

World Skate Artistic Nations Meeting
November 3, 2022
Hybrid Meeting: Buenos Aires, Argentina/Zoom-Meeting

Minutes

1. The countries listed in Schedule 1 were present either in person or via the Zoom Meeting.
2. Welcome: Nicola opens the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and welcomes the nations and introduces the members of the Committee:

Nicola Genchi - Chairman
Wendy Gila - Africa
Daniel Ventura - Americas
Seona Martin - Oceania
Norio Iwakata - Asia
Gabriela Otten-Flach - Europe

He thanks Argentina for hosting the World Roller Games 2022 and the amazing experience it was for our sport.

3. Figures World Cups: Nicola informs that due to the late information about the venue and time, the World Cup Figures 2022 could not take place. In 2023, there is a World Cup Figures planned to take place in Freiburg, Germany in October (exact date will be announced later). The World Cup Figures 2023 will include the following age categories: Cadet, Youth, Junior and Senior. Nicola asks all nations to send a preliminary registration (just the number of skaters participating per age group) until January 31, 2023 to be in a position to structure the World Cup in the best way possible.
4. Recap on Competitions and Championships 2022: The World Cup was a great success in 2022. The Semi Finals in Trieste/Italy, Paredes/Portugal and Asunción/Paraguay had many participants. The Final in Göttingen/Germany had to be postponed due to the fact that a bomb from second world war was found on the venue and had to be removed before the competition could start. But even after the postponement 16 different countries participated in the World Cup Final and it was a great event. The World Roller Games in Argentina were very organized an amazing atmosphere was created in the venue. Also, the continental championships like the European Championships, the Pan-American Championships and the Oceania Championships were taking place with a good amount of skaters. For next year, it would be important that the structure of the continental championships is similar to the World Championships and that the venues and the competitions look and are the same.
5. World Skate Academy: The World Skate Academy will be divided into Online and Live Trainings:

- a. All Coaches Training will be online (judges welcome to join)
 - b. New Rules 2023 and Compulsory Dances will be online
 - c. Judges Training Live in Zagreb, Croatia, second week of March (coaches welcome)
 - d. Stage for Trainers in January/February in Ponte di Legno/Italy (judges welcome)
6. Speech from Sabatino Aracu: Sabatino Aracu was welcoming all nations and thanking Argentina to hold the World Roller Games 2022 despite the worst financial crisis this country ever had. He was explaining his vision for all Roller Skating disciplines and the great future he anticipates all disciplines to have.
7. Ranking: Nicola explained the ranking and the exciting new Artistic International Series. He requests all skaters to make sure they are using the same name in all competitions to make sure the ranking points are allocated correctly.
Nicola reminds the nations on the General Rules (Section 2.7) regarding the entries for 2023 World Championships:

Senior Free Skating:

- Countries in the first 10th places in the previous year can enter three (3) skaters.
- Countries placing 11th to 20th inclusive in the previous year can enter two (2) skaters.
- Countries placing 21st and below in the previous year can enter one (1) skater.
- If the country has not participated in the last World Championships in a particular event, it will be allowed to enter just one (1) skater in that event.

Senior and Junior Solo Dance, Junior Free Skating and Inline Junior and Senior:

- Countries in the first 20th places in the previous year can enter two (2) skaters.
- Countries from 21st and below in the previous year can enter one (1) skater.
- If the country has not participated in the last World Championships, it will be allowed to enter just one (1) skater.

For the other categories he referenced to the Rules 2023.

The Spanish Federation commented that they think that we do have too many tournaments in a year due to World Cup which is getting very expensive for the countries. Nicola replied that there is no requirement to participate in each World Cup event but to only attend one Semi Final and send another skater to the other Semi Final which brings more skaters into the ranking.

8. World Skate Calendar: Nicola informs about the following dates:
- Americas Cup 15.-19.01.2023

- World Cup Semi Final - Argentina (date to be announced)
- World Cup Semi Final - Triest, Italy 22.-28.5.2023
- World Cup Semi Final - Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany (date to be announced)
- World Cup Final Roccaraso Italy - Second or Third Week of June
- World Championships Ibagué, Colombia 17.-30.09.2023
- World Cup Figures - Freiburg, Germany October 2023

9. Situation of Judges. Nicola informs that in the majority of countries the number of judges and specialists must be increased. His focus for the upcoming year is also to adjust the judging among the continents to have more even consistency. He receives a lot of complaints on the components which is the most difficult area to judge. World Skate is working on the inconsistencies by training.

10. Miscellaneous: Spain is requesting to make sure that the costume rules are applied consistently as they made the experience that in one competition a skater was penalized on another not. Nicola informed that there are new costume rules now to be applied.

Nicola closes the meeting at 11:45 a.m.