

# Endorsement regulations of products, systems and approval of sports facilities

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## 1. Introduction

Subject of these regulations are the endorsement procedures of products and/or systems and the approval of sports facilities for skating, issued by Fédération Internationale de Roller Sports (FIRS) in order to use them in occasion of international sports competitions of figure skating, speed skating, inline hockey, rink hockey and all the other roller disciplines.

For endorsement we mean FIRS suitability statement of products and/or systems (for example flooring, enclosure, etc.) to be used within sports facilities to be approved for the competitions mentioned in the first paragraph.

For approval we mean FIRS statement for suitability of sports facility both for performance of international sports competitions of figure skating, speed skating, rink hockey, inline hockey plus all the other roller disciplines and the officialization of the results, referred to an already realized, complete and potentially operating sports facility.

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## 2. Endorsement of products and systems for floorings

### Definition

The endorsement can be requested by the producer/installer of products and/or systems with a defined, univocal and constant commercial definition.

The endorsed products and/or systems can use the definition *"Products and systems endorsed by FIRS for (specify the sport/sports)"* and have simplified approval procedures for the sports facilities in which they will be used.

The marks of endorsed products and/or systems can use the definition *"Products and systems recommended by FIRS to (sport/sports to be specified)"* and use also simplified approval procedures for facilities where they are going to be applied.

Products marks and/or approved systems should be allowed to get the definition of *"Products and systems recommended by FIRS"* or *"FIRS official supplier"* and be fostered according to what FIRS defined.

### Products and systems classes and requirements

The products and systems features required in sports flooring are the ones indicated in FIRS sports facilities regulations. Their preventive endorsement is carried on referring to the sports discipline for which the flooring will be considered suitable.

For new or not well known kind of materials and systems, FIRS will have the right to endorse them in an experimental way, giving them a temporary recognition.

Products and systems to be endorsed, have to be perfectly and univocally defined by the producer/installer. Any subsequent changing in dimensions, materials or in the way of their realization will require a new endorsement.

## **Procedures and documents for the endorsement**

In order to ask for a new endorsement, the producer/installer, has to pay the amount established by FIRS and provide the following documentation:

- endorsement request to FIRS;
- material's and system's commercial appellation, from which it results univocally identified;
- detailed description of the material and system with the note of what is protected from the patent;
- eventual material samples in the quantities and sizes established by FIRS;
- details of the specifications related to the product or system and its components;
- producer's/installer's detailed references and detailed list of already realized sports executions;
- eventual certifications about carried out lab tests, referring to specific rules.

FIRS can, at its own unappealable opinion:

- ask for further information about the product and/or system or the presentation of new material samples for the carrying out of additional lab tests;
- organize, at the applicant producer/installer expenditures, inspections and sports suitability tests in various weather conditions on one or more sports facilities already realized by the producer/installer;
- organize, at the applicant producer/installer expenditures, further lab or/and in situ tests.

At the end of the preliminary investigation, with a positive result, FIRS will endorse the products and the systems, which are subject of the request.

## **Endorsement term**

Any changes in the product's and/or system's features from the producer/installer, will involve the need of a new endorsement procedure, according to FIRS criteria.

FIRS reserves the faculty to verify, at any moment, the conformity of the products and/or systems features defined upon endorsement with the actual ones.

Moreover, FIRS reserves the faculty to suspend or revoke the endorsement if the realized products or systems should show hidden defects which do not come from errors or realization's faults.

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## **3. Sports facilities approval for roller skating**

### **Not endorsed products**

If products and/or systems are not included in the ones already endorsed by FIRS, it might be required to carry out technical tests in situ and suitability sports tests in various weather conditions.

### **Endorsed products**

The sports facilities realized with products and/or systems endorsed by FIRS, will have simplified approval procedures.

### **Approval term**

The approval lasts four years from its beginning and, upon request, the entitled will have the chance to obtain the approval renewal through an abbreviated procedure, according to what established by FIRS.

Any changes in parts of the sports feature, particularly in flooring of the area of activity, (for extraordinary maintenance, replacement or marking reconstruction) and its facilities (enclosure, etc.), will stop the approval validity.

### **Approval contribution**

The contribution amount is yearly established by FIRS.