

Dear ERSO members,

In this document you find the judges requirements for the 2026 European Rope Skipping Championships and Open Tournament. We ask NGB's to make an effort to nominate enough qualified judges to ensure we can create diverse judging panels and have a fair competition.

To be able to judge at the competitions, the following four steps should be followed.

**Education** – All judges need the IJRU Judge level 3 certification to be able to judge during the EC2026.

This means that they need the following:

- IJRU learning portal basic courses – Fundamentals v4.0.0 + all basic courses for the specific category of judging v4.0.0 (Difficulty part 1-6, Presentation part 1-4, Technical part 1-4, Speed part 1-3) (level 1 judge)
- Follow an IJRU live training and register the live training with the password given by the instructor in the IJRU learning portal (level 2 judge)
- Pass a test (A, B, C or D) for the specific category of judging (level 3 judge).  
The judge can choose between the tests available for each category in the IJRU learning portal.  
If the judge passed the test for WC2025 it is not necessary to pass a new test for EC2026.
- Furthermore all judges are strongly encouraged to follow all available continued education courses in the IJRU learning portal before the competition.

**Registration** – Judges should be registered and nominated in the IJRU registration system from February 5<sup>th</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>. Judges are nominated per day. After registration, certifications and number of nominations will be checked. Missing judges will be fined.

**Allocation** – The judges allocation will be communicated beginning of July. Judges are then encouraged to practice for their assigned spot.

**Judging** – All assigned judges will judge during the competitions. Changes in the judge allocation will be communicated before and during the event.

The judge allocations will also include alternate judges and video replay judges for the competitions. Nominated judges might not be used on all days to ensure diversity in the judging panels.



The judges requirements are defined for a full competition day, including all events that will be hosted on that day (except Team Show and DDC where there will be separate nominations). The requirements are based on the NGB's entry estimation from late 2025. Therefore, small adjustments to the number of judges can be made by ERSO after the final registration. In that case, the NGB's will not be expected to nominate more judges but ERSO might ask NGB's if they have more judges available.

For the freestyle judges requirement there are three different categories.

- Freestyle judges (any category) can be certified in any of the categories Difficulty, Presentation or Technical.
- Difficulty judges should be certified in Difficulty.
- Presentation + Technical Judges should be certified in both Presentation and Technical.

Example - If an NGB has 5 freestyle entries (all freestyle events added together) in one full competition day in the EC/JEC the NGB should nominate 1 freestyle judge with any certificate, 2 difficulty judges and 1 judge with both a presentation and technical certificate. Which means 4 freestyle judges in total for that day should be nominated and available.

If a judge is nominated for more categories in one day the judge is counted as one as the judge requirements refer to the number of judges, not to the number of nominations.

In the registration system a judge can be nominated as Difficulty, Presentation and/or Technical judge. Remember to add the judge in all relevant categories. ERSO will use these nominations to check the number of judges.

The number of entries will refer to the entries in that section only, e. g. entries in speed events are considered for speed judges, and entries in freestyle events for freestyle judges.

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS & JUNIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**AUGUST 11-13 2026**

Judges requirements per day. The judge requirements refers to the number of judges, not to the number of nominations.

SPEED JUDGES		FREESTYLE JUDGES			
Nr. of speed entries	Speed Judges	Nr. of freestyle entries	Freestyle judges (any position)	Difficulty Judges	Presentation + Technical Judges
1-2	1	1-2	1	0	0
3-4	2	3-4	1	1	1
5-6	3	5-6	1	2	1
7-8	4	7-10	0	3	3
9-12	6	11-15	1	4	3
13-15	8	16-20	1	5	4
16+	9	21+	1	6	4

In the EC/JEC days speed will only be included in the morning session. Speed judges need to be available in the morning only. Freestyle judges need to be available for both sessions.

**EUROPEAN TEAM SHOW**  
**AUGUST 13 2026**

For the Show Freestyle there are no fixed requirements. Please give judges availability for that competition in the IJRU registration portal. ERSO will ask additional judges to judge if not enough judges are nominated.

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS**  
**AUGUST 14-15 2026**

For the EC Finals there are no fixed requirements. We know that judges' availability might depend on event qualification. Therefore, final assignments will be communicated during the event. Please give judges availability in the IJRU registration already, if you know that judges will be available to judge the finals.



**DOUBLE DUTCH CONTEST EUROPE**  
**AUGUST 15 2026**

For the Double Dutch Contest Europe there are no fixed requirements. Please give judges availability if you know about judges that are available.

**EUROPEAN OPEN TOURNAMENT**  
**AUGUST 16-17 2026**

Judges requirements per day. The judge requirements refer to the number of judges, not to the number of nominations.

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Nr. of speed entries	Speed Judges	Nr. of freestyle entries	Freestyle judges (any position)	Difficulty Judges	Presentation + Technical Judges
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On the second day of EOT there will be no speed events so no speed judges are necessary on that day.

### Packages and remuneration

Judges must register with a participant package. The participant package gives access to the venue on the days of the specific package, welcome package, farewell party and so on.

Judges that are only judging and not competing or coaching don't have to pay the registration fee.

All active judges will get a small remuneration after the event. This will be calculated based on active sessions and the total reimbursement will be sent to the NGB's.

## Missing judges

If a country fails to fulfil their responsibility, then a 400 Euro fine for each missing Freestyle judge per day and 200 Euro for each missing Speed judge per day will be imposed by ERSO on that country. If a NGB nominates more judges than required on one day but are missing some on another day this can possibly reduce a fine if agreed with ERSO before the competition. A country is not allowed to send judges from other countries to judge for their own country without permission from ERSO. Countries that are competing for the first time do not have to supply any judges but sending judges is highly appreciated.

## Preliminary schedule

\*Subject to change

Monday August 10	Tuesday August 11	Wednesday August 12	Thursday August 13	Friday August 14	Saturday August 15	Sunday August 16	Monday August 17
EC/JEC Music check on competition floor	EC Team Speed  EC Individual Freestyle	EC/JEC Individual Speed  EC SRTU  JEC Individual Freestyle	JEC Team Speed  JEC Team Freestyle	ERSO AGM  DDC Music check on competition floor	Finals	EOT Individual Speed  EOT Team Speed	EOT Individual Freestyle  EOT Team Freestyle
	EC Team Freestyle  EC WHPF	JEC WHPF  EC Team Freestyle	JEC Team Freestyle	Finals	DDC	EOT Team Freestyle  EOT WHPF	
Opening ceremony			EC Team Show		EOT Music check on competition floor  EC Farewell Party		