

# **IFSC EUROPE**

## **European Council for Sport Climbing**

### **REGULATIONS**

#### **I. BASIS**

##### **Article 1**

The IFSC EUROPE is responsible for the administration, development and furtherance of sport climbing in Europe (according to IOC meaning). The IFSC Europe operates in concert with and as the approved continental body of the International Federation for Sport Climbing (IFSC) (Art. 32 IFSC Statutes). Any changes of the IFSC EUROPE Regulations are subject to approval of IFSC Executive Board.

#### **II. HEADQUARTERS**

##### **Article 2**

The location of the headquarters and offices of the IFSC EUROPE will be decided by the IFSC EUROPE Executive Board.

#### **III. PURPOSE AND TASKS**

##### **Article 3**

The IFSC EUROPE is a body of the IFSC and, as such, subject to the IFSC Statutes, By-Laws and Regulations. The IFSC EUROPE is organized to direct, regulate, promote, develop, and further the cause of sport climbing in Europe and to represent the interests of European climbing within the IFSC. Its mission is to foster links, networks, and friendly relations both among member federations, their climbers and their officials, and between those entities and individuals and their international counterparts.

##### **Article 4**

All activities of the IFSC EUROPE are independent of any political or governmental influence. The IFSC EUROPE does not allow any discrimination for political, racial or religious reasons. The IFSC EUROPE promotes and supports with all means gender equality in its activities.

## **TASKS**

### **Article 5**

The responsibilities of the IFSC EUROPE are:

- a. to establish and maintain rules and standards for continental competition climbing in Europe and for participation in such competition;
- b. to organize Continental Climbing Championships, as well as other events which are approved by the IFSC EUROPE Executive Board, and to decide which climbing competitions are officially recognized;
- c. to work together with the IFSC on matters of international competition climbing, education and the participation in international events by IFSC EUROPE member climbers, judges and route setters;
- d. to serve as a conduit of information from the IFSC to their member federations in Europe and IFSC EUROPE member organizations and vice versa;
- e. to authorize and oversee continental competitions in Europe;
- f. to promote good sporting practices and to combat doping and all other unhealthy processes concerning the sport of climbing specifically;
- g. to generally promote the sport as a healthy and educational activity;
- h. to endorse and implement anti-doping rules under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- i. to promote the spirit of the Olympic Movement, respect the Olympic Charter, and to support program status in the Olympic Games;

## **IV. MEMBERS**

### **Article 6**

Membership of IFSC EUROPE and corresponding rights is defined by IFSC STATUTES - article 6. The following categories of membership are available:

1. IFSC MEMBERS (cf. IFSC STATUTES §6.1.) from Europe (according to IOC regulations) are automatically MEMBER of IFSC EUROPE.
2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (cf. IFSC STATUTES §6.2.) from Europe (according to IOC regulations) are automatically MEMBER of IFSC EUROPE.
3. CONTINENTAL MEMBER (cf. IFSC STATUTES §6.3): IFSC EUROPE may accept associations as MEMBER of IFSC EUROPE. Annual fee is fixed by the IFSC EUROPE Plenary Assembly
4. DEVELOPING CONTINENTAL MEMBERS (cf. IFSC STATUTES §6.4.) are under the guidance, patronage and representation of a member association. IFSC EUROPE may accept countries as DEVELOPING MEMBERS of IFSC EUROPE.

## **Obligation of Members**

### **Article 7**

All members of the IFSC EUROPE have to comply with the IFSC EUROPE REGULATIONS as approved by the IFSC EUROPE Plenary Assembly and the IFSC Executive Board and the rules set by the IFSC EUROPE Executive Board.

### **Article 8**

All members respect the mutual autonomy and rights of other member organizations.

### **Article 9**

All members must pay membership fees set by the IFSC EUROPE Plenary Assembly.

## **Suspension and Termination of Membership**

### **Article 10**

A member organization may be suspended from membership, and thus participation in IFSC EUROPE approved competition and events for any of the following reasons:

Non-payment of IFSC/IFSC EUROPE fees for 12 months;  
Failure to abide by IFSC EUROPE regulations;

A member organization may be expelled from membership for the following reasons:

Non-payment of IFSC/IFSC EUROPE fees for 24 months;  
Failure to abide by IFSC EUROPE regulations ;

Cessation of activity as an active organizer of competition climbing within their member nation.

## **V. BODIES**

The IFSC EUROPE is managed through its Plenary Assembly, and its Executive Board, each with separately defined powers and duties.

### **Plenary Assembly**

### **Article 11**

The Plenary Assembly is the highest body of the IFSC EUROPE and has ultimate authority for all activities of the IFSC EUROPE. All the member countries of IFSC

EUROPE shall be represented in the Plenary Assembly of IFSC EUROPE. The Plenary Assembly convenes every year. The organisation of the Plenary Assembly will be entrusted alternately to one of its members. The date and venue for the assembly will be agreed at the Plenary Assembly meeting minimum one years prior. The calling notice must be sent to all members at least 2 months prior to the date set for the Assembly.

## **Powers of the Plenary Assembly**

### **Article 12**

The Plenary Assembly has the following duties and powers:

- a. to elect the Executive Board;
- b. to fix admission, membership and other fees;
- c. to approve plans for activities;
- d. to adopt and amend these regulations, such decisions needing a quorum and majority as described in Art. 18;
- e. to adopt and amend all regulations; the Plenary Assembly can, however, authorize other bodies to independently establish technical rules where this seems appropriate;
- f. to decide the suspension or expulsion of members which do not comply with the obligations as stated in these regulations;
- g. to approve the Minutes of meetings of Plenary Assembly;
- h. to receive, discuss and approve the report of the Executive Board;
- i. to elect the auditors;
- j. to review and approve the annual accounts after having heard the report of the auditors and to give discharge to the Treasurer and to the other members of the Executive Board;
- k. to approve the budget;
- l. to decide all matters which no other body is competent to decide or which other bodies refer to the Plenary Assembly for final decision.

## **Voting Rights**

### **Article 13**

Each Member of the IFSC EUROPE, which has the voting right in IFSC, has one vote.

### **Article 14**

At any Plenary Assembly, each Member shall be represented by one delegate who may be assisted by up to two advisors. A Member which has not paid its dues in full prior to the Plenary Assembly is not entitled to vote. Any member may be represented by the delegate of another Member being duly entitled to vote by means of a written proxy. One delegate may not represent more than two other Members at the same time.

## **Quorum**

### **Article 15**

Changes and amendments of these regulations may only be considered if at least half of the Members of IFSC EUROPE are present or represented. To be adopted, such items must receive the approval of two thirds of the votes cast. For all other decisions of the Plenary Assembly there is no quorum. Decisions are taken with the majority of votes cast.

## **Taking of Decisions**

### **Article 16**

Voting at the Plenary Assembly is conducted by show of hands. Elections will always be decided by secret written ballot.

## **Agenda and the Right to Introduce Proposals**

### **Article 17**

Items for inclusion in the Agenda of any Plenary Assembly may be presented by:

- a. the Executive Board;
- b. any Member.

Items presented by IFSC EUROPE Members are to be sent to the IFSC EUROPE Executive Board at least six weeks before the Plenary Assembly. Aspirant Members are entitled to speak, but not to present motions to the Plenary Assembly, in accordance to the relevant regulations.

### **Article 18**

The full Agenda of a Plenary Assembly shall be sent to all Members of IFSC EUROPE at least 4 weeks before the Plenary Assembly.

Upon affirmative vote of no less than two thirds of the Members being present and having voting rights, the Plenary Assembly itself may add items to the Agenda of any meeting.

The full Agenda of a Plenary Assembly shall be sent to the members of the Executive Board of IFSC.

## **Extraordinary Plenary Assembly**

### **Article 19**

The Executive Board may at any time call an extraordinary Plenary Assembly. At the written request of the majority of the Members entitled to vote, the Executive Board shall convene an extraordinary Plenary Assembly within 3 months of receipt of such request. The request must be substantiated and accompanied by a proposal for the Agenda.

## **Executive Board**

### **Article 20**

The Executive Board of IFSC Europe consists of the following 7 members:

- President
- General Secretary
- Vice President Sport
- 3 Board members
- Athletes representative

### **Article 21**

Candidates standing for election to any post in the Executive Board shall be presented by the Member association of the country (except athletes representative) where he/she holds citizenship. The members of the Executive Board are elected by the Plenary Assembly for a term of four years. Executive Board members are re-eligible at will. Members of Executive Board must come from different countries (except Athletes representative). A vacant position can be replaced on each PA.

### **Article 22**

The Executive Board is responsible for implementing all the policy directives and decisions made by the Plenary Assembly. This includes in particular:

- a. to prepare the agenda of the Plenary Assembly meetings;
- b. to prepare the annual accounts (consisting of the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet);
- c. to prepare the IFSC EUROPE budget;
- d. to make recommendations to the Plenary Assembly about:
  - the long-term strategies of the IFSC EUROPE;
  - regulations and rules to be decided by the Plenary Assembly;
  - the candidates to be appointed as members of Disciplinary and Appeals Commissions;
  - the admission, suspension and expulsion of Member associations

- e. to set up the calendar of IFSC EUROPE approved competitions and to coordinate schedules after IFSC has approved the international calendar;
- f. to decide the terms and conditions of contracts between the IFSC EUROPE and organisers of IFSC EUROPE approved competitions;
- g. to recommend any proposed changes to the IFSC EUROPE REGULATIONS;
- h. to appoint the IFSC EUROPE representative in IFSC Board;
- i. to appoint and remove persons (employees) entrusted with the management of IFSC EUROPE's day-to-day operations;
- j. to make recommendations on the terms and conditions of contracts to be concluded with third parties outside IFSC EUROPE;
- k. to decide on membership issues between Plenary Assembly meetings;
- l. to decide the official means of information of the IFSC EUROPE.

### **Article 23**

The Executive Board will meet at least twice every year, upon the President's call. The organisation of its meetings shall be entrusted alternately to one of the member associations being represented in the Executive Board. The Executive Board will meet also upon the request of the majority of its members.

### **Article 24**

The Agenda for the Executive Board meetings is prepared by the Executive Board. However, any member of the Executive Board is entitled to present proposals for the agenda. Such proposals must be submitted, with relevant documentation, at least one month before the date set for any Executive Board meeting. The full agenda shall be sent by the Executive Board to the Executive Board members at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.

### **Article 25**

Every member of the Executive Board has one vote. All decisions of the Executive Board are taken by majority of the members present, and no voting rights may be exercised by proxy. The quorum of the Executive Board consists of a majority of its members. Decisions are taken by a simple majority, the President having the casting vote in the event of a tie. The Executive Board may take decisions by correspondence and/or by any other means of communication. To be valid, decisions taken in this way have to be approved by a minimum of three officers.

## **Sport Department**

### **Article 26**

The Sport Department (SD) is a body linked to the Executive Board. Its main duties are the development and organization of the events, rules and officials. The SD gets specific tasks from the EB and gives advice to the EB in these specific tasks. The final decisions are taken by the EB. The SD's task includes at least:

- a. to appoint an IFSC EUROPE delegate for IFSC EUROPE events as necessary;
- b. to supervise IFSC EUROPE approved competitions;
- c. to decide the composition of the jury president and of the chief routesetter at IFSC EUROPE approved competitions;
- d. to make recommendations to the IFSC regarding rules, standards and other issues of concern;
- e. to adopt and maintain regulations and to establish technical rules as appropriate;
- f. to establish and maintain a schedule of competition events and training for officials in Europe.

## **Article 27**

The members of SD are 3-7 experts from member federations from IFSC EUROPE. There is one Athlete's representative and one Coach's representative in the SD. The SD is coordinated by the VP Sport, the VP Sport also being member of SD.

The members of SD are nominated by the EB after consultation with the relevant IFSC EUROPE member. The SD should meet at least once a year. The expenses of such meeting(s) are paid by IFSC EUROPE.

## **Office**

## **Article 28**

The Office carry out routine duties and specific tasks that have to be fulfilled between meetings of the Executive Board and the Sport Department. The Executive Board has the general responsibility for the execution.

## **Article 29**

All statements and contracts which bind the IFSC EUROPE must be signed by the President and one other member of the Executive Board. In case of absence, the President may be replaced by another member of the Executive Board. The Executive Board is responsible for the functioning of the administrative office of the IFSC EUROPE.

All employees are hired by the Executive Board and employed in accordance with the annual budget.



## **VI. COMMISSIONS**

### **Article 30**

The Executive Board may authorize and appoint any other technical or advisory commissions it seems necessary to carry out the duties of the IFSC EUROPE. An Athletes' Commission is mandatory. Any of the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Board may be transferred to those commissions at the sole discretion of the Executive Board, which shall remain responsible for their decisions and actions. The mandate of any appointed commission shall be reviewed and reauthorized annually by the IFSC EUROPE Executive Board. Members in commissions should come from different federations and not exceed the number of 7.

## **VII. FINANCES AND ACCOUNTING**

### **Article 31**

The IFSC EUROPE is responsible for financing its own activities. It is free to obtain income for its financing from membership fees, additional membership fees or any other source it may deem appropriate. All income from fees or any other sources is only to be used for IFSC EUROPE purposes and tasks as set out in Section III. above.

The IFSC EUROPE's bank account(s) will be opened and held in the name IFSC and managed by IFSC EUROPE officials having been designated by the IFSC EUROPE Executive Board to have signature over that account(s).

### **Article 32**

The business year for the annual accounting begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December. The currency for annual accounting purposes is the Euro.

The annual accounts, consisting of the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet shall be drawn up in accordance with the directions set forth by the IFSC. The annual accounts of IFSC EUROPE shall be integrated in the annual accounts of IFSC, must be audited by a professional auditor, and be approved by IFSC EUROPE Plenary Assembly and IFSC Plenary Assembly.

### **Article 33**

The activities of all bodies of the IFSC EUROPE are conducted without compensation to the individuals who serve thereon. The expenses of the Executive Board shall be borne by the IFSC EUROPE according to guidelines established by the Executive Board and approved by the Plenary Assembly.

The Executive Board of the IFSC EUROPE is empowered to authorize, within the parameters of an approved budget, reimbursement of expenses to individuals acting on its behalf. It is further empowered to pay fees and expenses to individuals or organizations providing professional advice or service to the organisation.

## **VIII. CORPORATE IDENTITY**

### **Article 34**

The IFSC EUROPE Plenary Assembly decides about the Corporate Identity of IFSC EUROPE and the IFSC EUROPE logo, and other items of image and identity, upon the recommendation of the Executive Board and in accordance with IFSC Executive Board.

### **Article 35**

The official language of the IFSC EUROPE is English.

## **XI. DISPUTES**

### **Article 36**

Disputes arising under these IFSC EUROPE regulations or otherwise with under the procedure and rules set out in a regulation made by the Plenary Assembly. (like in IFSC)

If IFSC EUROPE cannot find a solution, it must be appealed to IFSC Executive Board.

The final determination of a dispute can be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS Lausanne).

The procedure before the Court of Arbitration for Sport will be final and there will be no further appeal from it.

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