

WORLD ROOKIE SKATEBOARD FINALS 2026

Celje Skatepark, Mariborska cesta 111, 3000 Celje; Slovenia, 25.-27.09.2026

- REGISTRATIONS OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 22nd -

The Black Yeti is ready to present the World Rookie Skateboard Finals at the brand-new Celje Skatepark, in Celje, the 3rd-largest town in Slovenia, from 25.-27.09.2026. Skate Slovenia will host the best young skaters from all around the world.

Set on the Savinja river between Ljubljana and Maribor, Celje is one of Slovenia's oldest towns: founded by the Romans as Celeia, it is still watched over by its medieval Old Castle, one of the largest castles in the country. A compact, friendly city with a lively centre, easy to reach and perfect for a weekend of skateboarding.

The park is brand new, built this year and designed by Chris Khan, who also designed a skatepark in Velenje and the course for this year's World Cup Skateboarding contest O Marisquino in Vigo.

This year's finals will once again count as a World Cup Skateboarding event, meaning that all the participants will receive both World Rookie Rank points and WCS ranking points (more about the World Cup Skateboarding Tour you can find on www.wcsk8.com or on their Instagram page: @wcs_worldcupskateboarding).

The skatepark is open and free of charge every day in case anyone decides to come earlier. In this unique scenario, the World Rookie Skateboard Champions 2026 will be crowned, and incredible prizes will be awarded: wildcards to international Top Events like the Mystic Sk8 Cup 2027 and other World Cup Skateboarding events and many products from our partners Blue-Tomato, TSG,

The Street finals will be broadcast live on the World Rookie Tour YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@WorldRookieTour. Subscribe and turn on notifications so you don't miss it! If you are a skateboard fan, or if your dream is to start a professional skate career, Celje Skatepark is the place to be from 25th to 27th of September for the 2026 World Rookie Skateboard Finals!

Registration: riders can register ONLY through the official online form: www.worldrookietour.com/registration/skateboard.

Info: iztok@wcsk8.com

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@WorldRookieTour>

Vimeo: www.vimeo.com/channels/worldrookietour

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SlovenianSkateboardAssociation

Instagram: www.instagram.com/skateslovenia/

QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR THE WORLD ROOKIE FINALS SKATEBOARD (WHO CAN JOIN THE EVENT)

- Rookies (men and women) born from the 1st of January 2007 to the 31st of December 2010.
- Groms (men) born from the 1st of January 2011 and younger.



- Qualification by Rank: the top 10 Rookie Girls, top 10 Rookie Boys + the top 10 Grom Boys by the deadline of 22.09.2026. You can check the ranking [here](#).
- National Quota: every Nation is allowed to nominate riders (2 men and 1 woman). To get in touch with your national reference contact, please write to registration@worldrookietour.com
- The top 3 riders, both men and women / Rookie and Grom, from the previous international stops are already qualified for the World Rookie Finals.
- Wild Cards: the OC can assign wild cards for the final to partner events, teams, sponsors or single athletes.

EVENT INFO

Event: World Rookie Finals Sk8

Location: Celje Skatepark, Mariborska cesta 111, 3000 Celje; Slovenia, 25.-27.09.2026

Riders' office on site during the event.

ALL SKATERS, INCLUDING PREREGISTERED, HAVE TO FINALIZE THEIR REGISTRATION TO THE CONTEST IN THE RACE OFFICE.

Date: 25.-27.09.2026

Transportation:

The closest airports to fly to are:

- Ljubljana, Slovenia (1-hour drive by car)
- Zagreb, Croatia (1 hour and 20 min drive by car)
- Graz, Austria (1 hour and 20 min drive by car)

The best way to get around if you fly in is to rent a car; however, there are also public transport connections (bus) from Ljubljana or Maribor. FlixBus is also an option.

Age groups: Rookie (born 2007 – 2008 – 2009 – 2010) and Grom (born 2011 and younger)

Registrations/Pre-registration: ONLY through the official online form:

www.worldrookietour.com/registration/skateboard

All-inclusive ticket winners: register through the online form, specifying in the form that you won the all-inclusive tickets and how many people will join you for the accommodation.

On-location registration:

Friday 25.09.2026 16:00 CET to 19:00 CET at the Riders Office in the skatepark

Saturday 26.09.2026 09:00 CET to 11:00 CET at the Riders Office in the skatepark

Entry Packages:

- Skaters Package €60,00

Includes entry fee, 2 meals on site (details at the Riders Office) and a goodie bag. Participants will be able to pay with cash ONLY on site.

- Coach or Parents Package €30,00

*Includes 2 meals on site (details at the Riders Office).
Participants will be able to pay with cash ONLY on site.*

NB: participants who are aware that they may encounter difficulties in making cash payments in euros (for example, participants travelling from outside Europe) are kindly requested to contact the organisation in advance by email to iztok@wcsk8.com to receive the bank details for payment via wire transfer. All other participants are required to ensure they arrive with the necessary cash to avoid any inconvenience at the time of registration.



Accommodation: Everyone can book their own accommodation according to their own preferences. You can find some links below:

1. Hotel Evropa (30 min walk or 6 minutes drive to Celje skatepark)

Address: Krekov trg 4, 3000 Celje, Slovenija

Phone: 00386 820 10 420 E-mail: booking@eh.si

Official site: <https://eh.si/hotel-evropa/>

Booking page: <https://eh.si/hotel-evropa/>

Special discount booking code: SKATE

Reservation link:

https://eurotashoteli.book-official-website.com/book.php?company_id=81037dda7b9247343b41d0c542045e1b&hotel=0cc94f2fbb9f9a8e8e747c542134ddf4&date=2026-09-24&partners_access=SKATE

2. Thermana Park Laško **sup**

Address: Zdraviliška cesta 6, 3270 Laško

Phone: 00386 3 423 2071 E-mail: matevz.levstek@thermana.si

Official site: <https://www.thermana.si/en/accommodation/hotel-thermana-park-lasko>

Booking: matevz.levstek@thermana.si

3. Other accommodation can be found via Booking or Airbnb.

Judging will be accomplished by official judges and skateboard experts.

TV Production & Pics: contact registration@worldrookietour.com

Sponsors & Partners: Red Bull, TSG, Blue Tomato, Boardriding.com, Quattro Media

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Official website www.worldrookietour.com



SCHEDULE (NB: program can change due to the number of athletes and weather conditions)

TIME	ACTIVITY	AREA
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th		
10:00 – 22:00	Official arrival day and open practice	Skatepark
16:00 – 19:00	Race office open	Riders Office
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th – CONTEST DAY		
9:00 – 12:00	Open practice	Street & Bowl
9:00 – 11:00	Race office open	Riders Office
12:00 – 13:00	Bowl Finals (girls first, followed by boys)	Bowl
13:00 – 13:30	Women's Street practice	Street
13:30 – 14:00	Women's Street qualifications	Street
14:00 – 14:30	Men's Street practice	Street
14:30 – 16:00	Men's Street qualifications	Street
16:00 – 16:30	Women's Street finals practice	Street
16:30 – 17:15	Women's Street Finals	Street
17:15 – 17:45	Men's Street finals practice	Street
17:45 – 18:30	Men's Street Finals	Street
19:00	Prize Giving Ceremony	Skatepark
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th		
All day	Weather day (in case of bad weather, the contest will be held on Sunday)	Skatepark
All day	Photo and video shooting day	Skatepark

Contest formats

Street qualification format: Jam Session; 2 skaters skate together in a heat for 2 minutes. Falls are not taken into consideration. Only landed tricks. One score is given from 1-100 according to Overall Impression Criteria (trick difficulty, obstacle difficulty, variety of tricks, execution, number of tricks landed, use of a course, style).

10 best girls and boys go to the finals.

Street finals format: 2 heats of 5 skaters. Every finalist has 3 runs that are 1 minute long; the best run counts. Clock starts running with the first drop/push; Falls are taken into consideration. Score is given from 1-100 according to Overall Impression Criteria (trick difficulty, obstacle difficulty, variety of tricks, execution, number of tricks landed, use of a course, style).

Bowl format: Heats of 5 skaters. Each skater in a heat has 2 runs, 45 seconds long, followed by 5 min jam in order. One overall score is given from 1-100 according to Overall Impression Criteria (trick difficulty, obstacle difficulty, variety of tricks, execution, creativity, speed, use of a course, style).

