

Skateboarding enters the 2021 Olympic Games

As an athletic and artistic endeavor, skateboarding is about to make its debut in the 2021 Olympics.



Sky Brown, just turned 13 years old, representing Great Britain

There have been world competitions and international skater rankings since 2010. Skateboarding entering the Olympics this year is a big deal.

1. Why might skateboarding not have been included in the Olympics until now?
2. What other sport (with similar moves) are skateboarders often good at?
3. Do you skateboard? (If you do, please help your class with any details that need clarifying in these discussions.)

At the Olympics we will see two styles of skateboarding:

Street Skateboarding - *July 25 and 26, 2021*

Athletes complete two runs and five tricks. A trick is executed like a run but only involves a single trick

Five judges will evaluate the runs and tricks on a 0 to 10-point scale for each run or trick. The **highest and lowest scores for each run or trick are dropped**, and the remaining three scores are averaged to give a score for each run and trick. The best four scores from runs or tricks will be added to give the total round score.



Leticia Bufoni, photo by Kenji Haruta

4. Suppose a street skateboarder earned these 5 scores for a run from the 5 judges: 10.0, 8.4, 8.0, 9.4, and 7.5. Which 3 scores will be averaged?
5. What will be their final score for the run?
6. Suppose that the final scores for all 7 scores (2 runs and 5 tricks) are as follows: 8.0, 7.5, 7.0, 6.0, 8.2, 7.5, and 7.9. Which 4 elements will be considered for their final score?

7. What will be their final score?
8. What would be the highest score possible for any street skateboarder?

and **Park skateboarding** -
August 4 and 5, 2021

Competition consists of a preliminary round and final round. Each skater will have three 45-second runs.

Five judges will evaluate competitors using a 0 to 100-point scale. **The highest and lowest scores of those 5 judges' scores are dropped.** The remaining three scores are averaged to calculate a score for each run. (accurate to two decimal places)

Of the three final round's 45-second runs, the highest scored run counts for the skater's final result.



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9. Make up what you think the five judges might evaluate one final 45-second run and calculate that skaters final score.

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10. What is the highest score possible for a Park skateboarder?

The five judges will evaluate a performance by judging the skater's speed, the height that they reached on their moves, and the composition and flow of their performance.

11. Why do you think they drop the highest and lowest scores from the judges?
12. Do you think that there is room for bias from the judges or is their scoring pretty clean cut?

Who to watch and how they are chosen:

Below are the 20 athletes in each of the men's and women's Park and Street events. The first three spaces are allocated to the three highest finishing skaters from the 2021 World Skateboarding Championship events. There is then one place guaranteed for the highest-ranked host country (Japan) skateboarder if they have not already qualified. The remaining sixteen places are then filled by the top sixteen ranked skateboarders in the Olympic World Skateboarding Rankings. Each country is allowed only three skaters in each event, and every continent must be represented.

	Women's Street	Women's Park	Men's Street	Men's Park
1	Pamela Rosa (Brazil)	Okamoto Misugu (Japan)	Nyjah Huston (United States)	Heimana Reynolds (United States)
2	Rayssa Leal (Brazil)	Yosozumi Sakura (Japan)	Horigome Yuto (Japan)	Cory Jueneau (United States)
3	Nishimura Aori (Japan)	Sky Brown (Great Britain)	Shirai Sora (Japan)	Luiz Francisco (Brazil)
4	Leticia Bufoni (Brazil)	Poppy Starr Olsen (Australia)	Kevin Hoefler (Brazil)	Pedro Barros (Brazil)

5	Nishiya Momiji (Japan)	Lizzie Armanto (Finland)	Gustavo Ribeiro (Portugal)	Zion Wright (United States)
6	Mariah Duran (United States)	Hiraki Kokona (Japan)	Aurelien Giraud (France)	Keegan Palmer (Australia)
7	Roos Zwetsloot (Netherlands)	Bryce Wettsein (United States)	Jake Illardi (France)	Oskar Rozenberg (Sweden)
8	Candy Jacobs (Netherlands)	Dora Varella (Brazil)	Jagger Eaton (United States)	Pedro Quintas (Brazil)
9	Hayley Wilson (Australia)	Isadora Rodrigues Pacheco (Brazil)	Vincent Milou (France)	Ivan Federtico (Italy)
10	Nakayama Funa (Japan)	Brighton Zeuner (United States)	Matt Berger (Canada)	Steven Pineiro (Puerto Rico)
11	Alexis Sablone (United States)	Jordyn Barratt (United States)	Manny Santiago (Puerto Rico)	Alessandro Mazzara (Italy)
12	Keet Oldenbeuving, (Netherlands)	Yndiara Asp (Brazil)	Shane O'Neill (Australia)	Vincent Matheron (France)
13	Margielyn Arda Didal, (Philippines)	Julia Benedetti (Spain)	Angelo Caro Narvaez (Peru)	Jaime Mateu (Spain)
14	Alana Smith (United States)	Lilly Stoephasius (Germany)	Felipe Gustavo (Brazil)	Kieran Wooley (Australia)
15	Wenhui Zeng (China)	Xin Zhang (China)	Aoki Yukito (Japan)	Hirano Ayumu (Japan)
16	Lore Bruggeman (Belgium)	Madeleine Larcheron (France)	Giovanni Vianna (Brazil)	Tyler Edtmayer (Germany)
17	Julia Brueckler (Austria)	Amelia Brodka (Poland)	Micky Papa (Canada)	Danny Leon (Spain)
18	Charlotte Hym (France)	Josefina Tapia Varas (Chile)	Axel Cruysberghs (Belgium)	Andy Anderson (Denmark)
19	Asia Lanzi (Italy)	Bombette Martin (Great Briain)	Luis Jhancarlos Gonzalez Ortiz (Colombia)	Rune Glifberg (Denmark)
20	Boipelo Awuah (South Africa)	Melissa Williams (South Africa)	Brandon Valjalo (South Africa)	Dallas Oberholtzer (South Africa)

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