JUNIOR SERIES 3* EVENT REGISTRATION GUIDE

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Registration timelines for Junior 3 events are different from other IFSA events, and are explained here in more detail. This guide covers Junior 3* events in North America.*

BEFORE YOU REGISTER

- ☐ Buy both your IFSA and Regional memberships. Liveheats won't let you register without **both**. See the **IFSA Membership page**.
- ☐ Test your **Liveheats** login before registration opens, especially if your athlete is moving up from U12 (see below).

HOW 3* ENTRY WORKS

- **Confirmations happen in two rounds.** Round 1 confirms about 90% of every field size, at every Junior 3* event, all at once in the fall. Round 2 confirms the rest, separately for each event, three weeks before it.
- **Entry is by seed, not by registration time.** Registering early does not get you in ahead of a higher-seeded athlete.
    - **The exception is a tie.** Athletes with the same seed, such as athletes moving up from U12, are ordered by registration time. If that's your athlete, register as soon as registration opens.
- **Each division at each event has its own field size.** Athletes are confirmed in seed order within their division until that field size is reached.
- **Your seed sets your place on the waitlist.** It's a guide, not a guarantee: your athlete's chances depend on who else registers for that event. Check your seed on the **Junior Seeding page**.
- **Athletes may compete in a maximum of three Junior 3* events per season.**

KEY DATES

NOVEMBER 2, 6:00 PM MT	REGISTRATION OPENS
NOVEMBER 18, 6:00 PM MT	ROUND 1 REGISTRATION DEADLINE
AFTER THE DEADLINE	IFSA EMAILS FIELD SIZES From that email, you have 72 hours to adjust your registrations and choose which events to keep.
AFTER THE 72 HOURS	ROUND 1 CONFIRMATIONS (about 90% of each field size)
THREE WEEKS BEFORE EACH EVENT	ROUND 2 CONFIRMATIONS (the remaining 10%)

ROUND 1

1. **Register for every event you're considering by November 18, 6:00 PM MT.** Everyone who registers goes onto that event's waitlist. The email you get right away means we received your registration, not that your athlete is confirmed.

   Use the registration link on each event's webpage at **ifsafreeride.org** and see each event's Event Guide for event details. Check with your coach which events your team is supporting.

2. **Field sizes are published: you have 72 hours to decide.** After the Round 1 registration deadline, IFSA emails all waitlisted athletes the field size for every division at every Junior 3* event. **From that email, you have 72 hours to keep or cancel each registration, free of charge.** Compare your athlete's place on each waitlist against the field size, and keep the events you want. Remember: a maximum of three.

3. **Round 1 confirmations.** Shortly after the 72 hours end, IFSA confirms about 90% of each division's field size, in seed order. Confirmed athletes are notified by email, and their card is charged.

THE WAITLIST AND ROUND 2

4. **Registration reopens after Round 1.** Athletes who weren't confirmed stay on the waitlist, and new registrations join it. The next big block of confirmations is Round 2.

   Only stay registered for events you still want. As with all IFSA events, a registration means your athlete still plans to compete. If someone in their division cancels, your athlete can be confirmed at any time. If they no longer want an event, remove them from that waitlist in Liveheats.

5. **Round 2 confirmations.** Three weeks before each event, IFSA confirms athletes from the current waitlist, in seed order, until each division's field size is reached. Final numbers can differ slightly from the published field sizes. IFSA may make final adjustments for sport integrity concerns or objectives, as set out in the **IFSA Athlete Rulebook**.

WHEN YOUR CARD IS CHARGED, AND HOW TO CANCEL

- **Your card is not charged when you register,** even though the Liveheats button says "Pay." Cancelling is free while your athlete is on the waitlist.
- **Your card is charged when your athlete is confirmed,** along with non-refundable Liveheats and IFSA fees; **IFSA Cancellation Policy** applies.
- **Confirmation can come at any time while your athlete is on a waitlist**, so your card can be charged at any time too, right up to the event. It's your responsibility to cancel registrations you no longer want.
- If your payment is declined, Liveheats will contact you for new payment details. There is no way to update your payment information otherwise.