

Comparison of Judging Systems

There are 2 systems of judging in use within USFSA

6.0 Scoring System

Traditional Scoring System

Simple; inexpensive to use

Always used for low level events and Test Track events; sometimes used for Juvenile and up at smaller competitions. **Used at all Basic Skills competitions**

Results are strictly Comparative

Results have meaning only in context of current competition; no long-term history is meaningful

Skaters get little info about WHY they were placed where they were

IJS International Scoring System

Newer judging system

Complicated; expensive to use

Used at all “Qualifying” competitions, and for higher level events at many local competitions

Results are “absolute”, and represent a figure of merit for a program.

Resulting SCORE has relevance over time – skaters can see a progression in their skills

Skaters get a great deal of information about how their score was achieved – which elements were strong, which were weak, etc