

## **Speed Point Series 2006**

### General Rules & Regulations Marathon Race (42km)

1. Athletes must participate in competitions with fair-play and enthusiasm. All those who show a negative attitude or an evident inability might be excluded or disqualified from the competition.
2. Athletes who do not comply with the procedures concerning the start and the starting order, can be excluded from the race and/or be disqualified.
3. Athletes should strictly comply with the provisions supplied by the organizers and route marshals, particularly as far as safety is concerned.
4. Athletes shall run along the last straight line leading to the finish according to the shortest imaginary line, without changing the trajectory they chose at the beginning of the sprint and causing in this way damage to other skaters
5. Athletes are to complete the full distance of their prescribed category in the challenge. Athletes who withdraw from the competition should immediately inform an official.
6. Athletes must neither push nor pull each other, blocking another athlete in front of them impeding forward motion. Athletes shall not attempt to obstruct, or help to obstruct another athlete.
7. In no case shall athletes push other competitors or cut in front of them. It is also forbidden to let oneself be taken in tow, to push, obstruct or help other competitors.
8. **Athletes who have been lapped or are about to be lapped, and who may hinder the competition may be eliminated. Athletes who have been eliminated or withdrawn will be placed in the order opposite to their elimination. Not eliminated athletes must complete the distance of the competition.**
9. Athletes can repair a damaged skate by themselves, being careful not to obstruct the race. They can only receive the new skates or tools to repair them.
10. In case of a fall, athletes who are still able to continue the challenge must stand up without any help from a third party. Otherwise they will be excluded from the competition.
11. Winner of the race is taken when first wheel of the skate crosses finish line and at least one wheel must be in contact with the ground.
12. There will be separate starts for men and women.
13. Helmet is mandatory and must be worn at all times.
14. Other protective equipment is highly recommended.

15. Athletes shall be identified by means of number tags. They are applied on the left hip, back and on the helmet. Numbers are to be clearly visible.
16. Skates with two pairs of wheels fastened parallel to each other or skates having a maximum of six wheels, fastened in line are permitted. The maximum diameter of wheel must not exceed 100 mm. The skate must not exceed 50 cm. in length. Skates must be firmly attached to the shoes and axles are not to protrude from the wheels. Brakes are forbidden. Clap skates are allowed without propulsive gear.
17. Athletes are to report to the athletes' holding area 45 minutes before each race for equipment checks. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the competition.
18. The Speed Committee will act as the sole and final arbiter of any disputes or complaints.
19. Athletes violating any of the above-mentioned rules will be excluded or disqualified from the competition.
20. Point series - final score is based on total points from a maximum of 5 out of the 7 races. Double points for 42 km races.