



REGULATIONS FOR NATIONAL JUDGES

General regulations applying to ALL judges and trial judges

- Judges must fully adhere to the ISU code of ethics (see www.isu.org, ISU Communications 2478).
- They must keep themselves fully informed about all matters concerning the performance of their duties in the current General Regulations and Special Regulations and Technical Rules, ISU communications and manual, handbooks and booklets and all updates published on the ISU website www.isu.org and national website www.skatebelgium.be.
- Comport themselves with discretion always.
- Wear sober non-striking clothes during judging events.
- Not communicate any results nor oral nor written during competition.
- Refrain from contact during the competition with parents, skaters and coaches.
- Refrain from all comments after the conclusion of the competition.
- Must refrain themselves from all comments regarding national competitions and/or national skaters on social network sites or other public media.
- A breach of the code of ethics and / or of the rule 430 of the special regulations and technical rules (duties of judges) by an official can have various consequences, depending on the seriousness of the offence and the repeated offence: warning, temporary or permanent suspension, withdrawal from international competitions, etc. The Disciplinary Commission is responsible for deciding on the penalty.

Conflicts of interest

- A judge **cannot** be a board member of any regional or national federation. He/she can be involved in an advisory Committee towards a regional or national federation (ref. Code of Ethics).

Invitations to foreign competitions

- Only level 4 and 5 judges may judge abroad (see table of levels).
- Judges who are invited to foreign competitions must have a prior approval from the Board.
Invitations to judge foreign competitions need to be sent to :

president.skatebelgium@gmail.com
secretariaat.kbkf@telenet.be

(President KBKF/FRBPA)
 (General Secretary KBKF/FRBPA)

Approval will in principle only be granted if this does not jeopardize the normal course of a Belgian activity, in other words, if there is no competition in Belgium at the same time (see KBKF/FRBPA Internal Regulations). To this end, the Board seeks advice from the person(s) responsible for drawing up the panels.

Anthony Grevisse
 Tine de Herdt

(President Judges Committee)
 (Responsible panels)

An exception can be made for invitations to competitions whose importance clearly exceeds the importance of the Belgian competition, such as, but not exclusively, I.S.U. competitions, or if the foreign competition is necessary for, or unmistakably contributes to the personal trajectory of the judge.

The approval is formally communicated by the President and/or General Secretary KBKF/FRBPA to the foreign federation and/or Organization Committee, as well as the judge concerned. A judge **cannot** personally commit himself to the foreign federation or organization.

Club activities

- A judge or trial judge can be member of a skating club.
- A judge or trial judge is allowed to teach within a club but only at recreational level and during group sessions. Judges must therefore at all times refrain from :
 - o Coaching/teaching one-on-one,
 - o preparing skaters for, or coaching skaters during recreational competitions,
 - o preparing skaters for Competition Level Tests.

Returning after absence

- A judge who wants to serve again after a long absence, need to send a written application to the Judges Committee by mail to:
 - Anthony Grevisse (President Judges Committee)
 - Brenda Corluy (Secretary)
- Any official wishing to return to judge after having been off for more than one season but less than 3 seasons will have to validate his return by his active presence at the annual seminar.
- Officials wishing to return after more than 3 seasons will have to validate their return by their active presence at the annual seminar (in September) and will have to restart the course from level 1. However, this course may be accelerated in function of the situation.

To be eligible as a Trial Judge, the following requirements need to be fulfilled:

- A trial judge needs to have reached the age of sixteen (16) years but not reached the age of sixty (60) years in the calendar year of the nomination.
- Have been a former skater.
- Haven't participated in any competition during the season in which the candidate is applying to become a trial judge.
- There will be only one (1) starting moment for trial judges to take the element identification test and seminar. This will be at the beginning of skating season preferably during the month of September.
- Have an active knowledge of English language.
- Attend a training seminar for trial judges + element identification.
- He/she needs to send in a written application with CV to the Judges Committee by mail to:

francoise.derappard@outlook.com

The table in the appendix sets out the different levels of judges and indicates the categories that each judge can judge and the activities and other elements required to move up to the next level.

- Judges have to follow at least one (1) judges seminar every two seasons.
- To pass the next step, judges have to receive a positive evaluation report from the judges commission.
- Promotion can be reviewed 2 times every year (June and January) with a minimum of 9 months for each level.

From now on, all the judges will be assessed on an ongoing basis, by organizing round tables at selected competitions and analyzing the results of judged competitions. The aim is to provide training and to constantly improve each judge's skills. However, repeated problems could lead to choices being made in the constitution of juries or in the awarding of promotions.

INTERNATIONAL JUDGE

How to become a candidate to the ISU Global seminar for International Judge ?

- Relevant experience required to be assessed by Judges commission
- Fulfill the conditions required by the ISU (cfr. Blue book)
- Follow Pair seminar in the 36 months preceeding the examination
- The National judge needs to have reached the age of twenty-four (24) years but not reached the age of fifty (50) years in the calendar year of the first nomination. If the judge is already on the ISU List of International or ISU Judges /Referees for another ISU Figure Skating Discipline, the age limit of 50 does not apply.
(ISU Rule 413)
- Send a written application to participate in the ISU Global seminar by mail to :
francoise.derappard@outlook.com
- After receiving a positive evaluation report from the Judges Committee to be nominated as a candidate to enter the ISU Global seminar for International Judge.
- The final decision regarding the applications rests with the Board KBKF/FRBPA

ISU JUDGE

How to become a candidate to the ISU Examination ?

- After receiving a positive evaluation report from the Judges Commission to be nominated as a candidate to enter the ISU Global seminar for International Judge.
- The final decision regarding the applications rests with the Board KBKF/FRBPA

ATTRIBUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

These rules only apply to competitions for which the KBKF/FRBPA Board must send a judge. They do not apply to invitations by name to international competitions (ISU listed or not).

It therefore applies to Grand Prix events, championships, the Olympic Games and a few other competitions.

- Each year, at the beginning of the season, the judges' commission requests availability for all the events concerned. However, Championships are subject to a draw and will therefore be uncertain.
- On the basis of these availabilities, the judges' commission will propose names to the Board according to criteria such as the level of competition, the stakes for the Belgian skaters present, the feedback received from the ISU concerning the judges, ..
- The Board will make the final decision.

	Trial Judge	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Categories you can judge	After the seminar, You judge in blanco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Miniemen • Miniemen • Basic Novice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Miniemen • Miniemen • Basic Novice • Intermediate Novice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Miniemen • Miniemen • Basic Novice • Intermediate Novice • Advanced Novice 	Every category in Belgium and national competitions abroad	National and international Competitions abroad (Non – ISU)
Requirements to pass the next level	<p>Trial judging for at least five (5) competitions in the three (3) different categories in a maximum period of twelve (12) months in the following levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Miniemen • Miniemen • Basic Novice 	<p>Judging in at least 5 competitions in at least 2 different categories in the level (1) category</p> <p>Trial judging in the category Intermediate Novice in at least 5 competitions in a maximum period of twelve (12) months.</p>	<p>Judging in at least 5 competitions in at least 2 different categories in the level (2) category</p> <p>Trial Judging in at least five (5) competitions in the category Advanced novice, including 3 short programs in a maximum period of twelve (12) months</p>	<p>Judging in at least 5 competitions in at least 2 different categories in the level (3) category</p> <p>Trial judging in the categories Junior and Senior, including 3 short programs in at least 5 competitions in a maximum period of twelve (12) months.</p> <p>Examination blue book and relevant communications</p>	Relevant experience required to be assessed by Judges commission	<p>For going to International first appointment,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant experience required to be assessed by Judges commission - Fulfilled the conditions required by the ISU - Followed (1) Pair seminar in the 36 months preceding the examination