



Officials Descriptions

There are many different types of Officials required to successfully run a competition. This document is intended to clarify the roles of each, and the differences between them. Our goal is to help the Local Organizing Committee understand in lay terms the different needs of these Officials, how to address those needs, and provide clarity when navigating the LOC Guidelines, as well as in navigating competition day.

Technical Representative (Tech Rep): The Tech Rep is essentially the competition manager. The Tech Rep is in charge of all technical aspects of the competition. This includes the judges' assignment, draws for skating order, and creating the competition schedule. You as LOC will need to work with the Tech Rep in reviewing the facility and room allocation for judges, data specialists, and skaters, as well as the location of the officials at the ice surface (the platform and table). The Tech Rep will be available during competition for any troubleshooting. If they are also a judge, they are referred to as Chief Referee (CR). If you have any questions about technical aspects of the competition, ask your Tech Rep/CR. They are your primary contact for all things relating to on-ice, before, during and after the event. During the competition, the Tech Rep/CR is in charge. **As LOC, the Tech Rep/CR is the most important official for you to know and interact with.**

Data Specialist (DS): Data Specialists are the people responsible for calculating the marks awarded by judges, and tabulating results. They typically do this in the Data Room. This accounting must be done in a space separate from skaters and judges.

Chief Data Specialist (Chief DS): The Chief Data Specialist ensures all accounting rules are followed. The Chief DS works with the Tech Rep to post results, and oversee draws.

As LOC, you **must** provide one volunteer to work with the Data Specialists for the course of the competition. That volunteer will need to be trained by the Chief DS. You will need to contact the Chief DS to order the computer equipment needed for Officials, 6 weeks before competition date. You may need to work with DSs during the competition regarding the posting of marks. Any questions about results must be directed to the Technical Rep.

Judge: Judges assess the quality of a skater's performance.

Referee: The Referee oversees ice conditions and ensures that all rules and policies are followed as relates to that particular event.

Technical Specialist (TS): The TS is in charge of calling an element's difficulty.

Technical Controller (TC): The TC is the referee of the Technical Panel.

Assistant Technical Specialist (ATS): The ATS supports the TS by watching and calling elements.

The final call of the technical panel is made by consensus of these three officials: TS, TC and ATS.

Data Input Operator (DIO): The DIO inputs the elements and levels into the computer. They sit beside the TC and Referee.

Video Replay Operator (VRO): The VRO operates the video replay when the Technical Panel needs to review an element.

These five Officials make up the *Technical Panel*. The Technical Specialist, Technical Controller, Assistant TS, Data Input and VRO all sit next to each other on the panel, and these five are linked by headsets for communication.

Audio Technician – The Audio Tech controls all sound, including music and announcing. Depending on the competition, you may need to provide volunteers to be the Audio Tech and Announcers throughout the day. Any announcements you wish to have made during the day should be brought to the Audio Tech to announce. See LOC Guidelines for further details. You will need to contact the Audio Tech to order audio equipment and speakers, 6 weeks before competition date.

Video Camera Operator (VCO) – The VCO controls the video camera at ice level. This video feed is used by the Tech Panel for video replay, if being used. Video Replay Equipment will be supplied by the Tech Rep.

As LOC, you **must** provide a volunteer to help the VCO.
