

GLOSSARY

Interpretation

1. The following terms shall apply throughout these Rules:

Shall, and the alternative **must**, states a mandatory requirement;

Shall not, and the alternative **must not**, states a prohibition;

Should and **should not** state recommendations, there may be reasons to ignore a recommendation but the full implications must be understood and the case carefully weighed before choosing a different course;

May references a discretionary matter;

2. The following definitions shall apply throughout these Rules:

Applicable Standards has the meaning given in Article 3.5 of these Rules;

Appeal Fee means the amount published by the IFSC in relation to making in-competition appeals regarding compliance with and interpretation of these Rules;

Artificial Aid means Controlling or Using any of the following:

- a) any "T-Nut" placements provided for the fixing of artificial holds;
- b) any part of the Climbing Surface demarcated as out of bounds by the use of continuous black tape;
- c) any advertising or informational placards fixed to the Climbing Surface;
- d) any open side or top edges to the Climbing Surface;
- e) any bolt hanger fixed to the Climbing Surface; or
- f) any Protection Point or the climbing rope;

Artificial Hold means a manufactured climbing hold and attached to the Climbing Surface by means of screws or bolts;

Calendar Event means an international event:

- a) including competitions in one or more of the Disciplines recognised by the IFSC and governed by these rules; and/or
- b) listed on the calendar of events published by the IFSC;

Call Zone means any designated area to which competitors must report prior to commencing their attempt(s) any round of competition;

Category means a group of competitors within one specific Discipline, gender and age group;

Championship refers to the highest tier individual event(s) authorised by the IFSC (or a subordinate

continental council of the IFSC) in each of the Boulder, Combined, Lead and Speed Disciplines, open to competitors either:

- a) aged 16 or over in the year of the Championship, in which case the relevant events will be referred to as either [the](#) “World Championships” (where authorized by the IFSC) or [the](#) “[Council name] Championships” where authorized by a continental council of the IFSC (generically “Continental Championships”); or
- b) open to competitors aged 19 and under in the year of the Championship, in which case the relevant events will be referred to as either [the](#) “Youth World Championship(s)” (where authorized by the IFSC) or [the](#) “[council name] Youth Championships” where authorized by a continental council of the IFSC (generically “Continental Youth Championships”),

and in each case listed on the calendar of events published by the IFSC;

Climbing Surface means the usable surface of a climbing wall:

- a) including any Natural Holds; but
- b) excluding any Artificial Holds, volumes or other temporary Structures fixed onto the usable surface.

Competition Area means that part of the event venue allocated for sporting activities forming part of a competition, including:

- a) Any Isolation Zone or Warm-up Area(s);
- b) Any Call/Transit Zone(s);
- c) Any Competition Zones, including:
 - i) the Climbing Surfaces(s) used within any round of a competition;
 - ii) the area immediately in front of and next to the climbing wall(s), and
 - iii) any other area assigned specifically for the safe and fair conduct of a competition, such as additional areas needed for video recording or playback;

Control means, for the purposes of judging and scoring, that a competitor has made use of some object/structure to:

- a) achieve or change a stable body position; or
- b) successfully brake any dynamic movement,

and the terms “Controls”, “Controlled” and “Controlling” should be interpreted in context;

Cup or Cup Series refers to the highest tier annual competition series authorised by the IFSC (or a subordinate continental council of the IFSC) in each of the Boulder, Lead and Speed Disciplines, open to competitors either:

- a) aged 16 or over in the year of the Cup, in which case these events will be referred to as “World Cups” (where authorized by the IFSC) or “[council name] Cups” where authorized by a

continental council of the IFSC (generically “Continental Cups”); or

- b) open to competitors aged 19 and under in the year of the Cup, in which case these events will be referred to as either Youth World Cups (where authorized by the IFSC) or [Council name] Youth Cups where authorized by a continental council of the IFSC (generically “Continental Youth Cups”),

and in each case listed on the calendar of events published by the IFSC;

Discipline means a specific format for competition climbing which conforms to specific rules and standards;

Did Not Start or **DNS** means:

- a) in respect of any specific boulder, route or race within any round or stage of a competition, that a competitor failed to attempt that boulder, route or race, [recorded as either as such or as Not Started](#); and
- b) in respect of any round or stage of a competition, that a competitor either:
 - i) where that round of the competition is conducted under Isolation Conditions, failed to report to the Isolation Zone by, or was not present within the Isolation Zone at, the time set out on the Start List for that round;
 - ii) failed to report to the Call Zone when called for that round or stage; or
- (ii) was otherwise recorded with a Did Not Start IRM pursuant to the relevant provisions of Part 2 of these rules,

and will be recorded as such on the relevant results. Competitors recorded as Did Not Start in any round or stage will not be eligible to compete any subsequent round or stage of the same competition;

Disqualified or **DSQ** means a disqualification from competition for breach of these rules;

Disqualified for Behaviour or **DQB** means a disqualification from competition for a violation of the World Anti-Doping Code (or, where applicable, the Olympic Charter), or any other serious breach of applicable regulation issued by the IFSC, or where relevant the IOC or a NOC, including but not limited to:

- a) serious unsporting behaviour or other serious disturbance; and
- b) abusive, threatening or violent behaviour to any person;

Event Organiser means the body responsible for the organisation and preparation of any Calendar Event;

IFSC Official means any and all of the officials listed in paragraph 1.10, appointed by the IFSC at a relevant Calendar Event;

International Licence means an approval granted by the IFSC to an individual to:

- a) participate in any World Championship, Youth World Championship, Continental

Championship or Continental Youth Championship;

- b) participate in any World Cup, World Youth Cup, Continental Cup or Continental Youth Cup; and
- c) be awarded World Ranking points in any competition;

Invalid Results Mark or **IRM** means a non-scoring result, such as: Did Not Start, Disqualified or Disqualified for Behaviour. Competitors assigned an Invalid Results Mark applicable to:

- a) any individual race, boulder or route within a stage/round (where the relevant stage/round comprises more than one race, boulder or route), will have no result on that race, boulder or route; or
- b) any stage/round of completion, will be unranked within the applicable stage/round (and where relevant, the competition);

Isolation Conditions means that competitors within any given round of a competition are to make their attempts on any route/boulder in that round with knowledge of the relevant route/boulder limited to such information:

- a) as may be gathered by observation from outside the Competition Area prior to the closing of the Isolation Zone for the relevant Category;
- b) obtained during any collective observation period for the relevant route/boulders, from the area designated for such collective observation, including such information as may be shared between competitors participating in that collective observation period (and only where such competitors have not yet made their attempts, or have each completed their attempts); or
- c) obtained during the competitor's attempt(s) on the relevant route/boulders;

Isolation Zone means a Warm-up Area for which access is controlled and limited to:

- a) competitors qualified for the relevant round of competition;
- b) accompanying Team Officials.

Junior means the age group comprising competitors who are or will be 18 or 19 years of age in the year of the relevant Calendar Event;

Legitimate Position means, for the purposes of Lead competitions, that a competitor in the course of their attempt on a route:

- a) has not used any Artificial Aid;
- b) has clipped each preceding Protection Point in sequence; and
- c) where the next Protection Point has not yet been clipped, the competitor has not yet reached, or has not made any climbing movement to pass beyond any Safety Hold designated by the Chief Routesetter;

Locking Belay Device means a device meeting the EN-15151-1 standard.

Manual Belay Device means a device meeting the EN-15151-2 standard.

Member Federation means any National Federation that is a member of the IFSC;

Official Results means the results published by the IFSC at the conclusion of a competition (or any round of that competition) which must be marked as “Official” and signed by the appropriate IFSC Official;

Original Decision has the meaning given in Article 6.8 of these Rules;

Provisional Results ([otherwise referred to as Unofficial Results](#)) means any results published or circulated by the IFSC prior to the publication of the Official Results for any competition, or any route/round within that competition;

Protection Point means an assembly comprising:

- a) A Quick-Link connector, connected to a bolt fixed to the load-bearing structure of the Climbing Surface;
- b) A Karabiner into which a competitor can clip the rope when climbing. The orientation of this karabiner shall minimise the possibility of cross loading; and
- c) A single continuous machine-sewn sling of appropriate length (as determined by the Chief Routesetter) connecting (a) and (b).

Qualifying Event means any Calendar Event counting toward the World Ranking, as set out in Annex 1;

Ranking means the relationship between a set of results such that, for any two items, the first is either 'ranked higher than', 'ranked lower than' or 'ranked equal to' the second. All Rankings referred to in these rules are calculated using the *standard competition ranking* scheme unless stated to the contrary;

Registration Date means the date or dates following which additional Team Members may not be registered to participate in a Calendar Event.

Reaction Time means the difference between the time at which a competitor leaves the Starting Pad and the commencement of the Starting Signal, measured to at least 1/100s, and may be zero, positive or negative;

Safety Hold has the meaning given in paragraph 7.3;

Seeding means the preliminary ranking of a competitor used for the purpose of fixing their position in the initial Starting List for a competition;

Single Rope means a climbing rope meeting the EN-892 standard.

Starting Group means some subdivision of the competitors participating in a round of competition who all compete on the same routes/boulders;

Starting List means a list of all competitors eligible to start a competition round or some subdivision of that round, at the time noted on the document. Each Starting List will show:

- a) the relevant Category and round;
- b) the starting order;
- c) the name and IOC Country Code of each competitor;
- d) the time:
 - i) at which the Isolation Zone and/or any Warm-up Area will be opened and closed;
 - ii) of any observation or demonstration; and
 - iii) for the start of the round.

Starting Signal means a unique tone broadcast by the automated timing system to indicate the start of a measured climbing time;

Structure means any hollow or solid object providing either a single or multiple holds for either hands or feet and which is attached to the Climbing Surface for the duration of at least one round.

Team Manager means the senior Team Official appointed by a Member Federation to any Calendar Event, responsible for the conduct of all Team Officials and competitors within their team. The IFSC may, where a Calendar Event includes competitions in more than one Discipline, permit the nomination of a Team Manager for each Discipline;

Team Member means both Team Officials and competitors;

Team Officials means individuals appointed by a Member Federation to act in the capacity of Team Manager, coach, trainer, medical or para-medical staff at any Calendar Event;

Technical Incident means any event or circumstance that results in a disadvantage or unfair advantage to a competitor and which is not the result of that competitor's action(s).

Top Hold has the meaning given in Article 8.2 of these Rules;

Topo means a symbolic map of a route, marking the scoring value for each handhold on a route;

Transit Zone means a specific area(s) within the Competition Area arranged to permit competitors to prepare for (or recover from) their attempts on a boulder/route.

Use means, for the purposes of judging and scoring, that a competitor has made use of some object/structure to effect both a progressive movement of their centre of mass or hips; and a movement of either or both hands toward:

- a) the next sequential handhold along the line of progression; or
- b) any other handhold further along the line of progression which has been successfully Controlled by another competitor from the same handhold; or

and the terms "Used", "Uses" and "Using" will be interpreted in this context.

Valid Appeal has the meaning given in Article 6.5 of these Rules;

Valid Results Mark or **VRM** means a scoring result;

Warm-up Area means any part of the Competition Area designated and equipped for the purposes of athletic preparation;

World [Ranking Cup](#) means to the highest tier competition series sanctioned by the IFSC in each of the Boulder, Lead and Speed Disciplines, open to competitors aged 16 or over in the year of the relevant series;

Youth A means the age group comprising competitors who are or will be 16 or 17 years of age in the year of the relevant Calendar Event;

Youth B means the age group comprising competitors who are or will be 14 or 15 years of age in the year of the relevant Calendar Event;

Z-Clip means a situation where the climbing rope is connected to two Protection Points out of sequence;

PART 1 – GENERAL

1. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING

Introduction

- 1.1 The International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) is the international federation responsible for all aspects of international competition climbing and is the final authority for all matters concerning international competition climbing.
- 1.2 The IFSC is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and is member of the Association of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF), the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), the International University Sports Federation (FISU) and the International World Games Association (IWGA).
- 1.3 The IFSC maintains authority in respect to all international climbing competitions. As such, it is responsible for:
 - A) controlling all technical and other aspects of the sport;
 - B) receiving applications from Member Federations to organise international competitions;
 - C) approving those applications that it deems in the interest of the sport and which it assesses as being in accordance with the IFSC rules and regulations governing such competitions.
- 1.4 Calendar Events shall at all times be organised, undertaken and executed in strict accordance with these rules and all other relevant regulations published by the IFSC including, where a Calendar Event is authorised by a continental council of the IFSC, any supplementary rules published by that continental council.
- 1.5 The organisational structure of the IFSC is described in detail in its Statutes and Bylaws.

Executive Tasks

- 1.6 For matters concerning the organisation of international climbing competitions, the tasks of the IFSC are as follows:
 - A) receipt of all applications to organise any Calendar Event;
 - B) dealing with all enquiries - both of a general nature and with respect to approved competitions;
 - C) issuing all information regarding any Calendar Event;
 - D) in particular, issuing all information and application forms to Member Federations concerning each Calendar Event. All Team Members shall be registered by their Member Federation within the indicated deadlines;
 - E) issuing IFSC rules, regulations and other notices. Amendments may be published to these documents, which shall be read in conjunction with and shall take precedence over the original document. Each amendment shall incorporate a date of entry into force;
 - F) official publication of all competition results, the World Cup Rankings, World Rankings,

National Team Rankings, Continental Youth Series Rankings, and other official information;

- G) appointment of all IFSC Officials to any Calendar Event.

Competitions

- 1.7 Only the members of the IFSC, or organisations specifically recognised by the IFSC, shall be eligible to apply to organise Calendar Events.
- 1.8 Only IFSC members shall be eligible to apply to enter their competitors in any Calendar Event.
- 1.9 Among the Calendar Events requiring the specific approval of the IFSC are the following:
- A) the World Cup series;
 - B) World [Championships](#) and ~~each~~ Continental Championships~~(s)~~;
 - C) Youth World [Championships](#) and Continental [Youth](#) Championships~~(s)~~;

Competition Officials

- 1.10 The IFSC may appoint the following officials to any Calendar Event:

- A) Technical Delegate

The Technical Delegate deals with all IFSC-related organisational matters during the running of any Calendar Event. The Technical Delegate has the authority to ensure that the facilities and services provided by the Event Organiser (such as registration of Team Members; scoring and results service; and medical, media and other facilities) are in accordance with the Event Organiser's Handbook and/or any other specific provisions agreed between the Event Organiser and the IFSC. The Technical Delegate has the right to attend all meetings with the Event Organiser. In the absence of the Jury President and before their arrival at the event venue, the Technical Delegate acts on their behalf in respect to the organisation of the event within the Competition Area. In exceptional circumstances, the Technical Delegate has the authority to decide to apply emergency measures, for instance an adjustment of the competition format. These measures are specified separately by the IFSC. The Technical Delegate shall submit a detailed report on the relevant Calendar Event to the IFSC.

For Calendar Events where a Technical Delegate has not been appointed or in case of absence of the Technical Delegate, the Jury President will take over the duties of the Technical Delegate.

- B) Jury President

The Jury President has overall authority within the Competition Area. This authority extends to covering the activities of the media and all persons nominated by the Event Organiser. The overall authority of the Jury President covers all aspects of the running of a competition. The Jury President presides over all meetings of IFSC Officials and over organisation and technical meetings with the Event Organiser and Team Members. Although the Jury President does not normally have a judging role, they may at any time choose to carry out any judging task generally assigned to the IFSC Judge or other judges should they deem that necessary. The Jury President is responsible for briefing all officiating National Judges on the application of

the IFSC Rules before the start of a competition. The Jury President is required to submit a detailed report to the IFSC on the relevant Calendar Event and on each Aspirant Judge undergoing the final phase of their training programme.

C) IFSC Judge

The IFSC Judge is an International Judge appointed by the IFSC to assist the Jury President in undertaking all aspects of judging a competition. Additional IFSC Judges may be appointed. The IFSC may also appoint Aspirant Judges who undergo the final, practical phase of their training programme by assisting the IFSC Judge in their judging duties. The IFSC Judge is responsible for announcing the publication of starting and result lists, appeals, and any important changes to the competition programme.

The IFSC Judge is assisted in their judging by National Judges appointed by the Event Organiser or the organising Member Federation. The main role of a National Judge is to judge the performance of the competitors on routes and boulders respectively. National Judges shall be persons holding an international or a national licence. The National Judges shall be fully informed of the technical rules and regulations governing competitions, and shall be instructed in their duties by, and work under the direction of, the IFSC Judge. The IFSC Judge could be a member of the Appeals Jury with the Technical Delegate if the Jury President has been involved in the original decision.

D) Chief Routesetter

The Chief Routesetter consults with the members of the route setting team appointed by the Event Organiser to plan and co-ordinate all matters of route setting and route maintenance, including the design of each route or boulder; the installation of holds, protection points and other equipment in accordance with IFSC regulations; repair and cleaning of routes and boulders; and the design, installation and maintenance of any Warm-up Area. The Chief Routesetter is responsible for checking the technical standard and safety of each route or boulder, advises the Jury President on all technical matters within the Competition Area, assists in compiling the route sketch of lead routes, and advises the judges on the positioning of video cameras. The Chief Routesetter is required to submit a report to the IFSC on the competition and a report on each IFSC Routesetter or other routesetter appointed to competitions forming part of the relevant Calendar Event.

E) IFSC Routesetter

The IFSC Routesetter is an international routesetter appointed by the IFSC to assist the Chief Routesetter in undertaking all aspects of setting a competition. Additional IFSC Routesetters may be appointed. The IFSC may also appoint additional routesetters undergoing training or internship programmes.

The IFSC Routesetter will be assisted in their routesetting by National Routesetters appointed by the Event Organiser or the organising Member Federation. National Routesetters shall be persons holding an international or a national licence.

2. MEMBER FEDERATIONS

Introduction

- 2.1 The IFSC fully respects the autonomy of its Member Federations in respect to their national activities.

Responsibilities of Member Federations

- 2.2 It is the obligation of Member Federations, all Event Organisers and those associated with any Calendar Event, whether working directly with the IFSC or in association with a Member Federation or with an Event Organiser, to:
- A) unconditionally accept that the promotion, development and administration of the sport of international competition climbing are under the exclusive control of the IFSC;
 - B) ensure that no financial or other agreement shall be entered into with an organisation (e.g. television, competition sponsors, etc.), which may conflict with the IFSC's own agreements, without written approval of the IFSC;
 - C) at all times seek the advice and agreement of the IFSC in respect to any decision that might conflict with the best interest of the sport.
- 2.3 It is the responsibility of the Member Federations of the IFSC to:
- A) administer, promote and actively develop the sport in their country and firmly uphold the principles of the Olympic Charter, the IOC Medical Code, and the IFSC rules and regulations governing the sport of international competition climbing;
 - B) understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the sport and promote and ensure that all Team Members representing the Member Federation observe the principles of good sportsmanship;
 - C) constantly and actively work against the use of drugs or other prohibited substances by all Team Members representing the Member Federation, and follow all rules and guidelines in order to guarantee out-of-competition tests, when requested;
 - D) prohibit any methods or practices that might involve risks to the health or physical development of their competitors;
 - E) undertake to set them firmly against any temptation to manipulate the rules and regulations to the advantage of all Team Members representing the Member Federation;
 - F) ensure that all Team Members representing the Member Federation treat all other competitors, officials and others involved in the practice of the sport with full and due respect at all times, both during competition and in the course of any non-competition activity.
- 2.4 It is the responsibility of all Team Members participating in any competition to ensure that they

are fully informed of all details relating to that competition.

Eligibility to enter teams

- 2.5 Each Member Federation of the IFSC shall be eligible to enter a team of male and female competitors subject to the following conditions:
- A) that they are in compliance with the regulations governing the nomination and registration of Team Members;
 - B) that they are not in default of any regulation governing financial obligations to the IFSC;
 - C) that they are not in default of any decision, or subsequent required action, in respect to a decision under the IFSC disciplinary procedures;
 - D) that all competitors registered hold an International Licence, or an application for such a licence has been received by the IFSC.
- 2.6 If a country has more than one federation that is a member of the IFSC, the Member Federations concerned shall only be eligible to enter one nationally agreed team of male and female competitors, within the permitted quota to represent this country.

Registration of teams

- 2.7 Each Member Federation shall respect deadlines for the registration of Team Members as set out in Part 3 to these Rules.
- 2.8 Where applicable, registration fees payable by each Member Federation in respect of all Team Members representing the Member Federation at any Calendar Event will be calculated from the number of registered team members at the relevant Registration Date, provided that:
- A) where Part 3 to these Rules provides a period following the Registration Date during which registrations may be amended; and
 - B) a Member Federation provides a written notice to the IFSC Office cancelling the registration of a Team Member during this period,
- then the registration fee payable in respect of such cancellation will be reduced by 50%.
- 2.9 Member federations when registering Team Members for any World Cup, World Championship or Youth World Championship, shall provide contact information (such as accommodation details, scheduled dates/times of arrival and departure) for all Team Members.

International licences

- 2.10 Each Member Federation shall ensure that each Team Member representing the Member Federation at any Calendar Event holds a current International Licence, or that an application for such a licence has been received by the IFSC. Only Member Federations shall be permitted to submit an application form for the issue or renewal of an International Licence.
- 2.11 In order to obtain an International Licence, each federation shall submit for each competitor and

Team Official:

- A) a completed official application form;
- B) the fee specified by the IFSC for the issue of a new licence, on receipt of the relevant invoice.

2.12 Each International Licence is valid for one calendar year; i.e. from the 1st of January to the 31st of December. Each Member Federation may, on behalf of its Team Members, renew the International Licence each year by completing the official application form and sending it to the IFSC.

2.13 Competitors must be a member of the Member Federation of the country for which they hold a national passport. Competitors who hold dual nationalities can represent only one Member Federation in any given year, and must make such election no later than:

- (A) 1st of March; or
- (B) the Registration Date for the first Calendar Event of the year,

whichever is the first to occur. Competitors may not change the Member Federation more frequently than once every four (4) years and any changes are subject to the agreement of each Member Federation concerned.

2.14 Team Officials:

- (A) must be a member of, and accredited by, the Member Federation of the country for which they are appointed;
- (B) may, with the agreement of the relevant Member Federations, represent more than one Member Federation; and
- (C) must declare to the IFSC all appointments held prior to the first Calendar Event of the year.

2.15 A competitor also registered as a Team Official is considered as the same person with regard to any disciplinary sanctions and any cumulation of sanctions.

Fees

2.16 All fees (e.g. membership fees, entry fees, licence fees, appeals fees etc.), financial sanctions (e.g. incurred in relation to breaches of these Rules and/or the provisions of the Event Organisers' Handbook), and all other expenses are the sole responsibility of the Member Federations.

2.17 A Member Federation shall pay the IFSC the amount invoiced for fees before the date specified on the invoice. Failure to do so shall be dealt with as set out in Article 2.19.

2.18 Appeals Fees will be invoiced by the IFSC directly to the Member Federation and shall be paid to the IFSC before the date specified on the invoice. Failure to do so shall be dealt with as set out in Article 2.19.

2.19 A Member Federation that is in default of IFSC regulations governing payment of fees shall, in accordance with the regulations and bylaws, be liable to have its membership suspended and,

ultimately, withdrawn.

2.20 The scale of all fees shall be decided and published annually by the IFSC.

3. GENERAL RULES

Disciplines

3.1 International climbing competitions under these rules include the following Disciplines:

- A) Lead, in which competitors are ranked based on their progression on one or two routes.
- B) Bouldering, in which competitors are ranked based on the number of boulders completed.
- C) Speed, in which competitors are ranked based on the time needed to climb a standard route.
- D) Combined, in which competitors are ranked based on their performance in Lead, Speed and Boulder together.

Safety

- 3.2 The Event Organiser shall be responsible for maintaining safety within the Competition Area and in the public section of the arena, and in relation to all activities connected to the running of any competition.
- 3.3 Each competitor shall be regarded as entirely and solely responsible for the equipment and clothing that they intend to wear when competing and/or during any competition.
- 3.4 The Jury President, in consultation with the Chief Routesetter, shall have the authority to take decisions in respect to any question of safety within the Competition Area, including declining to give permission to start or continue any part of the competition. Any official or other person deemed by the Jury President to have infringed, or being likely to infringe, on safety procedures shall be subject to removal from their duties and/or dismissal from the Competition Area.

Equipment

3.5 Any technical equipment used in any Calendar Event must meet the relevant EN Standard or comparable International equivalent (the “**Applicable Standard**”) unless otherwise specified by the IFSC or, in exceptional circumstances, by the Jury President. The Applicable Standards as at the date of issue for these Rules are:

Equipment	Applicable Standard
Belay Devices (Locking)	EN15151-1 (Draft)
Belay Devices (Manual)	EN15151-2 (Draft)
Climbing Harness	EN12277 (Type C)
Climbing Holds	EN12572-3
Climbing Rope	EN892
Climbing Structures	EN12572-1, EN12572-2
Karabiners (Screwgate)	EN12275 (Type H)
Karabiners (Self-Locking)	EN12275 (Type H)
Quickdraw/ Tape Slings	EN566
Quickdraw/ Connector (Karabiner)	EN12275 (Type B, Type D)
Quickdraw/ Connector (Quick link)	EN12275 (Type Q)

Medical Personnel

- 3.6 The Jury President shall verify that a medical doctor (the “**Competition Doctor**”) is in attendance to attend any accident or injury to a competitor or Team Official. The Competition Doctor shall be present from the scheduled opening of the Isolation Zone/Warm-up Area until the end of the attempt of the last competitor in any round of competition.
- 3.7 If the Jury President believes that a competitor is unfit to compete for any reason, such as injury or illness, then:
- A) the Jury President has the authority to request a check-up of the competitor by the Competition Doctor who will proceed with the following physical test:
 - 1) Lower extremity: the competitor shall be able to do five consecutive single-leg jumps with each leg.
 - 2) Upper extremity: the competitor shall be able to perform five consecutive push-ups using both arms.
 - 3) Bleeding: the competitor shall be able to stop the bleeding so as to be sure that he will not put blood on the holds. A white handkerchief applied to the wound (after having put a tape on it) must not show any sign of blood.
 - B) the Jury President shall stop the competitor from competing if, following the results of this test, the Competition Doctor is of the opinion that the competitor is unfit to compete. Should there later be evidence that the competitor has recovered, then they may request to undergo the relevant physical tests again. The Jury President shall allow the competitor to compete if, following the results of such tests, the Competition Doctor is of the opinion that the competitor is fit to compete.
- 3.8 Under no circumstances shall special provisions be made at the request of any competitor, e.g. descent to the ground from the top of a boulder by a ladder.

The Competition Area

- 3.9 The Competition Area will be demarcated from any area open to the public.
- 3.10 Not used.
- 3.11 No competitor or Team Official is permitted to carry or use any electronic communication equipment while in the Competition Area unless the Jury President has permitted such equipment.

Access to the Competition Area

- 3.12 Only the persons specified below shall be permitted to enter the Competition Area:
- A) IFSC Officials;
 - B) Event Organiser’s officials;
 - C) competitors eligible to take part in the current round of competition (as directed by or on behalf of the Jury President);

- D) authorised Team Officials (the Isolation Zone/Warm-Up area only);
- E) other persons specifically authorised by the Jury President. Such persons shall, throughout their stay in the Competition Area, be escorted and supervised by an approved official to ensure the maintenance of security of the Competition Area and prevent any undue distraction of, or interference with, any competitor,

3.13 Animals are not be allowed in the Competition Area. Exceptions from this rule can be authorised by the Jury President.

Clothing and equipment

3.14 All technical equipment used by a competitor shall comply with the relevant Applicable Standard. Each competitor:

- A) must wear climbing shoes and (where relevant) a harness during their attempts;
- B) may use:
 - 1) [a chalk bag and commercially available dry or liquid climbing chalk for their hands. No other performance enhancing agents may be used \(e.g. resin/rosin\);](#)
 - 2) [commercially available athletic compression supports \(for arms/legs\) and/or climbing knee-pads; and/or](#)
 - 3) [athletic support tape where necessary for the prevention or management of injury;](#)
- C) may wear a climbing helmet.

Competitors must not wear or carry audio equipment when climbing.

3.15 An alphanumeric bib provided by the Event Organiser shall be displayed prominently on the back of the top. The size of the bib shall not exceed the dimensions specified in the Event Organisers' Handbook. The Event Organiser may provide additional bibs to be placed on competitors' trouser leg.

Team Uniforms

3.16 Team Members representing their Member Federation at official ceremonies and meetings (including interviews, and press conferences staged by the IFSC or Event Organizers) shall, unless otherwise agreed by the Technical Delegate, wear a distinctive team uniform, which shall include a long-sleeved top bearing:

- A) the name of the country or its official IOC three-letter code; and
- B) (optionally) the logo of the Member Federation; and
- C) (optionally) a representation of the relevant national flag.

3.17 Competitors representing their Member Federation shall, when climbing, wear a distinctive team uniform:

- A) which shall include a uniform top (which may be either long or short sleeved) in the national

sporting colours or of similarly distinct design/colours. Such tops shall also bear:

- 1) the logo of the Member Federation; and
 - 2) a representation of the national flag; and
 - 3) on the rear or side of the top in a contrasting colour, the name of the country or its official IOC three-letter code.
- B) the design of the team uniform may be different for Male and Female competitors. Starting with the 2020 season, the colour of the team uniform must be the same for Male and Female competitors.

Advertising

3.18 All equipment and clothing shall be in compliance with the following advertising rules:

- A) Headwear: The manufacturers and/or sponsors' label in the total size limit of 18 square centimeters;
- B) Team Tops/Legwear: Sponsors' labels – no larger than 300 square centimeters in total. A graphic or figurative logo of the manufacturer (not including name or any text) may also be used as a decorative "design mark" once or repeatedly as a strip not exceeding 5cm in width. Design marks may be displayed in one of the following positions, provided such use does not dominate or unduly detract from the appearance of the garment:
 - 1) Across the bottom of the sleeves;
 - 2) On the outer seam of the sleeves;
 - 3) Down the outer seams of the garment;
- C) Chalk bag: The manufacturer's name and/or logo and sponsors' labels – no larger than 100 square centimeters in total;
- D) Shoes and socks: Only the manufacturer's name and/or logo.
- E) Any advertising name or logo placed directly on a competitor's body, e.g. a tattoo, shall be counted within the size limits specified for the respective part of the body above.

Wall maintenance

- 3.19 The Chief Routesetter shall verify that an experienced maintenance team is available throughout each round of competition in order to perform any maintenance and repairs ordered by the IFSC Judge in an efficient and safe manner. Safety procedures shall be strictly enforced.
- 3.20 On the instruction of the IFSC Judge, the Chief Routesetter shall immediately arrange for any repair work. On completion of a repair, it shall be inspected by the Chief Routesetter who shall advise the Jury President whether the repair results in any unfair advantage or disadvantage to the following competitors. The decision of the Jury President to continue, or to stop and re-start, that round of

competition shall be final, and no appeal shall be accepted in respect to this decision.

Rankings and records

3.21 The IFSC publishes the following rankings:

- A) World Cup Rankings for each year and Category, calculated in accordance with the relevant section of these Rules;
- B) a continuously updated World Ranking for each of the Boulder, Lead and Speed Disciplines, which shall be calculated as the weighted sum of the Ranking Points awarded to competitors in each Qualifying Event within the preceding ~~24~~ months period; and
- C) World Records for the Speed Discipline.

4. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Introduction

- 4.1 The Jury President has the overall authority over all activities and decisions affecting competition activities within the Competition Area.
- 4.2 Both the Jury President and the IFSC Judge shall be authorised to take the following actions in respect to infringements of these rules and with regard to matters of indiscipline by any Team Member registered for a competition:
- A) an informal, verbal warning;
 - B) an official warning accompanied by the showing of a Yellow Card.
- 4.3 At the earliest convenient time after issuing a Yellow or Red Card, the Jury President shall:
- A) provide a written statement to the Team Manager (or where this is not possible, directly to) the person(s) concerned regarding the offence and whether the Jury President proposes to refer the matter for consideration in respect to further disciplinary action in accordance with the rules;
 - B) submit a copy of this written statement together with a detailed report of the offence against the rules, any evidence, and any recommendations regarding consideration of additional sanction to the IFSC for referral to the IFSC Disciplinary Commission.

Yellow Card warnings

- 4.4 A Yellow Card warning may be issued for any of the following infringements of the rules:
- A) infringements committed in the Competition Area by any Team Member:
 - 1) unsporting behaviour of a relatively minor nature; or
 - 2) use of obscene or abusive language or behaviour of a relatively mild nature.
 - B) regarding instructions from the any IFSC Official appointed to the competition, including but not limited to:
 - 1) undue delay in returning to the Isolation Zone/Warm-up Area following the instruction of the IFSC Judge or the Jury President;
 - 2) undue delay in leaving the Call Zone and entering the Competition Zone when instructed to do so;
 - 3) failure to start in accordance with the IFSC Judge's instruction.
 - C) regarding equipment and ceremonies:
 - 1) failure to comply with the rules and regulations governing equipment and clothing;
 - 2) failure to wear the bib provided by the Event Organiser;

- 3). Non-participation of the medallists in the award ceremony;
- 4.5 A Team ~~Member~~ Official in receipt of a Yellow Card shall not, for the duration of the relevant Calendar Event, be permitted access to any area set aside within the Competition Area for the benefit of Team Members.

Disqualification (DSQ)

- 4.6 The Jury President is authorised to Disqualify any Team Member registered for a competition. A Disqualification will be accompanied by the showing of a Red Card.
- 4.7 The following infringements of the rules will result in immediate Disqualification of the person from the relevant Calendar Event and may be accompanied by referral to the IFSC Disciplinary Commission:
 - A) ~~gathering information about the routes/boulders other than as considered by the definition of Isolation Conditions (when such conditions are in force)~~not used);
 - B) the use of non-approved equipment;
 - C) unauthorised use while in the Competition Area of any device capable of communicating or receiving communication;
 - D) in respect of any round conducted under Isolation Conditions, gathering or providing information other than as contemplated by the definition of Isolation Conditions, including but not limited to:
 - 1) from any person outside the Competition Area;
 - 2) from any person who has already attempted a relevant route/boulder.

For the avoidance of doubt, in competition rounds where Isolation Conditions do not apply, competitors may receive information from other team members who are outside the Competition Zone both prior and during their attempts;

Disqualification for Behaviour (DQB)

- 4.8 The Jury President is authorised to Disqualify for Behaviour any Team Member registered for a competition. Any Disqualification for Behaviour will be accompanied by the showing of a Red Card and referral to the IFSC Disciplinary Commission; and will have effect for all competitions at the relevant Calendar Event.
- 4.9 The following matters will result in immediate Disqualification for Behaviour:
 - A) failing to comply with the instructions of the judges, Event Organiser or IFSC officials when in the Competition Area ;
 - B) refusal to submit to an in-competition Body Mass Index (BMI) test when directed by the Jury President;
 - C) distracting or interfering with any competitor who is preparing for or is attempting a route;
 - D) refusing to conform with the advertising regulations governing clothing and equipment;

E) the issue of two (2) Yellow Cards to the same person in one Calendar Event.

Consequences of disciplinary actions

4.10 A competitor who is either Disqualified or Disqualified for Behaviour in respect of any competition will be unranked in all competitions forming part of the relevant Calendar Event.

4.11 The issue of three (3) Yellow Cards to the same person in the same year will result in one of the following:

A) if the person is already registered for the next Calendar Event in that year, either:

1) counting for the World Ranking in the same Discipline in which the third Yellow Card was issued; or

2) in the Combined Discipline,

then the person will be deleted from the registration list for that Calendar Event; or

B) if A) is not applicable, then the person shall be ineligible for registration in the next Calendar Event either:

1) counting for the World Ranking in the same Discipline in which the third Yellow Card was issued; or

2) in the Combined Discipline,

and in each case, the registration quota for the relevant Member Federation at the relevant Calendar Event will be reduced accordingly.

Other persons

4.12 The Jury President is authorised to demand the immediate dismissal from the Competition Area of any person in contravention of the rules and, if necessary, suspend any competition activities until this demand has been complied with.

5. ANTI DOPING

Adoption

5.1 The IFSC has adopted the World Anti-Doping Code (the “**Code**”).

Application

5.2 The Code applies to all Calendar Events.

5.3 Any person who enters, prepares for or participates in any manner – as competitor, coach, trainer, official, medical or para-medical personnel – in such competitions is deemed to have agreed to comply with and be subject to the Code and Article 5.5 of these rules.

Competent bodies within the IFSC

5.4 The competent bodies within the IFSC for the application of the Code are the Anti-Doping and the Disciplinary Commissions.

Violations and sanctions

5.5 Doping violations will be dealt with in accordance with the IFSC Anti-Doping Policy and Procedure, and the IFSC Disciplinary and Appeal Rules.

6. APPEALS

General

- 6.1 An Appeals Jury shall be appointed for each Calendar Event organised under these Rules and should comprise:
- A) the Technical Delegate; and
 - B) the Jury President (or an IFSC Judge if the Appeal concerns a decision made by the Jury President).
- 6.2 All Appeals, and all responses to Appeals, must be made in English.
- 6.3 All Appeals must be presented to either:
- A) a member of the Appeals Jury; or
 - B) an IFSC Judge, who shall refer the matter to the Appeals Jury.

Safety Appeals

- 6.4 Regardless of any other provision in these Rules, an appeal may be submitted where a serious safety issue may exist (a **"Safety Appeal"**). A Safety Appeal must be:
- A) made in writing and no Appeal Fee will be applicable;
 - B) signed by three (3) separate persons appointed as Team Officials, each from a different team, and the Appeals Jury must without delay determine and implement a course of action to remedy the identified issue.

Management of Appeals

- 6.5 On receipt of an Appeal, the Appeals Jury shall assess whether the relevant Appeal is:
- A) **"Invalid"**, in which case any Appeals Form will be returned and no Appeal Fee invoiced, with the Appeal Form marked as such; or
 - B) **"Valid"**, in which case the Appeal Jury shall proceed to determine the Appeal.
- 6.6 To be considered Valid, an Appeal must, unless specifically stated to the contrary in these Rules:
- A) be made in writing using the form available on the IFSC website (or on a sheet comprising the same information), signed by either:
 - 1) the relevant Team Official, or
 - 2) where no such person is registered for a competition, the relevant competitor;
 - B) acknowledge the relevant Appeal Fee; and
 - C) state:

- 1) the specific article of the Rules on which the Appeal is based; and
- 2) the competitor or class of competitors affected by the Appeal.

6.7 Notwithstanding Article 6.6, the Appeals Jury may rule as Invalid any Appeal which:

- A) is made outside any relevant time limits specified in these Rules;
- B) proposes a matter not relevant to any article of the Rules; or
- C) the Appeals Jury agrees is otherwise invalid.

6.8 In respect of any Valid Appeal concerning some non-compliance with these rules, or some decision in relation to a competition (the “**Original Decision**”):

- A) if the Appeal concerns the Official Results, the Jury President will:
 - 1) mark the published results as ‘Protested’ or ‘Under Appeal’, noting which results are the subject of the Appeal;
 - 2) have the Event Organiser broadcast an announcement to the public that the results are ‘Protested’ or ‘Under Appeal’.

B) the Appeal Jury shall determine the Appeal:

- 1) as soon as is practical with regard to the timetable of the competition;
- 2) using all personnel and facilities at their disposal,

provided that in determining the Appeal, the Appeal Jury shall not consider any video evidence other than:

- a) the Official Video Recordings; and
- b) any official IFSC broadcast video recording.

C) if:

- 1) the available evidence is inconclusive, or the Appeal Jury is unable to reach a unanimous verdict, then the Appeal shall be “**Undetermined**”, the Original Decision will stand and no Appeal Fee will be invoiced.
- 2) the available evidence is conclusive and the Appeal Jury reaches a unanimous verdict, then the Appeal will be determined as either:
 - a) “**Successful**”, in which case no Appeal Fee will be invoiced and the Original Decision changed; or
 - b) “**Unsuccessful**”, in which case an Appeal Fee will be invoiced to the relevant Member Federation and the Original Decision will stand.

D) the determination of the Appeal shall be made in writing and handed by a member of the Appeals Jury to the person who officially lodged the Appeal.

Consequences of Appeals

6.9 Any formal determination of the Appeals Jury shall be final and not subject to further Appeal.

PART 2 – DISCIPLINE RULES

7. LEAD

General

7.1 Lead competitions shall:

- A) take place on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls having a minimum height of 12 metres, climbed with the competitor belayed from below using a Single Rope and secured by clipping the rope to a series of Protection Points, and permitting the construction of routes:
 - 1) with a minimum length of 15 metres;
 - 2) with a minimum width of three (3) metres (unless a specific exemption is agreed by the Jury President).
- B) be organised with:
 - 1) A Qualification round consisting of two (2) non-identical routes (“A” and “B”) for each Starting Group, attempted after demonstration; and
 - 2) Final and/or Semi-Final round(s) consisting of a single route for each Category, attempted without demonstration,

7.2 Design of routes:

- A) Each route shall be designed:
 - 1) to limit the risk that a fall may injure the competitor or any third party, or obstruct any other competitor;
 - 2) without any downward jumps.
- B) The Jury President may authorise:
 - 1) the climbing rope pre-fixed to one or more Protection Points; and
 - 2) use of a “spotter” to provide additional security for the lower part of the route,

but wherever possible the design of the route should make such precautions unnecessary.

Safety

7.3 The Jury President:

- A) together with the IFSC Judge and the Chief Routesetter, shall inspect each route prior to the start of each round. The Chief Routesetter may rule that a Protection Point must for reasons of safety be clipped from a particular hold (a “**Safety Hold**”) or earlier, in which case such hold(s) and the relevant Protection Point(s) shall be clearly marked with a blue cross and pointed out during the route observation.
- B) shall decide whether the climbing rope should be replaced at any time during a competition.

7.4 Each competitor shall wear a harness. The Jury President shall not permit a competitor to start if

they reasonably believe that a competitor's harness is unsafe.

- 7.5 The climbing rope shall be controlled from the ground by one (1) belayer, preferably assisted by a second person. Each belayer:
- A) shall use a Manual Belay Device;
 - B) prior to any attempt on a route, shall check that:
 - 1) the competitor's harness is properly fastened;
 - 2) the climbing rope is connected to the competitor's harness using a "Figure 8" knot plus a "safety knot"; and
 - 3) the climbing rope is coiled or arranged in a manner ready for immediate and proper use;
 - C) during any attempt on a route, shall pay attention to the competitor to ensure that there is an appropriate amount of slack in the climbing rope at all times, such that:
 - 1) the competitor is not hindered in any way by the rope being either too tight or too loose;
 - 2) any fall is stopped in a dynamic and safe manner; and
 - 3) the competitor is safely lowered to the ground.

Starting orders and quotas

- 7.6 The qualification round may be organised with one (1) or two (2) Starting Groups for each Category:
- A) the number of Starting Groups shall be determined as follow:

Registered competitors	Number of Starting Groups
< 80	1
> 79	1 or 2

- B) where two (2) Starting Groups are used:
 - 1) the routes for each group should have similar overall difficulty and similar character (profile and style).
 - 2) competitors shall be allocated to the groups as follow:
 - a) any competitors having a relevant World Ranking shall be allocated to a Starting Group as follow:

Starting Group A	Starting Group B
1 st	2 nd
4 th	3 rd
5 th	6 th

- b) unranked competitors shall be allocated to Starting Groups at random,

such that a near equal number of competitors are allocated to each Starting Group.

- 7.7 The quotas for the Semi-Final and Final round shall be 26 and eight (8) respectively:
- A) if there are two Starting Groups in any Category, the quota for the following round shall be equally divided and applied to both groups;
 - B) the quota for each round shall be filled with the best ranked competitors from the previous completed round. If the quota is exceeded as a result of ties, all tied competitors will qualify for the next round.
- 7.8 The starting order:
- A) within each Starting Group in Qualification shall be determined as follow:
 - 1) for route A, by random selection; and
 - 2) for route B, in the same order of the route A with a stagger of 50%. e.g. where the Starting List includes 20 or 21 competitors, the competitor starting 11th on route A will start 1st on route B;
 - B) for each subsequent round, shall be the reverse of the ranking from the relevant preceding round, i.e. the best ranked starts last. Where competitors are tied, their starting order shall be:
 - 1) where the tied competitors each have a World Ranking, in descending order of their World Ranking, i.e. best ranked starts last;
 - 2) where the tied competitors are each unranked or have the same World Ranking, randomised; and
 - 3) where competitor(s) having a World Ranking and unranked competitor(s) are tied, the unranked competitor shall start first, and in each case will be published in an Official Start List.

Competition procedure

- 7.9 The Semi-Final and Final rounds of Lead competitions shall be conducted under Isolation Conditions. Competitors eligible to compete in the Semi-Final or Final rounds of a competition must report to the Isolation Zone by the time stated on the Official Start List for that round, competitors who have not reported to the Isolation Zone or who are not present in the Isolation Zone at such time will not be eligible to start the round.
- 7.10 There shall be a minimum time gap:
- A) of not less than 50 minutes between the completion of a competitor's attempt on their first qualification route and commencing their second qualification route; and
 - B) where consecutive rounds of the competition take place on the same day, of two (2) hours between the time when the last competitor finishes the first round and the closing of the Isolation Zone for the following round.

7.11 Each competitor shall start their attempt on any route in the order set out on the relevant Official Start List. If a competitor is unable to start at the relevant time, no rescheduling shall be permitted.

7.12 In any round where the number of starters is greater than 22:

- A) the holds on each route shall be cleaned at intervals evenly distributed during the round. The cleaning interval should not exceed 20 and shall not exceed 22.
- B) the cleaning schedule shall be marked on the Starting List.

7.13 The Final round:

- A) shall be preceded by a presentation of the competitors participating in the round;
- B) shall have a duration not exceeding 90 minutes for any one Category.

Observation procedure

7.14 Observation:

- A) each Qualification route shall be demonstrated by forerunners:
 - 1) on a video recording continuously played back in the Warm-Up Area, starting not later than 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the round; or
 - 2) where video recordings are not possible, making a live demonstration not less than 30 minutes before the attempt of the first competitor.
- B) Semi-Final and Final rounds shall be preceded by a six (6) minute collective observation period for competitors.
 - 1) During this period, competitors may:
 - a) touch (only) the first holds on the route without leaving the ground.
 - b) use binoculars to observe the route;
 - c) make hand-drawn sketches and notes,
 but shall not use any recording equipment.
 - 2) At the end of this period, competitors shall return to the Isolation Zone or to a Transit Zone as directed by the IFSC Officials.

Climbing procedure

7.15 The fixed climbing period for each route shall be six (6) minutes. Each competitor may make one (1) attempt on any route, other than where supplementary attempts are permitted following an Appeal or Technical Incident. In certain circumstances, a separate practice period may be defined where a competition is “after-work” during which competitors may make additional attempts on the route with or without the use of Artificial Aid.

7.16 Unless instructed otherwise, competitors shall make all final preparations for their attempt in the

Call Zone. Each competitor shall be allowed a final observation period of 40 seconds from the time at which the competitor leaves the Call Zone, following which they must start their attempt.

7.17 A competitor's attempt shall be deemed to have:

- A) Started, and measurement of the climbing time shall start, when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground. For the avoidance of doubt, the route judge has discretion to determine whether a competitor is starting or adjusting their position prior to starting. During their attempt, competitors:
 - 1) are not permitted to clean holds; and
 - 2) must clip the Protection Points in sequence, provided that:
 - a) the competitor may un-clip and re-clip the last clipped Protection Point at any time; and
 - b) the competitor must correct any "Z-Clip" and to do so may un-clip and re-clip any of the Protection Points involved, provided that after correction all Protection Points must be clipped.
- B) Finished when:
 - 1) they have clipped the final Protection Point on the route;
 - 2) they have fallen; or
 - 3) the attempt has been terminated by the IFSC Judge.

7.18 The IFSC Judge:

- A) shall order that a competitor's attempt be terminated if:
 - 1) they reasonably believe that further progress on the route would be dangerous; or
 - 2) the competitor has:
 - a) exceeded the fixed climbing period for the route;
 - b) returned to the ground after starting the route.
- B) may order that a competitor's attempt be terminated if:
 - 1) the competitor is no longer in a Legitimate Position; or
 - 2) a Technical Incident has occurred.

Judging and scoring

7.19 A Topo shall be prepared by the Chief Routesetter in consultation with the IFSC Judge before the start of each round of a competition; and in respect of the Semi-Final and Final routes only, should be made available to relevant Team Officials as soon as practical, but not prior to the observation

period for the relevant route and only once the Team Officials have left the Isolation Zone.

7.20 Each route shall be judged by at least one (1) National Judge assisted by a Time Keeper, who shall record for each competitor:

- A) their climbing time to the nearest (lower) second;
- B) their achieved score, which shall be either:
 - 1) where the competitor has remained in a Legitimate Position throughout their attempt:
 - a) “TOP”, where the competitor has clipped the final Protection Point on the route within the fixed climbing period; ~~and/or~~
 - b) the scoring value on the Topo for the last hold Controlled or Used by the competitor prior to their:
 - i) falling; or
 - ii) attempt being terminated; ~~or,~~
 - 2) where the competitor has not remained in a Legitimate Position throughout their attempt, the scoring value on the Topo for the last hold Controlled by the competitor whilst in a Legitimate Position,
and in each case:
 - 3) ~~considering only~~ holds used by either hand will be considered for scoring purposes, where the scoring value for Using a hold (designated by the postfix “+”) will be better than that for Controlling the same hold; ~~and-~~
 - 4) scoring of a competitor’s attempt will be paused at the last hold marked on the Topo from which the Chief Routesetter has deemed it possible to clip any unclipped Protection Point when the competitor Controls (or passes) this hold, unless or until the relevant Protection Point has been clipped.

7.21 Where a competitor Controls/Uses a hold not marked on the Topo, the IFSC Judge and Chief Routesetter shall determine what scoring value should be assigned to this new hold. For the avoidance of doubt, this value may be the same as an existing hold or some new value.

Ranking

7.22 Each competitor attempting a route will be ranked on that route in the following order:

- A) all competitors scored as TOP;
- B) all other competitors in descending order of the score awarded to that competitor,

7.23 Qualification Ranking:

- A) any competitor who fails or is ineligible to start both routes in their Starting Group will be unranked in the round and their result marked Did Not Start or with another appropriate IRM.

- B) each competitor starting at least one route in the Qualification round shall be awarded Ranking Points for each Qualification route equal to their *fractional ranking* on the relevant route.
- C) the ranking of competitors within their Starting Group will be calculated in ascending order of the Qualification Points awarded to each competitor (i.e. lower Qualification Points is better) according to the following formula

$$QP = \sqrt{(P1 * P2)}$$

where:

QP = Total Points, rounded to three (3) decimal places.

P1 = Ranking Points on first Qualification route.

P2 = Ranking Points on second Qualification route.

- D) points data presented on the Official Results shall be presented rounded to two (2) decimal places.

7.24 Semi-final & Final rankings.

- A) any competitor who fails or is ineligible to start the route will be unranked in the relevant round and their result marked Did Not Start or with another appropriate IRM
- B) ~~if following the completion of any~~ in relation to the Semi-Final round, ~~if~~ any competitors are tied following the ranking procedure of ~~in~~ Article 7.22, their relative ranking shall be determined by count-back to their Qualification Ranking (unless the Qualification round was held with two Starting Groups).
- C) ~~if following the completion of~~ in relation to the Final round, ~~if~~ any competitors are tied following the ranking in ~~procedure of~~ Article 7.22, their relative ranking shall be determined:
 - 1) by count-back to their rankings from the preceding round; and
 - 2) if following count-back, any competitors are tied in joint first, second or third place, these places shall be determined by the climbing time for each competitor (lower times are better).

7.25 General Ranking

The General Ranking shall be determined on the following basis:

- A) competitors having a Final ranking, in that order; and
- B) where applicable, competitors having a Semi-Final ranking, in that order; and
- C) competitors having only a Qualification ranking, in that order, provided that where the Qualification round takes place with two Starting Groups, their General Ranking shall be determined by merging the rankings from each group, treating competitors having equal rankings between the two groups as tied.

Technical Incidents and Appeals

- 7.26 Only Official Video Recordings, and at the discretion of the Jury President any official IFSC broadcast video recording, shall be used for the purposes of determining Technical Incidents and Appeals. The Official Video Recordings must as a minimum record:
- A) all holds marked on the Topo;
 - B) all Protection Points on the route (including the Top);
 - C) any demarcations marked on the Climbing Surface.
- 7.27 If a competitor, a Team Official, belayer, or route judge considers that a Technical Incident has occurred, they must notify the IFSC Judge immediately. The IFSC Judge, if necessary in consultation with an IFSC Routesetter, shall determine whether a Technical Incident has occurred. If the IFSC Judge determines that a Technical Incident has occurred:
- A) which has afforded the competitor an unfair advantage, the IFSC Judge may either:
 - 1) terminate the attempt; or
 - 2) allow the competitor to continue climbing with the result subject to review (and in this case no further attempt shall be permitted if the Technical Incident is subsequently confirmed);
 - B) which has afforded the competitor a disadvantage, and the competitor:
 - 1) is not in a Legitimate Position, the IFSC Judge shall terminate the attempt;
 - 2) is in a Legitimate Position, the IFSC Judge shall offer the competitor the opportunity to continue with their attempt or to have the attempt terminated. If the competitor elects to continue their attempt, the Technical Incident shall be deemed remedied and no subsequent claim may be made for a Technical Incident.
- 7.28 Where a competitor has fallen or attempt has been terminated as the direct result of an agreed Technical Incident,
- A) they shall be escorted to a separate Transit Zone with access to warm-up facilities to await the determination of the Technical Incident and for the duration of any subsequent recuperation period. The competitor shall not be permitted to communicate with any person other than IFSC Officials and the Event Organiser's staff during this period; and
 - B) the Jury President should:
 - 1) agree a recuperation period with the competitor, nominally calculated as one (1) minute for each handhold used prior to the Technical Incident, with a maximum of 20 minutes;
 - 2) schedule the repeat attempt following the agreed recuperation period. All competitors yet to climb shall be informed about this decision,

provided that if the affected competitor is ranked first at the end of the round, they shall not be allowed a new attempt on the route.

7.29 Where, following the occurrence of a Technical Incident, the relevant competitor:

- A) chooses to continue their attempt in the circumstances described in Article 7.27(B)(2), the result of this attempt shall stand;
- B) is afforded a further attempt on the route pursuant to Article 7.28(B), the competitor's result shall be the best result from their attempts on the route.

7.30 An Appeal:

- A) relating to the termination of a competitor's attempt:
 - 1) if made by the relevant competitor, may be made verbally and no Appeal Fee will be applicable;
 - 2) if made by a Team Official, must be made in writing,and must be made prior to the next competitor starting their attempt. The affected competitor shall be treated as though the subject of a Technical Incident until the Appeal is sentenced.
- B) relating to the scoring or ranking of any competitor, must be made in writing and:
 - 1) in respect of any appeal concerning the Qualification or Semi-Final rounds, within five (5) minutes of the publication of the Official Results; or
 - 2) in respect of the Final round, immediately following the display of the relevant competitor's Provisional Result (or where no Provision Result is displayed, the Official Result),

and where an Appeal is made concerning the scoring of any competitor in relation to a particular hold, the Appeals Jury should review the results of all competitors who have been scored as Controlling or Using that same hold.

8. BOULDER

General

8.1 Boulder competitions shall:

- A) take place on short routes (“boulders”) constructed on purpose-designed artificial climbing walls, climbed without ropes;
- B) be organised with:
 - 1) A Qualification round consisting of a single course of five (5) boulders for each Starting Group; and
 - 2) A Final and/or Semi-Final round(s) each consisting of a single course of four (4) boulders for each Category,

in exceptional circumstances the Jury President may cancel up to one (1) boulder in any round.

8.2 Design of boulders:

- A) each boulder shall be designed:
 - 1) to limit the risk that a fall may injure the competitor or any third party, or obstruct any other competitor;
 - 2) without any downward jumps.
- B) the maximum number of handholds on one boulder should be 12 and the average number of handholds per boulder in any round should be between four (4) and eight (8).
- C) each boulder shall be clearly marked to identify:
 - 1) “**Starting Holds**” for both hands and both feet which shall not include blank or unbounded parts of the Climbing Surface. The Starting Holds should not be marked with specific positions for the hands.
 - 2) a “**Zone Hold**”, which shall be positioned to aid the separation of competitors with markedly different performance.
 - 3) a “**Top**”, which shall be either:
 - a) a marked finishing hold (the “**Top Hold**”); or
 - b) a standing position on top of the boulder,
- D) the markings used on each boulder shall indicate:
 - 1) the Starting Holds/Top in the same colour;
 - 2) the Zone Hold using a different colour,

in each case using a different colour to any other demarcation on the Climbing Surface. An example of these markings shall be installed within the Isolation Zone, which should be the same for the entire duration of a competition.

- 8.3 A timing system shall be used in each round to display the time remaining within each Rotation Period. The timing system shall:
- A) be visible to all competitors on the Field of Play and in each Transit Zone;
 - B) show the time remaining within the Rotation Period, rounded up to whole seconds;
 - C) provide audio signals to announce:
 - 1) when one minute remains within each Rotation Period
 - 2) the beginning and the end of each Rotation Period.

Safety

- 8.4 Safety matting shall be used to protect each boulder:
- A) the Chief Route-Setter shall adjust the number and character of the boulders to the safety matting available. If mats are joined, gaps shall be covered in order to avoid competitors falling in between them.
 - B) the Jury President, the IFSC Judge and the Chief Route-Setter shall inspect each boulder and the safety matting prior to the start of each round to identify and address any safety risks.

Starting order and quotas

- 8.5 The qualification round may be organised with one (1) or two (2) Starting Groups for each Category:
- A) the number of Starting Groups in each Category shall be determined as follow:

Registered competitors	Number of Starting Groups
≤ 40	1
41 – 59	1 or 2
> 59	2

- B) where two (2) Starting Groups are used:
 - 1) each course should have similar overall difficulty and the boulders on each course should be constructed with similar character (profile and style).
 - 2) competitors shall be allocated to Starting Groups as follow:
 - a) any competitors having a World Ranking for Bouldering on the day of the Technical Meeting shall be allocated to a Starting Group in the manner shown in the following example:

Starting Group A	Starting Group B
1 st	2 nd
4 th	3 rd
5 th	6 th

- b) unranked competitors shall be allocated to Starting Groups at random, such that a near equal number of competitors are allocated to each Starting Group.

8.6 The quotas for the Semi-Final and Final round shall be 20 and six (6) respectively:

- A) if there are two Starting Groups in any Category, the quota for the following round shall be equally divided and applied to both groups.
- B) the quota for each round shall be filled with the best ranked competitors from the previous completed round. If the quota is exceeded as a result of ties, all tied competitors shall qualify.

8.7 The starting order:

- A) within each Starting Group in Qualification shall be determined as follow:
- 1) first, any competitors having a World Ranking, in ascending order of this ranking (i.e. the best ranked competitor starts first); and
 - 2) second, all unranked competitors in random order.
- B) for each subsequent round, will be the reverse of the ranking from the preceding round, i.e. the best ranked starts last. Where competitors are tied, their starting order will be:
- 1) where the tied competitors each have a World Ranking, in descending order of their World Ranking. i.e. best ranked starts last;
 - 2) where the tied competitors are each unranked or have the same World Ranking, randomised;
 - 3) where competitors(s) having a World Ranking and unranked competitor(s) are tied, the unranked competitor shall start first,

and in each case will be published in an Official Start List.

Competition procedure

8.8 All rounds of Boulder competitions shall be conducted under Isolation Conditions. Competitors eligible to compete in any round of a competition must report to the Isolation Zone by the time stated on the Official Start List for that round, competitors who have not reported to the Isolation Zone or who are not present in the Isolation Zone at such time will not be eligible to start the round.

8.9 Where consecutive rounds of a competition take place on the same day, there will be a minimum time gap of two (2) hours between the time when the last competitor finishes the first round and

the closing of the Isolation Zone for the following round.

8.10 In the Qualification and Semi-Final rounds, each competitor participating in the round:

- A) will start their attempts on each boulder in the order set out on the Official Start List. No rescheduling will be permitted if a competitor is unable to start at the relevant time.
- B) will attempt each boulder of the relevant course in the prescribed order;
- C) will have a resting period equal to the Rotation Period in between their attempts on each successive boulder.
- D) at the end of each Rotation Period, the competitors:
 - 1) that were climbing shall stop climbing and enter a designated Transit Zone. This Transit Zone shall be located so that competitors cannot observe any boulder not yet attempted.
 - 2) that were resting shall commence their attempts on the next boulder in succession. The Jury President should ensure that competitors are not released from the Transit Zone before the end of the Rotation Period.

8.11 The Final round:

- A) shall be preceded by a presentation of the competitors participating in the round;
- B) for each Category:
 - 1) each boulder will be attempted by all competitors in the order set out on the Official Start List;
 - 2) once a competitor has finished their attempts, they will return to a separate Transit and the next competitor will start;
 - 3) once all competitors have completed their attempts on a boulder, the competitors will move on to the next boulder as a group.

Observation procedure

8.12 Observation

- A) there will be no separate observation period for the Qualification and Semi-Final rounds.
- B) the Final round shall be preceded by a collective observation for period of two (2) minutes per boulder.
 - 1) during this period, competitors may touch (only) the marked Starting Holds and are prohibited from using any recording equipment.
 - 2) at the end of this period, competitors will return to the Isolation Zone or to a Transit Zone as directed by the IFSC Officials.

Climbing procedure

8.13 The Rotation Period for:

- A) the Qualification and Semi-Final rounds shall be five (5) minutes;
- B) the Final round shall be four (4) minutes,

and each competitor may make unlimited attempts on any boulder within the relevant Rotation Period. In certain circumstances, a separate practice period may be defined where a competition is “after-work”, during which competitors may practice or “work” on boulders. Other than during such practice periods, each boulder must be attempted in its entirety and competitors must not practice or “work” any part of a boulder during any Rotation Period.

8.14 Each boulder should be cleaned before any competitor begins their first attempt. Competitors may at any time:

- A) clean any part of the boulder that they can reach without making use of any hold;
- B) request that any part of the boulder be cleaned,

and only brushes and other materiel provided by the Event Organiser may be used for these purposes.

8.15 A competitor’s attempt will be deemed to have:

- A) Started when every part of the competitor’s body has left the ground.
- B) Finished when:
 - 1) Successful;
 - 2) they have fallen or touched the ground after starting; or
 - 3) the attempt has been terminated by the boulder judge or an IFSC Official as:
 - a) Unsuccessful; or
 - b) if a Technical Incident has occurred.

Judging and scoring

8.16 Each boulder shall be judged by at least one (1) National Judge who shall record:

- A) the number of attempts made by each competitor. An attempt will be counted each time the competitor:
 - 1) makes either a Correct or Incorrect start;
 - 2) prior to starting, touches or makes use of any Artificial Hold or Structure other than:
 - a) the Starting Holds, or
 - b) any Artificial Hold or Structure which is fixed or positioned so as to modify the

usable part(s) of any Starting Hold (a “**Blocker Hold**”);

3) adds any “tick marks”,

and in respect of (2) and (3), a disciplinary sanction may also be applied.

B) on which attempts the competitor Controls or Uses the Zone Hold;

C) on which attempt the competitor Successfully completes the boulder.

8.17 A competitor’s attempt will be:

A) judged “**Unsuccessful**” if:

1) the competitor has made an Incorrect start;

2) the competitor has touched the safety matting after leaving the ground;

3) the Rotation Period has expired;

4) the competitor has made use of any Artificial Aid,

and where a competitor makes an Unsuccessful attempt, the boulder judge shall order the relevant attempt terminated, and

B) otherwise judged “**Successful**” where the competitor is in a Controlled position:

1) with both hands matched on the Top Hold; or

2) standing on top of the boulder,

and in each case the boulder judge has raised a hand and announced “OK”.

8.18 A competitor’s start will be judged:

A) “**Correct**” where the competitor achieves a stable Controlled position with both hands and both feet on the Starting Holds without Controlling or Using any other Artificial Holds or Structures. For the avoidance of doubt, when starting a boulder, a competitor may:

1) touch, Control or Use any part of the Climbing Surface in order to attain the Starting Holds; and/or

2) touch any Blocker Hold(s).

B) “**Incorrect**” where the competitor

1) Fails to achieve a stable Controlled position with both hands and both feet on the Starting Holds; or

2) Controls or Uses any Artificial Holds or other Structures not marked as Starting Holds before achieving a stable Controlled position with both hands and both feet on the Starting Holds.

Ranking

8.19 On each course of boulders:

- A) any competitor who fails or is ineligible to start the course will be unranked in the relevant round and their result marked with the appropriate IRM.
- B) each competitor starting the course shall be ranked using the following criteria:
 - 1) in descending order, the number of Successfully completed boulders (“Tops”);
 - 2) in descending order, the number of boulders on which the competitor has either:
 - a) Controlled or Used (in either case, with one or other hand) the Zone Hold; or
 - b) successfully completed the boulder without having Controlled or Used the Zone Hold,
 this number being the “Zone Points” awarded;
 - 3) in ascending order, the total number of attempts to achieve these Tops;
 - 4) in ascending order, the total number of attempts to achieve these Zone Points;

8.20 Semi-Final & Final rankings

If ~~following the completion of any Semi-Final or Final round~~ any competitors are tied following the ranking procedure of Article 8.19, their relative ranking shall be determined:

- A) by count-back to their rankings from the previous round (unless the previous round was held with two Starting Groups);
- B) if, in respect of the Final round (or where the Final round was cancelled, the Semi-Final round), any competitors are tied in equal 1st, 2nd or 3rd place following count-back, the relative ranking of these competitors will be determined by comparing the best results for each such competitor:
 - 1) starting with the number of Tops attained on the 1st attempt, then the number of Tops attained on the 2nd attempt, and so on; and
 - 2) where the comparison in (a) cannot break any tie, by comparing the number of Zones attained on the 1st attempt, then the number of Zones attained on the 2nd attempt, and so on,

where competitors remain tied following (1) and (2), the results of such competitors shall be considered equal.

8.21 General ranking:

The General Ranking shall be determined on the following basis:

- A) competitors having a Final ranking, in that order; and

- B) where applicable, competitors having a Semi-Final ranking, in that order; and
- C) competitors having only a Qualification ranking, in that order, provided that where the Qualification round takes place with two Starting Groups, their General Ranking shall be determined by merging the rankings from each group, treating competitors having equal rankings between the two groups as tied.

Technical Incidents and Appeals

8.22 Only Official Video Recordings, and at the discretion of the Jury President any official IFSC broadcast video recording, shall be used for the purposes of determining Technical Incidents and Appeals. The Official Video Recordings must as a minimum record:

- A) the Starting Holds for each boulder;
- B) the Zone Hold for each boulder; and
- C) the Top for each boulder;
- D) any demarcations marked on the Climbing Surface.

8.23 If a competitor, Team Official or boulder judge considers that a Technical Incident has occurred, they must notify the IFSC Judge prior to commencing any further attempts. No Technical Incident shall be considered where notification is made following the start of the next rotation period.

8.24 The IFSC Judge, if necessary in consultation with an IFSC Route-Setter, shall determine whether a Technical Incident has occurred. For the avoidance of doubt, the following matters shall not be considered as Technical Incidents:

- A) the interruption of a competitor's attempts to stop bleeding;

8.25 An Appeal which if upheld:

- A) would entitle the affected competitor(s) to make further attempts on the relevant boulder(s):

- 1) if made by the relevant competitor, may be made verbally and no Appeal Fee will be applicable;
- 2) if made by a Team Official, must be made in writing,

and in each case must be made:

- a) in respect of the Qualification or Semi-Final rounds, before the finish of the next following rotation period; or
- b) in respect of the Final round, prior to the next competitor starting their attempts.

- B) would not entitle the affected competitor(s) to make further attempts on the relevant boulder(s), must be made in writing and:

- 1) in respect of any appeal concerning the Qualification or Semi-Final rounds, within five (5) minutes of the publication of the Official Results; or

- 2) in respect of the Final round, upon the display of the relevant competitor's Provisional Result (or where no Provision Result is displayed, the Official Result).

8.26 Where a confirmed Technical Incident or an Appeal covered by Article 8.25(A):

- A) can be resolved/determined ~~within~~ prior to the commencement of the next ~~the relevant~~ rotation period, the relevant competitor shall be offered the opportunity to continue their attempts:
 - 1) if the competitor chooses to continue, then the incident will be considered concluded.
 - 2) if the competitor chooses not to continue, then the competitor shall resume their attempts at a time determined by the Jury President, having due regard to:
 - a) any recuperation period appropriate for the affected competitor;
 - b) minimising the impact on other competitors;
 - c) the overall competition schedule.
- B) cannot be resolved/determined prior to the commencement of the next ~~within the relevant~~ rotation period:
 - 1) in the case of a Technical Incident only, the round shall be suspended for the affected competitor and for all competitors on preceding boulders until the matter is resolved/determined; and
 - 2) the affected competitors shall resume their attempts as directed by the Jury President once the matter is resolved/determined,

and in each case, the affected competitors will act as directed by the Jury President. For the avoidance of doubt, any competitor who leaves the Competition Area prior to the matter being resolved/determined will not be permitted to resume their attempts.

8.27 When a competitor who has suffered a Technical Incident or who has been the subject of an Appeal resumes climbing:

- A) they shall be allowed the time remaining when the relevant incident occurred, with a minimum of two (2) minutes; and
- B) their next attempt:
 - 1) in the case of a Technical Incident, shall be deemed a continuation of the prior attempt; and
 - 2) in the case of a determined Appeal, may be deemed as either:
 - a) a continuation of the prior attempt; or
 - b) as a new attempt,

in each case as the circumstances dictate.

9. SPEED

General

9.1 Format

Speed competitions shall:

- A) take place:
- 1) on artificial structures designed to the specification set out in the IFSC Speed Licence Rules;
 - 2) using an automatic timing system approved by the IFSC; and
 - 3) with the competitor secured from above using an IFSC-licenced automatic belay system,

In exceptional circumstances, the Jury President may instead require a top-rope to be used, controlled from the ground by two belayers situated to the side of the climbing lanes.

- B) be organised with:
- 1) a Qualification round consisting of a single stage, taking place on two lanes, left "A" and right "B", with competitors climbing in pairs; and
 - 2) where the number of competitors recording a valid qualifying time is four (4) or more, a Final round consisting of between two (2) and four (4) elimination stages.
- C) should have a practice period preceding the Qualification round. Where a practice period is organised, the time and arrangements for this practice period shall be announced at the Technical Meeting.

9.2 The IFSC recognises World Championship, Olympic and World records for the following Categories:

- A) Male (aged 16 or over in the year of the relevant Calendar Event)
- B) Female (aged 16 or over in the year of the relevant Calendar Event)

9.3 A record may be set only during scoring races (i.e. not during any practice period or any race which is abandoned or cancelled) and where:

- A) the climbing surface and holds:
- 1) have been homologated by an IFSC Technical Delegate as conforming to the IFSC Speed Licence Rules prior to the commencement of the competition; and
 - 2) the Event Organiser has provided a copy of the relevant IFSC Homologation Report to the Jury President;
- B) the timing system in use has been certified by the IFSC to meet the requirements for a World Record;
- C) the competition forms part of a Calendar Event;

- D) a Jury President has been appointed by the IFSC; and
- E) the Event Organiser has provided for (and where relevant conducted) anti-doping tests in compliance with the national regulations governing international sport in their country, the World Anti-Doping Code, and the IFSC Anti-Doping Policy and Procedure and Disciplinary Rules on any competitor recording a time lower than or equal to the current World Record, provided that any record set in-competition will be struck down where the relevant competitor is Disqualified or Disqualified for Behaviour at the relevant competition.

9.3A Subject to article 9.3, when a record-setting time is first recorded:

- A) the time will be designated as an event and/or world record (as appropriate) and the Jury President will record the competition, the round in which the race took place, the name, Category and nationality of the competitor and the date/time of the race;
- B) if multiple competitors in the same race each record a record-setting time:
- 1) where the relevant competitors record different times when measured to the nearest 1/1000s, the World Record will be held by the race-winning competitor; or
 - 2) where the relevant competitors record the same time when measured to the nearest 1/1000s, the World Record will be held jointly by each of the competitors,

provided that where either:

- i) the relevant competitor is Disqualified or Disqualified for Behaviour at, or in relation to any breach of the WADA Code only, following the relevant competition; or
- ii) the timing system in use is ruled faulty during the course of the competition, then

the relevant result will be struck down, the Jury President recording the same.

Safety

9.4 Each competitor shall wear a harness. The Jury President shall not permit a competitor to start if they reasonably believe that a competitor's harness is unsafe.

Starting orders and quotas

9.5 The quota for the Final round shall be determined as follow:

Competitors with a valid qualifying time	Final quota
4 – 7	4
8 – 15	8
> 15	16

9.6 The starting order:

- A) for the Qualification round shall be determined as follow:
- 1) for Lane A, by random selection; and

- 2) for Lane B, in the same order as Lane A with a stagger of 50%. e.g. where the Starting List includes 20 or 21 competitors, the competitor starting 11th on Lane A will start 1st on Lane B.
- B) for each stage of the final round shall be as set out Annex 2, which also sets out the lane allocation for each race. If two or more competitors are tied following the Qualification round, their starting order in the first stage of the Final round shall be determined by random selection.

Competition procedure

9.6A Each route will be cleaned between following the completion of the Practice Period, and following the completion of the Qualification round for each Category.

9.7 Where a Practice period is held, competitors should be entitled to one practice run on each route. Competitors will not be stopped in the event of a False Start. The Practice period:

- A) should include a demonstration of the false start signal and of the timing equipment; and
- B) should take the form of a pre-run of the Qualification round, each competitor eligible to participate in the Qualification round making their attempts in the starting order published for the Qualification round. The Jury President may vary the timing and format of any Practice period to reflect circumstances specific to a competition.

9.8 In the Qualification round:

- A) each competitor may make one attempt on each lane, other than:
 - 1) where a re-run is required following a False Start or a Technical Incident, in which case an additional attempt shall be permitted; or
 - 2) where they fail to report to the Call Zone when called, in which case the relevant race shall proceed without them.
- B) each competitor shall remain in the Competition Area as directed by the Jury President until they have completed their attempts on both lanes.
- C) a competitor making a False Start their first scheduled race will not be eligible to start their second scheduled race. In all cases where a False Start occurs, the competitor who has not made their any race of the Qualification round shall be eliminated from the Qualification round (and shall lose any valid time previously recorded). The competitor who has not made a False Start may re-run without a partner, this re-run taking place before the next scheduled race.

9.9 The Final round:

- A) shall take place as a series of stages each consisting of a number of "elimination" races, the winner of a race in any stage proceeding forward to the next stage. The number of stages and races in each stage will be determined by the quota for the Final round.
- B) in any race in the Final round, winner shall be determined as follow:

- 1) where both competitors record a valid time, the competitor who records the lowest valid time;
 - 2) where one competitor is determined to have made a False Start, the other competitor;
 - 3) where both competitors record the same time or neither competitor records a valid time (other than where a False Start has occurred):
 - a) the competitor with the better qualification ranking; or
 - b) if both competitors have the same qualification ranking, the relevant race shall be re-run;
 - 4) where any competitor fails to report to the Call Zone when called, the other competitor;
- C) a presentation of all Semi-Finalists shall be made before the first race of the Semi-Final stage.
- D) the ~~competitors eliminated in the~~losers of the Semi-Final ~~stage races shall will~~ compete for 3rd and 4th place in a "**Small Final**".
- E) the winners of the Semi-Final races ~~shall will~~ compete for 1st and 2nd place in a "**Big Final**", which will follow the completion of the Small Final (or where multiple Categories are competing in parallel, following the completion of all Small Final races). If a False Start occurs in any Big Final, the winning competitor may elect to race alone for the purpose setting a World or, where applicable, any championship record.
- F) each competitor shall remain in the Competition Area as directed by the Jury President until eliminated.

Climbing procedure

9.10 All races shall be started with a clearly audible signal initiated by an assigned Starter, who shall not be an IFSC Official. The Starter shall select a position where he is not visible to the competitors. The source of the starting signal should be positioned as near possible equidistant from all competitors.

9.11 Each race shall use a common starting protocol:

- A) on being called to the start of a route, each competitor:
 - 1) should, within 10 seconds of being called, position the starting pad as appropriate for their preferred starting position. During this period competitors may touch (only) the first holds on the route without leaving the ground;
 - 2) will present themselves to the belayer, who shall confirm that
 - a) the competitor's harness is properly fastened; and
 - b) the competitor's harness is safely connected to the automatic belay system or top-rope.
 - 3) will take up an assembly position as designated by the Starter, not more than two (2) meters in front of and facing away from the wall.

- B) at the command 'At your marks', each competitor will without delay take a position with both hands and one foot on their preferred starting holds, and one foot on the starting pad.
- C) once all competitors are motionless in their starting positions, the Starter shall announce 'Ready' and following this will initiate the timing system.
- D) if for any reason following the command 'At your marks' but prior to the Starter announcing 'Ready':
 - 1) the Starter is not satisfied that the race can proceed; or
 - 2) a competitor raises a hand to indicate that they are not ready to start,
 the Starter shall order all competitors to return to the assembly position.
- E) if a competitor fails to comply with (A) or (B), or by any action disturbs other competitors, the Starter shall order all competitors to return to the assembly position. The Jury President may issue a Yellow Card to the offending competitor.

9.12 False Starts

- A) where in any race, following the Starter declaring 'Ready!':
 - 1) one competitor has a Reaction Time less than 0.100s, that competitor shall be recorded as having made a False Start;
 - 2) both competitors have a Reaction Time less than 0.100s:
 - a) the competitor with the lowest (fastest) reaction time shall be recorded as having made a False Start; and
 - b) if both competitors have the same Reaction Time, the relevant race shall be re-run and no False Start shall be recorded.
- B) in addition to any recall signal made by the timing system following a False Start, the Starter shall also declare 'Stop!' as soon as possible.
- C) No Appeal may be made in relation to the validity of a Reaction Time recorded by an automatic timing system approved by the IFSC.

9.13 A result will be recorded as:

- A) a "Valid Time" where the relevant competitor:
 - 1) has struck the top timing pad/switch; and
 - 2) stopped the timer,
 except where a False Start has been made by any competitor in the relevant race;
- B) a "Fall" or "No Result" where the relevant competitor:
 - 1) fails to stop the timer;

- 2) arrests any fall/slip other than using the highest hold Controlled/Used prior to the fall/slip;
- 3) uses the side edges or the top edges of the wall for climbing;~~or~~
- 4) touches the ground with any part of the body after having started; or
- 5) fails to start the relevant race.

9.14 Other than following a False Start, competitors shall be afforded a minimum resting time of five (5) minutes between attempts on the route(s).

Judging and scoring

9.15 The climbing time for each competitor shall be defined as the period between the Starting Signal and the completion of the competitor's attempt. The timing system shall:

- A) record and display the climbing time for each competitor separately.
- B) be capable of measuring times to an accuracy of at least 1/1000s.
 - 1) times shall be recorded to the nearest 1/1000s for the purposes of ranking;
 - 2) displayed on the Official Results rounded down to the nearest 1/100s other than where necessary to show a tie-break.

9.16 Not used

Ranking

9.17 Qualification ranking:

- A) any competitor who fails or is ineligible to start both races in the round will be unranked in the round and their result marked Did Not Start or with another appropriate IRM.
- B) each competitor starting at least one Qualification race will be ranked in the following order:
 - 1) competitors not having made a False Start in either race, in order of their best (or only) result, considering results in the following order of precedence:
 - a1) any Valid Time (lower times being better), measured to 1/1000s.
 - b2) Fall or No Result;
 - 23) any competitors having made a False Start in either race;
 - 4) any IRM awarded as a race result.
- C) where two or more competitors have the same best result (other than a False Start), any second result will be compared to break the tie, using the same order of precedence as in (B), provided that:
 - 1) where a competitor has only a single result, their second result will be considered as "No Result" for the purposes of this comparison; and

- 2) where this comparison is unable to break the tie, the relevant competitors will be ranked equal
- D) if, following the above ranking procedure, the quota for the Final round is exceeded as a result of ties, the tied competitors shall re-run on Lane A until all relevant ties are broken. The times recorded in these attempts will be used only to determine which competitors qualify for the Final round and for no other purpose.

9.18 Final ranking:

- A) any competitor who fails or is ineligible to start their first scheduled race will be unranked in the round and their result marked Did Not Start or with another appropriate IRM.
- B) Competitors will be ranked in the Final round in order of the last stage in which they competed and ~~then~~ within each stage:
 - 1) the race winners in that stage, ranked relative to each other in order of their Qualification ranking~~first, the race winner(s) in each such stage~~; and
 - 2) the race losers in that stage, ranked relative to each other in order of their Qualification ranking~~second the competitors eliminated in each stage, ranked in order of their times in that stage (climbers having no valid time being ranked last in that stage and where eliminated climbers are tied, ranked relative to each other using their times from the preceding stage (and if necessary in successively preceding stages and/or the Qualification round))~~.

9.19 General Ranking:

The General Ranking shall be determined on the following basis:

- A) competitors having a Final ranking, in that order; and
- B) competitors not having a Final ranking, in order of their Qualification ranking,

where any stage in the Final round is cancelled, the competition will be considered concluded and the General Ranking will be calculated after the last completed stage, the race winners in the last completed stage being ranked relative to each other based on their respective times.

Technical Incidents and Appeals

9.20 Only Official Video Recordings, and at the discretion of the Jury President any official IFSC broadcast video recording, shall be used for the purposes of determining Technical Incidents and Appeals. The Official Video Recordings must as a minimum record:

- A) the starting position for both lanes;
- B) the top timing pad/switch for both lanes; and
- C) the attempt of each pair of competitors in each race.

9.21 If a competitor or Team Official considers that a Technical Incident has occurred, they must notify

the Jury President before the start of the next race.

9.22 A claim for a Technical Incident in relation to the performance of the timing system may be made only in relation to some evident or systematic error.

9.23 The Jury President shall determine whether a Technical Incident has occurred:

A) in order to make this determination, the Jury President shall as necessary:

- 1) review the official video recordings;
- 2) require the system to be tested;
- 3) require a Routesetter to climb the relevant route and strike the top timing pad/switch.

B) where the Technical Incident :

- 1) can be remedied and is considered to have affected a single race, the competitors directly affected by the failure shall re-run their attempts; or
- 2) cannot be remedied or is considered to have affected all competitors in the relevant stage, the Jury President shall either:
 - a) cancel the affected and all subsequent stages; or
 - b) abandon and restart the stage

9.24 An Appeal concerning:

A) the judgment of:

- 1) a competitor's attempt in any race; or
- 2) the result of any race in the Final round,

must be made prior to the start of the next race. The next race shall not commence until the Appeal has been decided. Such appeals may be made verbally and no Appeal Fee will be applicable.

B) the published result or ranking of a competitor, must be made in writing and:

- 1) in respect of any appeal concerning the Qualification round, within five (5) minutes of the publication of the Official Results; or
- 2) in respect of the Final round, upon publication of the relevant result/ranking.

10. TEAM SPEED

The IFSC may authorise use of the IFSC Rules 2018 (v1.5) for Team Speed Competitions.

11. COMBINED

General

11.1 This article shall be read in conjunction with [Articles 3 \(General Rules\), 7 \(Lead\), 8 \(Boulder\) and 9 \(Speed\)](#) of these Rules.

11.2 Combined competitions should include:

- A) a Qualification round with a fixed quota of 20 competitors in each Category; and
- B) a Final round with a fixed quota of eight (8) competitors in each Category,

where each of the Qualification and Final rounds will include Speed, Boulder and Lead stages in that order, with each stage conforming to the relevant provisions of Articles 7 (*Lead*), 8 (*Boulder*) and 9 (*Speed*) of these rules, with the amendments and additions noted in this Article 11 (*Combined*).

11.3 The Qualification and Final rounds should be held on separate days.

11.4 The Qualification round will be organised such that:

- A) the period between the scheduled end of the Speed stage and the commencement of the stage following shall not be less than 30 minutes; and
- B) the period between the scheduled end of the Boulder stage and the commencement of the stage following shall not be less than 120 minutes.

11.5 The Final round will be organised such that:

- A) the period between the scheduled end of the Speed stage and the commencement of the stage following shall not be less than 15 minutes; and
- B) the period between the scheduled end of the Boulder stage and the commencement of the stage following shall not be less than 15 minutes.

Competition procedure (excluding starting order and rankings)

11.6 With the exception of procedures relating to the starting order and ranking of competitors, the procedures for the organisation and conduct of the Qualification round shall:

- A) in respect of the Speed stage, conform to the provisions of Article 9 (*Speed*) of these rules, as these relate to the organisation and conduct of the qualification round for Speed competitions.
- B) in respect of the Boulder stage, conform to the provisions of Article 8 (*Boulder*) of these rules, as these relate to the organisation and conduct of the semi-final round for Boulder competitions.
- C) in respect of the Lead stage, conform to the provisions of Article 7 (*Lead*) of these rules, as these relate to the organisation and conduct of the semi-final round for Lead competitions.

[in each case interpreting references to “round” within such articles as meaning “stage” for the](#)

[purposes of this article 11.6.](#)

11.7 With the exception of procedures relating to the starting order and ranking of competitors, the procedures for the organisation and conduct of the Final round shall:

A) in respect of the Speed stage, conform to the provisions of Article 9 (*Speed*) of these rules, as these relate to the final round for Speed competitions [with the following amendments](#):

1) [article 9.9\(A\) is replaced by the following: “shall take place using the race pairings set out in Annex 3 with race winners and losers progressing through ¼ final, ½ final and final races as indicated in that annex”;](#)

2) [article 9.9\(B\)\(3\) is replaced by the following: “where in any race both competitors either record the same Valid Time or No Result, the relevant race shall be re-run. If following this re-run the competitors remain tied, this tie will be broken by comparing the competitors’ Combined Ranking following the Qualification round”;](#)

3) [articles 9.9\(C\), 9.9\(D\) and 9.9\(E\) are inapplicable.](#)

B) in respect of the Boulder stage, conform to the provisions of Article 8 (*Boulder*) of these rules, as these relate to the final round for Boulder competitions, [with the following amendments](#)~~except that~~:

1) [article 8.1\(B\) is replaced by the following: “be organised with a single course of three \(3\) boulders. For the avoidance of doubt the Jury President will not be entitled to cancel any boulder in the round”.](#)

2) [article 8.11\(A\) is inapplicable;](#)

C) In respect of the Lead stage, conform to the provisions of Article 7 (*Lead*) of these rules, as these relate to the final round for Lead competitions [with the following amendments](#):-

1) [article 7.13\(A\) is inapplicable,](#)

[in each case interpreting references to “round” within such articles as meaning “stage” for the purposes of this article 11.7.](#)

Starting order and Starting Lists

11.8 The starting order for the Boulder and Lead stages in the Qualification round and for Lane A of the Speed stage in the Qualification round will be the reverse of the Seeding List for the relevant competition, i.e. the highest (best) Seeded competitor will start last, the Seeding being:

A) where competitors have qualified for the relevant competition through a single Calendar Event in which all qualifying competitors have participated, in ascending order of the Combined Rankings calculated for the relevant competitors; and

B) where competitors have qualified for the relevant competition through a qualification system comprising multiple Calendar Events, as published by the IFSC for the relevant competition.

The starting order for Lane B will be the same order as Lane A with a stagger of 50%. e.g. where the Starting List includes 20 or 21 competitors, the competitor starting 11th on Lane A will start 1st

on Lane B.

11.9 The starting order for each stage of the Final round shall be determined as follow:

- A) in respect of the Speed stage, in the order set out at Annex 3. e.g. Race 1 shall be between the competitors ranked 1st and 8th within the Speed stage of the Qualification round.
- B) in respect of the Boulder stage, the starting order shall be the reverse of the ranking order from the equivalent stage of the Qualification round, i.e. the highest (best) ranked competitor from that stage will start last.
- C) in respect of the Lead stage, the starting order shall be the reverse of the ranking from the equivalent stage of the Qualification round, i.e. the highest (best) ranked competitor from that stage will start last.

Stage ranking

11.10 The ranking within each stage shall be calculated as follow:

- A) in respect of each Speed stage, according to the provisions of Article 8 (*Speed*) of these rules with the following amendments and additions in respect of the Final round:

~~1) the race pairing set out in Annex 3 will be used;~~

~~2) where, in any race both competitors either record the same Valid Time or No Result, the relevant race shall be re-run. If following this re-run the competitors remain tied, this tie will be broken by comparing the competitors' Combined Ranking following the Qualification round;~~

~~31) article 9.18(B) is replaced by the following: "Each competitor starting the round shall be ranked using the following criteria:~~

~~a) the results of races 1 – 4;~~

~~b) the results of races 5 – 8;~~

~~b) the results of races 9 – 12,~~

~~in each case ranking a race win ahead of a race loss, ahead of any IRM";~~

~~42) any competitor who fails or is ineligible to start:~~

~~a) any race in the stage, they will not be eligible to start any subsequent races; and/or~~

~~b) the stage, they will be unranked in the stage and their result marked with the appropriate IRM,~~

~~for the purposes of this Article 11.10(A), references to 'qualification ranking' within Article 9 (*Speed*) shall be taken to refer to the ranking following the Speed stage of the Qualification round.~~

- B) in respect of each Boulder stage, according to the provisions of Article 8 (*Boulder*) of these

rules with the following amendments and additions:

- 1) ~~Article article 8.20 is replaced by the following is-disapplied; and~~ “in the event that two or more competitors are tied following the ranking procedure of Article 8.19, the relative ranking of the tied competitors ~~will~~shall be determined:
 - a) by comparing the best results for each such competitor, starting with the number of Tops attained on the 1st attempt, then the number of Tops attained on the 2nd attempt, and so on;
 - b) where the comparison in (a) cannot break any tie, by comparing the number of Zones attained on the 1st attempt, then the number of Zones attained on the 2nd attempt, and so on; and
 - c) in respect of the Final round only, where following (a) and (b) any competitors remain tied, their relative ranking will be determined by comparison of their ranking within the Boulder stage of the Qualification round”.
 - 2) any competitor who fails or is ineligible to start the course will be unranked in the relevant stage and their result marked with the appropriate IRM.
- C) in respect of each Lead stage, according to the provisions of Article 7 (*Lead*) of these rules with the following amendments and additions:
- 1) article 7.24(B) is inapplicable;
 - 2) article 7.24(C) is replaced by the following: “if any competitors are tied following the ranking procedure of Article 7.22~~in the event that any two or more competitors are tied on height, their~~ relative ranking ~~of the tied competitors~~shall be determined:
 - a) —by comparing their climbing times to the nearest second (lower time is better);
 - b2) in respect of the Final round, where following (~~a1~~) any competitors remain tied, their relative ranking shall be determined by comparison of their ranking within the Lead stage of the Qualification round”; and
 - 3) any competitor who fails or is ineligible to start the stage will be unranked in the stage and their result marked with the appropriate IRM.

in each case interpreting references to “round” within such articles as meaning “stage” for the purposes of this article 11.10.

Combined ranking

11.11 Subject to Article 11.13, a Combined Ranking will be calculated following the conclusion of each round for those competitors having started in all three stages of the round. The Combined Ranking will be determined on the following basis:

- A) each competitor will be awarded “Ranking Points” for each stage equal to their fractional ranking for that stage. Ranking Points will be:

- 1) calculated rounded to 3 decimal places;
- 2) displayed to 2 decimal places, and

for the avoidance of doubt, Ranking Points calculated for any stage will not be recalculated where any competitor is awarded an IRM following completion of the relevant stage.

- B) a Ranking Point Total will be calculated for each relevant competitor by multiplying together the Ranking Points awarded.
- C) each relevant competitor will be ranked in ascending order of the Ranking Point Total (i.e. lower values are better), provided that where any competitors have the same Ranking Point Total, the relative ranking of the tied competitors shall be determined for any round:
 - 1) by comparing the head-to-head performance of such competitors within the round; and
 - 2) where following (1) any competitors remain tied, by comparing:
 - a) where applicable, the Combined Ranking following the Qualification round; and/or
 - b) if necessary, the Seeding of the relevant competitors.

11.12 An interim ranking may be calculated in each round:

- A) during or following the Speed stage; and/or
- B) during or following the Speed and Boulder stages,

in which cases only the results of these stages will be used for the Combined Ranking calculation.

11.13 Where any competitor

- A) fails [or is ineligible](#) to start the Speed stage of any round of the competition in accordance with the relevant provisions of [Articles 9.17\(A\) or 9.18\(A\) \(~~Speed~~\)](#), the relevant competitor will be marked as DNS and unranked in that round; or
- B) is Disqualified or Disqualified for Behaviour during or following any round of the competition, then the relevant competitor will be unranked in all rounds and the ranking (but not any Ranking Points calculation) for all other competitors adjusted accordingly.

General Ranking

11.14 The General Ranking shall be determined on the following basis:

- A) competitors having a Combined Ranking from the Final round, in that order; and
- B) competitors having only a Combined Ranking from the Qualification round, in that order.

Technical Incidents and Appeals

[11.15 Technical Incidents and Appeals in relation to each stage of each round will be managed as set out in Articles 7 \(Lead\), 8 \(Boulder\) and 9 \(Speed\). e.g. the relevant provisions for the Boulder stage of the Qualification round are articles 8.22 through 8.27 as relevant to the Qualification round. For](#)

the avoidance of doubt:

- A) Once the results for any stage have been made Official and, if relevant, any Appeals determined, the results for that stage will not be capable of subsequent appeal;
 - B) Upon the completion of each round, the Combined Ranking and Ranking Points calculation for that round will be published as the Official Results for the round. Any appeal on the Combined Ranking and Ranking Points calculation must be made in writing and:
 - 1) in respect of the Qualification round, within five (5) minutes of the publication of the Official Results; or
 - 2) in respect of the Final round, upon publication of the Official Results.
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PART 3 – EVENT RULES

12. WORLD CUP SERIES

General provisions

- 12.1 In accordance with its statutes, the IFSC may approve a World Cup series each year for each of the Boulder, Lead and Speed Disciplines, with a maximum of eight (8) events for each Discipline.
- 12.2 Each World Cup event:
- A) shall include both Male and Female Categories and shall include competitions in one or more Disciplines.
 - B) should:
 - 1) take place during weekend periods;
 - 2) be organised with a maximum duration of:
 - a) where competitions in one (1) Discipline are held, two (2) days;
 - b) where competitions in two (2) Disciplines are held, three (3) days;
 - c) where competitions in three (3) Disciplines are held, four (4) days,
- 12.3 The IFSC shall issue an Information Sheet for each World Cup event, not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the competition, setting out:
- A) the location and dates for the event;
 - B) the registration deadline for the event;
 - C) the schedule for the competition.

Registration of Teams

- 12.4 Eligibility to participate in any World Cup event is limited to:
- A) competitors who are or will be at least 16 years of age in the year of the event and who hold a valid International Licence; and
 - B) Team Officials holding a valid International Licence.
- 12.5 Member federations may register eligible Team Members in the numbers and capacity following:
- A) Team Officials
 - 1) One (1) Team Manager;
 - 2) Two (2) coaches per Discipline;
 - 3) Two (2) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.
 - B) competitors:

- 1) any competitors ranked 10th or above on the relevant World Ranking at the start of the Calendar Year;
- 2) a further five (5) competitors (for the host nation, 10 competitors) for each Category of the competition,

in each case not later than 15 days before the first day of competition (the “**Registration Date**”). Following this date and until 5 days before the first day of competition, Member Federations may, in exceptional circumstances, withdraw team members and substitute new Team Members to replace those withdrawn, but may not add to the number of team members registered.

12.6 A list of competitors registered within each Category will be published on the IFSC website not later than the day following the Registration Date.

Competition procedure

12.7 The format of each competition forming part of a World Cup event shall be as set out in the relevant Article of Part 2 to these Rules. In exceptional circumstances:

- A) the Jury President may:
 - 1) suspend and resume, or abandon and restart any round of a competition (and in the case of Speed competitions any stage of the Final round); or
 - 2) cancel either the Semi-Final or Final round of a competition (and in the case of Speed competitions any stage of the Final round).
- B) the Technical Delegate may cancel the competition, and

in each case, such decision shall not be capable of Appeal.

12.8 The participation of all Team Members must be confirmed:

- A) by the attendance of at least one Team Official (or one competitor if no Team Officials are registered) at the competition venue; or
- B) in exceptional circumstances only (e.g. strikes, traffic delay, etc.), by SMS or email to the Technical Delegate,

in each case:

- 1) not later than the date(s) and time(s) specified on the information sheet published by the IFSC; or
- 2) if no such time is specified, not later than 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the Technical Meeting for the competition, and

any competitors not confirmed as participating will be deleted from the relevant Starting List.

12.9 A Technical Meeting shall be held prior to commencement of each relevant competition to confirm the event schedule (and any changes from the information on the IFSC website), identify any specific information related to the application of these Rules in the competition, and communicate

any logistics information not available on the IFSC website.

Starting Lists

12.10 The starting order for each competition shall be determined as set out in the relevant section of Part 2 to these Rules and Starting Lists prepared:

- A) for the Qualification round, at the Technical Meeting preceding the relevant competition and following the confirmation of participation.
- B) for each other round, following publication of the Official Results of the preceding round and following the conclusion of any appeals procedure,

and in each case published on the IFSC website, the official competition notice board; and copies made available to Team Officials, the competition speaker and media.

12.11 Not used

12.12 If a competitor fails to report to the Isolation Zone by the published closing time; or to the Call Zone when called, the competitor will be marked on the Official Starting List for the relevant competition round as "DNS".

Event results and rankings

12.13 All Official Results shall be prepared in a format as stipulated by the IFSC, published on the official notice board, and copies made available to each team, the competition speaker and media.

12.14 For each Category:

- A) for each round:
 - 1) Provisional Results should be displayed during the course of each round; and
 - 2) Official Results approved in writing by the IFSC Judge will be published as soon as possible following completion of the round.
- B) following the completion of all rounds of the relevant competition, a General Result will be published showing the final ranking and results within each round for all competitors, signed by the IFSC Judge and the Jury President.

12.15 At the conclusion of each competition within a World Cup event:

- A) the first 40 competitors in each Category shall be awarded points as set out at Annex 1 for the purpose of calculating a World Cup Ranking. Tied competitors will be awarded the average of the points allocated for the tied rank positions, rounded down to two (2) decimal places.
- B) a National Team Ranking will be calculated for each relevant Discipline by adding the Ranking Points of the three (3) best ranked individual team members in each relevant Category, ranking teams in descending order of the total number of Ranking Points accumulated.

Cup results and rankings

12.16 A World Cup Ranking shall be calculated in each Category:

- A) for each competitor awarded Ranking Points across the World Cup series, ranking competitors in descending order of the total number of Ranking Points accumulated, and
- B) for each Member Federation with competitors participating in the World Cup series, adding the Ranking Points calculated for the relevant National Team Ranking in each competition.

12.17 The maximum number of results counting toward the World Cup Ranking in each Discipline will be:

- A) when five (5) or less World Cup events are organised, all results;
- B) when six (6) or more World Cup events are organised, the number of World Cup events less one (1). If a competitor has competed in more World Cup events than the maximum number of counting results, the competitor's 'worst' result shall be discarded, and

if, following the final event of the relevant World Cup series, two or more competitors are tied in first place having the same number of Ranking Points; the tie will be broken by:

- 1) comparing the head-head performance of the tied competitors, and (if such comparison cannot break the tie:
- 2) determining which competitor has the greatest number of best results, starting with the number of 1st places, then the number of 2nd places and so on.

12.18 Each competitor participating in a minimum of two (2) World Cup events in each of the Boulder, Lead and Speed Disciplines will be eligible to receive a Combined World Cup Ranking (each an "**Eligible Competitor**"):

- A) where any Eligible Competitor participates to more than two (2) events in any Discipline their best two (2) results in that Discipline will be used to calculate their Combined World Cup Ranking;
- B) the Combined World Cup Ranking for each Eligible Competitor shall be calculated as follows:
 - 1) each Eligible Competitor will be awarded "Ranking Points" for each counting competition equal to the *fractional ranking* calculated from their relative ranking within that competition (i.e. the General Ranking of the relevant competition with all non-Eligible Competitors removed).
 - 2) a Ranking Point total shall be calculated for each Eligible Competitor by multiplying together the Ranking Points for each counting competition;
 - 3) Eligible Competitors will be ranked in ascending order of their Ranking Point Total (i.e. lower values are better).

Medals and prizes

12.19 At the conclusion of each World Cup competition, medal ceremonies will be held for each relevant

Category:

- A) all medal ceremonies will:
 - 1) take place on the same day as the relevant final round; and
 - 2) comply with the IOC protocol for such ceremonies,at which:
- B) Gold/Silver/Bronze medals shall be awarded to the competitors respectively ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd. For the avoidance of doubt, multiple medals will be awarded where competitors are tied.
- C) a competition trophy shall be awarded to the winner within each Category.
- D) prize money shall be awarded to each competitor ranked 6th or above in each Category in accordance with the amounts established by the IFSC Board (or any greater amount agreed by the IFSC and the Event Organiser). For the avoidance of doubt, tied competitors shall each receive the average of the prize money for the tied places.

in exceptional circumstances, the Technical Delegate may authorise the participation of a representative in lieu of the relevant competitor.

12.20 On completion of the last event in each World Cup series:

- A) a trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner of that World Cup series in each Category (i.e. the competitor ranked 1st within the World Cup Ranking).
- B) Plates shall be awarded to the competitors ranked 2nd and 3rd within the World Cup Ranking.
- C) a trophy shall be awarded to the team having the best National Team Ranking for that World Cup series.
- D) a presentation shall be made to the competitors ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Combined Ranking.

Ceremonies

12.21 Unless specifically authorised by the Jury President, at least one team member from each team must attend the opening ceremony. Failure to observe this rule shall make the relevant National Federation liable to a financial sanction. The IFSC Executive Board will set the minimum amount of the relevant financial sanction for each season.

12.22 The Event Organiser shall organize an award ceremony:

- A) to follow the conclusion of the final rounds of each competition; and
- B) will comply with the IOC protocol for such ceremonies. National anthem playing and flag

raising ceremonies are mandatory at World Cup award ceremonies.

12.23 Not used.

Anti-doping

12.24 The Event Organiser shall arrange for anti-doping tests:

- A) to be carried out in compliance with the national regulations governing international sport in their country, the World Anti-Doping Code, and the IFSC Anti-Doping Policy and Procedure and Disciplinary Rules.
- B) to be administered as a minimum to the winners in each Category of each World Cup event.

13. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

General provisions

13.1 Frequency and duration

- A) the IFSC shall arrange for the organisation of the World Championship~~(s)~~ every second, odd-numbered year in accordance with the IFSC Statutes.
- B) each World Championship shall include Categories:
 - 1) for each Discipline authorised by the IFSC; and
 - 2) for both Male and Female competitors;
- C) each World Championship should be organised with a maximum duration of:
 - 1) where competitions in one (1) Discipline are held, three (3) days;
 - 2) where competitions in two (2) Disciplines are held, five (5) days;
 - 3) where competitions in three (3) or more Disciplines are held, nine (9) days.

13.2 The IFSC shall issue an Information Sheet for each World Championship~~(s)~~, not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the event, setting out:

- A) the location and dates for the event;
- B) the registration deadline for the event;
- C) the schedule for the event;
- D) attendance requirements for any Opening and/or Closing Ceremony

Registration of Teams

13.3 Only Team Members holding a valid International Licence are eligible to participate in any World Championship. Member federations may register eligible Team Members in the numbers and capacity following:

- A) Team Officials
 - 1) one (1) Team Manager;
 - 2) two (2) coaches per Discipline;
 - 3) two (2) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.
- B) competitors:
 - 1) any current (adult) World Champion in the Discipline in which they are champion;
 - 2) a further five (5) competitors for each Category of the competition,

in each case not later than 15 days before the first day of the event (the “**Registration Date**”).

- 13.4 A list of competitors registered within each Category will be published on the IFSC website not later than the day following the Registration Date.

Competition procedure

- 13.5 Unless otherwise specified by the IFSC, the format of each competition in a World Championship shall be as set out in the relevant Article of Part 2 to these Rules, modified as follow:

A) Boulder

No changes

B) Lead

No changes

C) Speed

No changes

D) Combined

- 1) where no competition in the Combined Discipline is held, World Champions in the Combined Discipline will be determined by calculating a Combined Ranking from the General Results in each of the Boulder, Lead, and Speed Disciplines, considering in each case only those competitors who have a ranking in each Discipline.

- 13.6 In exceptional circumstances:

A) the Jury President may:

- 1) suspend and resume, or abandon and restart any round of a competition (and in the case of Speed competitions any stage of the Final round); or
- 2) cancel either the Semi-Final or Final rounds of a competition (and in the case of Speed competitions any stage of the Final round).

B) the Technical Delegate may cancel the competition, and

in each case, such decision shall not be capable of Appeal.

- 13.7 The participation of all Team Members must be confirmed:

- A) by the attendance of at least one Team Official (or one competitor if no Team Officials are registered) at the competition venue; or
- B) in exceptional circumstances only (e.g. strikes, traffic delay, etc.), by SMS or email to the Technical Delegate,

in each case not later than the date(s) and time(s) specified on the information sheet published by the IFSC. Any competitors not confirmed as participating will be deleted from the relevant Starting

List.

Starting Lists

13.8 The starting order for each competition shall be determined as set out in the relevant section of Part 2 to these Rules and Starting Lists prepared:

- A) for the Qualification round, at the Technical Meeting preceding the relevant competition and following the confirmation of participation.
- B) for each other round, following publication of the Official Results of the preceding round and following the conclusion of any appeals procedure,

and in each case published on the IFSC website, the official competition notice board; and copies made available to Team Officials, the competition speaker and media.

13.9 Not used

13.10 If a competitor fails to report to the Isolation Zone by the published closing time; or to the Call Zone when called, the competitor will be marked on the Official Startling List for the relevant round as "DNS".

Results and rankings

13.11 All Official Results shall be prepared in a format as stipulated by the IFSC, published on the official notice board, and copies made available to members of the team managers, the competition speaker and media.

13.12 For each Category:

- A) for each round:
 - 1) Provisional Results should be displayed during the course of each round; and
 - 2) Official Results approved in writing by the IFSC Judge will be published as soon as possible following completion of the round.
- B) following the completion of all rounds of the relevant competition, a General Result will be published showing the final ranking and results within each round for all competitors, signed by the IFSC Judge and the Jury President.

13.13 At the conclusion of each World Championship:

- A) the first 40 competitors in each Category shall be awarded Ranking Points as set out at Annex 1 for the purpose of calculating a National Team Ranking. Tied competitors will be awarded the average of the points allocated for the tied rank positions, rounded down to two (2) decimal places.
- B) a National Team Ranking shall be calculated by adding the Ranking Points of the three (3) best ranked individual team members in each Category, ranking teams in descending order of the total number of Ranking Points accumulated.

Medals and prizes

13.14 At the conclusion of each competition within a World Championship, medal ceremonies will be held for each relevant Category:

- A) all medal ceremonies will:
 - 1) take place on the same day as the relevant final round; and
 - 2) comply with the IOC protocol for such ceremonies,at which:
- B) Gold/Silver/Bronze medals shall be awarded to the competitors respectively ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd;
- C) prize money will be awarded to each competitor ranked 6th or above in each Category held within the competition in accordance with the amounts established by the IFSC Board (or any greater amount agreed by the IFSC and the Event Organiser). For the avoidance of doubt, tied competitors shall each receive the average of the prize money for the tied places.;
- D) the competitors ranked 1st shall be awarded:
 - 1) the title “**World Champion**”; and
 - 2) a competition trophy,

in exceptional circumstances, the Technical Delegate may authorise the participation of a representative in lieu of the relevant competitor.

Anti-doping

13.15 The Event Organiser shall arrange for anti-doping tests:

- A) to be carried out in compliance with the national regulations governing international sport in their country, the World Anti-Doping Code, the IFSC Anti-Doping Policy and Procedure, and IFSC Disciplinary Rules; and
- B) to be administered as a minimum to the winners in each Category.

14. YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

General provisions

14.1 Frequency and duration

- A) the IFSC shall arrange for the organisation of the Youth World Championship(s) every year in accordance with the IFSC Statutes.
- B) each Youth World Championship shall include Categories:
 - 1) for each Discipline authorised by the IFSC;
 - 2) for both Male and Female competitors; and
 - 3) for the following age groups;
 - a) Youth B: competitors born either 14 or 15 years before the year of the competition;
 - b) Youth A: competitors born either 16 or 17 years before the year of the competition;
 - c) Juniors: competitors born either 18 or 19 years before the year of the competition,
- C) each Youth World Championship should be organised with a maximum duration of:
 - 1) where competitions in one (1) Discipline are held, three (3) days;
 - 2) where competitions in two (2) Disciplines are held, six (6) days;
 - 3) where competitions in three (3) or more Disciplines are held, nine (9) days,
- D) in setting the dates of any Youth World Championship, particular consideration shall be given to minimise problems associated with attendance at educational institutions.

14.2 The IFSC shall issue an Information Sheet for each Youth World Championship not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the competition, setting out:

- A) the location and dates for the event;
- B) the registration deadline for the event;
- C) the schedule for the competition(s);
- D) attendance requirements for any Opening and/or Closing Ceremony

Registration of Teams

14.3 Only Team Members holding a valid International Licence shall be eligible to participate in any Youth World Championship. Member federations may register eligible Team Members in the

numbers and capacity following:

- A) Team Officials
 - 1) one (1) Team Manager;
 - 2) three (3) coaches per Discipline;
 - 3) three (3) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.
- B) competitors:
 - 1) any current Youth World Champion, in the Discipline for which they are champion; and
 - 2) a further three (3) competitors for each Category of the competition,

in each case not later than 15 days before the first day of the event (the “**Registration Date**”).

Competition procedure

14.4 Unless otherwise specified by the IFSC, the format of each competition in a Youth World Championship shall be as set out in the relevant Article of Part 2 to these Rules, modified as follows:

- A) Boulder
 - 1) where two (2) starting groups are used, competitors will be allocated randomly between each group.
- B) Lead
 - 1) where two (2) starting groups are used, competitors will be allocated randomly between each group.
- C) Speed

No changes
- D) Combined
 - 1) where no competition in the Combined Discipline is held, Youth World Champions in the Combined Discipline will be determined by calculating a Combined Ranking from the General Results in each of the Boulder, Lead, and Speed Disciplines, considering in each case only those competitors who have a ranking in each Discipline.

14.5 In exceptional circumstances:

- A) the Jury President may:
 - 1) suspend and resume, or abandon and restart any round of a competition (and in the case of Speed competitions any stage of the Final round); or
 - 2) cancel either the Semi-Final or Final rounds of a competition (and in the case of Speed competitions any stage of the Final round).

B) the Technical Delegate may cancel the competition, and
in each case, such decision shall not be capable of Appeal.

14.6 The participation of all Team Members must be confirmed:

- A) by the attendance of at least one Team Official (or one competitor if no Team Officials are registered) at the competition venue; or
- B) in exceptional circumstances only (e.g. strikes, traffic delay, etc.), by SMS or email to the Technical Delegate,

in each case not later than the date(s) and time(s) specified on the information sheet published by the IFSC. Any competitors not confirmed as participating will be deleted from the relevant Starting List.

Starting Lists

14.7 A list of competitors registered within each Category will be published on the IFSC website not later than the day following the Registration Date.

14.8 The starting order for each competition shall be determined as set out in the relevant section of Part 2 to these Rules and Starting Lists prepared:

- A) for the Qualification round, at the Technical Meeting preceding the relevant competition and following the confirmation of participation.
- B) for each other round, following publication of the Official Results of the preceding round and following the conclusion of any appeals procedure,

and in each case published on the IFSC website, the official competition notice board; and copies made available to Team Officials, the competition speaker and media.

14.9 Not used.

14.10 If a competitor fails to report to the Isolation Zone by the published closing time; or to the Call Zone when called, the competitor will be marked on the Official Starting List for the relevant round as "DNS".

Results and rankings

14.11 All Official Results shall be prepared in a format as stipulated by the IFSC, published on the official notice board, and copies made available to members of the team managers, the competition speaker and media.

14.12 For each Category:

- A) for each round:
 - 1) Provisional Results should be displayed during the course of each round; and
 - 2) Official Results approved in writing by the IFSC Judge will be published as soon as possible following completion of the round.

- B) following the completion of all rounds of the relevant competition, a General Result will be published showing the final ranking and results within each round for all competitors, signed by the IFSC Judge and the Jury President.

14.13 At the conclusion of each Youth World Championship:

- A) the first 40 competitors in each Category shall be awarded points as set out at Annex 1 for the purpose of calculating a National Team Ranking. Tied competitors will be awarded the average of the points allocated for the tied rank positions, rounded down to two (2) decimal places.
- B) a National Team Ranking shall be calculated by adding the Ranking Points of the three (3) best ranked individual team members in each Category, ranking teams in descending order of the total number of Ranking Points accumulated.

Medals and prizes

14.14 At the conclusion of each competition within the Youth World Championship, medal ceremonies will be held for each relevant Category:

- A) all medal ceremonies will:
 - 1) take place on the same day as the relevant final round; and
 - 2) comply with the IOC protocol for such ceremonies,at which:
- B) Gold/Silver/Bronze medals shall be awarded to the competitors respectively ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd;
- C) the competitors ranked 1st shall be awarded:
 - 1) the title “Youth World Champion”; and
 - 2) a competition trophy,

in exceptional circumstances, the Technical Delegate may authorise the participation of a representative in lieu of the relevant competitor.

Anti-doping

14.15 The Event Organiser shall arrange for anti-doping tests:

- A) to be carried out in compliance with the national regulations governing international sport in their country, the World Anti-Doping Code, the IFSC Anti-Doping Policy and Procedure, and IFSC Disciplinary Rules; and
- B) to be administered as a minimum to the winners of at least six (6) of the Categories held.

15. PARACLIMBING

Refer to the IFSC Rules 2018 (v1.5) for World Paraclimbing Cup Series / World Paraclimbing Championship / World Paraclimbing Master.

ANNEX 1 – WORLD CUP RANKING POINTS

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1st	100	16th	20	31st	0.95
2nd	80	17th	18	32nd	0.90
3rd	65	18th	16	33rd	0.85
4th	55	19th	14	34th	0.80
5th	51	20th	12	35th	0.75
6th	47	21st	10	36th	0.70
7th	43	22nd	9	37th	0.65
8th	40	23rd	8	38th	0.60
9th	37	24th	7	39th	0.55
10th	34	25th	6	40th	0.50
11th	31	26th	5		
12th	28	27th	4		
13th	26	28th	3		
14th	24	29th	2		
15th	22	30th	1		

QUALIFYING EVENTS

Season	Qualifying Events
2019	World Cup, World Championship
2020	World Cup, Continental Championships

ANNEX 2 – RACE/LANE PAIRING (SPEED)

16 starters

1/8 stage

1	A	Qualifier #1
	B	Qualifier #16

2	A	Qualifier #8
	B	Qualifier #9

3	A	Qualifier #4
	B	Qualifier #13

4	A	Qualifier #5
	B	Qualifier #12

5	A	Qualifier #2
	B	Qualifier #15

6	A	Qualifier #7
	B	Qualifier #10

7	A	Qualifier #3
	B	Qualifier #14

8	A	Qualifier #6
	B	Qualifier #11

1/4 stage

9	A	Winner Race 1
	B	Winner Race 2

10	A	Winner Race 3
	B	Winner Race 4

11	A	Winner Race 5
	B	Winner Race 6

12	A	Winner Race 7
	B	Winner Race 8

1/2 stage

13	A	Winner Race 9
	B	Winner Race 10

14	A	Winner Race 11
	B	Winner Race 12

Final stage

15	A	Loser Race 13
	B	Loser Race 14

16	A	Winner Race 13
	B	Winner Race 14

8 starters

1/4 stage

1	A	Qualifier #1
	B	Qualifier #8

2	A	Qualifier #4
	B	Qualifier #5

3	A	Qualifier #2
	B	Qualifier #7

4	A	Qualifier #3
	B	Qualifier #6

1/2 stage

5	A	Winner Race 1
	B	Winner Race 2

6	A	Winner Race 3
	B	Winner Race 4

Final stage

7	A	Loser Race 5
	B	Loser Race 6

8	A	Winner Race 5
	B	Winner Race 6

4 starters

1/2 stage

1	A	Qualifier #1
	B	Qualifier #4

2	A	Qualifier #2
	B	Qualifier #3

Final stage

3	A	Loser Race 1
	B	Loser Race 2

4	A	Winner Race 1
	B	Winner Race 2

ANNEX 3 – RACE/LANE PAIRING (COMBINED)

1/4 stage

1	A	Qualifier #1
	B	Qualifier #8

2	A	Qualifier #4
	B	Qualifier #5

3	A	Qualifier #2
	B	Qualifier #7

4	A	Qualifier #3
	B	Qualifier #6

1/2 stage

5	A	Loser Race 1
	B	Loser Race 2

6	A	Loser Race 3
	B	Loser Race 4

7	A	Winner Race 1
	B	Winner Race 2

8	A	Winner Race 3
	B	Winner Race 4

Final stage

9	A	Loser Race 5
	B	Loser Race 6

10	A	Winner Race 5
	B	Winner Race 6

11	A	Loser Race 7
	B	Loser Race 8

12	A	Winner Race 7
	B	Winner Race 8

— Ranking 7/8

— Ranking 5/6

— Ranking 3/4

— Ranking 1/2