



**Rope Skipping Canada**

**Saut à la Corde Canada**

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# RSC IJRU Qualification Policy

## Executive Summary

The following policy details a synchronous virtual qualification process to qualify Canadian athletes to the IJRU World Championships and International Open Tournament. Our current timeline of competitions does not work with the new IJRU timeline for submitting Team Canada. A synchronous virtual qualification will allow our current jump rope season to continue as normal, and also allow the best athletes to represent Canada internationally. Each PSO will hold 1 RSC sanctioned qualifier tournament where athletes will record their events to be judged by an RSC judging panel. These submissions will then be ranked and the top athletes will qualify to attend the various IJRU competitions.

## Qualification Policy

This policy discusses the development and institution of a remote qualifier that will be held concurrently on the weekend of November 16 and 17, 2024 by PSOs and judged virtually by a centralized judging panel.

### General

Each PSO will hold one RSC sanctioned qualification tournament on a designated weekend. When an athlete competes at an RSC Sanctioned Qualifier Event, they will pay RSC an entry fee to submit their video, have it remotely scored by a certified panel of judges, and ranked remotely. This option will be available for all IJRU speed and freestyle events.

### Requirements

#### *Tournament Sanctioning Policy*

RSC will be altering the tournament sanctioning policy used for the 2023 IJRU qualification process. This procedure will include a “Sanctioned Qualifier Fee” (a fee to apply to become a Remote Qualifying Event).

This sanctioning will be separate from the sanctioning of events for RSC insurance purposes. By following the RSC Tournament Sanctioning Policy, RSC will provide the designation of the RSC Sanctioned Qualifier Event. The following elements will be contained in the Tournament Sanctioning Policy:

- The Qualifier Events must be proposed to RSC and run by the PSO.
- There is a limit of one Qualifying Event per province for each World Championship cycle on the designated weekend.
- All Qualifying Events will be open to all members of RSC (each RSC member can only compete in one Qualifying Event)
- An RSC representative must be in attendance at each sanctioned qualifying tournament.

#### *Judging policy*

RSC will select judges to sit on various panels to judge the video submissions. These judges will be required to be IJRU Level 2 Certified judges. Live judges will not be **allowed** at the in person event. However, PSOs can use this as an opportunity to practice judging without calculating official scores.

The centralized panel of judges will be provided a stipend payment at the discretion of RSC, based on the expected time commitment to complete their judging duties. RSC will set a deadline for performing these duties and submitting the certified score.

#### Freestyle Panel Requirements

There will be a panel of a minimum of three (3) difficulty judges, two (2) presentation A judges, two (2) presentation R judges, and two (2) required elements judges who judge and provide a Certified Score (the Results Score below) for each video submission to the National Ranking.

#### Speed Panel Requirements

There will be a panel of a minimum of three (3) speed judges who judge and provide a Certified Score (the Results Score below) for each video submission to the National Ranking.

## Technological Requirements

To achieve standardization, all entries must be recorded at Qualifying Events on the RSC approved standardized equipment provided by each PSO at the tournament.

If standardized equipment is not available in your province, please refer to the [IJRU Video Recording Specifications](#) for requirements and recommendations regarding video quality. Please note that IJRU requires a QR code for their virtual tournaments; this will not be required for the RSC National Remote Qualification Process.

**RSC will allow multiple recording devices to avoid possible technical difficulties. It is the responsibility of the club/coaches to monitor the devices.**

## National Qualification Policy

### General Information

The National Qualification Process will produce Event Rankings. The Event Rankings evaluate athletes competing in a single event against other Canadian athletes in that specific event. The top athletes or teams in each event will be invited to participate on Team Canada at International Tournaments until the next cycle of world qualifications. This qualification method is subject to the IJRU spot allocation and review by the RSC Competition Committee.

The National Ranking will be published once prior to the IJRU World Championship deadline.

Each entry to be evaluated for publication in the National Ranking will be subject to a fee. The fee will be split into two parts:

- a. RSC Fee: this portion of the fee will go towards financing the judges honorarium and the IJRU technology costs.
- b. Tournament Fee: this portion of the fee will go towards financing the running of the tournament, undertaken by the PSO.

### Event Rankings

- A. The Event Rankings cover the following individual IJRU qualifying events:

a. Single Rope Speed Sprint	b. Single Rope Speed Endurance
c. Single Rope Triple Unders	d. Single Rope Individual Freestyle

- B. The Event Rankings cover the following team IJRU qualifying events:

a. Single Rope Speed Relay	b. Single Rope Double Unders Relay
c. Double Dutch Speed Relay	d. Double Dutch Speed Sprint

e. Single Rope Team Freestyle	f. Single Rope Pair Freestyle
g. Double Dutch Single Freestyle	h. Double Dutch Pair Freestyle
i. Wheel Pair Freestyle	j. Double Dutch Triad Freestyle

- C. The Event Rankings cover the following show IJRU qualifying events:
- a. Show Competition
- D. For the World Championships, Event Rankings are produced in three (3) distinct categories, covering one (1) age group, in accordance with the gender categories and age restrictions of IJRU:
- a. Female 16+
  - b. Mixed 16+
  - c. Male 16+
- E. For the World Junior Championship, Event Rankings are produced in three (3) distinct categories covering one (1) age group, in accordance with the gender categories and age restrictions of IJRU:
- a. Female 15 and under
  - b. Mixed 15 and under
  - c. Male 15 and under
- F. For the Show Competition, Event Rankings are produced in one (1) distinct category covering one (1) age group, in accordance with the gender categories and age restrictions of IJRU:
- a. Open 12+
- G. For the International Open Tournament, Event Rankings are produced in twelve (12) distinct categories covering four (4) age groups, in accordance with the gender categories and age restrictions of IJRU:

Female	Male	Mixed
a. 12-15	b. 12-15	c. 12-15
d. 16-18	e. 16-18	f. 16-18
g. 19+	h. 19+	i. 19+
j. 30+	k. 30+	l. 30+

- H. For further information on the determination of gender and age categories, please refer to the IJRU [Rule Book: Competition Manual](#).
- I. Athletes can be ranked in all the different events in their respective gender category, however one athlete cannot be ranked twice in the same event.

## Ranking Method

The ranking system is based on the measured results of athletes (result score). The competition must be an RSC Sanctioned Qualifier Event, results must be in accordance with the IJRU Rules and Regulations in force, and RSC must have officially ratified the results.

### *Result Score*

- A. The Result Scores are calculated using the IJRU Judging Manual.
- B. The National Rankings consider only results which were achieved at a competition conducted according to the IJRU Rules and sanctioned by RSC as a Qualifying Event.
- C. The official result score will be calculated by an RSC Standardized Judging Panel. This will be the Certified Score to be submitted.
- D. If there is a tie between athletes or teams in an Event for a qualifying spot, the rules below will be followed:
  - a. Tie in speed event
    - i. Video submissions will be recounted with an elite panel of judges
    - ii. Video submissions will be slowed down to determine the exact placement of feet at the time of the beep (If left foot jump was completed, this wins the tie)
    - iii. Athlete/team with the most misses will win the tie
    - iv. Tie will be determined by a coin toss
  - b. Tie in freestyle event
    - i. Athlete/Team with the higher difficulty score will win the tie
    - ii. Athlete/team that completes the most required elements will win the tie
    - iii. Athlete/team with fewer misses will win the tie
    - iv. Tie will be determined by a coin toss

### *Ranking Timeline*

RSC will set a Qualifying Tournament date for PSO's to hold their sanctioned tournament. The date is the weekend of November 16 and 17, 2024. Judging and ranking will happen in the first two weeks of December 2024 and Team Canada will be announced prior to the IJRU registration deadline.

Note: If a PSO is unable to host their sanctioned tournament on the weekend determined by RSC, the PSO must reach out to RSC to see if alternate arrangements can be made.