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## **ADDENDUM TO IFSC RULES**

### **TO BE USED DURING CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMIC**

The aim of this addendum to the current rules is to define some measures to be adopted in international competitions during corona virus disease (COVID -19) pandemic.

This addendum has a strong impact not only on IFSC Rules but also on Event Organizer Handbook (EOH) and overrules, on the same subject, the current rules.

Due to the fast-evolving nature of the pandemic this Addendum will be reviewed and latest version of the file will be available on the IFSC website.

#### **1. GENERAL STATEMENT**

##### **1.1. EVENT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLANS**

The main point is understanding of the overview of the current COVID-19 situation by the EO Event Organizers. IFSC staff, in the months preceding the event, will regularly check and analyse together with EO Event Organisers and local responsible staff:

- the latest available guidance on the COVID-19 outbreak;
- the global and local daily situation reports;
- the risks and transmission routes of COVID-19;
- the steps that event attendees can take to limit spread;
- the recognized best practices (including respiratory etiquette, hand hygiene, physical distancing, etc.);
- the travel restrictions adopted by different countries that may affect the mass gathering.

In the Info sheet published on IFSC website shall be inserted all the information about how attendees should interact with the host country healthcare system, in particular:

- hotline/helpline telephone number



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- local health care system links and other useful info;
- medical teams and first-aid points for the mass gathering (if requested by the organizing country).

Competition Doctor shall be appointed as Emergency COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordinator and his/her phone number shall be published on the info sheet, with a clear indication about the hours when he/she can be contacted by NFs for any need. Competition Doctor shall fluently speak English.

EO shall be encouraged to contact WHO and/or local public health authorities for support.

### **1.2. PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

EO shall:

- provide personal protective equipment (e.g. masks, gloves, gowns, face shields etc.) for onsite medical personnel or ensure that they have it;
- provide hand sanitizer and alcohol rubs/gels, tissues, frequently replaced soap canisters and closed bins for safe disposal of hygienic materials (e.g. tissues, towels, sanitary products) in washrooms and changing rooms;
- provide hand sanitizers and alcohol rubs for all entrances and throughout the venue.

IFSC will provide:

- provide contactless thermometers;
- provide personal protective equipment for IFSC Officials and staff.

### **1.3. RESPONSE PROTOCOL IN CASE OF (SUPPOSED) POSITIVITY**

The Info sheet shall contain the protocol to follow in case a person feels unwell and/or shows symptoms of an acute respiratory infection during the event:

- The relevant Team Manager or the athletes shall inform the Technical Delegate (TD);
- TD will coordinate with EO and Competition Doctor on how to treat the case (treatment will depend from country to country);
- Competition Doctor shall decide what to do with the other members of the team;
- TD will inform all participants and Team Managers, if necessary, about the case, using preferably a WhatsApp chat.

### **1.4. DECISION PROCESS IN CASE OF (SUPPOSED) POSITIVITY**



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In case a person feels unwell and shows symptoms of an acute respiratory infection during the event, after having applied the protocol sub 1.3:

- TD will organize an online meeting with IFSC President, IFSC General Director, Sport Director, Event Organiser and Competition Doctor in order to decide if the competition shall be suspended, postponed, or cancelled;
- IFSC President has the final decision about the competition; in case IFSC President, for any reason, is not reachable, the final decision will be taken by IFSC General Director;
- TD will inform all the participants and Team Managers about the final decision and this decision will be immediately published on the Official Board and on the website.

## **2. GENERAL RULES**

### **2.1. CALENDAR EVENTS**

A calendar event should be confirmed at least 60 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the competition.

### **2.2. OFFICIAL INFO SHEET**

Official info sheet, containing information about the competition and also the specific information sub 1.1 (interaction with the host country healthcare system) and sub 1.3 (protocol to follow in case a person feels unwell and shows symptoms of an acute respiratory infection during the event) should be published on IFSC website / calendar at least 60 days before the Technical Meeting.

### **2.3. REGISTRATION**

Member Federations are responsible for health and safety of the athletes registered in a competition.

The deadline for team registration is 15 days before the 1st competition day of the event.

Following this date Member Federations can withdraw team members but not replace them.

### **2.4. CONFIRMATION**

The participation of all team members must be confirmed 2 days before the 1st competition day of the event.

## **3. TECHNICAL MEETING, OFFICIAL BOARD AND VIDEO DEMONSTRATION**

### **3.1. TECHNICAL MEETING**



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A preparatory online meeting to explain COVID-19 related measures will be held, for any calendar event, by IFSC staff at least 10 days before the 1st competition day of the event.

If necessary, an additional online Technical Meeting will be held by EO and TD the day before the 1st competition day of the event.

### **3.2. STARTING LISTS**

The starting list will be published on IFSC website the day before the 1st competition day of the event.

### **3.3. OFFICIAL BOARD**

In order to guarantee social distancing the Official Board will be only virtual, clearly identified on the IFSC website and, if possible, shared via other media.

### **3.4. VIDEO DEMONSTRATION FOR LEAD QUALIFICATION**

In order to guarantee social distancing no video demonstration will be provided in the isolation area. Demonstration videos will be published on a reserved YouTube channel the day before the competition at 12.00 local time.

### **3.5. TEAM MEMBERS**

It is the responsibility of all Team Members participating in any calendar event to ensure that they are fully informed and that every athlete in their teams are fully informed of all details relating to the competition, particularly about all the COVID -19 related measures.

## **4. ATHLETES' COMMON AREAS**

In order to keep social distancing isolation/holding area and warm up area shall be two separate zones. If isolation is not necessary (i.e. in speed and in lead qualification) the same rules (temperature check, hands sanitizing etc.) will apply at the entrance of the warm up area.

In isolation/holding area there shall not be a climbing wall: athletes can warm up only with their personal equipment. They are allowed, if possible, to use their personal hang board.

In order to guarantee the same stay in warm up area to all athletes, the first athletes to climb will be allowed, 45 minutes before their supposed climbing time, to move to the warm up area and next athletes will be allowed every 5 minutes. The isolation/holding and warm up area shall be monitored by the IFSC officials.

Volunteers working in common areas (isolation, holding area, warm up area, call zone, after climbing area etc.) shall always wear mask.

Athletes shall wear mask in isolation, holding area and generally when social distancing measures cannot be applied.



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#### **4.1. ISOLATION / HOLDING AREA**

Isolation/holding area shall guarantee a minimum of 7.5 square meters per person. In order to reduce the total number of people in isolation, only 1 (one) Team Official per Member Federation will be allowed. TD may decide to change such restrictions depending on room capacity.

Competition Doctor shall test all the registered Athletes and Team Members before they are allowed to enter isolation / holding area: in case of body temperature (checked with a contactless thermometer) > 37.5 C° or in case of symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste/odour, sore throat, cold, aching limbs) Team Members shall not be allowed in.

After having been checked all the Team Members shall wash their hands using an alcohol-based gel. The EO shall provide alcohol-based gel dispenser in isolation / holding area but a personal gel dispenser is recommended.

No common food or drink or water dispensers will be provided by EO.

To prevent anybody get in touch with someone else's sweat, every athlete must have their personal beach towel to be put on the mat and/or the chair. This towel shall be brandless (without any logo).

All the persons inside isolation (team members, volunteers, officials etc.) will respect social distance (1 meter minimum).

At the end of the round, points that are touched frequently (i.e. doors, chairs, WC etc.) shall be cleaned with alcohol or disinfectant.

#### **4.2. WARM UP AREA**

Warm up wall should be not less than 60 square meters.

To prevent anybody get in touch with someone else's sweat, every athlete must have their personal beach towel to be put on the mat and/or the chair. This towel shall be brandless (without any logo).

When moving from isolation to warm up every athlete, possibly helped by a volunteer, will bring all their personal belongings in a box.

EO shall provide alcohol-based gel dispenser in warm up but a personal gel dispenser is recommended.

At the end of the round, points that are touched frequently (i.e. doors, chairs etc.) shall be cleaned with alcohol or disinfectant.

#### **4.3. CALL ZONE**

When moving from warm up to call zone every athlete, possibly helped by a volunteer, will bring all their personal belongings in a box.

In call zone every athlete shall have a personal alcohol-based gel dispenser.



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The call zone chair shall be covered by athlete's personal towel.

When the athlete goes out from call zone to climb a volunteer, wearing mask and gloves, will pick up the towel and the box and will move it to rest area (in boulder) or to after climbing zone (in lead).

At the end of the round points that are touched frequently (i.e. doors, chairs etc.) shall be cleaned with alcohol or disinfectant.

#### **4.4. AFTER CLIMBING AREA**

EO shall provide alcohol-based gel dispenser in after climbing area but a personal gel dispenser is recommended.

The chair shall be covered by athlete's personal towel.

Athletes shall pick up their personal belongings, leaving the box.

At the end of the round points that are touched frequently (i.e. doors, chairs etc.) shall be cleaned with alcohol or disinfectant.

### **5. COMPETITION AREA**

#### **5.1. LEAD**

Every athlete will climb using their personal rope, ideally provided by their NF. It is a decision of every NF to choose between one rope/one athlete and one rope/one team. Every rope must be in rope bag clearly identifying country and name of the athlete.

Belayers shall wear mask.

During observation time all athletes and officials shall wear their mask.

After every round manual belay device will be cleaned with alcohol or disinfectant.

#### **5.2. BOULDER**

EO shall provide alcohol-based gel dispensers in rest area, to be used before and after every boulder.

Chairs used during rest period shall be covered by athlete's personal towel.

No brusher will be allowed on the mat: athletes shall brush by themselves.

Athlete's scorecard will not be used. To let every athlete check their score, EO will provide screens showing results in rest zone. Results will be displayed in order of start.

During observation before final round all athletes and officials when on the mat shall wear the mask.

After every round mat will be cleaned.



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### 5.3. SPEED

Belayers shall wear mask.

After every round autobelay will be cleaned according to producer's suggestions.

## 6. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT AND HEALTH CHECKS

All athletes, Team Members, IFSC Officials, National officials, volunteers will be tested by Competition Doctor: in case of body temperature (checked with a contactless thermometer)  $> 37.5\text{ C}^{\circ}$  or in case of symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste/odour, sore throat, cold, aching limbs) they shall not be allowed in any part of the venue.

Before travelling to competitions, it is recommended to check that Athletes and Team Officials insurance covers COVID-19 travel and health support.

Sharing materials (bottles, towels, masks, glasses, shoes etc.) is strictly forbidden.

### 6.1. ATHLETES

National rules and regulation provided by the organizing country will be respected. In addition to their normal equipment, athletes will have their personal:

- mask (to be used when necessary, and brandless)
- gel dispenser
- hang board (if needed)
- beach towel (brandless)

### 6.2. TEAM MEMBERS

National rules and regulation provided by the organizing country will be respected. In addition to their normal equipment, team members will have their personal:

- mask (to be used when necessary, and brandless)
- gel dispenser

All team meetings shall comply with the relevant national rules. In any case every meeting will be held respecting 2 m social distancing.

### 6.3. IFSC OFFICIALS





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National rules and regulation provided by the organizing country will be respected. In addition, in any period of the competition IFSC official shall wear a mask when social distancing measures cannot be applied.

Every IFSC Officials meetings shall comply with the relevant national rules. In any case every meeting will be held respecting 2 m social distancing.

#### **6.4. NATIONAL OFFICIALS**

National rules and regulation provided by the organizing country will be respected. In addition, in any period of the competition NF official shall wear a mask when social distancing measures cannot be applied.

Every National Officials meetings shall comply with the relevant national rules. In any case every meeting will be held respecting 2 m social distancing.

#### **6.5. VOLUNTEERS**

National rules and regulation provided by the organizing country will be respected. In addition, in any period of the competition volunteers shall wear a mask.

Every volunteers meeting shall comply with the relevant national rules. . In any case every meeting will be held respecting 2 m social distancing.

### **7. AWARDING CEREMONY**

The protocol used in the awarding ceremony will be the usual protocol with some small modifications:

- Athletes shall not wear the mask during all the awarding ceremony
- Prizegivers shall wear the mask
- Medals, trophies and flowers will be directly picked up from the tray by the athletes
- No handshakes, no hugs, no kissing from athletes or prizegivers shall be allowed

### **8. RESERVED AREAS**

EO shall provide alcohol-based gel dispenser in all these areas.

#### **8.1. MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAFERS**

A special area will be reserved for all accredited media and photographers. All national rules and regulation provided by the organizing country will be respected. In addition, when in this area they will





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wear the mask and will respect social distance (1 m minimum). Any infringement of this rule will be sanctioned with a verbal warning and, in case of repetition, with the withdrawal of the accreditation.

## **8.2. TEAM MANAGERS AND COACHES**

A special area will be reserved for all accredited team members. All national rules and regulation provided by the organizing country will be respected. In addition, when in this area they will wear the mask and will respect social distance (1 m minimum). Any infringement of this rule will be sanctioned according to current discipline procedure.

All the seats will be reserved and clearly identified by the name of the country.

## **8.3. PUBLIC**

The decision to have public and the rules for the public will depend on organizing country rules and regulations.

# **9. RESULTS AND RANKING**

## **9.1. CUWR CONTINUOUSLY UPDATED WORLD RANKING**

A continuously updated world ranking for each of the Boulder, Lead and Speed Disciplines, shall be calculated as the weighted sum of the Ranking Points awarded to competitors in each Qualifying Event within the preceding 24 months period (Ref. Rules v1.4 Article 3.21.B).