



# **2024 COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

## **FOR INTERNATIONAL ICE CLIMBING COMPETITIONS**

ANNEX 2 OF UIAA EVENT ORGANISER AGREEMENT (EOA)

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## **PART ONE - GOVERNANCE**

### **1. UIAA ICE CLIMBING COMPETITIONS**

#### **1.1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1.1. The International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation – UIAA - is responsible for the administration and development of all aspects of the sport of international Competition Ice Climbing.

1.1.2. The UIAA maintains authority in respect to all international ice climbing competitions as defined in Section 1.2 below. As such, it is the body responsible for:

- a) Receiving applications from UIAA member-federations to organize international competitions;
- b) Approving those applications that it deems in the interest of the sport and which it assesses as being organizationally and financially viable;
- c) Controlling all technical and other aspects of the sport.

All UIAA approved competitions shall be organized and undertaken in strict accordance with the regulations and rules governing such competitions.

#### **1.2. COMPETITIONS**

1.2.1. Only the members of the UIAA (or organizations specifically recognized by the UIAA) shall be eligible to apply to organize an UIAA approved competition.

1.2.2. Only UIAA members shall be eligible to apply to enter their competitors in such competitions.

1.2.3. Among the international ice climbing competitions requiring the specific approval of the UIAA are the following:

- a) The annual World Cup series of competitions;
- b) The World Championships;
- c) The World Combined Championships;
- d) Continental Championships;
- e) Continental Cup Series;
- f) World Youth Championships;
- g) World Youth Championships Combined;
- h) International Masters' competitions;
- i) International Challenger competitions;

#### **1.3. ORGANISATION OF THE UIAA**

1.3.1. The UIAA is directly accountable to the General Assembly of the UIAA. The UIAA has been granted recognition by the International Olympic Committee as an International body or federation. The UIAA is also a member of SportAccord (the General Association of International Sports Federations).

1.3.2. International Competition Officials: the UIAA maintains the right to formally appoint the following officials to each UIAA approved competition.

- a) **President of the Jury** - has overall authority within the competition area; i.e. from the point where competitors and others enter the isolation zone to the point where they exit the competition area in front of the climbing structure and return to the public section of the arena; this authority extends to covering the activities of the media and all other persons nominated by the organiser. The President of the Jury has overall authority with respect to all aspects of the running of the competition and presides over all meetings of the UIAA Officials. In addition, he/she presides over all organization and technical meetings with the competition organisers, team officials, competitors, etc. The President of the Jury is required to submit a detailed report on the competition and on each 'Aspirant' Judge undergoing the final phase of their international training programme.
- b) **Category Judge** - International Judges appointed by the UIAA to assist the President of the Jury in undertaking all aspects of judging a competition. The Category Judges are assisted by Route Judges.
- c) **Chief International Route setter** - general management of the route setting team. Advises the Category Judge, Route Judge, President of the Jury.
- d) **International Route setter** - International Route setters appointed by the UIAA to assist the Chief International Route Setter in undertaking all aspects of route setting a competition.
- e) **Route Judges** - these may be specifically appointed by the UIAA as 'Aspirant' Judges under training, otherwise the national body or federation/organiser shall provide a Route Judge for each route of the competition. Normally, Route Judges shall be persons holding either international or national licenses. They shall be fully informed of the technical rules and regulations governing UIAA approved competitions, and shall be instructed in their duties by, and work under the direction of, a Category Judge.
- f) **Aspirant Judge** - has passed successfully an UIAA Ice Climbing Judging course and is appointed by UIAA but since more than 1 year did not work at an international or national ice climbing competition appointed by UIAA or has followed the Judging course without any working experience.
- g) **Aspirant Route setter** - has passed successfully an UIAA Ice Climbing International Route setter course and is appointed by UIAA but since more than 1 year did not work at an international or national ice climbing competition appointed by UIAA or has followed the Route setter course without any working experience.
- h) **Route setter** – a national level route setter who has not completed the International Route Setter course and is appointed by the organiser to work under the Chief International Route Setter.
- i) **Competition Jury** - the Competition Jury consists of all those persons listed in 1.3.2.(a) to 1.3.2(h) above as deemed necessary by the President of the Jury.
- j) All International Judges and Route setters must be member of the UIAA Federation of the country they live in or have citizenship in. Each Judge or Route Setter must have a signed approval from UIAA Federation in order to be nominated as Judge or

Routesetter in upcoming season.

- k) The competition jury are not allowed to compete in the given competition they are allocated to.

NOTE: The UIAA appointed officials – 1.3.2(a)(b)(c)(d) above - shall be entitled to receive travelling expenses, accommodation and payment in accordance with the relevant regulations and agreements of the UIAA. President of Jury and at least one Category Judge should be from non-hosting country. Minimum number of Category Judges equals maximum number of routes at any date of the event.

**All UIAA Officials allocated to a given IWT season must read and sign - Annex 10 - UIAA Officials - Judge and Route Setter Selection Policy & Working Protocols**

**All UIAA Route Setters allocated to a given IWT season must read and sign - Annex 11 - UIAA Route Setting Guidelines**

## **2. MEMBER FEDERATIONS**

### **2.1. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBER FEDERATIONS AND TEAM MEMBERS**

2.1.1. It is the responsibility of the national bodies or federations who are members of the UIAA, all competition organisers and those associated with an UIAA approved competition - whether working directly with the UIAA or in association with a national body or federation or with a competition organiser, to:

- a) Unconditionally accept that the promotion, development and administration of the sport of international competition ice climbing are under the exclusive control of the UIAA;
- b) Ensure that no financial or other agreement shall be entered into with an organisation (e.g. television, competition sponsors, etc.) which conflicts with the UIAA's own agreements without first obtaining the written approval of the UIAA ;
- c) At all times seek the advice and agreement of the UIAA in respect to any decision that might conflict with the best interest of the sport.

2.1.2. The UIAA fully respects the autonomy of the national body or federations, which are its members in respect to their national activities.

### **2.2. RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBER FEDERATIONS**

2.2.1. It is the responsibility of the member-bodies or -federations of the UIAA to ensure that their members:

- a) Administer, promote and actively develop the sport in their country; to firmly uphold the principles of the Olympic Charter, the WADA Code, and the UIAA Regulations and rules governing the sport of international competition ice climbing;
- b) Understand and abide by the regulations and rules of the sport and promote, and ensure that their competitors and officials observe, the principles of good sportsmanship;

- c) Constantly and actively work against the use of drugs or other prohibited substances by their competitors or officials.
- d) Prohibit any methods or practices that might involve risks to the health or physical development of their competitors;
- e) Undertake everything to set themselves firmly against any temptation to manipulate the regulations and rules to the advantage of their competitors and team officials;
- f) Ensure that their competitors and officials treat all other competitors, officials and others involved in the practice of the sport with full and due respect at all times.

2.2.2 It is the responsibility of all team officials and competitors to ensure that they are fully informed of all details relating to a competition.

### **2.3 ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER A TEAM**

2.3.1 Each member federation of the UIAA shall be eligible to enter a team of male and female competitors subject to the following conditions:

- i. That they are in compliance with the regulations governing the nomination and registration of competitors;
- ii. That they are not in default of any regulation governing financial obligations to the UIAA;
- iii. That they are not in default of any decision, or subsequent required action, in respect to a decision under the UIAA disciplinary procedures;
- iv. That all competitors registered hold an international competition license, or an application for such a license has been received by the UIAA.

2.3.2 If a country has more than one federation that is a member of the UIAA, 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.

### **2.4 REGISTRATION OF TEAMS**

2.4.1 Each member federation shall respect deadlines for the registration of team members/ team officials as set out in the event documentation – all late registrations shall be subject to a double registration fee.

2.4.2 Registration fees for registered team members/ team officials who do not take part in the event concerned will be charged to the member federation unless the UIAA has been informed not later than at the technical meeting.

2.4.3 Member federations when registering team members/ team officials 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/ team officials.

### **2.5 INTERNATIONAL LICENSES**

2.5.1 Each member federation shall ensure that each competitor and team official registered for a competition approved by the UIAA holds a current International License, or that an application for such a license has been received by the UIAA. Only member federations shall be permitted to submit an application form for the issue or renewal of an International License.

2.5.2 In order to obtain an international license, each federation shall submit for each competitor and team official:

- i. A completed official application form;



- ii. The fee specified by the UIAA for the issue of a new license, on receipt of the relevant invoice. Payment of the fee can be made by the competitor at their first event of the season.

2.5.3 Each International License is valid for one **UIAA Ice Climbing season**; i.e. from the 1st **official UIAA event of the season to the last**. Each federation may, on behalf of its competitors and team officials, renew the International License each year by completing the official application form and sending it to the UIAA.

2.5.4 **Each competitor or team official shall be a member of the member federation of the country for which they hold a national passport. In the case of competitors who hold dual nationalities, such competitors and team officials shall select one member federation to represent in competitions approved by the UIAA. Any change of a competitor's national team is subject to the agreement of both concerned member federations and the UIAA. Mid-season change of teams is not allowed after the 1st event in the UIAA calendar – this applies for all World Cup and World Championship events.**

2.5.5 Each team official shall be a member of and accredited by the member federation of the country for which they are appointed. Mid-season change of teams is not permitted. Representing several countries is allowed.

2.5.6 A competitor also acting as a coach is considered as the same person regarding any disciplinary sanctions. A competitor who is also registered as a coach is considered to be the same person with regard to any disciplinary sanctions. Sanctions will be cumulative.

## **2.6 FEES**

2.6.1 All fees are the sole responsibility of the member federations and are as follows

- i. Competition entry fees – **60 Euros for 1 discipline, 80 Euros for 2;**
- ii. International license fees – 50 Euros; **including all officials;**
- iii. Youth competition entry fees – **60 Euros for 1 discipline, 80 Euros for 2;**
- iv. Appeals fees – **50 Euros;**

2.6.2 A member federation shall pay the UIAA 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 2.6.4.

2.6.3 Appeals fees are paid directly to the President of the Jury when an appeal is filed. The appeal shall not be considered until the appeals fee has been received.

2.6.4 A member federation that is in default of UIAA regulations governing payment of fees shall, in accordance with the regulations and bylaws, be liable to have its membership suspended and, ultimately, withdrawn.

2.6.5 The scale of all fees shall be decided and published annually by the UIAA.

## **2.7 TEAM QUOTAS - COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS**

2.7.1 Competitors: Team quotas are specified under the particular type of competition; e.g. World Cup, World Championship, etc.

2.7.2 Officials: Each national body or federation shall be permitted to register up to a maximum of five (5) team officials who shall be granted free entry into the competition venue. These officials shall be named on the application form and specifically nominated for one of the following roles:

- a) One (1) team manager;
- b) Two (2) team coaches;
- c) Two (2) qualified medical or para-medical personnel

2.7.3 Team officials shall be permitted to enter and leave the isolation zone under the same conditions as that which applies to competitors. Only under exceptional circumstances and with the specific approval of the President of the Jury shall any team official - including team medical personnel - be permitted to approach and/or communicate any competitor whilst he/she remains within the isolation/competition zone. Failure to observe this regulation shall result in the immediate disqualification of the competitor.

2.7.4 Team officials shall not be permitted to accompany their competitors to the climbing structure during the official observation of the routes. Team officials (nor any other non-competing competitor) shall not be permitted to communicate in any way with any competing climber during the official route observation period. Failure to observe this regulation shall make the competitor(s) liable to immediate disqualification. The President of the Jury may choose to allow an exception in certain cases.

## **2.8 TEAM CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

2.8.1 Climbing Equipment and Clothing: All equipment and clothing used by each competitor shall conform to the UIAA Regulations governing equipment and clothing. Failure to comply with these regulations shall result in disqualification.

2.8.2 Team Uniform: Competitors and team officials may wear a distinctive team uniform.

2.8.3 Competitors Climbing Equipment and Clothing: All safety equipment except ice axes and crampons used by a competitor in a competition shall comply with UIAA or EN standards unless otherwise specified by the UIAA or, under exceptional circumstances, by the President of the Jury. With the exception of the competition vest provided by the national body or federation/organiser, each competitor shall be free to use whatever climbing shoes, crampons, ice axes (should fit into ICE BOX), and clothing he/she prefers in accordance with the following regulations during his/her attempt on the route:

- a) Minimum mandatory equipment: UIAA approved harness, UIAA approved helmet, 1 pair of crampons that fit into UIAA "Ice box", 2 ice axes without leashes that fit into the UIAA "ICE BOX", gloves (must not be fingerless) and clothing that covers the athlete's body (no shorts!)
- b) Competition vest: As supplied by the competition organiser. This vest, which each competitor must wear, must not be cut or otherwise modified and must carry the official identifying number of the competitor on the back of the vest;

2.8.4 Failure to comply with these regulations shall result in disqualification from the competition.

### **3 COMPETITION ORGANISATION – GENERAL RULES**

#### **3.1 COMPETITION FACILITIES**

3.1.1 The national body or federation/organiser shall, at a minimum, provide the following facilities in accordance with the regulations governing these facilities:

- a) Organiser's Office
- b) Registration facilities
- c) Isolation zone area and facilities as specified in accordance with the regulations;
- d) Isolation Zone registration - including the security of the Isolation Zone and the continuous security in respect to all persons entering or leaving the Isolation Zone;
- e) Isolation Zone warm-up/practice wall and associate facilities in accordance with the regulations;
- f) Transit zone adjacent to the climbing structure;
- g) A separate isolation zone adjacent to the climbing structure to be used following a technical incident.
- h) A competition area in front of the wall to which entry is restricted to the UIAA officials, the organisers officials, competitors taking part in the official period of route observation or in process of making their attempt upon a route, authorized television personnel and other persons specifically authorized by the President of the Jury;
- i) Height measurement and results service;
- j) Medical personnel and a medical room;
- k) Doping test facilities;
- l) A dedicated livestreaming and commentating area;
- m) A results service room with a reliable internet connection;
- n) UIAA Officials office completed with video playback facilities;
- o) Press office.

#### **3.2 SAFETY**

3.2.1 The national body or federation/organiser shall be solely responsible for maintaining all safety precautions within the isolation/transit zones, competition area, and the competition hall and for all activities concerned with running the competition.

3.2.2 The President of the Jury, in consultation with the Chief International Route setter, shall have the sole authority in respect to any question of safety within the isolation and competition area –including declining to give permission to start or continue any part of the competition. Any officials or other persons deemed by the President of the Jury to have infringed or, in his/her opinion, likely to infringe safety procedures, shall be subject to summary removal from their duties and/or dismissal from the isolation and competition areas.

3.2.3 It is mandatory for all people in the field of play to wear helmets including during the route observation period.

3.2.4 Every precaution shall be taken to ensure safety. Each route shall be designed to avoid the possibility of a competitor's fall:

- a) Injuring the competitor;
- b) Injuring or obstructing any other competitor.

3.2.5 The President of the Jury, the Category Judge and the Chief International Route setter shall inspect each route prior to the start of each round of a competition in order to ensure the maintenance of safety standards. In particular, the Category Judge and the International Route setter shall:

- a) Ensure that all safety equipment and procedures comply with UIAA or CE standards and UIAA regulations - more information can be found her <http://theuiaa.org/safety-standards/certified-equipment/>;
- b) Ensure the competence of all belayers. The Category Judge shall have the authority to demand the immediate replacement of any belayer (if necessary, stopping the competition and declaring a technical incident) and any other person he/she feels jeopardizes safety standards;
- c) In the interest of safety, the climbing rope will always be pre-fixed to the first protection point and in consultation with the International Route setter and with the approval of the President of the Jury, the Category Judge shall decide whether or not to have the climbing rope pre-fixed through other protection points.

3.2.6 Before the start of each round of a competition, the UIAA Event Coordinator shall ensure that appropriately qualified medical personnel are in attendance in order to ensure a rapid response to any accident or injury to a competitor or official working inside the competition/isolation zone area.

3.2.7 All safety equipment used in a competition shall comply with UIAA standards unless otherwise specified by the UIAA Officials or, under exceptional circumstances, by the President of the Jury through the authority delegated to her/him by the UIAA. Within these general requirements:

- i. Competitors shall use a single rope provided by the organisers.
- ii. The frequency with which the rope is changed shall be decided by the Category Judge.

3.2.8 Equipping of routes: The following safety precautions shall be observed:

- a) Maillon Rapides and quick draw slings: Each protection point to be used during a round of a competition shall be equipped with a 'quick-draw' sling and karabiner through which a competitor shall connect the rope. The connection link between the 'quick draw' sling (with no intermediate karabiner) and the protection point shall be made by means of a UIAA approved Maillon Rapide.

**NOTE:** the sleeve of the Maillon Rapide must be closed and tightened in accordance with the manufacturer's approved specification.

- b) Where an extension of a normal quick draw sling is required, a continuous (machine sewn) tape sling of the same strength (or greater) shall be used in place of the normal, shorter quick draw. Adhesive tape may be used to hold the loops of the sling together; under no circumstances such slings be shortened or adjusted by means of knots. Under no circumstances shall a chain of normal length quick draws (connected to each other by either Maillon Rapides or locking or non-locking karabiners) be used. Knotted rope or tape slings shall not be permitted.

3.2.9 Belaying: At the start of each attempt on a competition route:

- a) The climbing rope shall be tied to each competitor's climbing harness using a figure of 8 knot which itself is secured with a safety knot;
- b) Before the competitor begins his/her attempt on a route, the belayer shall check (preferably in the transit zone) that the rope is secured to the competitor's harness in accordance with 3.5.8(b) above, and that the harness is properly fastened up;
- c) Before accompanying the competitor to the start of the route, the belayer shall ensure that the rope is coiled in such a manner that it is ready for immediate use;
- d) Difficulty Competitions: Each Category Judge shall, in consultation with the Chief International Route setter, decide whether a belayer should have an assistant at the beginning of the route to provide additional security;
- e) Speed Competitions: The belayer should have an assistant to provide additional security in taking in a top-roped competitor.

3.2.10 The belayer must at all times during a competitor's attempt on a route pay careful attention to the progress of the competitor to ensure:

- a) That the competitor's movements are not hindered in any way by the rope being too tight;
- b) That when the competitor attempts to connect the rope to any protection points, he/she is not hindered in doing so or, if failing to make the connection of the rope to the protection point, any excessive slack in the rope is immediately taken in;
- c) That all falls are stopped in a dynamic and safe manner;
- d) That no excessive falls shall be experienced by the competitor being belayed;
- e) That great care is taken to ensure that in stopping a fall a competitor shall not be exposed to injury caused by the edge of an overlapping section or any other feature of the climbing structure.

3.2.11 Having successfully topped the route, or in having taken a fall, the competitor shall be lowered to the ground. Care shall be taken to ensure that the competitor does not come into contact with any ground-based equipment.

3.2.12 While the competitor is untying the rope from his/her harness, the belayer shall pull the rope down in as fast a manner as is consistent with the quick draws not being unduly disturbed. It is the responsibility of the belayer to ensure that the competitor leaves the climbing zone as quickly as possible.

3.2.13 The Category Judge shall be authorized to instruct the organiser to replace any belayer at any time during the round of a competition. If replaced, the belayer shall not be permitted to play any further part in the belaying of any competitor at that competition.

### **3.3 HEIGHT MEASUREMENT AND TIME KEEPING**

3.3.1 The height measurement team shall provide, in consultation with and the approval of the Chief International Route setter, a topographical outline ('Topo') of each route of the competition showing the position and height (in the case of traverse sections, distance along the axis of a route) of each boundary, hold and protection point on the route. These 'topos' shall only be made available to the President of the Jury and the relevant Category Judge of each round of the competition.

### 3.4 RESULTS SERVICE

3.4.1 At the end of each round of the competition, the Category Judge shall be immediately provided with a complete and fully ranked list of competitors. Only after this information has been checked (and, where necessary, amended) and officially approved in writing by the Category Judge and the President of the Jury shall this information be made available for publication.

3.4.2 Results Lists: Shall be produced by the height measurement and results service team. All results lists should be in printed form; hand-written lists or sections of lists shall not be permitted.

3.4.3 The results list of each round of the competition shall be printed on an UIAA approved results form and shall include the following information:

- a) The approved UIAA heading and logo;
- b) The title of the competition (e.g. World Cup);
- c) Place of the competition (e.g. Rome)
- d) The type of competition (e.g. Lead - Difficulty Competition);
- e) Date of the competition;
- f) The title of the round of the competition (e.g. Men's Final);
- g) When the round of the competition takes place on one or more parallel routes, the results for each route should be clearly identified (e.g. Route A).
- h) The names, official/functional status and signatures of the presiding officials; i.e. President of the Jury, Category Judge and Route Judge.
- i) Time when the ranking has been published

3.4.4 End-of-round list of the competitors' results shall include the following information:

- a) Rank position of each competitor in descending order;
- b) Family name (upper case letters) of each competitor;
- c) First name (except for the first letter - lower case letters) of each competitor;
- d) Nationality of each competitor using the IOC-approved three-letter code for each nation;

3.4.5 The final (end-of competition) results list shall include all the items listed in 3.7.6 above and the following additional information:

- a) Against each competitor's name, the heights attained in each of the previous rounds of the competition in which he/she competed;
- b) Full time results of each round of the competition

3.4.6 No other information other than that specified above shall be included on any official results list except where specifically approved by the UIAA Officials.

3.4.7 Following the approval of the results for each round of the competition (including the final or super-final round), a complete copy of the results shall be immediately issued to:

- a) President of the Jury;
- b) Category Judge;
- c) UIAA Delegate;

- d) Team Managers -or in the case of a team not having a team manager, a nominated team competitor;
- e) Press office;
- f) Public information operator.

### **3.5 COMPETITION STARTING LISTS**

3.5.1 The starting list of the opening round shall be compiled and announced during the technical meeting on the day preceding the competition, in accordance with the regulations governing such lists and:

- a) Issued to those listed in 3.4.7 above;
- b) Published on the official notice board and on other notice boards (e.g. the principal hotels at which the team managers and competitors are staying).

3.5.2 Each starting list shall also contain information on the next round of the competition including:

- a) Opening and closing time of the isolation zone for the next round of the competition;
- b) Starting time of the next round of the competition;
- c) Any other information approved by the UIAA and/or the President of the Jury.

3.5.3 Method of Compiling Starting Lists [are detailed in the relevant sections of the rules under Articles 8 and 9.](#)

### **3.6 TECHNICAL MEETING**

3.6.1 A Technical Meeting shall be held prior to commencement of the competition, normally straight after registration. The purpose of the technical meeting is to:

- i. Confirm the event schedule (and any changes from the information on the UIAA website);
- ii. Hand out the Official Starting List for the qualification round;
- iii. Identify any specific information related to the application of these rules in the competition;
- iv. Communicate any logistics information not available from the UIAA website.

### **3.7 VIDEO RECORDING OF COMPETITION ROUTES**

3.7.1 Each competitor's attempt on a competition route shall be video recorded by an experienced camera operator. At least one (and preferably two) video camera per route shall be used. It's suitable that the camera operator is assisted by a national judge.

No-one other than the UIAA officials shall have the right to observe any part of any video recording on the competition.

3.7.2 All competition videotapes are to be used solely for the purposes of judging the competition and for UIAA training courses. Under no circumstances shall they be made available to any non-UIAA personnel.

3.7.3 In case of a technical hazard (no recording) the decision of the category judge is valid.

### 3.8 MEDICAL FACILITIES

3.8.1 The national body or federation/organiser shall arrange for a skilled and experienced medical team to be available throughout the whole of the competition (starting when the isolation zone opens, until the last competitor has completed his/her attempt on the route). During every competitor's attempt on a route, at least two qualified, experienced and equipped members of the medical team should remain within, or in very close proximity to, the competition area in order to provide a rapid response following any injury or need for medical attention. Medical team should have access to isolation.

3.8.2 Arrangements should be made and tested in practice to ensure that any serious accident to a competitor, official, member of the public and/or any other person will be dealt with in an efficient and professional manner.

### 3.9 AWARD CEREMONIES

3.9.1 The competitors' award ceremony at the end of the competition shall comply with the UIAA Medal Ceremony Guidelines.

3.9.2 Unless specifically authorized by the President of the Jury, all competitors shall attend the opening, award and closing ceremonies. Failure to observe this regulation shall make a competitor liable to a 'Yellow Card' sanction, or in case of the three best ranked competitors of each category, to a 'Red Card' sanction.

3.9.3 No pets or children are to be involved in the Award Ceremony

### 3.10 COMPETITION PRIZE MONEY AND AWARDS

3.10.1 For World Cups & World Championships:

NOTE – Only the top 3 podium places will be invited to stand on the stage during the medal ceremony (as per IOC protocol). Prize money for the other athletes as detailed below should be available directly from the event organiser after the medal ceremony has concluded.

#### Lead & Speed Difficulty Ranking & Combined Ranking (same for men and women)

A MINIMUM NET (Organisers may increase if they wish) amount of prizes to be distributed to competitors ranked from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> place is as follows:

1.	1050€	5.	250€
2.	800€	6.	150€
3.	550€		
4.	350€		

#### FOR THE OVERALL WORLD TOUR RANKINGS

For best athletes Women & Men in Lead & Speed, ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the overall ranking of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour. Prize money to be distributed by the UIAA at the World Cup Finals.

1.	1000€
2.	600€
3.	400€



3.10.2 For all other UIAA sanctioned events prize money is not mandatory but the UIAA will provide medals and the organisers will aim to provide prizes.

## 4 GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

### 4.1 CLIMBING STRUCTURE

4.1.1 The surface of the climbing structure shall be permitted to be used for climbing with the exception of explicitly marked zones.

4.1.2 Neither the side-edges (plate connections) nor the top-edges of the wall shall be used for climbing.

4.1.3 If there is a need to demarcate a route on the wall in order to clearly separate it from another, the demarcation shall be made using a continuous and clearly identifiable marking.

4.1.4 The starting point for beginning an attempt, the finish point and the zones on a route must be clearly marked with blue colours.

4.1.5 From the time that the UIAA route setters start working on the climbing structure, accessing/viewing the structure is strictly prohibited before the competition until the UIAA Delegate has communicated to the registered competitors/officials that this is allowed. This communication will be made using the defined communication channels of the season. Any competitors caught viewing the structure whilst these routes are still on the wall maybe liable to disciplinary action.

### 4.2 TYPES OF COMPETITION

4.2.1 Definitions:

- a) **Difficulty – Lead Competitions:** Are defined as those competitions which are climbed on lead, with the competitor belayed from below, where each quick draw is clipped sequentially in accordance with the regulations, and where the height attained (or, in the case of traverse or roof sections, the greatest distance along the axis of the route) shall determine a competitor's position in a round of the competition;
- b) **Speed Competitions:** Are defined as those competitions which are attempted by top-roped competitors, where the time achieved by the competitor in completing a route determines a competitor's position in a round of the competition;

4.2.2 Lead competitions may include routes, which are attempted:

- a) **On-sight:** attempted after an authorised period of observation of the route;
- b) **After demonstration of the route by an authorized Chief International Route setter;**

4.2.3 International competitions may consist of separate categories for Difficulty and Speed events. Not every category need be provided at all international competitions.

### 4.3 WALL MAINTENANCE

4.3.1 The Chief Route setter shall ensure that an experienced and practiced maintenance team is available throughout each round of the competition in order to perform any maintenance and repairs ordered by the Category Judge in an efficient and safe manner. Safety procedures shall be strictly enforced. The President of the Jury shall be authorized to order the dismissal from the competition area of any person who fails to observe safety procedures.

4.3.2 Repair of holds: On the instruction of the Category Judge, the Chief Route setter shall immediately arrange for any repair work. On completion of a repair, it shall be inspected by the Chief International Route setter who shall advise the President of the Jury whether the repair results in any unfair advantage or disadvantage to the following competitors. The decision of the President of the Jury to continue, or to stop and re-start, that round of the competition shall be final and no appeal shall be accepted in respect to this decision.

4.3.3 Cleaning of climbing structure (ice/rock): Breaking ice is no technical incident. The president of the jury can order the cleaning of broken ice or rock, if he considers this to be dangerous!

### 4.4 TECHNICAL INCIDENTS

4.4.1 A technical incident is defined as:

- a) A tight rope, which either assists or hinders a competitor;
- b) A broken or loose hold;
- c) An improperly positioned quickdraw or karabiner;
- d) Any other occurrence that results in a disadvantage or unfair advantage to a competitor which is not the result of an action on the part of the competitor;
- e) Breaking ice is no technical incident.

4.4.2 The belayer must leave an appropriate amount of slack in the rope at all times. Any tension on the rope may be deemed as an artificial aid or hindrance to a competitor, and a technical incident shall be declared by the Category Judge.

4.4.3 A technical incident shall be dealt with as follows:

- a) If a technical incident is indicated by the Category Judge:
  - If the competitor wishes, and is still in a legitimate position, he/she may choose to continue to climb or accept the technical incident. If the competitor chooses to continue to attempt the route, no further appeal connected with that technical incident shall be accepted;
  - If the competitor **is not in a** legitimate position due to the technical incident, the Category Judge shall make an immediate decision on whether to declare a technical incident and thereby terminate the competitor's attempt on the route (and in accordance with the rules governing technical incidents, permit the competitor a subsequent attempt).
- b) If a technical incident is indicated by a competitor:
  - While the competitor is climbing the competitor must specify the nature of the technical incident and, with the agreement of the Category Judge, may continue

or cease climbing. If the competitor **is not in a** legitimate position due to the incident the Category Judge shall make an immediate decision and that decision shall be final. No subsequent appeal shall be accepted in respect to that technical incident.

- If a competitor falls and claims that a technical incident precipitated the fall, the competitor shall be immediately escorted to the special isolation zone to await the outcome of the investigation of the claimed technical incident. The Chief Route setter shall immediately check (and where appropriate correct) the claimed technical incident and report to the International Judge of route in question. The decision of the President of the Jury (having taken into account the technical incident and any misuse of a hold by a competitor) shall be final and no appeal shall be accepted in respect to this decision.
- c) Throughout the technical incident, the competitor subject to a confirmed technical incident shall stay in a separate isolation zone and must not be permitted to come into contact with any other person other than UIAA Officials or Organiser's officials. Prior to entering the separate isolation zone the competitor must decide whether he/she wishes to start his/her next attempt on the route immediately after the incident or prefers resting time. The competitor shall be allowed a minimum of 20 minutes between attempts on the route, while the President of the Jury has the decisive power over the exact allotted time;
- d) On completion of a legitimate attempt on a route, a competitor shall be recorded as having achieved the best result of his/her permitted attempts on the route.

#### **4.5 ROUND SCHEDULE**

4.5.1 There must be a minimum of 2 hours from the end of the previous round in any discipline before the start of the next round in any discipline for the same age category and gender.

## **5 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES DURING COMPETITIONS**

### **5.1 INTRODUCTION**

5.1.1 The President of the Jury shall have overall authority for all activities and decisions affecting the competition within the competition zone; i.e. the competition registration area, the isolation and transit zones, the competition area immediately in front of and on the climbing structure.

5.1.2 These Disciplinary Regulations should be read in conjunction with the regulations governing the sport of international competition ice climbing.

### **5.2 COMPETITORS**

5.2.1 The President of the Jury and the Category Judges shall be authorized to take the following actions, as specified below, in respect to infringements of the competition regulations and in regard to matters of indiscipline by any competitor whilst in the competition area:

- a) Informal, verbal warning;

- b) An official warning accompanied by the showing of a 'Yellow Card';  
The President of the Jury only shall be authorized to take the following sanction:
- c) Disqualification from the competition - accompanied by the showing of a 'Red Card'.

5.2.2 A Yellow Card warning (Article 5.2.1.(b)) may be issued for any of the following infringements of the regulations:

- a) Undue delay in returning to the isolation zone following the instruction of a Category Judge or the President of the Jury;
- b) Failure to start in accordance with a Category Judge's instruction;
- c) Failure to obey the instruction of a Category Judge and/or the President of the Jury;
- d) Use of obscene or abusive language or behaviour of a relatively mild nature;
- e) Unsporting behaviour of relatively minor nature.
- f) Unapproved modification of, and/or failure to wear, the competition vest and/or competitor's bib number as provided by the competition organiser;
- g) Non-participation in any official ceremony or any other designated official event;

Appeals against such decisions shall follow the procedure specified in article 6.1 below. The issue of a second yellow card in one season shall determine the disqualification of the competitor for the following UIAA approved [of the same level. E.g. if a competitor is disqualified from a Continental Cup, then they will miss the next Continental Cup, if an athlete is disqualified from a World Cup/Championship, they will miss the next World Cup/Championships. This sanction will also span across seasons.](#)

5.2.3 Disqualification without Further Sanction: The following infringements of the regulations shall result in issuing of a Red Card and the immediate disqualification of the competitor from the competition without further sanction:

- a) Observing the routes from outside the permitted observation zone;
- b) Failure to report properly equipped at the start of a route;
- c) The use of non-approved equipment;
- d) Unauthorized use of any means of communication while in the isolation zone or in other restricted area.
- e) [Using ice axes that do not fit in the size limit box.](#)

Appeals against such decisions shall follow the procedure specified in article 6.1 below.

5.2.4 Disqualification with Immediate referral to the Discipline Commission: The following Infringements of the regulations shall result in the issuing of a Red Card and the immediate disqualification of the competitor from the competition with referral to the Discipline Commission, following the related procedure for the further sanction of suspension from

one successive World Cup competition or, in the case of an infraction of the regulations in non-World Cup competitions, one successive UIAA approved competition [as described in article 5.2.2](#):

- a) Infractions of the regulations committed in the competition area, isolation and transit zones:
  - i. Gathering information regarding a route, which the competitor is to attempt beyond that which is permitted by the regulations;
  - ii. Gathering and communicating information to other competitors beyond that which is permitted by the regulations;
  - iii. Distracting or interfering with any competitor who is preparing for or in process of attempting a route;
  - iv. Failure to comply with the instructions of the official judges and/or organiser's officials;
  - v. Refusal to conform to the advertising regulations governing competitor's clothing.
  - vi. [Dangerous behaviour – e.g. intentionally throwing with ice axes from the wall or demonstrating aggressive behaviour towards any UIAA official or competitor.](#)
- b) Infractions committed outside the competition area but in the public arena:
  - i. Unsportsmanlike behaviour or other serious disturbance to the competition;
  - ii. Unsportsmanlike behaviour or other serious disturbance, and/or abusive, insulting and/or violent words and/or behaviour to UIAA officials, Organiser's officials and/or team officials and/or other competitors and/or members of the public.

5.2.5 At the earliest convenient time after issuing a 'Yellow' or 'Red Card', the President of the Jury shall:

- a) Submit a written statement on the UIAA Disciplinary Action Form to the competitor's team manager (or in the absence of a team manager, to the competitor concerned) regarding the offence and whether the President of the Jury proposes to refer the matter for consideration in respect to further disciplinary action in accordance with the regulations.
- b) The President of the Jury shall submit a copy of this written statement on the UIAA Disciplinary Action Form detailing the offence against the regulations, any evidence, and any recommendations regarding consideration of additional sanction to the UIAA for referral to the UIAA disciplinary body.

### **5.3 TEAM OFFICIALS**

5.3.1 Team officials shall be regarded in the same manner as competitors.

### **5.4 OTHER PERSONS**

5.4.1 The President of the Jury shall be authorized to demand the immediate dismissal from the competition area (including the isolation and transit zones) of any person in contravention of the regulations and, if necessary, suspend all competition activities until this demand has been complied with.

## 6 COMPETITION APPEALS PROCEDURE

### 6.1 GENERAL

6.1.1 All verbal and written appeals and official responses to appeals shall be made in English.

An appeal shall only be accepted if accompanied by the official appeal fee and the UIAA official appeal form.

6.1.2 A competitor's coach (or if no coach is available a competitor himself/herself) may file an **appeal** concerning the **provisional** result. The **appeal** must be filed with the President of the Jury within 10 minutes after publishing **of the printed provisional results of the round (at the official results board) using the correct appeal form** and must be accompanied by a deposit of **50** EUR which will be refunded if the protest is accepted.

### 6.2 COMPETITION APPEALS JURY

6.2.1 In the event of a written appeal, or in the case of a verbal appeal, the President of the Jury shall convene a Competitions Appeals Jury comprising the President of the Jury, the Category Judges not involved in the case. A decision shall be made as rapidly as circumstances allow. In the case of written appeals, the decision of the Competition Appeal Jury shall be made in writing on the appeal form and handed by the President of the Jury to the person who officially lodged the appeal or, in the case of an appeal under 6.4.2(b) below, the team manager and/or competitor shall be informed.

6.2.2 The decision of the Appeal Jury in respect to 6.4 below shall be final and not subject to further appeal.

### 6.3 APPEALS AGAINST A JUDGES DECISION CONCERNING A COMPETITOR'S ATTEMPT ON A ROUTE

6.3.1 In respect to an appeal made regarding Section 4, General Regulations of these regulations:

- a) In the case where a Category Judge deems it appropriate to examine the video recording of the attempt on a route by a competitor before making a decision, on completion of their attempt, the competitor shall be immediately informed by the Category Judge that their ranking in that round of the competition shall be subject to confirmation following an examination, at the end of the round, of the video recording.
- b) Following an examination of the video recording, the President of the Jury's decision shall be final. No appeal shall be permitted.
- c) **Unofficial / verbal appeals can be only submitted to the category judge for 10 minutes at the end of each round of the competition. Competitors must not interrupt the work of the category judge during the competition.**

6.3.2 **Difficulty Competitions - Height Measurement:** The official video recordings may be used by the Category Judge to confirm the 'hold/touch' rules in respect to height measurement and the ranking of competitors at the end of each round.

6.3.3 Video recordings for judging purposes:

- a) Only the official video recordings (and no other recordings) shall be used by the Category Judges and the President of the Jury for judging purposes. [The jury may decide to review footage from the livestream \(official footage\) if appropriate;](#)
- b) Video recordings shall only be used in respect to matters arising from Article 6.3.1 and 6.3.2 above;
- c) The viewing of the official video recording shall be restricted to the President of the Jury, the Category Judges, the Chief International Route setter, and the UIAA Delegate.

#### **6.4 APPEALS FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE RESULTS OF EACH ROUND**

6.4.1 An appeal against the ranking of a competitor after the completion of a round of the competition and after the official results have been published, must be made no later than **10** minutes after the publication of the results. The appeal must be made following the publication of the results at the end of each round of a competition. The appeal may be made in writing (in English) to the President of the Jury by the team [official](#) or (where a team [official](#) is not present) by the competitor. The appeal must be made [on the correct appeal form and](#) accompanied by the relevant UIAA approved appeal fee.

##### 6.4.2 Speed Competitions:

- a) In the case of a round based on a competitor's time (i.e. the qualification round), an appeal must be made in accordance with 6.4.1 above.
- b) In the case of the final ('knock-out' elimination) round of the competition, an appeal must be made immediately after the announcement of the result of the completion of the heat of the competitor concerned. The Category Judge shall immediately refer the matter to the President of the Jury. The next round of the Speed final shall not commence until the President of the Jury has announced his/her decision. No fee shall be payable in respect to such appeals.

#### **6.5 APPEALS TO THE DISCIPLINARY BODY**

6.5.1 In those cases where the President of the Jury assesses that an infringement of the regulations merits consideration by the UIAA's disciplinary [commission](#), the matter shall be referred to the disciplinary body together with the President of the Jury's report, copies of written communications between the President of the Jury and the team manager/competitor concerned, and all relevant evidence.

#### **6.6 APPEAL FEES**

6.6.1 The appeal fees payable shall be in accordance with the list of fees published annually by the UIAA.

6.6.2 If an appeal is upheld, the appeal fee shall be returned. If an appeal is rejected, the appeal fee shall not be returned.

## **7 UIAA ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS**

### **7.1 ADOPTION**

7.1.1 The UIAA is an international federation recognized by the IOC with a constant commitment in anti-doping fight in sport.

7.1.2 The fundamental aims of UIAA's doping controls are:

- i. To uphold and preserve the ethics of sport;
- ii. To safeguard the physical health and mental integrity of Ice climbers;
- iii. To ensure that all competitors have an equal chance.

7.1.3 Doping controls were introduced to ensure that the results of UIAA's competitions are a fair reflection of the strength of the competitors.

### **7.2 APPLICATION**

7.2.1 The World Anti-Doping Code applies to all competitions that are organized under the authority of the UIAA. Any person who enters, prepares for or participates in any manner - as athlete, coach, trainer, official, medical or para-medical personnel - in such competitions, is presumed to have agreed to comply with UIAA Doping Policy & Procedure who are fully in compliant with World Anti-doping Code.

### **7.3 COMPETENT ORGAN WITHIN UIAA**

7.3.1 The UIAA ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION is the competent organ responsible for the application of the UIAA Doping Policy & Procedure and the World Anti-doping Code.

### **7.4 PROHIBITED CLASSES OF SUBSTANCES AND PROHIBITED METHODS**

7.4.1 The updated and valid List of prohibited substances and prohibited method shall come into effect on 1 January of the current year as published by WADA.

### **7.5 PENALTIES FOR INFRACTIONS**

7.5.1 In cases of anti-doping rule violations, UIAA instigates disciplinary proceedings against the parties concerned in accordance with the UIAA Doping Policy & Procedure.

### **7.6 COMPETENT ORGANS TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS AND RIGHT OF APPEAL**

7.6.1 UIAA Doping Hearing Panel is the exclusive organ competent to impose actions for violations of the UIAA Doping Policy & Procedure and the World Anti-doping Code. Decisions of the UIAA Doping Hearing Panel may be appealed to Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). Anti-Doping Policy & Procedure which the participant acknowledges the exclusive competence of CAS and undertakes to refrain from appealing to any other Court.



## PART 2 - TECHNICAL RULES

### 8. DIFFICULTY - LEAD

#### 8.1 INTRODUCTION

8.1.1 These regulations shall be read in conjunction with the UIAA's General Regulations governing international ice climbing competitions. All Lead-Difficulty competition routes shall be climbed on lead with the competitor belayed from below.

8.1.1 A route shall be considered successfully completed if it is climbed in accordance with the regulations and rules governing Lead-Difficulty competitions, if the rope is safely clipped into the karabiner on the final quick draw by the competitor as well as all the other quickdraws in the correct order and he/she has put both ice-axes on the finish point.

8.1.2 In exceptional circumstances, the President of the Jury may decide to cancel a round of the competition, in which case the results of the remaining rounds shall determine the ranking of competitors for the competition.

#### 8.2 NUMBER OF COMPETITORS AND THE STARTING ORDER

8.2.1 A qualification round shall be held on two (2) non-identical routes for each starting group and category. Both routes shall have a similar grade and character. In special circumstances the President of the Jury can decrease the number of qualification routes to just one (1).

8.2.2 Qualification rounds which are held on two separate routes: The competitors shall be allocated between the routes as follows:

- a) If the first round of a competition is held on one route or two routes of similar difficulty with no isolation, the competitors shall be allocated to these routes by random selection. If they climb two routes the random list will split in two groups with similar number of athletes, with the groups switching routes as soon as both groups have finished their first route.
- b) If the first round of a competition is held on one route or two routes of similar difficulty, and due to the number of climbers in a given category it is decided by the Chief International Route setter and the President of the Jury that the start list will be split into **2 groups and competitors will climb separate routes** to allow the competition to remain on schedule – all athletes must have the same amount of rest time between routes. Then the competitors shall be allocated to these routes as follows;
  - i. Competitors are allocated to one of the 2 starting groups by random selection and will remain in this random selection order.
  - ii. The top 10 in the UIAA IWC Tour ranking from the previous season are then distributed equally between the 2 groups – i.e. rank 1 in group 1, Rank 2 in group 2, Rank 3 in group 1, Rank 4 in group 2 and so on as far as rank 10.
  - iii. Then the athletes representing a given federation are then split up equally – e.g. if one federation has 6 athletes these are split equally between the groups = 3 in each, but taking into account those that have already been allocated to a group in point 2. This is done for each federation competing.
  - iv. For federations that have just one competitor – these are allocated evenly between the 2 groups.

c) The starting order for the second qualification route shall be in the same order of the first route.

8.2.3 Bib numbers will be distributed after the technical meeting to follow qualification running order. It is the athlete's responsibility to collect their bib and check they have the correct number against the start lists.

8.2.4 If the event timetable allows a schedule for qualification will be created, detailing an exact time when the athlete's qualification climbs will take place. If the competition runs ahead of schedule, then there will be a break in the competition if competitor is not ready, i.e. athletes will not be forced to compete before their time slot if they do not wish to. If the competition schedule is delayed, then the athletes affected will have to wait in the warm-up zone.

8.2.5 Semi-final and Final rounds which are held on single routes: The competitors shall be allocated between the routes as follows:

a) Semi-final and Final Round: The starting order shall be in the reverse order of the ranking of the qualification round. If after the application of the count back procedure there are competitors who are tied and share places from a previous round, the starting order between them shall be randomised:

b) Super final: The starting order shall be the same as for the final round of the competition.

### 8.3 REGISTRATION AND ISOLATION ZONE

8.3.1 All registered competitors must be present themselves or be represented by a team official (also registered) at the registration site at the scheduled time in order to pay the license fee, competition fee, obtain a bib number, and have their passport checked in order to be allowed to compete in a UIAA sanctioned competition. In exceptional circumstances competitors may register on behalf of other competitors – this must be confirmed by the UIAA delegate.

8.3.2 If a team official registers athletes at a competition, then the Team Official is responsible to deliver bib numbers and inform competitors any specific rules or information that was delivered at the technical meeting.

8.3.3 Once the competition has started and a competitor is not present for their allotted climbing time, they shall not be allowed to compete even if they arrive later.

8.3.4 All competitors eligible to compete in a round of a competition shall register and enter the warmup/isolation zone no later than the time specified by the President of the Jury and published/announced by the Competition Organiser. It is the responsibility of each team manager to ensure that he/she is fully informed of all details appertaining to a competition.

8.3.5 Competitors must use the isolation zone as the organisers have provided. The Jury Presidents decision is final on what can be brought into isolation by competitors.

8.3.6 Only those persons specified below shall be permitted to enter the isolation zone:

a) UIAA Officials;

- b) National body or federation/organiser's officials;
- c) Competitors eligible to take part in the current round of the competition;
- d) Authorized team officials;
- e) Other persons specifically authorized by the President of the Jury. Such persons shall, throughout their stay in the isolation zone, be escorted and supervised by an approved official to ensure the maintenance of security of the isolation zone and prevent any undue distraction of, or interference with, any competitor;
- f) No children or pets in the isolation zone.

#### **8.4 ROUTE DEMONSTRATION**

8.4.1 Video recordings of all qualification routes should be continuously played back in the warm-up area, using one screen for each route, starting from the opening of the warm-up area for the round and in any event not less than 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the round. All video demonstrations should be made according to Annex 12 – UIAA Video Demo Editing Guidelines.

8.4.2 If it is possible video recordings of the all the qualification routes should be uploaded to the UIAA YouTube channel not less than 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the round.

8.4.3 If video recordings are not possible, a live demonstration of each qualification route shall be made not less than 30 minutes before the attempt of the first competitor.

#### **8.5 ROUTE OBSERVATION**

8.5.1 Observation Period: Except where otherwise specified in the regulations governing Lead, Speed competitions, competitors who are registered to take part in a particular round of the competition heat shall be permitted an observation period before the start of a competition during which they shall be allowed to study the route. The competitors will be presented to the spectating crowd before the observation period begins. Team officials shall not be permitted to accompany the competitors during the observation period. While in the observation area, all competitors shall consider themselves as being under the regulations governing the isolation zone.

8.5.2 The observation period **shall be 8 minutes**.

8.5.3 Competitors must remain within the designated observation zone during the observation period. They are not permitted to climb on the climbing structure or stand on any equipment or furniture. Competitors shall not communicate in any way with any person outside the observation area. They may only seek clarification from either the President of the Jury, International Route setter or from a Category Judge.

8.5.4 During the observation period, competitors may use binoculars to observe the route and make hand-drawn sketches and notes. No other observation or recording equipment shall be permitted. Competitors are allowed to touch the first holds, without leaving the ground with their feet. It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to fully inform him/herself (within the regulations) in respect to all instructions regarding the route that are required to undertake.

8.5.5 Competitors shall have no knowledge of any route other than that obtained during the official observation period.

8.5.6 At the end of the observation period competitors shall immediately return to the isolation zone. Any undue delay to do so may result in the immediate award of a 'Yellow Card'; any further delay shall result in immediate disqualification in accordance with the Section 5 Disciplinary Procedures during Competitions.

8.5.7 In the case of the super final, the President of the Jury may decide not to permit an observation period.

## 8.6 PREPARATION PRIOR TO CLIMBING

8.6.1 On receiving an official instruction to leave the isolation zone to proceed to the transit zone, competitors shall not be accompanied by any person other than an authorized official. Competitors shall not communicate with anyone during the movement from the isolation zone to the transit zone.

8.6.2 Before leaving the isolation zone, each competitor must be wearing their harness and clothing that covers the full body. After arriving in the transit zone each competitor shall put on their crampons, helmet and gloves, tie on to the rope with the approved knot, and make all final preparations for their attempt on a route. The competitor's personal items left in the transit zone should be contained in a single bag/backpack.

8.6.3 All climbing equipment and the knot used shall be inspected and approved by an authorized official both for safety and compliance with other UIAA Regulations before the competitor shall be permitted to proceed to his/her attempt on the route. The approved knot is the "figure of eight" knot plus a stopper knot. Each competitor shall be regarded as entirely and solely responsible for the equipment and clothing that he/she intends to wear during their attempt on a route. Use of non-approved equipment, knots and/or clothing, or any non-approved modification of the climbing vest, or any non-compliance of the advertising regulations, or any infringement of any part of the UIAA Regulations shall make the competitor liable for immediate disqualification. Under no circumstances shall competitors be permitted to return to the isolation zone after leaving for the transit area.

8.6.4 Each competitor shall be ready to leave the transit zone and enter the arena when instructed to do so. Any undue delay to do so may result in the immediate award of a 'Yellow Card'; any further delay shall result in immediate disqualification in accordance with Section 5 Disciplinary Procedures during Competitions.

8.6.5 Athletes have a 60 second time limit from the time they are facing the climbing wall to start climbing. All preparation including tying into the climbing rope, removing clothing and other preparations shall be done in this time or before. If the competitor has not started their attempt at the end of this period they shall be instructed by the judge – "Please start immediately, your climbing time starts now" - and their climbing time will be started immediately as this instruction is given.

## 8.7 CLIMBING PROCEDURE

8.7.1 Each route shall be allocated a pre-determined period in which a competitor may attempt the route. The maximum climbing period for each round shall be as below.

Round	Maximum period
Qualification and Semi-final	6 minutes
Final	8 minutes

8.7.2 Each competitor's attempt shall be deemed to have started when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground and one ice-axe has left the starting point.

8.7.3 If it is required for athletes to start the route in a way that every part of the competitor's body shall leave the ground, the starting position shall have a clearly marked red line.

8.7.4 A competitor may ask the Category Judge at any time during his/her attempt on the route how much of the allotted route-time remains, and the Category Judge shall immediately inform the competitor of the remaining time. When the route-time has ended, the Category Judge shall stop the competitor and instruct the measurement procedure to take place. A competitor who fails to obey the Category Judge's instruction to stop climbing shall be liable to the disciplinary procedures specified in Section 5, Disciplinary Procedures during Competitions.

8.7.5 During the attempt on a route:

- a) Each competitor shall snap link each karabiner/quick draw in sequence. The last legitimate position to clip is the last hold or zone from which the competitor can clip without climbing back (without moving both ice axes). Any violation of this rule shall result in the competitor's attempt on the route being terminated and a measurement taken in accordance with Article 8.8.

The refusal by a competitor to obey the instruction of a Category Judge to terminate his/her attempt on a route shall make the competitor liable to the disciplinary procedures specified in Section 5, Disciplinary Procedures during Competitions.

- b) A competitor may down climb at any point during his/her attempt on a route as long as he/she is not in violation of Article 8.7.5 (a) or returns to the ground.
- c) Where a competitor clips the rope into a karabiner in accordance with Article 8.7.5 (a) above, but where a Z-Clip has occurred, the competitor must correct the "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 in the correct sequence. If the Z-Clip is not corrected, then the score of the climber will be given up to the point of the last quickdraw clipped in the correct sequence and the last hold the climber reached.
- d) The Chief Routesetter may rule that a quickdraw 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 quickdraw shall be clearly marked with a blue circle and pointed out during the route observation. If the climber leaves the safety hold without clipping the relevant quickdraw, their attempt will be terminated at that point.

The Category Judge may order that the attempt be terminated, and the greatest height (or greatest distance) measured if he/she decides that to proceed further would contravene the safety regulations.

- 8.7.6 [After their attempt on a route a competitor may ask the category judge their score on the route.](#)

## 8.8 HEIGHT MEASUREMENT

8.8.1 In accordance with Article 8.8 below, in the event of a fall the furthest point reached with the ice axe in the line and **climbing sequence of the route shall be measured. Each ice axe placement or hold (only handholds shall be considered) and the sequence in which they should be used shall be determined** by the Chief International Route setter before the start of a round of the competition or following positive use by a competitor during that round of the competition.

8.8.2 Criteria for measurement:

- a) **For ice: it** is the number of the zone marked by blue boundaries
- b) **For holds: it** is the number of the hold **in the sequence**.
- c) The zone or hold is valid, **if at least one axe is controlled** in the zone or hold, **and the other axe has been removed from** the previous zone or hold.
- d) If the competitor touches the next hold or zone a “plus 0.1 point” will be added to the result.
- e) **If the competitor controls the next hold or zone, with one axe remaining in the previous hold or zone a “plus 0.2 point” will be added to the result.**
- f) **In the case of a jump where both axes leave the previous zone or hold – only points c) or d) can be considered – not e).**
- g) If a competitor let's go the lower axe just before falling, the score of the upper axe shall count.
- h) Priority for ranking competitors in case of tied competitors:
  - a. Qualification:
    - i. Attempts - competitors reaching a certain height at first attempt are placed better than the ones reaching the same height at second attempt.
  - b. Semi-final, final or super final:
    - i. Time – if all competitors topped the same route in lead
    - ii. Countback

8.8.3 The maximum time for the climb is set by the President of the Jury.

8.8.4 The picks of the Ice axe may touch or cross if they are being used on the same hold or position, but the Ice axes may not be connected to each other or to the Crampons.

8.8.5 The Ice Tools may only be used by the hands. **NO ARMS.**

8.8.6 The UIAA Judge can stop a competitor at any time for safety reasons.

8.8.7 The ground fall of any part of mandatory equipment should result in immediate termination of the competitor's attempt.

8.8.8 If a competitor takes hold of the final quick draw before the rope is safely clipped into the final karabiner, this shall be considered as an artificial aid and the competitor's attempt on the route shall be terminated and measured in accordance with Article 8.8.1.

### **8.9 RANKING AFTER EACH ROUND OF THE COMPETITION**

8.9.1 After each round of the competition, the competitors shall be ranked according to Art. 8.5.2. In the case of the qualification round where 2 or more routes are used to determine the ranking – the athletes are ranked on each route based on their attempt height score, and then the rankings for each route are multiplied together to give an overall score for the round, then each athletes' round score is ranked to give the overall ranking for the qualification – with the lowest score being ranked highest overall. E.g. if an athlete finishes in 3<sup>rd</sup> on Route 1 and 5<sup>th</sup> on Route 2, their score for the round will be 15 points.

8.9.2 If there is a tie for a position in the qualification ranking on a given route then a corrective ranking is calculated, by adding up all the ranking points available and dividing them by the number of athletes tied for that position. E.g. 4 athletes tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place on a route –  $1^{\text{st}} + 2^{\text{nd}} + 3^{\text{rd}} + 4^{\text{th}} = 10 / 4 = 2.5$  corrective ranking points are awarded for each athlete on that route. The corrective rank for each athlete in question will be multiplied by the rank for their other route to get their overall ranking score.

8.9.3 Except for the case specified in Art. 8.6.4, in the case of tied places, a count back procedure shall be used such that the results of the previous round shall be taken into account in separating tied competitors. If ties remain, successively earlier rounds shall be taken into account in the count back procedure. The count back procedure shall not be used beyond the point where competitors have competed in a round on two or more non-identical routes. If ties remain, the athletes are considered equal.

8.9.4 If isolation was used for the given round of the competition and if two or more athletes reach top in any round, the climber's time of that round is decisive for his/her ranking: the faster competitor is being ranked ahead of the slower. If there is no isolation for that round, the climbers will remain tied.

8.9.5 When not otherwise specified in the competition format, if a qualifying round of a competition requires that the competitors be allocated between two or more non-identical routes having the same technical grade, for those competitors who do not qualify for the following round, the final ranking shall be determined by the aggregate place achieved on the ranking of the combined routes.

8.9.6 Super final: If, after applying the count back procedure at the end of the final round of the competition, there is a tie for the first place, a super final shall be held. If a tie exists at the end of a super final, the competitors that remain tied shall be deemed equal and the competition will be terminated.

### **8.10 QUOTAS FOR EACH ROUND**

8.10.1 Article 8.7.1 must be read in conjunction with Article 8.6.1 above; i.e. the ranking procedure must first be completed before Article 8.7.1 is applied.

8.10.2 Where there are insufficient competitors who have successfully completed the route in the preceding round of the competition, the remaining places of the fixed quota shall be filled by the next best-ranked competitors.

8.10.3 The fixed quota of competitors qualifying for the semi-final and final shall be, respectively, 16 and 8 competitors.

Semi-Final and Final Rounds - Floating Quotas: If the fixed quotas for the semi-final and final rounds of the competition are exceeded as a result of tied places following the application of the count back procedure **all competitors in the tied places will proceed to the next round.**

### **8.11 TERMINATION OF AN ATTEMPT ON A ROUTE**

8.11.1 Successful Attempt on a Route: A competitor shall be deemed to have successfully completed an attempt on a route if that attempt is in accordance with Article 8.7.5 above.

8.11.2 Unsuccessful Attempt on a Route: A competitor shall be deemed to have unsuccessfully completed an attempt in a route if he/she:

- a) Falls;
- b) Exceeds the permitted time for the route;
- c) Uses any part of the wall surface beyond the marked boundaries of the route;
- d) Uses the side-edges or top-edges of the wall or panels;
- e) Fails to snap link a quick draw in accordance with regulations governing the competition;
- f) Once having started, touches the ground with any part of the body or gear;
- g) Uses any artificial aid which is defined by the following in all 3 disciplines;
  - Ice Axe
    - i. Hitting the wall or volume
    - ii. The space between panels
    - iii. Screw and screw holes of the hold and wall
  - Ice Axe and Crampons
    - i. Uses the side-edges or top-edges of the wall or panels
    - ii. Protection points and quickdraws
    - iii. Hitting the hold
    - iv. Hitting the axe
  - Climbing or achieving the stable position with quickdraws and/or rope;

8.11.3 **The areas beyond any red coloured boundaries shall not be touched by any part of the competitor or his/her equipment and cannot be used for climbing. Touching the actual red zone boundary line is OK. The red zone boundaries should be continuous and clearly identifiable and be a minimum of 5cm in thickness.**

8.11.4 The competitor is allowed to have a second attempt during qualification (open) round of a competition, if the first attempt was terminated, and he/she didn't clip the first quickdraw after the pre-clipped one. The time will be running without stop, so the climber has to make both attempts in time limit set for the route.

### **8.12 RANKING IN THE CASE OF ONE ROUND BEING ORGANISED ON TWO ROUTES (ATTEMPTED BY EVERY COMPETITOR)**

8.12.1 In case of one round is organised on two routes attempted by every competitor, the ranking should be made this way:

- a) Key points:



Pt: total points  
 R1: route 1 ranking  
 R2: route 2 ranking

b) Points calculation to made the ranking:

$R1 \times R2 \times \dots = Pt$   
 Lower is the total point, better is the ranking.

a) Corrective in case of ex æquo:

Previous calculation comes with a corrective factor in case of climbers are ranked at the same rank in one route. Each competitor will have an average ranking of ex æquo competitors in one route.

b) Examples:

Example 1: 5 climbers ranked at first place in route 1:  
 $(1+2+3+4+5)/5=15/5=3$ . Those 5 climbers have a ranking R1 equal to 3 in place of 1.

Example 2: 3 climbers ranking at the 4th place in route 2:  
 $(4+5+6)/3=15/3=5$ . Those 3 climbers have a ranking R2 equal to 5 in place of 4.

## 9. SPEED

### 9.1 INTRODUCTION

9.1.1 These regulations shall be read in conjunction with the UIAA Regulations governing international ice climbing competitions.

9.1.2 All Speed competition routes shall be climbed on top rope.

9.1.3 A route shall be considered successfully completed if it is climbed in accordance with the regulations and rules governing Speed competitions and the competitor has stopped the timing device.

9.1.4 A practice period before the qualification process begins is mandatory and should allow for at least one climb per competitor. The practice may be conducted on the competition routes or on routes of similar quality and difficulty – this will be the decision of the President of the Jury. The President of the Jury shall announce the timing and duration of any practice period at the technical meeting.

9.1.5 During the final stages of the competition including the 1/8th Final, each round of the competition should follow on immediately from the last, with men and women alternating i.e. when the men have completed one round, the women will start their next round and the men will rest and so on. In the single route format, each category will complete all their attempts on the route before moving onto the next category.

9.1.6 In exceptional circumstances, the President of the Jury may decide to cancel a round of the competition, in which case the results of the remaining rounds shall determine the ranking of competitors for the competition.

## **9.2 COMPETITION ROUTES**

9.2.1 All speed climbing competitions should be run on the ice.

9.2.2 If Qualification and Final rounds are held:

- a) On the same day: the route for both rounds shall be the same.
- b) On different days: the route for each round may be slightly different. Competitors shall be informed about that in advance.

9.2.3 The suggested height for routes is 12-18 meters for single format and 12-15 meters for dual format.

## **9.3 SAFETY**

9.3.1 The belaying system:

The UIAA-certified automatic belay system should be installed and utilized according to the manufacturer's manual. The top rope shall be secured pass through two separate protection points, each consisting of one locking carabiner secured to the protection point by a quickdraw sling and a 10mm Maillon Rapide closed in accordance with the manufacturer's specification.

9.3.2 The position of the final protection points must be above the switch controlling the timing device or finishing signal for the route.

9.3.3 The climbing rope shall be secured either to the UIAA-certified automatic belay device or connected to the competitor's harness by two screwgate or self-locking carabiners arranged in opposition (i.e. with the gates in opposition) and the climbing rope must also be attached to the Karabiners using a "figure of eight" knot, secured with a "stopper" knot or tape.

9.3.4 The position of the protection points shall be such as to neither assist, hinder nor endanger a competitor during his/her attempt on a route.

9.3.5 Belaying

- a) Authorized speed climbing Auto belays may be used in the speed competitions provided they are protected against the elements and weather.
- b) Each rope should be controlled by two belayers. The belayers must position themselves at the bottom of the wall in a manner that prevents accidents caused by falling equipment during climbing. If there is ice or snow on the floor, the belayers are required to wear crampons.

9.3.6 All excess equipment (karabiners, quickdraws, bolts, etc.) shall be removed from the routes.

9.3.7 The routes should be designed such that the competitors cannot interfere with or unduly distract each other.

## **9.4 TERMINATION OF AN ATTEMPT ON A ROUTE**

9.4.1 Successful Attempt on a Route: A competitor shall be deemed to have successfully completed an attempt on a route if that attempt is in accordance with Article 9.1.3 above.

9.4.2 Unsuccessful Attempt on a Route: A competitor shall be deemed to have unsuccessfully completed an attempt on a route if he/she:

- a) Falls; "Fall" means losing the contact with the climbing wall (hanging in the air) for more than 1 second. It is at the Judge's discretion to judge fall
- b) Once having started, touches the ground with any part of the body or gear;
- c) Uses any artificial aid;
- d) Exceeds the maximum allowed climbing time of 60 seconds.

## 9.5 ROUTE TIMING

9.5.1 The time of the route shall be determined by:

- a) A mechanical-electrical switch controlling the route timing system with an accuracy of 0.01 of a second. Should this timing system suffer a failure during any attempt, a technical incident shall be called for both competitors (in case of duel).
- b) Manual timing: Each route shall be timed by a Category Judge and two assistants, operating a stopwatch each. The competitor's time (completing his/her attempt) shall be recorded by the Category Judge taking into account the middle of the stopwatches recording the time to 2 decimal places with no rounding, eliminating obvious spurious timing errors.
- c) Both hand timing and mechanical-electrical timing system shall be used at the same time. Because, if the mechanical-electrical system fails, there is no need to rerun the competition and the times recorded by hand timing shall be used for the entire round and the mechanical-electrical results will be discounted i.e. a mix of times is not allowed.

9.5.2 Time Measurement:

The timing begins when the competitor leaves the start pad after the start signal and stops when the competitor hits the finish pad with the axe or hand. It is the responsibility of the competitor to activate the finish pad, especially when mechanical - electrical timing systems are used.

## 9.6 SINGLE-ROUTE SPEED COMPETITION

9.6.1 Number of competitors and starting order:

- a) If there are more than 16 competitors, the competition is held in two rounds and the top 16 competitors with valid times will qualify for the final round. If there are less than 16 competitors, then the top 8 competitors with valid times will proceed to the Final Round.
- b) The starting order for the qualification round will be determined by random selection.
- c) Final Round: 16 competitors are qualified for the final round. The starting order shall be in the reverse order of the ranking of the qualifier round.

9.6.2 Tied competitor:

If the quota for the Final round is exceeded as a result of ties, the tied competitors shall re-run on the route 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.

9.6.3 Climbing Procedure

- a) On being called to the start of a route by the Category Judge, each competitor shall take up a starting position consisting of, at minimum, one foot placed on the start pad of the timing device.
- b) When competitor is in position, the Category Judge shall ask: "Ready?" After getting confirmation from each competitor, the Category Judge shall call "Attention" and

after a short pause (1- 2 second) the Category Judge shall give a short (0.1-0.2 sec) and loud (clearly) audible starting signal, or call "Go!" where manual timing is used.

- c) On being given the instruction or signal to start, each competitor shall commence his/her attempt on the route. No appeal against the starting instruction shall be allowed unless the competitor clearly calls that he/she is not ready when the Category Judge asks: "Ready?"
- d) In the qualification round of competitions, the competitors have two attempts by the order, which was determined by random selection. The starting order of the second attempt will be the same, as in the first one. The best single time for each competitor will count toward qualification for the final round.
- e) In the final round of competition, the competitors have three attempts. The starting order of the second and the third attempt will be the same, as in the first one.

#### 9.6.4 Ranking after each round of the competition

- a) After each round of the competition, the competitors shall be ranked according to their time. The faster competitor is ranked ahead of the slower.
- b) Only competitors who successfully finish an attempt on the route in qualification run are ranked.
- c) Super final: If there is a tie for the first place, a super final shall be held. If a tie exists at the end of a super final, the competitors that remain tied shall be deemed equal and the competition will be terminated.
- d) Only the best result of final round will be taken into account to determine the rank of finalists. For those, who was not qualified for the final, the best result of qualification will determine the rank of competitors

## 9.7 SPEED-DUEL COMPETITION

9.7.1 Speed competitions shall consist of two rounds –

- a) The qualification round of the competition;
- b) The final round shall take place as a series of stages each consisting of a number of "duel" 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.

9.7.2 Speed-duel competitions shall always consist of two routes that shall be of the same length and of similar profile and difficulty. After climbing their first route competitors shall switch route as soon as possible, competitors are not allowed to walk a longer way to reach the second route in order to have more time for recovering. If this occurs the athlete may incur a disciplinary sanction.

9.7.3 Each competitor shall be ranked in accordance with the aggregate time achieved on both routes.

9.7.4 The starting order of the qualification round shall be set by random selection. Each competitor shall proceed by first climbing Route A (or 1). then he/she shall proceed to climb Route B (or 2).

9.7.5 If a competitor fails to complete the first route, they should proceed to climb the second route. The ranking will be determined according to section 9.7.6

9.7.6 Qualification Round - Ranking:

**Group A:** Competitors who have successfully completed both routes: They will be ranked based on the total climbing time.

**Group B:** Competitors who have completed one route but failed to complete the other route: they will be ranked after the group A - the rank in the single route is calculated based on the climbing time of the appropriate route for all competitors that completed that route. If there are competitors in the ranking that completed a single route, but different routes, then their general ranking shall be determined by merging the rankings from each route, treating competitors having equal rankings between the two routes as tied.

**Group C:** Competitors who have failed to complete both routes or false started will not be ranked and will be marked as "DNF" (Did Not Finish) in the results.

Only competitors from Group A are considered for qualifying for the final round.

#### 9.7.7 Final round- number of competitors:

The quota for the Final round shall be determined by reference to the number of competitors having a Valid Time from the Qualification round (but excluding any competitors who have recorded a False Start) as follow:

Competitors with a Valid Time	Final quota
4 – 7	4
8 – 15	8
> 15	16

#### 9.7.8 Final round - dual paring

Depending on the number of starters, one of the following diagrams should be used:

##### 16 Starters

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**8 Starters**

**Quarter Finals**

Race Lane Athlete		
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

**Semi-Finals**

Race Lane Athlete		
5	A	Winner Race 1
	B	Winner Race 2
6	A	Winner Race 3
	B	Winner Race 4

**Finals - Small Final & Big Final**

Race Lane Athlete		
7	A	Loser Race 5
	B	Loser Race 6
8	A	Winner Race 5
	B	Winner Race 6

**4 Starters**

**Semi-Finals**

Race Lane Athlete		
1	A	Qualifier #1
	B	Qualifier #4
2	A	Qualifier #2
	B	Qualifier #3

**Finals - Small Final & Big Final**

Race Lane Athlete		
3	A	Loser Race 1
	B	Loser Race 2
4	A	Winner Race 1
	B	Winner Race 2

**9.7.9 Final round - Failure to complete a route:**

In any stage of the final round, the following actions should be followed based on the specific cases detailed in the table below:

Race 1	Race 2	Outcome
Climber A succeeds Climb B succeeds	Climber B succeeds Climb A succeeds	Lowest total time wins
Climber A succeeds Climb B fails	No climb for Climber B Climber A succeeds	Climber A wins
Climber A fails Climb B succeeds	Climber B succeeds No climb for Climber A	Climber B wins
Climber A fails Climb B fails		Rerun
Climber A succeeds Climb B fails	No climb for Climber B Climber A fails	Rerun both races
Climber A fails Climb B succeeds	Climber B failed No climb for Climber A	Rerun both races

Note - If any scenario described in the last 3 rows of the table occurs during a re-run, then the outcome will be determined by countback to the previous round of the competition.

#### 9.7.10 Tied competitor

- a) Qualification Round - If two or more competitors are tied for the last qualifying place in the Final round, the tied competitors will need to re-run the Qualification routes 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.
- b) Final Round - In the event of a tie between two competitors at any stage of the final round, the race will be rerun once. If, in the second run, both competitors are still tied, the winner will be determined using the count back method, considering the time from the previous round of the competition.

9.7.11 Preliminary information (ranking place and times of each competitor in each round of the competition) shall be provided to spectators and coaches directly after determining results:

- a) On an electronic display (board or screen) or;
  - b) By information posters or blackboard, if a) is not possible.
- Overall results shall report the competitors' achieved times on all routes and in all rounds.

#### 9.7.12 Climbing Procedure:

- a) On being called to the start of a route by the Category Judge, each competitor shall take up a starting position consisting of, at minimum, one foot on the start pad. floor and at least one foot and one hand shall be touching the ice.
- b) When both competitors are in position, the Category Judge shall ask: "Ready?" After getting confirmation from both competitors, the Category Judge shall call "Attention" and after a short pause (1 - 2 second) the Category Judge shall give a short (0.1-0.2 sec) and loud (clearly) audible starting signal or call "Go!" where manual timing is used.
- c) The position of the starting signal should be equidistant from both competitors.
- d) On being given the instruction or signal to start, each competitor shall commence his/her attempt on the route. No appeal against the starting instruction shall be allowed unless the competitor clearly calls that he/she is not ready when the Category Judge asks: "Ready?"
- e) The climbing order - qualification round; In the qualification round, the climbing order follows the following pattern:  
The first climber on the start list climbs route A alone.  
Then, the first climber moves to route B, and the second climber on the start list begins climbing on route A. They climb simultaneously.  
This process continues, until the last climber on the start list climbs route B alone.
- f) The climbing order - final rounds; In the final rounds, the climbing order is determined by the dual pairing figures (see diagram above). The top-ranked competitor starts by climbing on route A, and the other competitor starts on route B – then they switch routes – and the competitor with the fastest cumulative time progressing to the next round, and the competitor with the slowest cumulative time being knocked out of the competition. This pattern continues according to the specified dual pairing figures throughout the final rounds until a complete ranking is determined.

## 10. DIFFICULTY - BOULDER

### 10.1 INTRODUCTION

10.1.1 If a boulder event is held, then the 2023 version of these rules are still upheld pending a complete review of the rules in the future. These regulations shall be read in conjunction with the UIAA General Regulations governing international ice climbing competitions.

## **PART THREE - EVENT RULES**

### **11 WORLD CUP SERIES OF COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS**

#### **11.1 INTRODUCTION**

11.1.1 In accordance with the Statutes of the UIAA, a World Cup series of international competitions shall be organized each year.

11.1.2 The UIAA may approve up to a maximum of ten (10) World Cup competitions each year.

11.1.3 Each World Cup competition approved by the UIAA:

- a) shall include categories for men and women.
- b) shall include a Lead-difficulty competition and a Speed competition.
- c) shall normally take place during weekend periods, starting Friday. The maximum duration of a World Cup competition shall be three (3) days.
- d) should have athletes registered from a minimum of 10 different nations by the registration deadline.

11.1.4 The UIAA shall issue an information sheet for each World Cup event not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the relevant competition setting out:

- a) the location and dates for the event
- b) the registration deadline for the event
- c) the schedule for the competition

#### **11.2 REGISTRATION OF COMPETITORS BY NATIONALITIES BODIES OR FEDERATIONS**

11.2.1 Each country shall be permitted to register, on the UIAA official registration form, the following competitors for any particular discipline/category of the relevant competition (where applicable):

- a) National team quota - non-host country: 6 women, 6 men
- b) National team quota - Host country: 9 women, 9 men

11.2.2 All competitors must turn 16 years old in the year of the competition to be permitted to compete in a World Cup competition.

11.2.3 Application for entry into a World Cup competition: All applications from national bodies, federations or private teams shall be submitted to the UIAA and the host federation no later than 14 days before the date of the start of the respective World Cup competition.

11.2.4 Competitors should be registered by National Federations not exceeding the national limit for each country. If quota of athletes exceeds national quota, there should be a national championship or national cup series of competitions and the best should qualify for the World Cup series. If there is no national cup or championship, then national quota is split between the national Federations by equal number of competitors per Federation.



11.2.5 Only in case there is no national Federation, athletes are allowed to apply directly to UIAA office but not exceeding the national quota.

11.2.6 A national body or federation shall be entitled to amend its team quota list subject to informing the UIAA and the host federation not later than 48 hours prior to the start of the World Cup competition. In exceptional circumstances, the UIAA Delegate appointed to a World Cup competition shall be authorized, in his/her best judgment, to permit an exception to this article. This decision by the UIAA Delegate shall be final.

### 11.3 COMPETITION PROCEDURE

11.3.1 Each World Cup competition shall be organised according to part 2 of the UIAA Rules.

11.3.2 A technical Meeting shall be held prior to start of relevant competition to confirm the event schedule, identify any specific information related to the application of the Rules in the competition and communicate any logistics information not available on the UIAA website. The technical meeting should be done with format according to article 3.9.

11.3.4 Starting order for each competition shall be determined as set out in the relevant section of part 2 to these Rules. Start list should be prepared:

- a) for the qualification round, at the Technical Meeting
- b) for any other round, immediately following publication of the official results and in each case published on the UIAA website and the official competition notice board.

11.3.5 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 competition round as “DNS”.

### 11.4 COMPETITION RESULTS AND RANKING

11.4.1 All Official Results shall be published on the UIAA website and the official competition notice board

11.4.2 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 UIAA 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 ranking and results within each round for all competitors, signed by the UIAA Jury President.

11.4.3 At the end of each World Cup competition, the winners of the men and women's competitions shall be awarded a medal and the competitors who are ranked in each of the men's and women's categories shall be awarded the following points:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	100	11 <sup>th</sup>	31	21 <sup>st</sup>	10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	80	12 <sup>th</sup>	28	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9
3 <sup>rd</sup>	65	13 <sup>th</sup>	26	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8

4 <sup>th</sup>	55	14 <sup>th</sup>	24	24 <sup>th</sup>	7
5 <sup>th</sup>	51	15 <sup>th</sup>	22	25 <sup>th</sup>	6
6 <sup>th</sup>	47	16 <sup>th</sup>	20	26 <sup>th</sup>	5
7 <sup>th</sup>	43	17 <sup>th</sup>	18	27 <sup>th</sup>	4
8 <sup>th</sup>	40	18 <sup>th</sup>	16	28 <sup>th</sup>	3
9 <sup>th</sup>	37	19 <sup>th</sup>	14	29 <sup>th</sup>	2
10 <sup>th</sup>	34	20 <sup>th</sup>	12	30 <sup>th</sup>	1

## 11.5 CUP RESULTS AND RANKING

11.5.1 The minimum number of World Cups for a World Cup ranking to be valid is 3 in 3 different countries – if these conditions are not satisfied then no World Cup ranking will be awarded.

11.5.2 In a season where a World Championship competition takes place, then the rankings from this competition shall be included in the overall World Cup series ranking for the season.

11.5.3 At the conclusion of the final competition of the annual series, the World Cup shall be awarded to the competitor(s) achieving the highest number of points in accordance with these regulations as long as regulation 11.1.8 and 11.5.1 has been satisfied.

11.5.4 The points awarded after each World Cup competition shall be aggregated as specified in Article 11.5.5 below. The aggregate points shall be recalculated after each World Cup competition and the competitors having World Cup points shall be ranked in descending order of points accumulated. The World Cup Ranking (WCR) for difficulty, boulder and speed shall be published after each round of the World Cup series of competitions.

11.5.5 The maximum number of points a competitor can accumulate towards the final ranking of the World Cup shall be as follows:

Number of Competitions Organised	Number of best results to count in ranking
3	3
4	3
5	4
6	5
7	5
8	6
9	7
10	7

11.5.6 If a tie between two competitors for the first place in the World Cup Series exists after the final World Cup competition, the tie shall be split by comparing the individual rankings in those competitions that both competitors entered. The athlete with the larger number of 'higher ranks' will be in first place overall. If the tie remains unbroken, the competitors shall be regarded as tied and a joint-World Cup Champion shall be declared.

## **11.6 CEREMONIES, MEDALS AND PRIZES**

11.6.1 At the end of each World Cup competition, medal ceremonies will be held for each relevant Category.

11.6.2 All medal ceremonies will:

- 1) take place on the same day 15 min after official results will be published; and
- 2) comply with the IOC protocol for such ceremonies. National anthem playing and flag raising ceremonies are mandatory at World Cup award ceremonies.

11.6.3 The top three athletes of the men and women's competitions shall be awarded a medal. For the avoidance of doubt, multiple medals will be awarded where competitors are tied.

11.6.4 Prize money shall be awarded in accordance with the minimum amounts established by the UIAA. For the avoidance of doubt, tied competitors shall each receive the average of the prize money for the tied places.

11.6.5 On completion of each World Cup series of competitions, the winner of both men's and women's categories shall be awarded a World Cup trophy. In addition, first three competitors in both the men's and women's categories shall be awarded a medal.

## **11.7 ANTI-DOPING**

11.7.1 The UIAA shall arrange for anti-doping tests to be carried out in compliance with the national regulations governing international sport in their country, the World Anti-Doping Code, and the UIAA Anti-Doping Policy and Procedure and Disciplinary Rules.

# **12. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS**

## **12.1 INTRODUCTION**

12.1.1 In accordance with the Statutes of the UIAA, a World Difficulty & Speed Championship competition could be organized every other year, alternating with the World Combined Championships.

12.1.2 Each World Championships competition approved by the UIAA:

- a) shall include categories for men and women.
- b) shall include a Lead-difficulty competition and a Speed competition.
- c) shall normally take place during weekend periods, starting Friday. The maximum duration of a World Championships competition shall be three (3) days.
- d) should have athletes registered from a minimum of 10 different nations by the registration deadline.

12.1.3 The UIAA shall issue an information sheet for each World Championships event not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the relevant competition setting out:

- a) the location and dates for the event
- b) the registration deadline for the event
- c) the schedule for the competition

## **12.2 REGISTRATION OF COMPETITORS BY NATIONALITIES BODIES OR FEDERATIONS**

12.2.1 Should follow article 11.2 except for Host Quota – there is no host quota at World Championships.

## **12.3 COMPETITION PROCEDURE**

12.3.1 Should follow article 11.3.

## **12.4 COMPETITION RESULTS & RANKINGS**

12.4.1 Should follow article 11.4.1 & 11.4.2.

## **12.5 CEREMONIES, MEDALS & PRIZES**

12.5.1 Should follow article 11.6.1-5

## **12.6 NATIONAL TEAM RANKING CALCULATION**

12.6.1 World Championship National Team Rankings shall be calculated and awarded as follows (there is no prize money for team rankings):

- i. The best male and female athlete results from each team in both disciplines are taken into consideration. Before calculating points from each ranking, the other results (other than the best) for each team are removed.
- ii. E.g. in men lead - RUS 1st place RUS 2nd place KOR 3rd place, RUS 2nd place will be removed and KOR will become 2nd place, resulting in only one ranking for each team in each discipline per gender.
- iii. To these adjusted rankings the UIAA ranking points are applied detailed in article 11.4.1.
- iv. The Overall Team ranking is then calculated by the sum of the points for each team for each discipline, and each gender for each team, and then the total of the points is then ranked for each team.
- v. Men Lead + Men Speed + Women Lead + Women Speed = Team Ranking

## **12.7 ANTI-DOPING**

12.7.1 The UIAA shall arrange for anti-doping tests to be carried out in compliance with the national regulations governing international sport in their country, the World Anti-Doping Code, and the UIAA Anti-Doping Policy and Procedure and Disciplinary Rules.

# **13. WORLD COMBINED CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS**

## **13.1 Introduction**

13.1.1 In accordance with the Statutes of the UIAA, a World Combined Championship competition could be organized every other year, alternating with the World Combined Championships.

13.1.2 Each World Combined Championships competition approved by the UIAA:

- a) shall include categories for men and women.
- b) shall include a Lead-difficulty competition and a Speed competition.
- c) shall normally take place during weekend periods, starting Friday. The maximum duration of a World Combined Championships competition shall be three (3) days.

d) should have athletes registered from a minimum of 10 different nations by the registration deadline.

13.1.3 The UIAA shall issue an information sheet for each World Combined Championships event not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the relevant competition setting out:

- a) the location and dates for the event
- b) the registration deadline for the event
- c) the schedule for the competition

### **13.2 REGISTRATION OF COMPETITORS BY NATIONALITIES BODIES OR FEDERATIONS**

13.2.1 Should follow article 12.2 except for Host Quota – there is no host quota at World Combined Championships.

### **13.3 COMPETITION PROCEDURE**

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

13.3.2 Combined competitions should include:

- a) Qualification round; and
- b) Final round with a fixed quota of eight (8) competitors in each category, where qualification (lead can be first if required by the organiser) and the Final rounds (must be in the order below) will include:
  - i. “Combined Speed – single route” round;
  - ii. “Combined Lead or Boulder” round;

with each round conforming to the relevant provisions of Articles 8 (Lead) and 9 (Speed) of these rules, with the amendments and additions noted in this Article 12 (Combined).

13.3.3 The order of competition in the Final Round will be as follows

1. Female speed;
2. Male speed;
3. Female lead;
4. Male lead.

With the time in-between each stage to be used by the athletes to rest and prepare their equipment. There will be no stop to the competition and each gender/discipline category will immediately commence as soon as the previous one has finished.

13.3.4 Each World Combined Championships shall consist of a qualification round in each discipline, after which a combined ranking will be created, and then a fixed quota of athletes in each gender category will progress to the final which will consist of both disciplines in the manner described below.

13.3.5 The first three competitors in both the men's and women's categories shall be awarded, respectively, gold, silver and bronze medals. In addition, the first three national teams shall be awarded a World Combined Championship medals or trophy.

13.3.6 Each World Combined Championship speed competition shall include:

- a) Qualification round which shall take place on a single route with two attempts.

b) Final round which shall take place on a single route in 3 attempts. The fixed quota of competitors qualifying for the final round shall be 8 competitors.

13.3.7 The starting order for:

1. Qualification:
  - a) Speed round shall be prepared randomly.
  - b) Lead or Boulder rounds shall be prepared randomly.
2. Final:
  - a) Speed round shall be prepared in reverse order of combined qualification result.
  - b) Lead or Boulder rounds shall be prepared in reverse order of combined qualification result.

13.3.8 Scoring / Ranking for qualification:

A combined ranking will be made after qualification and the highest ranked 8 climbers in each gender category shall progress to the combined final. The Athlete's score is given by multiplying the Athlete's ranking (place) in both disciplines. The lower the score the higher the rank.

Scoring / Ranking for final: A combined ranking will be made from the results of both the final disciplines. The Athlete's score is given by multiplying the Athlete's ranking (place) in both disciplines. The lower the score the higher the rank. In case of a tied combined score - the results from qualification will be taken into account, if there is still a tie the relative ranking of the tied competitors shall be determined by comparing the best results for each competitor, starting with the number of 1<sup>st</sup> ranks, then the number of 2<sup>nd</sup> ranks, and so on. If there is still a tie the best result in the lead discipline will decide the winner.

13.3.9 In the event that a competitor fails to achieve a ranking in one of the disciplines, then the competitor will be listed in the results without rank.

## **13.4 COMPETITION RESULTS & RANKINGS**

13.4.1 Should follow article 11.4.1 & 11.4.2.

## **13.5 CEREMONIES, MEDALS & PRIZES**

13.5.1 Should follow article 11.6.1-5.

## **13.6 NATIONAL TEAM RANKING CALCULATION**

13.6.1 Team ranking:

At the end of World Combined Championship, a "National Team Ranking" shall be calculated for the competition by adding the Ranking Points of the one (1) highest ranked male and one (1) highest ranked female individual team members, ranking teams in descending order of the total number of Ranking Points accumulated in accordance with Article 12.4.3.

## **13.7 ANTI-DOPING**

13.6.1 The UIAA shall arrange for anti-doping tests to be carried out in compliance with the national regulations governing international sport in their country, the World Anti-Doping Code, and the UIAA Anti-Doping Policy and Procedure and Disciplinary Rules.

## 14. WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS

### 14.1 INTRODUCTION

14.1.1 In accordance with the Statutes of the UIAA, a World Youth Championship competition shall be organized every year.

14.1.2 Each World Youth Championships competition approved by the UIAA:

- a) shall include categories for men and women.
- b) shall include a Lead-difficulty competition and a Speed competition.
- c) shall normally take place during weekend periods, starting Friday. The maximum duration of a World Youth Championships competition shall be three (3) days.
- d) should have athletes registered from a minimum of 10 different nations by the registration deadline.

14.1.3 The UIAA shall issue an information sheet for each World Youth Championships event not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the relevant competition setting out:

- a) the location and dates for the event
- b) the registration deadline for the event
- c) the schedule for the competition

### 14.2 QUOTAS

14.2.1 Should follow article 10.2 except for Host Quota – there is no host quota at World Youth Championships.

### 14.3 COMPETITION PROCEDURE

14.3.1 At the decision of the President of the Jury certain age categories of the Lead competition routes maybe climbed on top rope.

14.3.2 In case of Top-Rope route in Lead qualification, regardless of height of climber in first attempt, they are allowed to have second attempt if there is enough time on the clock.

### 14.4 AGE CATEGORIES

14.4.1 The World Youth Championship shall include both Difficulty and Speed categories 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,

World Youth Championships Age Groups by Year of Birth

Season	Under 16 Youth B		Under 18 Youth A		Under 20 Junior	
2023/24	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
2024/25	2011	2010	2009	2010	2007	2006
2025/26	2012	2011	2010	2011	2008	2007
2026/27	2013	2012	2011	2012	2009	2008

### 14.5 COMPETITION RESULTS & RANKINGS

14.5.1 Should follow article 11.4.1 & 11.4.2.

## 14.6 CEREMONIES, MEDALS & PRIZES

14.6.1 Should follow article 11.6.1-5.

## 14.7 NATIONAL TEAM RANKING CALCULATION

14.7.1 World Youth Championship National Team Rankings shall be calculated and awarded as follows:

- i. The best male and female athlete results from each team in both disciplines are taken into consideration. Before calculating points from each ranking, the other results (other than the best) for each team are removed.
- ii. E.g. In men lead - RUS 1st place RUS 2nd place KOR 3rd place, RUS 2nd place will be removed and KOR will become 2nd place, resulting in only one ranking for each team in each discipline per gender.
- iii. To these adjusted rankings the UIAA ranking points are applied detailed in article 11.4.1.
- iv. The Overall Team ranking is then calculated by the sum of the points for each team for each discipline, and each gender and age category for each team, and then the total of the points is then ranked for each team.
- v. Men Lead + Men Speed (U16, U18 & U20) + Women Lead + Women Speed (U16, U18 & U20) = Team Ranking

## 15. CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS

### 15.1 INTRODUCTION

15.1.1 In accordance with the Statutes of the UIAA, the following continental championships may be organized in alternate years with the World Championship:

- a) Asian Championship;
- b) European Championship;
- c) North American Championship;
- d) Oceania Championship;
- e) South American Championship.

15.1.2 Each Continental Championships competition approved by the UIAA:

- a) shall include categories for men and women;
- b) shall include a Lead-difficulty competition and a Speed competition;
- c) shall normally take place during weekend periods, starting Friday. The maximum duration of a Continental Championships competition shall be three (3) days;
- d) can be part of a World Cup level event with a separate rankings;

15.1.3 The UIAA shall issue an information sheet for each World Championships event not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the relevant competition setting out:

- a) the location and dates for the event
- b) the registration deadline for the event
- c) the schedule for the competition



## **15.2 REGISTRATION OF COMPETITORS BY NATIONALITIES BODIES OR FEDERATIONS**

15.2.1 Should follow article 11.2 except for Host Quota – there is no host quota at World Championships.

15.2.2 Only members of the countries who are members of the respective Continental Sub-Committee shall be eligible to take part in these championships.

## **15.3 COMPETITION PROCEDURE**

15.3.1 Should follow article 11.3.

## **15.4 COMPETITION RESULTS & RANKINGS**

15.4.1 Should follow article 12.4.1 & 12.4.2.

## **15.5 CEREMONIES, MEDALS & PRIZES**

15.5.1 Should follow article 11.6.1-5

## **15.6 NATIONAL TEAM RANKING CALCULATION**

15.6.1 Continental Championship National Team Rankings shall be calculated and awarded as follows (there is no prize money for team rankings):

- I. The best male and female athlete results from each team in both disciplines are taken into consideration. Before calculating points from each ranking, the other results (other than the best) for each team are removed.
- II. E.g. in men lead - JPN 1st place JPN 2nd place KOR 3rd place, JPN 2nd place will be removed and KOR will become 2nd place, resulting in only one ranking for each team in each discipline per gender.
- III. To these adjusted rankings the UIAA ranking points are applied detailed in article 11.4.1.
- IV. The Overall Team ranking is then calculated by the sum of the points for each team for each discipline, and each gender for each team, and then the total of the points is then ranked for each team.
- V. Men Lead + Men Speed + Women Lead + Women Speed = Team Ranking

# **16. CONTINENTAL CUP SERIES REGULATIONS**

## **16.1 INTRODUCTION**

16.1.1 The Continental Cup Series events in accordance with the Statutes of the UIAA, a Continental Cup series of continental competitions may be organized each year.

16.1.2 The UIAA may approve up to a maximum of 8 (8) Continental Cup competitions per continent each year.

16.1.3 Each World Cup competition approved by the UIAA:

- a) shall include categories for men and women.
- b) shall include a Lead-difficulty competition and/or a Speed competition.
- c) shall normally take place during weekend periods. The maximum duration of a Continental Cup competition shall be two (2) days. Wherever possible, organisers should

aim to complete Continental Cup competitions within one (1) day if just a single discipline is being organised.

16.1.4 The UIAA shall issue an information sheet for each World Cup event not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the relevant competition setting out:

- a) the location and dates for the event
- b) the registration deadline for the event
- c) the schedule for the competition

## **16.2 REGISTRATION OF COMPETITORS BY NATIONALITIES BODIES OR FEDERATIONS**

16.2.1 There will no national/federation quotas for entry to any Continental Cup Series event.

16.2.2 Competitors may register themselves for any given event and do not need to go through their national federation and do not require a federation license to compete.

## **16.3 COMPETITION PROCEDURE**

16.3.1 Each Continental Cup competition approved by the UIAA shall include categories for men and women. No competitor under the age of 15 years shall be permitted to compete in a Continental Cup competition.

16.3.2 If a Continental Youth Cup occurs the age categories shall follow those of the World Youth Championships detailed in Article 14.4. If a Continental Youth Cup series occurs spread across 2 calendar years (i.e. the series starts before Christmas in the season) then the athletes shall compete in the older age category of the main season – i.e. in the 2023/24 season they would compete in the 2024 age categories to avoid changes mid-season.

16.3.2 The fixed quotas for the final round of a Continental Cup event in Lead/Boulder shall be 8 competitors.

16.3.3 The fixed quotas for the final round of Continental Cup event in Speed shall consist of the top-ranked 15 competitors from the qualification round for Single route competition and 8 for Duel competition.

## **16.4 COMPETITION RESULTS & RANKINGS**

16.4.1 At the end of each Continental Cup competition, the winners of the men and women's competitions shall be awarded a medal.

16.4.2 At the conclusion of the final competition of the annual series, the Continental Cup shall be awarded to the competitor(s) achieving the highest number of points in accordance with regulation 11.4.1. *If a Youth Continental Cup series occurs, the Continental Cup shall be awarded to the competitor(s) achieving the highest number of points in accordance with regulation 11.4.1.*

16.4.3 The points awarded after each Continental Cup competition shall be aggregated. The aggregate points shall be recalculated after each Continental Cup competition and the competitors having Continental Cup points shall be ranked in descending order of points accumulated. The Continental Cup Ranking for difficulty, boulder and speed shall be published after each round of the Continental Cup series of competitions.

16.4.4 The number of competitions to be included in the overall ranking for the series will be calculated as per the World Cup Series as detailed in article 11.5.

16.4.5 On completion of each Continental Cup series of competitions, the winner of both the men's and women's categories shall be awarded a Continental Cup medal/trophy. In addition, the first three competitors in both the men's and women's categories shall be awarded.

16.4.6 Additionally, the combination difficulty/speed winners may be awarded.

16.4.7 The award of the continental cup series in the event of a tie for first place will be decided in accordance with regulation 10.6.1.

### **16.5 CEREMONIES, MEDALS**

Should follow article 11.6.1-5

## **17. WORLD RANKING CALCULATION**

### **17.1 CALCULATION**

The UIAA publishes the following rankings:

A) World Cup Rankings for each year and Category, calculated in accordance with Article 11.4 & 11.5 of these Rules;

B) continuously updated World Rankings:

In each of the Difficulty and Speed Disciplines, for competitors having competed in at least one (1) relevant Qualifying Event within the preceding 12 month period, calculated as the sum of the ranking points awarded to competitors for the six (6) best results achieved during that period; and provided that a result achieved in a combined Difficulty & Speed competition may be substituted for any single discipline result when calculating the overall sum.

The method for calculating ranking points awarded at any Qualifying Event shall be decided and published by the UIAA with the World Ranking tables.

### **17.2 QUALIFYING EVENTS**

The UIAA designates the following calendar events as “Qualifying Events” for the purposes of World Ranking calculation:

A) each World Championship competition;

B) each World Cup competition;

## 18. RULES FOR ICE CLIMBING TOOLS

### 18.1 CRAMPONS AND ICE AXES

18.1 Figure 1 and 2 below shows what dimensions of tools are allowed and which are not allowed.

18.2 Spurs of any kind are not allowed for difficulty competitions!

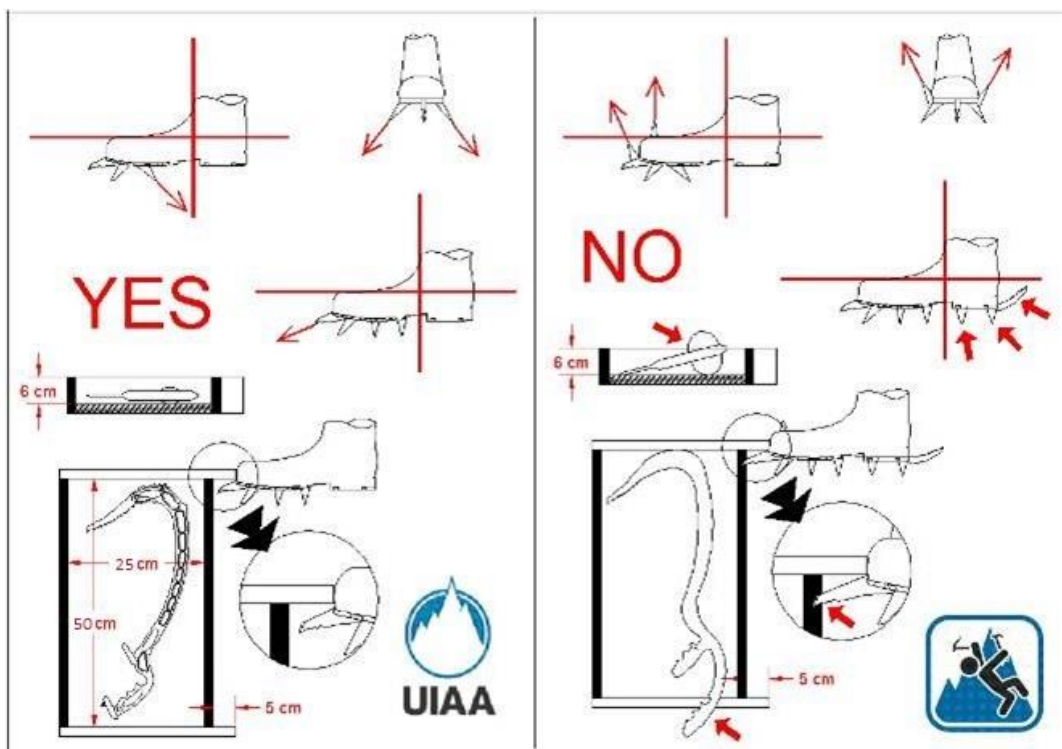


Figure 1

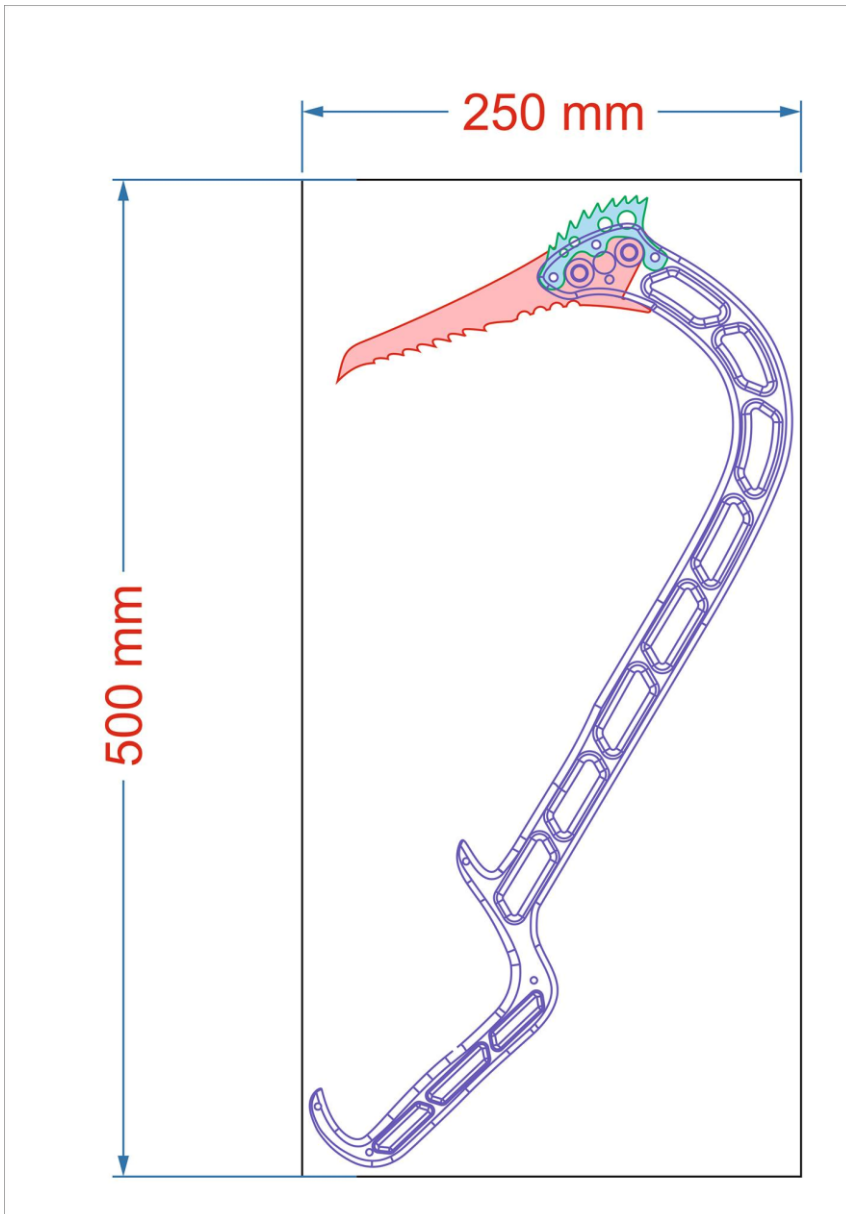


Figure 2

## 19. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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

**Climbing Period** means the maximum period of time allowed for a competitor's attempts on any route.

**Climbing Surface** means the usable surface of a climbing wall or ice: a) including any permanent irregularity or textured feature on, or closed edge to the surface; but b) excluding any Artificial Holds, volumes or other temporary Structures fixed onto the usable surface; or ice barrels: not the top parts.

**Control** means, for the purposes of judging and scoring, that a competitor has made use of a hold or zone to achieve or change a stable body position, and the terms "Controls", "Controlled" and "Controlling" should be interpreted in this context;

**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 route or race, recorded alternatively 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 Transit 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 UIAA, 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;

**Gloves** means any hand-made or manufactured glove that covers all part of the hands;

**Illegal Aid** means Controlling or Using any of the following:

a) with hand and the Ice Axe:

- i. Hitting the wall or volume
- ii. The space between panels
- iii. Screw and screw holes of the hold and wall

b) with hand, Ice Axe and Crampons:

- i. Uses the side-edges or top-edges of the wall or panels
- ii. Protection points and quickdraws
- iii. Hitting the hold
- iv. Hitting the axe
- v. Uses any areas beyond Climbing Surface

c) Climbing or achieving the stable position with quickdraws and/or rope;

d) Uses any part of the Climbing Surface beyond the marked boundaries of the route;

- f) Uses the side-edges or top-edges of the wall or panels;
- i. with any part of the body
  - ii. any part of the Climbing Surface or Structures/holds demarcated as out of bounds by the use of continuous black tape
  - ii. any advertising or informational placards fixed to the Climbing Surface
    - i. any open edges to the Climbing Surface
    - ii. any bolt hanger fixed to the Climbing Surface
    - iii. any Protection Point or the climbing rope

**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 or route within a stage/round (where the relevant stage/round comprises more than one race or route), will have no result in that race, 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 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 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)
- c) obtained during the competitor's attempt(s) on the relevant route;

**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.

**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 Illegal Aid;
- b) has clipped each preceding Protection Point in sequence;
- 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;

Scoring is paused when an athlete reaches the last hold from which the Chief Routesetter deems it is possible to clip the first unclipped quickdraw and scoring resumes once that quickdraw has been clipped.

If the competitor has passed beyond the last hold from which it is possible to clip and:

- the position is dangerous, the UIAA Judge must stop the competitor.
- the position is not dangerous, the UIAA Judge may allow him/her to continue the attempt with the possibility to clip from a further hold or to climb down to fix the clipping.

**Mandatory Equipment and Clothes** means: Harness, Helmet, Crampons, Gloves, Long Sleeve shirt, Pants, Crampons.

**Official Results** means the results published by the UIAA at the conclusion of a

competition (or any round of that competition) which must be marked as “Official” and signed by the appropriate UIAA Official;

**Provisional Results** (alternatively referred to as Unofficial Results) means any results published or circulated by the UIAA 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;
- c) A single continuous machine-sewn sling of appropriate length (as determined by the Chief Routesetter) connecting (a) and (b).

**Safety Hold** has the meaning given in paragraph 8.7.5.

**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.

**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). A tight rope, which either assists or hinders a competitor; A broken or loose hold; An improperly positioned quickdraw or karabiner; Breaking the ice is no technical incident.

**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 route.

**Touch(es)** - for the purposes of judging and scoring, that a competitor has made contact with the blade of their axe on a particular hold or zone.

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

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

**Z-Clip** means a situation where the climbing rope is connected through two Protection Points in reverse sequence;

**Zone** means part of the ice which is demarcated in blue boundaries. For the avoidance of doubt, blue holes are not zones.