

THE INTERNATIONAL SCOOTER FEDERATION

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

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# 2021

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

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The International Scooter Federation (ISF) is a not for profit organization established in 2011 to promote, develop and create a sustainable future for the sport of scooter riding.

The ISF is made up of riders, manufacturers, distributors, retailers, skateparks, organizers, media and those involved in the scooter industry. All members bring knowledge, experience and value to all scooter matters and activity.

The ISF is not a competition organizer; it's role is to coordinate, recognize, govern and develop an equal playing field for entire sport to benefit from. The ISF is dedicated to the development of the sport worldwide, on all levels from grassroots to pro level.

The ISF globally recognized within the scooter industry as the only international scooter body. The ISF aims to develop a network of national affiliated associations which supports the development and growth of national activity and participation worldwide.

## 1.1. OBJECTIVES

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- To promote the interests and safety of riders at all levels
- Establish rules, judging criteria, point scoring, standards and rankings
- Set competition formats & point systems for conducting international scooter contests
- Coordinate National and International activities and contests.
- Work towards ensuring Freestyle Scooter Riding becomes recognized as an official sport
- Promote the values of good sportsmanship
- Promote all aspects of the sport, improving cultural and sporting contacts between the scooter communities.
- Work towards the inclusion of Scooter riding into multi-sports events

## 2. CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

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The ISF championship provides pro riders an opportunity to compete for a place at the world final via a qualification structure. This structure consists of three regional championships, an international open (last chance qualifier) and a world championship.

## 2.1. REGIONAL QUALIFYING EVENTS

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Due to covid, the ISF has made some essential changes to the qualifying structure for 2021.

### 3 x Regional Qualifying Events

- The championship is split into 3 regions – Australasia, North America & Europe.
- Each regional event will be open to junior, pro male and pro female categories.
- The top riders from each region will proceed to the world championship final.

### International Open

To support riders who could not participate in the regionals, the ISF will further host an open qualification competition on the weekend of the world championship final. This is a last chance qualifier and will be open to:

- Any rider unable to attend a regional event and approved by the ISF board and committees
- Invitation of the top 3 male and female riders via a national governing body (NGB)

The international qualifying (open) event will provide a last chance opportunity for the following number of riders to proceed to the world scooter championships:

- 8 pro male
- 4 pro female
- 4 junior

Registration will open after the regional qualifying events. It is possible that the number of qualifying riders from the international open may increase depending on any absences from qualified riders who cannot attend.

## 2.2. WORLD SCOOTER CHAMPIONSHIP

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- A world scooter championship competition will be hosted for junior, pro male and pro female.
- Will be based on the qualifying riders from the qualifying events.
- The number of riders that qualify will be as follows – 20 x Junior, 54 x Pro male and 20 x Pro female.

- 3 places in the world championships are reserved for wildcards

*Details in section 3.3*

## 2.3. COMPETITION SELECTION

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The purpose of the ISF Championship is to pull together the sport's top competitions to support stability and growth within the sport. Equally, to provide riders with a world stage to showcase their skills and sport to the world.

For the 2021 season and due to limitations with competitions and events this year, the ISF has selected venues for the regionals and world championship. Committees, governing bodies and members will be involved to ensure these events are a success.

## 2.4. COMPETITION ORGANIZERS

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Organizers are required to ensure their competitions meet all ISF safety standards, follow competition rules and regulations.

The ISF will supply the rules and regulations, competition and judging guide, scoring software, an ISF official staff member and ongoing support to all organizers. Competition organizers are responsible for their competition and rider safety.

The ISF has created the world scooter championships and is the rightful owner. All competitions within the championship agree:

- To meet the ISF standards
- Organizers understand they are the competition organizer and the ISF role is to provide standards to improve these competitions and recognition by inclusion into the sports official championships.
- The ISF hold all commercial and other rights to the intellectual property of the ISF championship. No competition organizer has permission to use the ISF logos for commercial purposes such as creating computer games, merchandise etc. The competition organizer has permission to use ISF logos to help support and promote their competition via marketing, advertising and any non-commercial methods to help increase participation. Use of the ISF logo for merchandise can be provided on request.
- It's the competition organizers responsibly to promote their event and look after their sponsors. The ISF provides support.
- All competitions within the ISF championship are the legal responsibility of the competition organizer. The ISF will not be held responsible for any competition or rider

that participates in a competition. If a competition is deemed unsafe riders must NOT participate and inform the ISF immediately.

## 2.5. COMPETITION FORMAT

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These rules apply to junior, pro male and pro female competitions only. The competition format maybe adjusted should there be low numbers of participating riders in a division. For example, if there are only 15 riders in one of the divisions, then no final is necessary. Each rider having 2 runs is deemed acceptable. The top riders (based on the category criteria) proceed to the ISF world scooter championships.

### 1. Regional Qualifier

- Follows the same format as a regional qualifier, with each rider having two runs with their best score determining their rank. However, the competition organizer may opt to put riders in groups. In which case, this rule applies to the groups. For example, all riders in group 1 must have completed their 1st run before the 2nd runs within that group. This is repeated throughout all the groups.
- Each rider has 2 x individually timed runs. The competition organizer will decide a time limit between 45 to 90 seconds - depending on the size or layout of the skatepark more or less time may be appropriate. All riders have the same time and the organizer will announce this prior to the competition starting.
- All riders wishing to compete must have completed their 1st run before the 2nd runs begin.
- The riders best score of the 2 runs will decide their final position. Should 2 or more riders have the same score then their 2nd run will determine which rider is placed higher.
- A final for the top 10 or 15 riders is not compulsory for a regional qualifier and is at the discretion of the competition organizer. Details will be stated before the competition date.

### 2. Regional Final

- Follows the same format as a regional qualifier, with each rider having two runs with their best score determining their rank.
- The top 15 from the elimination round will go into a final.
- The final will start with the rider who qualified with the lowest score going first.
- A rider will be given a maximum of 2 runs in the final. The organizer may opt for only 1 final run, but will be required to advise all riders prior to the final beginning.
- The top 8 will secure a place in the world championship. If a rider has already qualified (or is unable to attend the world final) then the place will be passed to the next rider in line (cascading down to 15th place, but not beyond).

### 3. World Final

- Has the same format as regional final, with the process being broken up into two sections - an elimination round and a final.

### 3. RULES AND REGULATIONS

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International rules and regulations for scooter (park) competition riding.

#### 3.1. SAFETY

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A competition and/or riders may be removed from the ISF championship or have action taken against them for compromising safety.

1. Riders must wear a fastened helmet (certified recommended), appropriate shoes, clothing and have an undamaged scooter. The ISF has a strict “No helmet NO riding” policy.
2. An appropriate first aider / medical staff must be onsite at all times.
3. All accidents are recorded and reported to the ISF or national association.
4. A rider is responsible for their health and can only ride if they are fit and well. Any rider that is coming back from a known injury may be asked by the organizer to produce a doctor's note proving they are medically fit to compete.
5. All riders must be aware and understand the skatepark rules and safety measures.
6. The organizer must do a risk assessment or ensure the skatepark has one.
7. It's the competition organizers responsibility to have initiatives for continuous safety improvements, adding additional measures where appropriate and ensuring safety is never compromised.
8. The competition organizer will conform to the safety standards of the skatepark or venue, and that of any national law.
9. If a rider feels they are being placed in danger then they should not ride and are to report the matter to the organizer. The ISF is not a competition organizer and therefore it's the competition organizers responsibility to be reactive to any concerns towards a rider's safety.
10. Riders are never to ride beyond their limitation. If an organizer or an ISF official feels a rider is not pro level they should be removed from the competition.
11. Riders are to abide the ISF rules and ride on good condition, non-faulty stunt scooter.
12. Riders are to complete a competition waiver release form stating they understand the rules, code of conduct and dangers of competing.
13. A competition organizer will not tolerate abusive, aggressive or inappropriate behavior from anyone.

## 3.2. SCORING AND JUDGING

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### Scoring

- **Difficulty:** Landing difficult or high risk tricks consistently throughout the run that stand out from the rest of the riders.
- **Diversity of the run** – showing a variety of tricks and using the park to its full capability with varied or original lines.
- **Consistency** – points are deducted for crashes, foot slips and sketchy lands.
- **Style** – Landing cleanly, riding confidently, making tricks look easy and effortless and showing originality.

### Digital Live Scoring System

All ISF championship events will be using a digital scoring system. For 2021, the ISF is using The Boardr. All judges will input scores into tablet devices. The scores are then live and shown on the ISF website live too. Although tablets are being used, judges will also write down their scores so that there is a paper trail should there be any electronic malfunctions.

### Judging criteria for competitions:

1. A minimum of 3 judges are required for regional qualifiers, using more judges is up to the organizers discretion.
2. Regional Finals require either a 3 or 5 judge panel.
3. A 5 judging panel is compulsory for the World Final
4. When using a 5 judge panel the highest and lowest scores will be dropped. Only the 3 middle scores are used to calculate the final score.
5. Judges score from 0 to 100 based upon the ISF judging criteria, more details can be found in the ISF judging guide.
6. Judges provide a score to competition official within 30 seconds of the riders run. The next rider is not allowed to start their run until the judges have indicated they are ready.
7. Each judge must be able to see a copy of the margin sheet, either a printed version from the competition support pack, or from the ISF judging guide, or a handwritten copy.
8. Live scoring is encouraged where possible

### Judging rules and regulations

9. Judges are permitted to sit together with some discussion or comments permitted, provided they are unbiased and not used to influence other judges. It is the role of the ISF official to monitor discussions and comments to ensure no foul play.

10. Judges must only consider the current run when scoring. They should not be influenced by the riders reputation from previous competitions or videos, or from their previous or practice runs.
11. Judges are unbiased and impartial. They will be selected based on experience and training.
12. The competition organizer is to submit the list of judges to the ISF 30 days prior to the competition date. The ISF have the right to decline any of the proposed judges for which the organizer must find a suitable replacement. The ISF will assist and provide support if required.
13. Judges are to disregard the last trick should the announcer allow a last trick after the allocated time. If the announcer allows a last trick for the entertainment of the crowd then the rider is only allowed one attempt.
14. A Judge can't participate in the competition if judging.
15. Where possible for the qualifiers a judge should not be judging if they have qualified for their regional final. No judge will be allowed to judge a regional final if they have qualified for the world championship.
16. Avoid known riders that have been biased in the past or have a dislike for riders or styles. A judge is to score based on the set judging criteria and not based on personal preference.
17. If you have sponsored or pro riders judging, ensure there is a balance and that not all judges are from one sponsor or company where it could be seen as a conflict of interest.
18. All judges must be able to see a copy of the slider scale sheet, found in the competition support pack and the ISF judging guide.

### **Protecting the Judges**

19. Judges should be kept away from all non-officials such as parents, team managers and riders until the competition is over.
20. Judges individual scores will not be shown live, only the judges collective overall score will be shown. This is only compulsory for region finals and the world final.
21. An organizer should pay attention to anyone trying to influence the judges. Any person doing so should be moved away from the judges.
22. The judges should be provided with refreshments throughout the duration in which they are judging.
23. Judges should be paid for their work, and in some case may require other expenses to be paid. The ISF can advise further and can provide a list of recommended judges.
24. For non-live scoring rounds, the judges and officials must all agree on the results before the results are publicly announced. This is to ensure there are no errors.
25. Each judge should be assigned a number and a record must be kept of who submitted which scores. This is so that if there are any serious complaints the ISF is able to investigate.

### 3.3. QUALIFICATION

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For a rider to qualify for the world championship they must compete in the regional qualification stages, unless a wildcard has been granted to that rider. The qualification process for male, female and juniors are detailed below.

#### **Pro rider – male championship**

A total of 54 pro riders will qualify for the male pro world championship

- Top 15 from each region
- 8 places from the international open
- 1 wild card (current world champion)

#### **Pro rider – female championship**

A total of 20 pro riders will qualify for the female pro world championship final

- Top 5 from each region
- 4 places from the international open
- 1 wild card (current world champion)

#### **Junior rider – mixed championship (16 and under)**

A total of 20 junior riders will qualify for the junior world championship final

- Top 5 from each region
- 4 places from the international open
- 1 wild card (current world champion)

#### **Wild Cards**

An additional 3 places are wildcards. The current world champion (junior, pro male and pro female) gains one wildcard and is automatically entered into the world championship.

The other wildcards maybe granted to riders under special circumstances. The ISF board may consider a wildcard entry for a number of reasons, for example, a competition may be granted with a wildcard for their winner if they conform to ISF standards.

A rider can gain a wild card if they couldn't qualify due to an injury or illness, a bereavement of a family member, or has commercial commitments and could not attend the qualifying stages. It is

the ISF board that will make the final decision after consultation with committees and the relevant national governing body. There will be transparency regarding any wild card decision.

### 3.4. PARTICIPATION RULES

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1. A rider can take part in any competition worldwide but can only qualify for the world finals via their own regional championship. A rider is only eligible to qualify from outside of their region if they are able to demonstrate they have lived in the region for at least 3 months prior to the qualifying event and have notified the ISF of their intention before competing in the regional final.
2. The championship is open to male and female riders of all ages.
3. A rider can attend all qualifying competitions however can only qualify once for the regional finals by finishing in the top 10.
4. Any riders that participates in multiple regional competitions and places in the top 10 more than once can only qualify once, so as they have already qualified for the regional final their place will be cascaded down to the next in line.
5. If a rider has already qualified directly into the world championship by winning a qualifying competition then that riders is still required to participate in their regional final, however if that rider finishes in the top 10 they will not qualify for the world championship twice so the qualifying place will be cascaded down to the next rider in line.
6. A rider will not be provide additional time or be able to retake their run in the case of a scooter breaking.
7. Riders must all sign a competition disclaimer
8. If a rider competes and it's later discovered by the ISF that the rider competed without a helmet, then the rider will forfeit their position.
9. Riders compete at the own risk. The ISF is not responsible for any competition and activity and cannot be held responsible.
10. All riders will wear a helmet while riding the skatepark.
11. Recreational, illegal or performance enhancing drug use is strictly forbidden and any rider found using or promoting drug use may be banned from all competitions, the championship and other ISF recognized activity.
12. Riders will not ride under the influence of alcohol and will not consume alcohol on the skatepark.
13. Abusive behavior, bullying or violence will not be tolerated.
14. Riders will respect and listen to the competition organizer and officials.
15. Riders will take care of the skatepark, equipment and facilities.
16. Riders will never engage in illegal or inappropriate activity.
17. Refrain from bad language.
18. Riders will act with good sportsmanship.
19. Riders will report dangers, problems or issues to the organizer.
20. Riders will respect all others regardless of race, religious beliefs, gender or other.

21. Riders will not put pressure or encourage other to do something against their will, that is dangerous or inappropriate.
22. Professional riders will not use media opportunities to slanderous or negative effect.
23. Riders will respect and comply to the ISF rules, regulations and standards, as well as the standards from the competition organizer, national association and/or skatepark.

## **RIDER CODE OF CONDUCT**

- A rider has a responsibility to lead by example, understand the competition rules and promote safety standard;
- Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete, whether its within or outside the Sponsee's own industry;
- Treat each athlete as an individual;
- Respect the fundamental rights, dignity, and worth of athletes and their family members, other coaches, officials, volunteers, administrators, and spectators;
- Do not exploit athletes or others over whom one has supervisory, evaluative, or other authority;
- Develop fair, unprejudiced relationships with all athletes;
- Strongly discourage booing and other discourteous conduct;
- Never criticize or verbally abuse any athletes or their family members, other coaches, officials, volunteers, administrators, or spectators publicly or on blogs, websites, social media or anywhere else;
- Never yell at or ridicule athletes for making mistakes or for losing a competition;
- Make reasonable efforts to avoid conduct that is personally demeaning to athletes or others;
- Avoid swearing and the use of abusive language and irresponsible behavior, including behavior that is dangerous to oneself or others, acts of violence, bullying, harassment and physical and sexual abuse; and
- Never engage in inappropriate or illegal behavior, such as but not limited to the consumption of illegal substances, such drugs/narcotics.

## **3.5. PRODUCTS FOR COMPETITION USE**

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Only a stunt scooter which adheres to the following guidelines can be used in an ISF recognized competition:

1. Only non-electrical push scooters are permitted
2. No foldable mechanism
3. No toy scooters
4. No dirt scooters or scooters with more than 2 wheels
5. Wheels are no greater than 135mm in size
6. Scooters must be in good working order (a rider will not be given additional time if their scooter breaks)

## 3.6. CATEGORIES

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The ISF championships are currently junior, pro male and pro female only, however every competition within the championship will have grassroots activity for non-pro riders provided by the competition organizer. It is recommended that the judges should be consulted if there is uncertainty when placing a rider in a category based on skill level.

### **1. Pro category (c)**

Riders that get paid in money to perform their sport on a daily basis, get paid to compete, receive money to represent one or more brands or participate in competitions that include prize money. The Pro category is based on ability. No rider should be excluded just because they aren't sponsored or paid.

There are no age restrictions, but parental consent may be required for those that don't meet age restrictions, determined by the competition organizer. Any rider that has ridden in the Pro category can't then ride in a lesser category at a later date in any ISF recognized comp. The rider will therefore remain a pro rider for the duration of the season.

### **2. Junior (c) | Intermediate | Amateur**

Riders that don't get paid to perform their sport on a daily basis or get paid to compete and don't receive any prize money from competitions, are considered amateur riders. Being sponsored with rider equipment, safety gear, travel expenses or clothes does not mean that rider is a pro rider.

This category is for riders, sponsored or unsponsored, who are not quite at a pro level of riding, or have limited competition experience. Depending on the number of participants this category can be divided into smaller sub-categories based on age, or skill level - although this is not recommended as it can be difficult to determine before a competition.

The competition organizer may also decide to allow any intermediate rider placed in the top 3 with the opportunity to compete in the Pro level competition

Note: Any junior rider (male or female) who is 16 & under can register and compete in the ISF junior championships. A rider who have been pro in 2021 cannot drop back to amateur to participate in the junior category.

### **3. Beginners**

The beginner category is designed as an introduction into competitive scooter riding with the focus being on fun. Any rider that is sponsored or who has taken part in more than 3 competitions is not classed as a beginner. Beginners are recognized based on their level of riding or lack of competition experience and in some cases age groups.

#### **4. Female riders (non-pro)**

If there is a sufficient number of female riders then a female-only category can be created for any category, this is up to the organizers discretion. The ISF recommends that the organizers discuss with the female riders about this possibility before creating a new category, as it may not be required or wanted. If a female decides she would prefer to compete in one of the other categories then that must be allowed. The ISF has recognized a pro category for female riders with an official world scooter championship.

### **3.7. STAFF AND OFFICIALS**

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#### **1. Tabulation official**

- Every competition is required to have an official inputting each of the judges scores into a tabulation spreadsheet<sup>1</sup>.
- If live scoring is being used then the scores need to be inputted at the end of each run. If not the official can input all of the scores once the competition has finished.
- Calculations will be completed electronically to avoid errors.
- After all competitions the digitized scores must be sent to the ISF. ISF members are welcome to request or review the score sheets.
- A record must be kept of which judge submitted which score, this is usually done by assigning each judge a number.
- The ISF may request additional information from the competition organizer.

#### **2. Judges**

9. A minimum of 3 judges are required for regional qualifiers (who may adopt a 5 judge panel).
10. 5 Judges are required for regional and world finals
11. More details covered in section 3.2.

#### **3. Announcer**

Along with providing announcements and commentary during runs, the announcer has a responsibility to ensure the high standard of an event. The announcer should always:

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<sup>1</sup> A tabulation spreadsheet is provided in the ISF competition support pack for those not using the digital system.

- Ensure that riders wear a helmet and follow the rules.
- Ensure the skatepark is clear and that riders are not obstructed by those not competing before starting a run.
- Be impartial to all riders.
- Be consistent with all riders.
- They should not attempt to influence the judges.
- The announcer should be paid by the competition organizer, and where necessary, have other expenses covered.

#### **4. ISF official / NGB official**

For regional and world finals there must be an appointed ISF Official present to oversee all the rules and regulations. For qualifiers the organizer must appoint someone to oversee safety standards are met, and to run the competition to the best of their ability based on the competition standards. Where applicable, the ISF will recognize an NGB to undertake this role.

#### **5. Photographer / Videographer**

The use of a photographer or videographer is highly recommended. It's the competition organizers responsibility to ensure that any photos and videos promote the sport in good light. Content that is inappropriate, abusive, and offensive, or contains bad language or promotes drug use is strictly forbidden. Content must also show riders wearing helmets while competing.

## **4. FINANCIAL**

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Funds will be generated to support the venue, operators and to ensure investment back into the sport.

### **4.1. COMPETITION FEES**

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1. The competition organizer will charge a fee for riders to participate in the competition. The fee varies depending on the competition category.
2. The ISF will charge an international rider license fee for every rider participating in the championships. These funds are to be used and reinvested back into the sport.

## 4.2. SPONSORSHIP

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Under agreement with the ISF, competition organizers will have control over the sponsorship fees of their competition, however rules and regulations are governed by the ISF. This is to ensure that the championship remains a fair playing field for the entire industry. The ISF wishes to avoid any one scooter brand headline sponsoring the entire championship.

These rules are not applicable for sponsors outside of the scooter industry, who are invited to become title or headline sponsors.

### **Scooter Industry Sponsors**

1. It's recommended sponsorship is done via a tier system which provides equal opportunity to all.
2. ISF members and national level members are investing into the championship and therefore should receive a discounted rate over non-members.
3. ISF members or national association members should also be provided first refusal on sponsorship opportunities and any exclusive members-only perks.
4. Current ISF members can be found listed on the ISF website.
5. A headline sponsor can be from within the scooter industry. This is to encourage support for the organizer. An ISF member can only headline a maximum of 6 ISF championship competitions (and only 1 final).
6. Headline sponsorship should not be provided to a non-ISF member until the opportunity has been provided to ISF members first.
7. The competition organizer decides how many tiers they have. The ISF recommends keeping it simple and offering good value for money.

### **All Sponsors**

All sponsors are to comply with all applicable national and international rules and regulations; to act in a manner that does not prejudice the image or running of the event/sport/association or members.

### **Regional Championship Events**

Under license agreement, the ISF provides the event organizers the opportunity to seek sponsorship opportunities for their event.

### **World Championship**

The ISF controls sponsorship of the world scooter championship.

## 5. COMMUNICATION

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Feedback from competition organizers, competitors, staff and spectators is all encouraged. A feedback form can be found in the competition support pack, or feedback can be sent directly to the ISF through our website: [www.isfscoot.com/contact-us/](http://www.isfscoot.com/contact-us/)

### 5.1. CONTACTS

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General enquiries or feedback

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### 5.2. OFFICES

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Name and headquarters

The International Scooter Federation (ISF) is an association registered in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Zurich in accordance with art. 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code, and subject to the laws of Switzerland.

ISF's headquarters are located in Zurich (Switzerland).

Website: [www.isfscoot.com](http://www.isfscoot.com)