



The Path to the ISKA World Breaking Championships

Overview: ISKA continues to develop the most impartial, unbiased and transparent path possible to the ISKA World Breaking Championships. If you are a long-time competitor, we hope that you can appreciate the changes we've implemented over the past several years with this goal in mind. We value all ISKA Breaking competitors. You ARE the sport; the stars that make breaking exciting and compelling! ISKA will continue to advance standards, repeatability, and consistency, the elements that are critically important for the success of any professional sport. Additionally, marketability and spectator appeal have to be weighed and considered if we intend for our sport to take its rightful place.

Please remember this is an ongoing process. We are constantly balancing the aspects of competitor experience with what addresses the best interest of our sport's future. We appreciate your patience with this process. And we look forward to seeing competitive breaking grow in ways never seen!

Event/Competition Nomenclature: In an effort to delineate various levels of competition and to expand the ISKA Breaking base the following event levels are in effect:

- **Seeded Event:** Seeded Events must follow the rules and regulations established by ISKA. This level of event ensures first place winners in their respective division a first position (first to break) in the Final Round at the ISKA Breaking World Championships. Only the first-place winner will be afforded this position. If the first-place winner declines, that position in the World Championships will be filled by other means. All opportunities provided for in Sanctioned and Affiliate Events also applies.
- **Sanctioned Event:** Sanctioned Events must follow the rules and regulations established by ISKA for the ISKA divisions contested. This level of event affords the competitor the opportunity to earn their invitation to the ISKA Breaking World Championships. This can be accomplished in two ways
 - Match or exceed the "Threshold" number (more information below)
 - Earn points toward overall ISKA Breaking Competitor Rankings (more information below)
- **Affiliate Event:** This level of event **may or may not** follow the rules and regulations established by ISKA but it is an event that we anticipate will be fair and organizationally sound.

How to receive an invitation to the ISKA Breaking World Championships: There are several ways to receive an invitation to the World Championships:

- **Returning World Champion:** All WORLD CHAMPIONS from the previous year are invited to defend their title at the World Championships.

- **First place win at a Seeded Event:** Competitors who place first in a division scheduled to be contested at the current year's ISKA Breaking World Championships will be SEED for the Final Round at the World Championships. The SEED will position said competitor to go off first in the final round (first to break). A competitor can improve his/her position by securing a win in the Preliminary Round at the World Championships. If said competitor fails to improve his/her position by competing in the Preliminary Round they will not lose the seeded position earned at the Seeded Event. **Currently the ISKA North American Breaking Championships is the only Seeded Event.**
- **Matching or exceeding the ISKA Breaking World Championship Threshold at a Sanctioned Event (New):** Based on results from previous years we have created a THRESHOLD NUMBER which competitors can strive for at Sanctioned Events, to ensure their invitation to the Preliminary Round of the World Championships. If a competitor places first in his/her respective division **AND** matches/exceeds the current THRESHOLD they will automatically be invited to the World Championship Preliminary Round. The current THRESHOLD NUMBERS are as follows:
 - **Power Wood Kicks:** Lightweight- 14 boards, Heavyweight- 14 boards
 - **Power Concrete Arm:** Lightweight- 11 slabs, Heavyweight- 13 slabs
 - **Three Directional Power Wood:** Lightweight- 23 boards, Heavyweight- 24 boards

The above amounts are subject to change. Competitors will be informed of the current THRESHOLD NUMBERS at every Sanctioned Event.

- **Top Ranked competitors based on results from Sanctioned Events:** This process was started in 2024 and has been improved upon each year. A method has been created to RANK competitors in each division and weight class based on a number of factors such as:
 - **Place finished (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)**
 - **Amount broken**
 - **Total competitors in division**
 - **Comparison to other competitors at other events**

The RANKING SYSTEM ranks competitors based on these factors and the TOP RANKED competitors will receive an invitation to the Preliminary Round at the World Championships based on available spots.

- **Possible invitation as a "Wildcard":** The goal of the ISKA is to increase the competitor base and find skilled competitive breakers from around the World. With this in mind ISKA can, at its discretion, invite a competitor as a WILDCARD to the World Championships. ISKA looks for qualified competitors in various ways, including but not limited to the ISKA Breaking Affiliate Events.

Thank you for your continued support of ISKA Breaking. Please feel free to reach out to any member of our team if you have questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

ISKA Breaking Directors