

Important Changes of International CIC General Regulations

Art. 25 Employment of international judges

For international competitions, with the participation of at least two different continents, the organising country can arrange the composition of the jury with other participating nations, but must ask to CIC the name of the International Chief Referee.

In this article is the definition of an international competition. Participant of at least two different continents must participate in a competition.

Art. 43 Age

All limit of age established in these rules are to be considered at December 31st of the year of the competition. There are three (3) recognised categories; Junior, Senior and Master

A Junior skater is aged 15, 16, 17, **18 and 19** at December 31st of the year of the competition.

A skater can compete in Master races when he is more than **thirty-five (35)** at December 31st of the year of the competition. The age of Master categories are :

Under 40 (**36 to 39**),

Under 50 (40 to 49),

Under 60 (50 to 59),

60 and more.

A Junior skater having participated at Senior Continental or World Championship shall not participate to any other Junior Championship.

Skater having participated at Master Continental or World Championship shall not participate to any other Senior Championship.

Minimum age to compete in a World Championship is fifteen (15) years at December 31st of the year of the championship.

Art. 92 Starting line

The starting line must be marked with a white line of five (5) centimetres wide must not be on a bend.

For 200m & 300m, a dashed line must be drawn sixty (60) centimetres from the starting line

For 500m, the starting line determines **6 (six)** equal starting places (1 m on 6 m wide but 0.80cm on a 5 m track)

Art. 93 The finish line

The finish line must be marked with a white line of five (5) centimetres wide must not be on a bend.

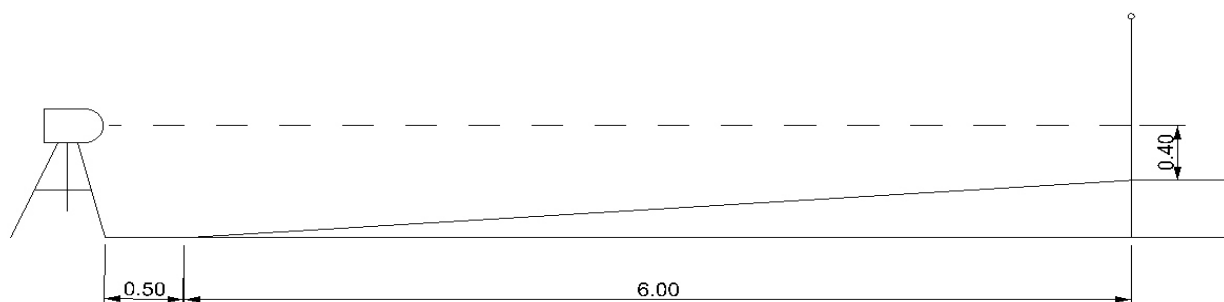
The finish line must be placed after minimum sixty (60) m of a straight way

Art 94 Starting & Finish line equipment

The photocells of the starting and finish line must be **forty (40) cm** in high from the race course.

In case of race in night, the finishing line has to present a lighting allowing the smooth running of photo finish (minimum 1 500 lux).

When transponders are used, the photo finish must be present for the official ranking at least for the ten first skaters.



Art. 103 Coaches' area

An area reserved for the coaches must be located near the race course so that these can communicate with the skaters during the race. This area takes place in the corner before the finish straightaway, close from the beginning of the relay zone (Art. 138.3)

Art. 104 Racing suit

Skaters must wear skates and their official racing suit during the medals presentation. Without any cap and sunglasses Art. 56

Art. 106 Helmet

5. A skater who removes his helmet before the end of the race shall be disqualified

Art. 118 Track for World Championship

3. The finish line must be at **8 m** before the beginning of the bend and must be marked with a white line, 5 cm wide.

Art 120 Road course

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Art. 121 Closed road circuit race course

For the Marathon (42.195 m) a closed circuit must be **at least 3 km**.

Art. 137 Point-Elimination race

3. The bell will ring to indicate there is sprint for point next lap. The race starts by a sprint for the points and elimination next lap

Art. 138 Relay race

2. The relay

- a. the relay will be completed by pushing with both hands from the arriving skater the back of the starting skater;**
- b. touch and pull relay is not permitted and it is sanctioned by the disqualification of the team;**

3. The relay zone

- d. the relay must start and be completed inside the relay zone. If not, the team is disqualified;**
- e. in the case a relaying skater enters the relay zone but is not relayed by the team mate, the team is disqualified;
- f. the skater is considered as entered in the relay zone when the last part of his second skate has totally passed the first line signalling the beginning of the relay zone;**
- g. the skater is considered as taken out the relay zone when the first part of his first skate crosses the line signalling the end of the relay zone.**

Art. 145 Time trial starting conditions

3. The starter authorises the skater to go. The **skater has fifteen (15) seconds to initiate the race and if he does not do, a false start will be declared and the skater receives one (1) warning;**

Art. 146 Speed tournament starting conditions (500 m & 1000 m)

2. If a skater has any problem after the first signal "in position", he has the capacity to signal this problem to the starter judge by holding a hand. This possibility is allowed only one time for each skater. In this case, the starter stops the starting procedure and asks to all the skaters to leave the starting zone and then he resumes the starting procedure.

Art. 147 Mass start starting condition

3. On the referee's order the start may be repeated when the falling down of one skater causes the falling of several others, **within 200 m (1 lap on track)** from the starting line.

Art. 148 False start

2. Only one (1) false start is permitted by skater. The skater, who commits two (2) false starts, is disqualified.

Art. 153. The bell

Under the responsibility of the lap scorer judge (Art. 171) the bell announces:

1. The last lap in every races **(except for the Individual Time Trial 200 & 300m);**
2. The bell rings only for the first skater. **When a skater(s) is escaped, the bell rings for this skater(s) and for the first following pack.**
3. In the Elimination race, the bell announces the next elimination (Art. 135.1);
4. In Point to point race, the bell announces the next assignation of points ;
5. In Point and Elimination race, **the bell announces the next assignation of points. No bell for eliminations.**

Art. 156 Ranking

2. In case of rounds or qualification heats, unqualified skaters are ranked according to:

a. **in 500 m Speed tournament,**

- the round which they are unqualified (series, quarters and semi-finals)

- their place (first criteria) and their times (second criteria) obtained in this round.

(Example after the 2 semi final of 500m; the two third skaters are classified 5th and 6th. The best time is 5th.)

b. in 1 000 m Speed tournament,

- the round which they are unqualified (quarters and semi-finals)

- their times obtained in this round.

Art. 160 Tiebreak trial and races against time

In order to determine **the first-placed skater in races against time, when two or more skaters obtain the same time, the trial shall be repeated in order to establish the placement order.**