

Freestyle Slalom Judge Reference

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1) Judging Committee

Before commencement of competition, the Judging Committee must prepare a list of judges and officials. This list must state the roles and responsibilities of each judge and official.

Manpower distribution for Officials

1a) Speed Slalom

- Head Judge x 1pax
- Competition Instructing Official x 1pax
- Speed Run Official x 2pax
- Start-point Official x 2pax
- End-point Official x 1-2pax
- Timing Official x 1-6pax (When using timing device, only 1pax required)
- Timing Record Official x 1pax
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1b) Freestyle Slalom

- Head Judge x 1pax
- Scoring Judges x 5-7pax (Including Head Judge). *No of Judges must be in odd numbers. E.g., 5, 7 or 9
- Penalty Scoring Official/Timing Official x 1pax
- Reserve Judge x 1pax
- Scoring Summary Official x 1-3pax
- Audio Official/MC x 1pax

2) Judges/Officials Responsibilities

2.1a) Head Judge:

- i) Must be experienced and well-versed with judging rules and regulations. He/She must also be able to carry out judging roles objectively.
- ii) Must be able to lead the judging committee.
- iii) Must be able to organise officials to carry out pre-competition preparations.
- iv) Must ensure proper compilation of competitors' name list as well as designate competition sequence.
- v) Must hold a meeting with competitors before commencement of competition to explain rules, regulations and scoring methods. However, competition rules are not to be changed in any way or form.

- vi) Have the competitors draw lots to determine competing sequence.
- vii) Must explain to competitors that rules and regulations must be followed accordingly. Failure to do so may result disqualification from the competition.
- viii) Must supervise scoring procedures as well as check results for accuracy. The Head Judge must also endorse the results with signature before announcement of results can be made.
- ix) Must not influence Judges in anyway with regards to grading of competitors. In the event of vast discrepancies within the panel of judges, the Head Judge must investigate and have Judges explain their grading. However, The Head Judge will not possess the rights to change Judges' grades in any way.
- x) Possess the rights to replace any Judges found to be negligent or incompetent.
- xi) In the event of unforeseen circumstances or incidents which may result in rules and regulations being compromised, the Head Judge possesses the rights to change competition venue and/or postpone competition date. If necessary, the Head Judge may change competing sequence. However, such changes must be carried out without violating competition rules and regulations.
- xii) In the event of any appeals from competitors, the Head Judge must treat the appeal fairly and objectively.
- xiii) At the end of the competition, the Head Judge may hold a final meeting with judges to sort out any discrepancies (if any) with scoring.
- xiv) After finalising scores and results, the Head judge will then hand over the results to the competition committee.

2.1b) Speed Slalom

- i) Based on the number of participants, a decision will be made to determine if the grouping should be divided into 8 pax groups or 16 pax groups.
- ii) In the event that a participant decides to give up, the Head Judge should endeavour to find out the reason for giving up. In addition, the Head Judge will then decide if that participant's opponent will carry on his/her run alone or proceed directly to the next level.

2.1c) Freestyle Slalom

- i) In the event that a participant decides to stop during a run, the Head Judge should endeavour to find out the reason for stopping. The Head Judge must then decide (if the participant would like to continue), if the participant should start a new run or if the participant can continue from his/her original run. The Head Judge must also inform the Scoring Judges of his/her decision in order to facilitate proper scoring of results.
- ii) In the event that the participant is unable to provide an adequate reason for stopping, the Head Judge will then inform the Scoring Judges to void the participant's run and award 0 points.
- iii) In the event that a participant falls during a run, the Head Judge should check on the scores awarded by the Scoring Judges. Where there is significant discrepancies, the Head Judge must question the scores given. However, the Head Judge will not possess the right to demand that Scoring Judges change their scores.

2.1.2) Sub-Judge/Officials' Responsibilities

- i) Scoring Judges and Officials must ensure that they carry out their work strictly, seriously, objectively and accurately.
- ii) At the end of the competition, Scoring Judges must hold a final meeting to finalise scores and results.
- iii) During the course of the competition, Scoring Judges must not give hints to participants regarding their performance or give advice on which areas to try to improve.
- iv) Judges and Officials must carry out pre-competition checks to ensure that the ground conditions are suitable and adequate for the competition to carry on.

2.1.2a) Speed Slalom

i) Competition Instructing Official

- Responsible for signalling the commencement of each run.
- Responsible for determining if participants start before commencement signal (False Start)

ii) Speed Run Official

- Help in determining if participants false start.
- Responsible for determining if participants miss/kick any cones during each run.
- Responsible for determining if participants broke any rules during each run (e.g., change leg).
- Responsible for confirming with Scoring Judges if the participants should be disqualified from the run (e.g., exceeding the maximum number of miss cones).

iii) Start Point Official

- Responsible for checking if participants miss the first cone.
- Report to Scoring Judges his/her observations.

iv) End Point Official

- Responsible for determining if participants broke any rules during each run (e.g., miss cone)
- In the event that timing device is not available, the End Point Officials must time and show indication as soon as the participants cross the finishing line. This is especially important in cases when both participants seemingly cross the finishing line at the same time. This would help to ensure that Scoring and Timing Officials record timings accurately.

v) Timing Official

- Responsible for timing each participant's run.
- To record each participant's timing after each run.

vi) Timing Record Official

- Responsible for recording timing and penalty details of each participant. He/She must also determine the final result of each run.
- Responsible for tabulating results of elimination rounds and determine which participant will proceed to semi-final rounds.
- Responsible for informing the MC to announce the result of each KO round and state which participant will go on to the next round.
- In the event that there are any changes to participants, the Timing Record Official must inform the Head Judge.
- At the end of the competition, the Timing Record Official must present the end results to the Head Judge for endorsement before announcing the results publicly.

2.2) Freestyle Slalom Judges Responsibilities

2.2.1) Judges Responsibilities

- i) Must be fully prepared to carry out judging work at least 10 minutes before commencement of competition.
- ii) During the course of judging the competition, Judges must be thoroughly focused and work independently. Judges must also be able to assess participants' performance objectively.
- iii) In the event that any Judges are found to be biased and giving scores unfairly, he/she may be issued with a verbal warning or even be replaced.
- iv) In the event that an appointed judge is late or absent, a replacement judge will take over.

2.2.2) Penalty Scoring Official/Timing Official

- i) Responsible for keeping track of timing for each participant's run and reporting to panel of Judges.
- ii) Responsible for observing if participants miss or kick cones during each run. He/She will then report the record to the panel of Judges after each run.
- iii) Responsible for reminding panel of Judges if the participants meet timing requirements for each run.
- iv) Prepare for timing each run when the participant is doing warm-ups.

2.2.3) Audio Officials/MC

- i) Responsible for continuity of music during warm-ups and accurate broadcasting of participant's requested music during each run.
- ii) Responsible for collecting music requirements/devices from participants and returning devices to participants at the end of the competition.
- iii) Responsible for ensuring a steady flow of music throughout the competition.

3) Officials' Uniform

Officials must be dressed appropriately during the competition (e.g., should not be exposing). Uniforms should be requested from competition organisers for easy identification of officials.

4) Regulations for Competitors

- Participants must arrive at least 30 minutes before commencement of competition for registration as well as take part in draw-lots exercise to determine competition sequence.
- Any participants who fail to turn up by the commencement of competition will not be allowed to take part.
- After determining the competition sequence, the competition may still run accordingly if any participant fails to turn up after drawing lots. However, the Head Judge may change the grouping of participants according to the situational needs.

5) Competitor Grouping Procedure

- Competition organisers or the Judging Committee must inform participants of the timing and venue for drawing lots to determine competition grouping.
- Drawing of lots will be conducted by the Head Judge before the commencement of competition.
- Grouping exercise will start with drawing of lots by group (Team) competitors (i.e., team members will each draw lots followed by members of the next team in line). This will then be followed by the drawing of lots of individual competitors.
- Speed Slalom: Participants will draw lots and be paired in two for elimination rounds. However, when using the timing device, participants will draw lots to determine a consecutive competition sequence.
- Freestyle Slalom: Participants will draw lots and be divided into groups of 5 for elimination rounds. After the grouping exercise is completed and if any participants do not turn up during his/her turn, the Head Judge will then decide if it's necessary to change grouping order according to situational needs.

6) Competition Interference Procedures

i) Freestyle Slalom

ia) External influence: In the event that the participant stops a run due to external disturbance, he/she will not be penalised for repeating a new run. However, Judges will assess the participant from where he/she stopped previously.

ib) Equipment failure: In the event that a participant has to stop a run due to equipment failure, the Head Judge will allocate time for the participant to rectify the fault and continue within a comfortable time frame. The participant will not be penalised for such an occurrence. However, Judges will assess the participant from where he/she stopped previously.

ic) Audio failure: In the event that of audio equipment failure during a participant's run, such an occurrence may be considered as an external influence factor. The Head Judge may stop the run and apply the same terms and conditions under the External influence clause.

id) Accidents: In the event that a participant falls and hurts himself/herself, the participants must stop and rest for 10 minutes before being allowed to resume competing. If the participant is unable to resume by the 10 minute time frame, the run will be void and awarded 0 points.

ie) Judge error: In the unfortunate event that Judges commit errors in assessment, the participant may be required to repeat his/run. Terms and Conditions from the External influence clause will apply.

if) No valid reason: If a participant stops a run for no apparent valid reason, the run will be considered void and awarded 0 points.

ig) Repeated run: In the event that a participant has to repeat a run, he/she should at least replicate the previous run until the point which was previously stopped. Failure to do so will result in Judges awarding 0 points to the continued segment of the new run.

ih) Competition sequence changes: In the event that a participant is unable to perform his/her run according to the scheduled competition sequence, a request may be made with the Head Judge to reschedule his/her turn. However, the participant must comply with the rescheduled sequence. If the participant still cannot comply, the run will be considered void and awarded 0 points.

ii) Speed Slalom

iiia) External influence: In the event that a participant is not able to complete a run due to external disturbance/influence, a restart will be activated. Assessment of performance will be based on the new run.

iib) Equipment failure: In the event that a participant has to stop a run due to equipment failure, the Head Judge will allocate time for the participant to rectify the fault and continue within a comfortable time frame. Assessment of performance will be based on the new run.

iic) Accidents: In the event that a participant falls and hurts himself/herself, the participants must stop and rest for 10 minutes before being allowed to resume competing. If the participant is unable to resume by the 10 minute time frame, the run will be void and awarded 0 points.

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7) Timing for Freestyle Slalom

i) If a participant exceeds the maximum allocated timing for a run, the Timing Official will have to inform the panel of Judges. The Judges will then stop assessing the participant from that point on.

ii) If a participant ends a run before the minimum required time for a run, the Timing official must inform the panel of judges. The Judges will then award penalty points accordingly.

8) Freestyle Slalom Music

i) For both single or double combo freestyle slalom, participants may choose their own music to be played during their run.

ii) Participants may provide their own music in CD or MP3 formats. CDs or MP3 players must be labelled with participants name for identification. Participants must

also indicate which track or whatever request they may have. If MP3 formats are to be preloaded into organisers computer system, the desired track should be labelled with participants' name in order to prevent confusion.

9) Objections and Appeals

i) Any objections or appeals regarding results should be made known to the Head Judge within 15 minutes after the announcement of results.

ii) Every objection or appeal lodged will be made with a deposit of RMB\$1000. In the event of successful appeals, the deposit shall be refunded. However, the deposit will be forfeited in cases of unsuccessful appeals. The deposit will then be transferred to the funds of Roller Sports Association of China.

iii) In the event that the first appeal to competition judges is unsuccessful, participants may, within 15 minutes, lodge a final appeal with the Roller Sports Association of China. The participant will have to pay another RMB\$1000.00 for this appeal. Decisions made by the Roller Sports Association of China will be final and no further request for inquiry will be entertained.

10) Others

Any other matters of concern may be raised with The Roller Sports Association of China.

11) Competition Scoring Documents

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