

Is Jamskating Organized?

Jamskating was not organized until the early 21st century. Yes, there were organized teams located everywhere, but the genre itself had no structure. A few associations formed in early 2001 to try and make jamskating more united. The only successful associations to accomplish this task were the WSA and the UJSTA.



The WSA, which stands for World Skating Association, teamed up with the RSA and USARS. These three organizations held the first ever sanctioned jamskating nationals in July 2003. This event was held along with art and speed nationals and was considered to be an open invitational. Now that jamskating has been exposed through a national competition, these three associations will continue to work together every year to organize regional & national events for each new skating season. The WSA will someday branch out and get involved with other genres of skating, but like everyone else in the skating world, they have jumped on the jamskating bandwagon for now. There is more structure to jamskating than just organizing competitions. The WSA also holds social events, like their annual jamskating picnic held in Sanford, FL.



The UJSTA stands for “United Jam Skating Teams of America” and formed a few months before the WSA. This association was formed to set up links between different jamskating teams and individuals who wish to share ideas and information. The UJSTA holds two competitions a year hosted mainly by the people involved with the association. This group also holds social events where skaters can get together and interact.

Since the formation of these two associations, jamskating has become organized and very well promoted.