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ADDENDUM TO IFSC RULES

TO BE USED DURING CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMICⁱ

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:

ⁱ The IFSC Executive Board, following the advice of the WHO World Health Organization, will declare when this addendum shall not be used anymore.



- hotline/helpline telephone number
- 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).

A doctor shall be appointed by the EO as Emergency COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordinator, it can either be the Competition Doctor or another doctor, 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. Emergency COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordinator 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:

- contactless thermometers;
- 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 by phone the Technical Delegate (TD);
- TD will coordinate with EO and Emergency COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordinator Doctor on how to treat the case (treatment will depend from country to country);
- Emergency COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordinator Doctor shall decide what to do with the other members of the team;
- The information will be published on the virtual Official Board, without the name of the person, but only the nationality.



1.4. DECISION PROCESS IN CASE OF (SUPPOSED) POSITIVITY

In case a person feels unwell and/or 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, Jury President, Event Organiser and Emergency COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordinator 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, TECHNICAL MEETING, OFFICIAL BOARD AND VIDEO DEMONSTRATION

2.1. CALENDAR EVENTS

A calendar event should be confirmed at least 60 days before the 1st 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 not less than 30 days before the first day of competition.

2.3. CONFIRMATION

The participation of all team members must be confirmed to the TD by phone or via email after arrival to the event's location in the 24h time period preceding the day before the 1st competition day of the event.

2.4. TECHNICAL MEETING

The Technical Meeting, as defined by the rules, will be replaced by

- a. an online-only Technical Meeting held 10 days before the event to prepare teams, ahead of travel, with COVID-19 related measures; and
- b. if necessary an online-only Technical Meeting one day before the event.

Information about (a) will be included in the Infosheet, and information about (b) will be given by TD using preferably a WhatsApp chat.



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2.5. STARTING LISTS

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

2.6. 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.

2.7. 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 18:00 Local time or as announced on the virtual Official Board.

2.8. TIMELINE

D -60:	23:59	CET	Confirmation that the Calendar Event is not cancelled/rescheduled
D -30:	23:59	CET	Publication of the Information Sheet
D -10:	TBC	CET	Online Technical Meeting
D -3 to D-2:	23:59	CET	Confirmation
D -1:	18:00	Local	Publication of video demonstration
D -1:	18:00	Local	Publication of Starting Lists
D -1:	18:00	Local	Online Technical Meeting (if required)

Where D is the first competition day of the event.

2.9. 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.

3. ATHLETES' COMMON AREAS

In order to keep social distancing, isolation area shall be arranged in two separate zones: holding area and warm up. 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 the holding area there shall not have 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 area shall be checked by the IFSC officials.



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

Athletes shall wear mask in isolation area when social distancing measures cannot be applied.

3.1. 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 team will be allowed. TD may decide to change such restrictions depending on room capacity.

Emergency COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordinator Doctor shall test all the registered Team Members before they are allowed to enter isolation / holding area: 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) 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 towel to be put on the mat and/or the chair when seating in common areas. 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 by EO staff.

3.2. WARM UP AREA

Warm up wall should be not less than 60 square meters. In order to reduce the total number of people in warm up area, no Team Official will be allowed in.

To prevent anybody get in touch with someone else's sweat, every athlete must have their personal 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 by EO staff.



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3.3. 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.

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 by EO staff.

3.4. 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 by EO staff.

4. COMPETITION AREA

4.1. 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 shall have a 9-10 mm diameter and 60 meters length and shall be in rope bag clearly identifying country and name of the athlete. In case the rope is not judged appropriate by the TD, in consultation with other officials, the EO will provide an alternative rope.

Belayers shall wear mask.

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

4.2. 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.

4.3. SPEED

Belayers shall wear mask.

5. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT AND HEALTH CHECKS

All athletes, Team Members, IFSC Officials, National officials, volunteers will be tested by Emergency COVID-19 Outbreak Response Coordinator Doctor: in case of body temperature (checked with a contactless thermometer) $> 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ 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.

5.1. 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).
- gel dispenser
- hang board (if needed)
- towel (brandless): minimum 150 x 70 cm

5.2. 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)
- gel dispenser



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All team meetings shall comply with the relevant national rules. In any case every meeting will be held respecting 1 m social distancing.

5.3. IFSC OFFICIALS

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 1 m social distancing.

5.4. 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.

5.5. 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 when social distancing measures cannot be respected.

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

6. 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



7. RESERVED AREAS

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

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

7.2. 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. 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.

7.3. PUBLIC

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

8. RESULTS AND RANKING

8.1. 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).

8.2. WORLD CUP RANKING POINTS

No World Cup ranking points will be calculated for the 2020 Season. Consequently, on completion of the last event in each World Cup Series a trophy will not be awarded.



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APPENDIX – USE OF MASK

Use of mask	Holding Area	Warm Up Area	Call Zone	Observation	Climbing Area	Rest Zone	After Climbing Area	Kiss and Cry Area	Awarding Ceremony
Athletes	YES except when training	YES except when training	NO	YES	NO	NO except if shared	NO	NO	NO
Team Officials	YES								
Event Organizer									YES
Volunteers	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
NF Officials				YES	YES		YES	YES	
IFSC Officials	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Belayers			YES		YES				
Prizegivers									YES