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World Skate Event Selection Policy

Skateboarding New Zealand Incorporated

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Document information

Scope

Disciplines:	Skateboarding
Events:	World Skate Sanctioned Events
Event Categories	Men's Street, Women's Street, Men's Park, Women's Park

Version control

Version Name	Date	Change Notes
Version 1 (v1)	May 2023	First edition
Version 1.1 (v1.1)	May 2023	Minor corrections
Version 2	June 2025	New cycle policy for 2025-2028 taking into account new WSK criteria/rules

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1. Background

This Policy has been adopted and ratified by Skateboarding New Zealand Incorporated ("SBNZ") authority for Selection of Skateboarders to all World Skate (WSK) Events.

This policy does not cover selection or nomination to the 2028 Olympic Games or the 2026 Youth Olympic Games

2. Objective

WSK rules allocate a variety of 'Quota' for entry to World Skate Events. This policy outlines the selection process SBNZ will undertake to select NZ Skateboarders to attend WSK events.

3. Application

This Policy applies to SBNZ, Selectors and Skateboarders who have formally given an Expression of Interest as per this policy.

4. Requirement to use Country Quota

SBNZ shall not be required to completely fill the Country Quota as provided by WSK for WSK Events.

SBNZ and the SBNZ Selection Committee shall ensure that all Skateboarders selected for Events are of a standard and skill level to perform with pride and distinction at WSK Events.

5. Selection Types

It is expected there will be 3 types of selection made under this Policy. These are listed below in priority of selection;

1. Automatic selection for those athletes who receive 'WSK Extra Quota', 'WSK Pre-seeded Quota' or 'WSK Wild Card Quota' for an Event based on

the WSK World Skateboard Ranking (WSR) and the 'WSK Skateboard Competition Season Criteria'

2. Selection of Skateboarders to attend WSK Events related to qualification processes for International Olympic Committee (IOC) Events such as the Olympic Games or Youth Olympic Games.
3. The selection of Skateboarders for a World Skate 'Country Quota' entry as per WSK Skateboard Competition Season Criteria (currently NZL receives 3 Country quota per category per event) to attend a WSK Event.

6. Selection Committee

The guidelines and terms related to the make-up of the Selection Committee and how the Selection Committee will operate can be found in the SBNZ Selection Committee Terms of Reference.

7. Eligibility for Skateboard Event Selection

To be eligible for selection, skateboarders must:

a. Be a member of SBNZ
b. Meet all WSK eligibility rules and guidelines; - such as below but not limited to;
    - Nationality;- Olympic Charter; Rule 41
    - Age restrictions;- WSK Competition Rules
    - Clean Sport;- World Anti Doping Agency
    - Gender;- WSK Transgender Athlete Policy
c. Be able to compete without a negative impact on performance related to injury or illness.
d. Be legally able to travel internationally.

8. SBNZ Event Selection Process;

a. SBNZ shall announce through its social media platform the 'SBNZ WSK Event Expression of Interest Form'. The SBNZ High Performance Director may also

make direct contact with individuals who are known to compete at the relevant level.

b. Skateboarders wishing to be considered for selection shall complete the online 'SBNZ WSK Event Expression of Interest form'.
c. The SBNZ High Performance Director shall collect all information and summarise this for the SBNZ Selection Committee
d. The SBNZ High Performance Director shall coordinate a meeting of the SBNZ Selection Committee to make Event Selection decisions.
e. Skateboarders who have completed the 'Expression of interest form' shall be notified by the High Performance Director of the SBNZ Selection Committee selection meeting date and the expected timeframes to be notified related to selection decisions
f. Skateboarders shall be notified of Selection decisions by the SBNZ High Performance Director as per section 13 of this document
g. For those Skateboarders who have been selected for an event, the High Performance Director will make contact to ensure each Skateboarder has the relevant certificates and WSK online profile to allow for entry to a WSK Event
h. The High Performance Director shall enter Selected Skateboarders to the relevant WSK Events through Skate NZ as per WSK requirements

9. Automatic Selection

Automatic selection applies to Skateboarders who have received from World Skate a 'Pre-seeded Quota', 'Extra Quota' or 'Wild Card Quota' for an Event

Those Skateboarders who qualify for automatic selection are still required to submit the 'SBNZ Expression of Interest Form'.
The SBNZ Selection Committee are required to endorse the entry and through the Selection process will check the following;

- Eligibility
- WSK entry requirements
- Code of Conduct
- Current injury or illness status

10. Expression of Interest Form (online)

(link attached as QR code)

The 'Expression of Interest Form' can be used for more than 1 Event.

The Expression of Interest Form aims to be as easy and simple as possible. The following shall be requested:

a. Proof of NZ citizenship
b. Submit any verified competition results within the last two years
c. An outline of the events wishing to attend
d. Confirmation you have read this SBNZ World Skate Event Selection Policy
e. A checklist of WSK requirements to be completed if selected (Drug Free Sport online course, WSK Infinity profile)
f. An overview of any current or re-occurring injuries or illness including concussions
g. An overview of social media addresses where Selectors may view a Skateboarders current skill level, however for privacy reasons this will not be a requirement
h. Any other information relevant to eligibility or selection

Athletes unable to meet the Expression of Interest criteria above due to technical or location difficulties shall notify the SBNZ High Performance Director prior to the end of the Expression of Interest closing date. The SBNZ High Performance Director will endeavor to find a suitable solution.

11. SBNZ Selection Committee Selection Process

a. Athletes wishing to be Selected by SBNZ to compete in a WSK Skateboard Event will be considered in a Skateboard Selection meeting held by the SBNZ Selection Committee.
b. The SBNZ High Performance Director shall act as convenor of the SBNZ Selection Committee but shall have no selection decision role.
c. The SBNZ Selection Committee Convenor (High Performance Director) shall check eligibility requirements of Skateboarders who have completed the 'Expression of interest form' prior to the the SBNZ Selection Committee meeting

d. The SBNZ Selection Committee Convenor shall present the information provided by Skateboarders in their 'Expression of interest form' to the SBNZ Selection Committee
e. The SBNZ Selection Committee shall make the final selection determination of a Skateboarder for a Skateboard Event.
f. The SBNZ Selection Committee shall follow the following process when assessing and ranking Skateboarders for selection;
    1. WSK event international results within the 2 years prior to the SBNZ Selection Committee meeting
    2. Other international results within the 2 years prior to the SBNZ Selection Committee meeting
    3. NZ National Championship results combined with the 'SBNZ High Performance subjective analysis tool'
    4. The ability of the Skateboarder to positively impact the goals of the SBNZ High Performance Programme

12. Ratification

All Skateboard Selection outcomes that are presented to SBNZ will be automatically ratified by the SBNZ Board, except in the case of issues related to improper conduct by a Skateboarder or incorrect process related to this policy by the SBNZ Selection Committee.

13. Announcements of Skateboard Selections

The SBNZ High Performance Director shall contact Skateboarders and/or their families, whichever is more appropriate as soon as possible after selection decisions are made. At the least, this notification will be provided in written form via email.

14. Revocation of an Event Selection

Revocation for an event will be undertaken as per SBNZ Selection Committee Terms of Reference.

The SBNZ Selection Committee may revoke the selection of a Skateboarder for an Event for the following reasons:

a. Evidence of gross misconduct, or the Skateboarder has brought SBNZ or WSK into disrepute.

b. A Skateboarder becomes unfit due to illness or injury at any time leading up to the Event with a time frame that will impact performance at the Event. In such cases it is requested that the Skateboarder or family notify SBNZ immediately and may be required to undertake a medical examination by SBNZ approved medical staff.

The SBNZ Selection Committee reserves the right to decide whether the vacant Country Quota will be filled and a replacement selected. A replacement will be selected using the same process as outlined in this policy but may take into account logistical parameters if the time to the Event is limited

15. Right to Appeal

A Skateboarder has the right to appeal a selection decision related to incorrect process or fairness of a decision related to this policy and its processes.

To lodge an appeal a Skateboarder or representative should lodge their appeal in written form by email to the SBNZ Board Chairperson within 7 days of the Skateboarder receiving their notice of the selection decision.

16. Amendment to the Policy

a. Any amendment to the Selection Policy must be approved by the SBNZ Board and will take effect at 9 am (NZST time) on the day following publication on the SBNZ website.
b. A Notification of an amendment to this policy shall be made through the SBNZ social media pages and the High Performance Director shall send a direct communication by email to all Skateboarders who had previously completed the 'Expression of Interest Form'

17. Entitlements for Selected Skateboarders

Selected Skateboarders will receive the following entitlements from SBNZ:

a. A Travel Insurance policy specifically for 'in competition/event' cover is available through SBNZ

b. SBNZ shall facilitate entry to the relevant Event that a Skateboarder has been selected. The cost of Entry to the WSK Event shall be covered by the relevant Skateboarder.

c. Any Skateboarder attending an event where a SBNZ provided coach is in attendance shall be supported at the event by the SBNZ provided coach. Any Skateboarder who wishes to use their own coach at their own cost is free to do so

18. SBNZ expectations of selected Skateboarders

SBNZ has the following expectations of Skateboarders who are selected to attend World Skate Events:

a. Skateboarders shall attend the event relevant NZ Street and/or Park National Championships following the WSK event they were selected for. Any inability to attend these events requires agreement from the SBNZ High Performance Director

b. Selected Skateboarders will be required to sign and agree to the SBNZ Athlete Agreement which includes details of Code of Conduct, safety while travelling, sponsorship guidelines and emergency procedures

c. Skateboarders selected to a WSK Event are required to carry a Skateboard Competition Specific Health Insurance Policy for the period of the event and relevant practice days. There is an appropriate policy available through SBNZ

d. Selected Skateboarders shall provide a post-event debrief summary to the SBNZ High Performance Director. If desired the High Performance Director can facilitate a post event de-brief.

e. Selected Skateboarders shall make every effort to represent themselves, their families, the NZ skateboard community, SBNZ and Aotearoa NZ in a manner that reflects Aotearoa NZ culture and the pride New Zealanders hold as a nation.

Links to referenced documents:

SBNZ WSK Event - Expression of Interest Form;

https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/d/1mQMFNgWuoW7C05Qqdpr1OpTjQCc8BGuhUl80CBbf4VU/viewform?edit_requested=true

World Skate Clean Sport (anti-doping) Policies
https://www.worldskate.org/clean-sport/category/1249-anti-doping-rules.html

WSK Quota rules - WSK Skateboard Competition Season Criteria
https://www.worldskate.org/skateboarding/about/bulletins/category/1473-los-angeles-2028-bulletins.html

Age Restrictions - WSK Skateboarding Street and Park Competition Rules
https://www.worldskate.org/skateboarding/about/regulations.html

National Representation - IOC Olympic Charter - Rule 41
https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Documents/International-Olympic-Committee/IOC-Publications/EN-Olympic-Charter.pdf

World Skate Transgender Athletes Policy
https://www.worldskate.org/clean-sport/category/239-policies.html

SBNZ HP Programme Structure
https://skateboarding.nz/high-performance/programme-overview-and-structure.html

SBNZ Selectors Terms of Reference
https://skateboarding.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/SBNZ-Selection-Committee-Terms-of-Reference.docx.pdf

SBNZ High Performance Subjective Analysis Tool (Page 5)
https://skateboarding.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/SBNZ-Selection-Committee-Terms-of-Reference.docx.pdf

Definitions

Term	Definition
SBNZ	Skateboarding New Zealand Incorporated — The governing body for skateboarding in New Zealand.
World Skate Event Selection Policy	The policy adopted by Skateboarding New Zealand Incorporated that guides them in selecting athletes for World Skate Sanctioned Events.
WSK	World Skate — The Olympic-affiliated international skateboarding governing body.
Skate NZ	The official NZ organisation designated to communicate with World Skate and process entries for NZ Skateboarders to World Skate events. SBNZ places entries for World Skate Events through Skate NZ.
Event	A World Skate Skateboarding Championship
Selected Skateboarder	A NZ eligible Skateboarder who has been selected by SBNZ through the processes outlined in this policy for a WSK Event
Event Category	The specific category a Selected Skateboarder would compete in at an Event, for example Men's Street, Women's Street, Men's Park, Women's Park
Country Quota	The amount of Skateboarders allocated to NZ to openly Select Skateboarders to attend WSK Events as outlined by WSK rules and regulations (currently NZ receives 3 Country Quota per Event Category, per Event. For example 3 Street Men, 3 Street Women, 3 Park Men, 3 Park Women)
Pre-Seeded Quota	Event quota awarded to Skateboarders by WSK who are ranked in the Top 5 on the World Skate Skateboard Ranking System 60 days prior to the Event, or Skateboarders who placed on the Podium at a previous World Skate Event
Extra Quota	Event quota awarded to Skateboarders by WSK for being in the Top 30 on the World Skate Skateboard Ranking System 60 days prior to the Event
Wild Card Quota	Quota given to Skateboarders at World Skate's discretion for specific purposes
WSK World Skateboard Ranking (WSR)	A scoring system World Skate uses to rank Skateboarders from all countries who have attended World Skate events

Female/Male	The gender event categories that athletes are selected for in the World Skate Event Selection Policy.
SBNZ Selection Committee	The panel of expert people chosen by SBNZ to be responsible for selection decisions related to this policy.
SBNZ Selection Committee Convenor	The person responsible for the administration of the SBNZ Selection process including; • Communicating Selection Policy processes and timings to the Skateboard community • Organising the SBNZ Selection Committee meetings • Collecting and presenting Skateboarder information to the SBNZ Selection Committee • Summarising and communicating Selection decisions to the SBNZ Board and Skateboarders
Expression of Interest Form	The process by which athletes notify Skateboarding New Zealand of their interest in being considered for selection for an Event
Skateboarder	The athlete, person wishing to be selected to compete in a WSK Skateboarding Event
NZ Skateboard Team	A team of skateboarders who have achieved results as per the 'SBNZ High Performance Structure' that have shown the capability to impact SBNZ's High Performance goals and Olympic goals
SBNZ High Performance Programme Structure	The document outlining the SBNZ High Performance Programme support structure detailing the level of support offered relative to Skateboarder performance at events related to the HP Programme goals
WSK Competition entry fees	WSK Event entrant fee
Skateboard Specific Competition Travel Insurance	Specific Skateboard Competition Insurance for 'Selected Skateboarders' to cover international travel, international event practice, and international competition..
Revocation of an Event Selection	The process by which Skateboarding New Zealand can reverse a selection decision for a Skateboarders selection for an event