riders have the same time and the organizer will announce this prior to the competition starting.
- All riders wishing to compete must have completed their 1st run before the 2nd runs begin.
- The riders best score of the 2 runs will decide their final position. Should 2 or more riders have the same score then their 2nd run will determine which rider is placed higher.
- A final for the top 10 or 15 riders is not compulsory for a regional qualifier and is at the discretion of the competition organizer. Details will be stated before the competition date.

2. Regional Final

- Follows the same format as a regional qualifier, with each rider having two runs with their best score determining their rank.
- The top 15 from the elimination round will go into a final.
- The final will start with the rider who qualified with the lowest score going first.
- A rider will be given a maximum of 2 runs in the final. The organizer may opt for only 1 final run, but will be required to advise all riders prior to the final beginning.
- The top 10 will secure a place in the world championship. If a rider has already qualified (or is unable to attend the world final) then the place will be passed to the next rider in line (cascading down to 15th place, but not beyond).

3. World Final

- Has the same format as regional final, with the process being broken up into two sections - an elimination round and a final.

3. RULES AND REGULATIONS

3.1. SAFETY

A competition and/or riders may be removed from the ISA championship or have action taken against them for compromising safety.

1. Riders must wear a fastened helmet (certified recommended), appropriate shoes, clothing and have an undamaged scooter. The ISA has a strict "No helmet NO riding" policy.
2. An appropriate first aider / medical staff must be onsite at all times.
3. All accidents are recorded and reported to the ISA or national association.
4. A rider is responsible for their health and can only ride if they are fit and well. Any rider that is coming back from a known injury may be asked by the organizer to produce a doctor's note proving they are medically fit to compete.
5. All riders must be aware and understand the skatepark rules and safety measures.
6. The organizer must do a risk assessment or ensure the skatepark has one.
7. It's the competition organizers responsibility to have initiatives for continuous safety improvements, adding additional measures where appropriate and ensuring safety is never compromised.
8. The competition organizer will conform to the safety standards of the skatepark or venue, and that of any national law.
9. If a rider feels they are being placed in danger then they should not ride and are to report the matter to the organiser. The ISA is not a competition organiser and therefore it's the

competition organizers responsibility to be reactive to any concerns towards a rider's safety.

10. Riders are never to ride beyond their limitation. If an organizer or an ISA official feels a rider is not pro level they should be removed from the competition.
11. Riders are to abide the ISA rules and ride on good condition, non-faulty stunt scooter.
12. Riders are to complete a competition waiver release form stating they understand the rules, code of conduct and dangers of competing.
13. A competition organizer will not tolerate abusive, aggressive or inappropriate behaviour from anyone.

3.2. SCORING AND JUDGING

Judging criteria for competitions:

1. A minimum of 3 judges are required for regional qualifiers, using more judges is up to the organisers discretion.
2. A 5 judging panel is compulsory for the regional and world finals.
3. When using a 5 judge panel the highest and lowest scores will be dropped. Only the 3 middle scores are used to calculate the final score.
4. Judges score from 0 to 100 based upon the ISA judging criteria, more details can be found in the ISA judging guide.
5. Judges provide a score to competition official within 30 seconds of the riders run. The next rider is not allowed to start their run until the judges have indicated they are ready.
6. Each judge must be able to see a copy of the margin sheet, either a printed version from the competition support pack, or from the ISA judging guide, or a handwritten copy.
7. Live scoring is encouraged where possible

Judge rules and regulations

8. Judges are permitted to sit together with some discussion or comments permitted, provided they are unbiased and not used to influence other judges. It is the role of the ISA official to monitor discussions and comments to ensure no foul play.
9. Judges must only consider the current run when scoring. They should not be influenced by the riders reputation from previous competitions or videos, or from their previous or practice runs.
10. Judges are unbiased and impartial. They will be selected based on experience and training.
11. The competition organizer is to submit the list of judges to the ISA 30 days prior to the competition date. The ISA have the right to decline any of the proposed judges for which the organiser must find a suitable replacement. The ISA will assist and provide support if required.

12. Judges are to disregard the last trick should the announcer allow a last trick after the allocated time. If the announcer allows a last trick for the entertainment of the crowd then the rider is only allowed one attempt.
13. A Judge can't participate in the competition if judging.
14. Where possible for the qualifiers a judge should not be judging if they have qualified for their regional final. No judge will be allowed to judge a regional final if they have qualified for the world championship.
15. Avoid known riders that have been biased in the past or have a dislike for riders or styles. A judge is to score based on the set judging criteria and not based on personal preference.
16. If you have sponsored or pro riders judging, ensure there is a balance and that not all judges are from one sponsor or company where it could be seen as a conflict of interest.
17. All judges must be able to see a copy of the slider scale sheet, found in the competition support pack and the ISA judging guide.

Protecting the Judges

18. Judges should be kept away from all non-officials such as parents, team managers and riders until the competition is over.
19. Judges individual scores will not be shown live, only the judges collective overall score will be shown. This is only compulsory for region finals and the world final.
20. An organizer should pay attention to anyone trying to influence the judges. Any person doing so should be moved away from the judges.
21. The judges should be provided with refreshments throughout the duration in which they are judging.
22. Judges should be paid for their work, and in some case may require other expenses to be paid. The ISA can advise further and can provide a list of recommended judges.
23. For non-live scoring rounds, the judges and officials must all agree on the results before the results are publically announced. This is to ensure there are no errors.
24. Each judge should be assigned a number and a record must be kept of who submitted which scores. This is so that if there are any serious complaints the ISA is able to investigate.

3.3. QUALIFICATION

For a rider to qualify for the world championship they must compete in the regional qualification stages. The winning rider from each regional qualifying competition will secure a place directly into the world championship, and a further 10 riders will also qualify by placing in the top 10 of their regional championship. See details below.

Rider Qualification Process

1. The Championship is split into 3 regions; Europe, North America and Australasia.
2. Each region has 5 qualifying events, so 15 in total.
3. The winner of each qualifying event receives a Golden Ticket, which grants them a place in the world final, skipping the regional final.
4. The next 10 riders from each qualifying event (places 2nd – 11th) secure a place in the regional final
5. The top 10 riders from the regional final go through to the world final.
6. An additional 5 places are 'Wildcard'. The current world champion gains one Wildcard and is automatically entered into the World Final. The other 4 wildcards are given to riders under special circumstances. The ISA board may consider a Wildcard entry for a number of reasons, for example, a competition may be granted a Wildcard for their winner if they conform to ISA standards. A rider can gain one if they couldn't qualify due to an injury or illness and is known for competing at the highest level, a bereavement of a family member, or has commercial commitments and could not attend the qualifying stages. It is the ISA board that will make the final decision. However, there will be transparency and an internal vote among ISA members.

3.4. PARTICIPATION RULES

1. A rider can take part in any competition worldwide but can only qualify for the world finals via their own regional championship. A rider is only eligible to qualify from outside of their region if they are able to demonstrate they have lived in the region for at least 3 months prior to the qualifying event and have notified the ISA of their intention before competing in the regional final.
2. The championship is open to male and female riders of all ages.
3. A rider can attend all qualifying competitions however can only qualify once for the regional finals by finishing in the top 10.
4. Any riders that participates in multiple regional competitions and places in the top 10 more than once can only qualify once, so as they have already qualified for the regional final their place will be cascaded down to the next in line.
5. If a rider has already qualified directly into the world championship by winning a qualifying competition then that riders is still required to participate in their regional final, however if that rider finishes in the top 10 they will not qualify for the world championship twice so the qualifying place will be cascaded down to the next rider in line.
6. A rider will not be provide additional time or be able to retake their run in the case of a scooter breaking.
7. Riders must all sign a competition disclaimer
8. If a rider competes and it's later discovered by the ISA that the rider competed without a helmet, then the rider will forfeit their position.
9. Riders compete at the own risk. The ISA is not responsible for any competition and activity and can not be held responsible.
10. All riders will wear a helmet while riding the skatepark.

11. Recreational, illegal or performance enhancing drug use is strictly forbidden and any rider found using or promoting drug use may be banned from all competitions, the championship and other ISA recognised activity.
12. Riders will not ride under the influence of alcohol and will not consume alcohol on the skatepark.
13. Abusive behaviour, bullying or violence will not be tolerated.
14. Riders will respect and listen to the competition organiser and officials.
15. Riders will take care of the skatepark, equipment and facilities.
16. Riders will never engage in illegal or inappropriate activity.
17. Refrain from bad language.
18. Riders will act with good sportsmanship.
19. Riders will report dangers, problems or issues to the organiser.
20. Riders will respect all others regardless of race, religious beliefs, gender or other.
21. Riders will not put pressure or encourage other to do something against their will, that is dangerous or inappropriate.
22. Professional riders will not use media opportunities to slanderous or negative effect.
23. Riders will respect and comply to the ISA rules, regulations and standards, as well as the standards from the competition organiser, national association and/or skatepark.

3.5. PRODUCTS FOR COMPETITION USE

Only a stunt scooter which adheres to the following guidelines can be used in an ISA recognised competition:

1. Only non-electrical push scooters are permitted
2. No foldable mechanism
3. No toy scooters
4. No dirt scooters or scooters with more than 2 wheels
5. Wheels are no greater than 135mm in size
6. Scooters must be in good working order (a rider will not be given additional time if their scooter breaks).

3.6. CATEGORIES

The ISA Championship is currently a pro only competition, however every competition within the championship will have grassroots activity for non-pro riders provided by the competition organizer. It is recommended that the judges should be consulted if there is uncertainty when placing a rider in a category based on skill level.

1. Pro category

The Pro category is based only on ability. No rider should be excluded just because they aren't sponsored. For safety reasons the competition organizer has the right to remove any rider who they feel is not good enough to compete at pro level. Riders and parents are advised to check with the competition organiser regarding any age restrictions. Any rider entering the Pro category must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be a brand and sponsored rider.
- Registered as pro or top level with their national association.
- Has proven pro competition experience and is known to officials.
- Has proof of placing in the top 3 of more than 3 Intermediate comps.
- Is good enough to compete and the officials are happy for the rider to do so.

There are no age restrictions, but parental consent may be required for those that don't meet age restrictions, determined by the competition organiser. Any rider that has ridden in the Pro category can't then ride in a lesser category at a later date in any ISA recognized comp. The rider will therefore remain a pro rider for the duration of the season.

2. Intermediate

The intermediate category is for riders, sponsored or unsponsored, who are not quite at a pro level of riding, or have limited competition experience.

Depending on the number of participants this category can be divided into smaller sub-categories based on age, or skill level - although this is not recommended as it can be difficult to determine before a competition.

The competition organiser may also decide to allow any intermediate rider placed in the top 3 with the opportunity to compete in the Pro level competition.

3. Beginners

The beginner category is designed as an introduction into competitive scooter riding with the focus being on fun. Any rider that is sponsored or who has taken part in more than 3 competitions is not classed as a beginner. Beginners are recognised based on their level of riding or lack of competition experience and in some cases age groups. Below is a guide for the categories.

- Aged 12+
- Aged 11 and under
- Aged 9 and under
- Aged 7 and under

4. Female riders

If there is a sufficient number of female riders then a female-only category can be created, this is up to the organisers discretion. The ISA recommends that the organisers discuss with the female riders about this possibility before creating a new category, as it may not be required or wanted. If a female decides she would prefer to compete in one of the other categories then that must be allowed.

3.7. STAFF AND OFFICIALS

1. Tabulation official

- Every competition is required to have an official inputting each of the judges scores into a tabulation spreadsheet².
- If live scoring is being used then the scores need to be inputting at the end of each run. If not the official can input all of the scores once the competition has finished.
- Calculations will be completed electronically to avoid errors.
- After all competitions the digitised scores must be sent to the ISA. ISA members are welcome to request or review the score sheets.
- A record must be kept of which judge submitted which score, this is usually done by assigned each judge a number.
- The ISA may request additional information from the competition organiser.

2. Judges

8. A minimum of 3 judges are required for regional qualifiers (who may adopt a 5 judge panel).
9. 5 Judges are required for regional and world finals
10. More details covered in section 3.2.

3. Announcer

Along with providing announcements and commentary during runs, the announcer has a responsibility to ensure the high standard of an event. The announcer should always:

- Ensure that riders wear a helmet and follow the rules.
- Ensure the skatepark is clear and that riders are not obstructed by those not competing before starting a run.
- Be impartial to all riders.
- Be consistent with all riders.
- They should not attempt to influence the judges.

² A tabulation spreadsheet is provided in the ISA competition support pack

- The announcer should be paid by the competition organiser, and where necessary, have other expenses covered.

4. ISA official

For regional and world finals there must be an appointed ISA Official present to oversee all the rules and regulations. For qualifiers the organiser must appoint someone to oversee safety standards are met, and to run the competition to the best of their ability based on the competition standards.

5. Photographer / Videographer

The use of a photographer or videographer is highly recommended. It's the competition organisers responsibility to ensure that any photos and videos promote the sport in good light. Content that is inappropriate, abusive, and offensive, or contains bad language or promotes drug use is strictly forbidden. Content must also show riders wearing helmets while competing.

3.8. SPONSORSHIP

The ISA Championships aim to create a fair playing field to the entire scooter industry and does not favour any businesses. Below is a guide to sponsorship.

- Sponsorship is the responsibility of the competition organiser and not the ISA.
- Sponsorship for the ISA Championship is done via a tier system providing equal opportunity to all. An example can be provided on request.
- ISA members receive a discounted rate which is not offered to non-ISA members.
- ISA members are provided first refusal on sponsorship, stand space and marketing opportunities.

4. FINANCIAL

The ISA wants to ensure competitions within the sport are able to develop and grow, the ISA therefore provides assistance and support; however no fee will be charged by the ISA for sanctioning the competition for this year. It's encouraged that competition organizers use available funds to be invested back into their event. Money is to be raised to support administration, staffing costs, and prize money.

4.1. COMPETITION FEES

The competition organizer may charge a fee for riders to participate in the competition. The fee varies depending on the competition category, size of competition, prizes, media coverage etc.

The ISA does not currently charge a fee for riders to participate in the championship.

4.2. SPONSORSHIP

Competition organizers have full control over the sponsorship fees of their competition, however rules and regulations are governed by the ISA. This is to ensure that the championship remains a fair playing field for the entire industry.

1. It's recommended sponsorship is done via a tier system which provides equal opportunity to all.
2. ISA members and national level members are investing into the championship and therefore should receive a discounted rate over non-members.
3. ISA members or national association members should also be provided first refusal on sponsorship opportunities and any exclusive members-only perks.
4. Current ISA members can be found listed on the ISA website.
5. A headline sponsor can be from within the scooter industry. This is to encourage support for the organiser. An ISA member can only headline a maximum of 6 ISA championship competitions (and only 1 final).
6. Headline sponsorship should not be provided to a non-ISA member until the opportunity has been provided to ISA members first.
7. The competition organiser decides how many tiers they have. The ISA recommends keeping it simple and offering good value for money.

5. COMMUNICATION

Feedback from competition organisers, competitors, staff and spectators is all encouraged. A feedback form can be found in the competition support pack, or feedback can be sent directly to the ISA through our website: www.isascoot.com/contact-us/

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