



IFSC OFFICIALS

NOMINATION GUIDELINES & CAREER PATHS

1. IFSC Officials Selection Principles

Excellence

The work of IFSC Officials is crucial for the success and running of competitions. IFSC Officials represent the highest standards in the field of Sport Climbing. IFSC Jury Presidents, Judges, and Routesetters are selected internationally for their professionalism, and strong competence in their respective fields.

Internationality, gender equality, youth

Following the Olympic Mission, the IFSC wishes to encourage the practice of sport climbing by all people in society, regardless of gender, age, social background or economic status. Acting as a role model, from 2018 the IFSC intends to select its Officials according to the following principles:

- Fair balance across international representation of member federations
- Promote gender equality among officials
- Support young officials by mentoring and with a goal of representation of mixed experiences across officials when possible at IFSC competitions



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2. General Nominations Criteria

- 2.1 Technical Delegate, Jury President, and Chief Routesetter shall be from different countries.
- 2.2 Technical Delegate, Jury President and Chief Routesetter shall not be from the organizing country.
- 2.3 Technical Delegates shall be assigned by the Vice-President Sport/Events in cooperation with the IFSC Sport Director.
- 2.4 Jury President and Chief Routesetter shall be appointed by the Director of the respective Commissions, in cooperation with the IFSC Sport Director, following the relevant Nomination Procedure (Section 3), only for World Cups.
- 2.5 Jury President and Chief Routesetter shall be appointed by the Vice-President Sport/Events, in cooperation with the IFSC Sport Director for World Championships, Youth World Championships, World Games, Olympic Games, and Youth Olympic Games.
- 2.6 When possible, prefer Officials requiring less travel expenses.
- 2.7 When possible, a fair distribution of work amongst active Officials shall be sought.

2.8 Nomination criteria specific for Judges

- 2.8.1 Judge and Jury President shall be from different countries
- 2.8.2 Prefer Judges from the same continent as the organizing country (i.e. Asian Judges in Asian competitions, European Judges in European competitions, etc.)
- 2.8.3 When possible, in World Championships and Youth World Championships one Judge from each Continental Council shall be appointed





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2.9 Nomination criteria specific for Routesetters

2.9.1 Objective Criteria

- i. When possible, experience from competitions in the duration of one season for subsequent events. RS from first comps of the season should then be nominated as CRS for subsequent comps.
- ii. When possible, refer Routesetters that know venue/organizer
- iii. When possible, accommodate for Routesetters preferences
- iv. When possible, accommodate for Event Organizers preferences

2.9.2 Subjective Criteria

- i. Specialization – Lead or Boulder
- ii. Feedback from previous events
- iii. Personality and ability to work within the team – particularly the Chief Routesetter
- iv. Language and social skills. Being a good leader and/or a productive team member





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3. IFSC Judges Career Path





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3.1 National Jury President

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN A TRAINING SYSTEM FOR THEIR NATIONAL JURY PRESIDENTS; THE IFSC RECOMMENDS THAT:

- i. IFSC Rules apply to national competitions
- ii. Training programmes for National Judges follow international standards
- iii. Training programmes shall include at least a seminar, with a theoretical test and a practical part in a competition. During the practical part, the aspirant shall work alongside experienced officials to gain experience

3.2 Continental Judges

CONTINENTAL COUNCILS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN A TRAINING SYSTEM FOR THEIR CONTINENTAL JUDGES; THE IFSC REQUIRES THAT:

- i. IFSC Rules are followed
- ii. Participation to a Continental Course is allowed to National Jury Presidents with multi-year experience on national competitions
- iii. Continental courses and exams shall be conducted by active IFSC Jury Presidents. All Exams have to fulfil IFSC Standards
- iv. Only active IFSC Jury Presidents can supervise an Aspirant during practical trainings. Three positive reports are required
- v. An Aspirant who has passed the course, the exam and all practical trainings becomes 'Continental Judge'





3.3 IFSC Judges

THE IFSC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF IFSC JUDGES

- i. Only Continental Judges with multi-year experience in Continental competitions (and continuous experience at National level) are eligible for an International career progression
- ii. After a positive validation and approval by the IFSC, the candidate can be recommended for nomination as IFSC Judge in an International competition following the nomination procedure as described in this document
- iii. In consideration of the IFSC's mission and of this document, strong preference shall be given towards female Continental Judges
- iv. A Continental Judge appointed for an IFSC competition becomes an IFSC Judge

3.4 IFSC Jury President

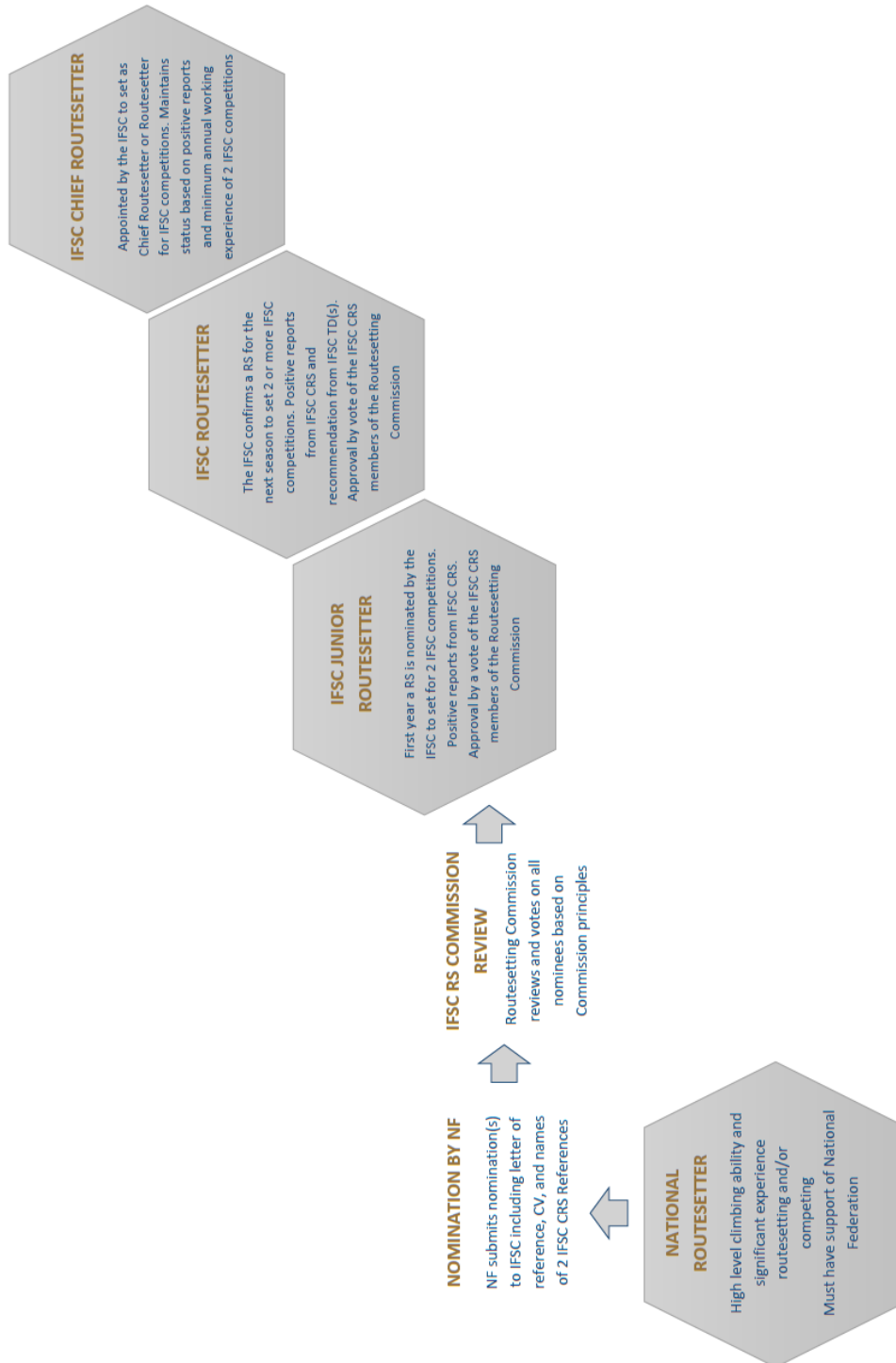
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- i. Only IFSC Judges with multi-year experience in International competitions (and continuous experience at Continental and National level) are eligible to progress as IFSC Jury President.
- ii. After a positive validation and approval by the IFSC, the candidate can be recommended for nomination as IFSC Jury President in an International competition following the nomination procedure as described in this document.
- iii. In consideration of the IFSC's mission and of this document, strong preference shall be given towards female IFSC Judges.
- iv. An IFSC Judge appointed at an IFSC competition becomes an IFSC Jury President.
- v. An IFSC Jury President can be nominated as IFSC Jury President or IFSC Judge. S/He maintain her/his status based on positive reports and minimum annual working experiences.



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4. IFSC Routesetters Career Path





4.1. Overview and aims of IFSC routesetting

- 4.1.1 IFSC routesetters are selected to work at IFSC competitions – World Cups, World Championships, Continental Championships, Youth World Championships, Youth Olympic Games and Olympic Games. They are appointed as a team of 3 setters – sometimes more for larger events – each consisting of one IFSC Chief Routesetter and 2 IFSC routesetters. This team will often work where possible with a small team of national routesetters appointed by the Event Organiser. The IFSC Chief Routesetter is in charge of the whole routesetting team present at the competition including the IFSC routesetters and any extra setters from the event organiser and/or National Federation.
- 4.1.2 IFSC routesetters are expected to each set a minimum of 2 competitions per year to ensure consistency and excellence in their work.
- 4.1.3 IFSC routesetters are employed by the IFSC to ensure the provision of the highest quality competitions.
- 4.1.4 The IFSC has a pool of around 30 active routesetters. There are no open positions until any current routesetter retires from the shortlist.
- 4.1.5 Given the very limited opportunities for new routesetters, the IFSC will no longer run the International Routesetters' course.
- 4.2.1 The IFSC will review the list of current active Routesetters at the end of each season (i.e. after the last IFSC competition).
- 4.2.2 At this time, the IFSC will determine – if any – the number of new Routesetters' positions available for the upcoming season.
- 4.2.3 All member National Federations of the IFSC will be invited to propose candidates for new IFSC Routesetters positions. National Federations will be allowed to propose a maximum of 2 candidates for consideration with strong recommendation to suggest names of female candidates.
- 4.2.4 Candidates proposed by National Federations must fulfil the IFSC Routesetter job specification (5.3), and will be required to submit an application letter, curriculum vitae, and have support from (at least) 2 active IFSC Routesetters.



4.2.5 The IFSC Routesetters Commission will consider all the applications and vote to appoint suitable candidates. Only members of the IFSC Routesetters Commission who are active IFSC Routesetters can vote for the selection of new IFSC Routesetters.

4.2.6 In consideration of the IFSC's mission and of this document, strong preference shall be given towards female Routesetters.

4.3 IFSC Routesetter – Job Specification

APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED THROUGH NATIONAL FEDERATIONS FROM CANDIDATES WHO FULFIL THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Fluent English
- Very high personal climbing level – ability to climb at world cup competition standard is essential
- Routesetting experience – must have set at a minimum of 5 high-level international/continental competitions, and/or IFSC sanctioned Master events, and/or high-level national championships
- Ability to work well as part of a team
- Should have international competition experience as a competitor
- Excellent organisational skills
- Hard working, with the ability to cope well under pressure
- Creative and innovative

4.4 IFSC Junior Routesetter

Newly appointed candidates will have IFSC Junior Routesetter status until they have completed 2 events in the season (1 boulder and 1 lead) and had positive reports from the IFSC officials at these competitions. IFSC Junior Routesetter will be appointed and paid for competitions as normal.



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4.5 IFSC Routesetter

IFSC Junior Routesetter who passed the positive reports from IFSC officials at 2 competitions (1 boulder and 1 lead) becomes an IFSC Routesetter.

An IFSC Routesetter is eligible for the Chief position if they

- i. has been nominated by the IFSC for 4 IFSC Competitions as IFSC Routesetter
- ii. has positive reports from IFSC CRS and recommendation from Technical Delegate(s)
- iii. has approval by a vote of the IFSC CRS Members of the Routesetting Commission.

4.6 IFSC Chief Routesetter

Can be nominated by the IFSC as IFSC Chief Routesetter or IFSC Routesetter. S/He maintain her/his status based on positive reports and minimum annual working experiences.

