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GLOSSARY

Interpretation

1. The following terms shall apply throughout these Rules:

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

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

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

May references a discretionary matter;

2. The following definitions shall apply throughout these Rules:

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

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

Artificial Aid means Controlling or Using any of the following:

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

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

Calendar Event means an international event:

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

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

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

Championship refers to the highest tier individual event(s) authorised by the IFSC (or a subordinate continental council of the IFSC) in each of the Boulder, Combined, Lead and Speed Disciplines, open to competitors either:

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

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

Climbing Surface means the usable surface of a climbing wall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Cup Ranking Points means the points awards to qualifying competitors participating in the World Cup series of event, as set out in Annex 3 \(Cup Ranking Points\) for the purposes of determining the World Cup series ranking in each Category and Discipline;](#)

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

Did Not Start or DNS means:

- a) in respect of any specific boulder, route or race within any round or stage of a competition, that a competitor failed to attempt that boulder, route or race, recorded 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 Call Zone when called for that round or stage; or
 - (ii) was otherwise recorded with a Did Not Start IRM pursuant to the relevant provisions of Part 2 of these rules,

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

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

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

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

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

Event Period means, for a Calendar Event, the period commencing 12 hours prior to the scheduled start of the first round of competition and finishing at 24:00 hours (local) of the day on which the last round of competition is scheduled to take place;

Gloves means any hand-made or manufactured glove, whether or not designed and sold for the purposes of climbing. For the avoidance of doubt, tape applied to the hands by the athlete themselves is not be considered to be a Glove.

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

International Level Athletes means, for the purposes of the IFSC Anti-Doping Rules, any competitors selected to be part of the Testing Pool and Registered Testing Pool (as these are defined within the IFSC Anti-Doping Rules) and in addition:

- a) any International Licence Holder ranked within 15th or better in the World Ranking (for each Discipline); and
- b) each current Youth World Champion (for each Discipline),

in each case as at the conclusion of the immediately preceding calendar year;

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

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

International Licence Holder means, for the purposes of the IFSC Anti-Doping Rules, any athlete who holds or has held an International Licence within the current or preceding calendar year;

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

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

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

- a) as may be gathered by observation from outside the Competition Area prior to the closing of the Isolation Zone for the relevant Category;

- b) obtained during any collective observation period for the relevant route/boulders, from the area designated for such collective observation, including such information as may be shared between competitors participating in that collective observation period (and only where such competitors have not yet made their attempts, or have each completed their attempts); or
- c) obtained during the competitor's attempt(s) on the relevant route/boulders;

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

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

Junior ([otherwise referred to as Under 20 or "U20"](#)) means the age group comprising competitors who are or will be 18 or 19 years of age in the year of the relevant Calendar Event;

[Kneepad means any hand-made or manufactured covering for the knee made from or incorporating rubber or other similar materials, the purpose or effect of which is to provide increased friction or otherwise facilitate the use of kneebars whilst climbing;](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Protection Point means an assembly comprising:

- a) A Quick-Link connector, connected to a bolt fixed to the load-bearing structure of the Climbing Surface;

- b) A Karabiner into which a competitor can clip the rope when climbing. The orientation of this karabiner shall minimise the possibility of cross loading; and
- c) A single continuous machine-sewn sling of appropriate length (as determined by the Chief Routesetter) connecting (a) and (b).

Qualifying Event means any Calendar Event counting toward the World Ranking, as set out in Annex 1 ([Qualifying Events](#));

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

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

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

Safety Hold has the meaning given in paragraph 7.3;

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

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

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

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

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

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

Structure means any hollow or solid object providing either a single or multiple holds for either

hands or feet and which is attached to the Climbing Surface for the duration of at least one round.

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

Team Member means both Team Officials and competitors;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[World Cup Ranking](#) means the continuously updated ranking published by the IFSC in accordance with Article 12.16 of these Rules to determine the overall winner of the World Cup in each Category and Discipline;

[World Ranking](#) means the continuously updated ranking published by the IFSC in accordance with Article 3.21 of these Rules for each Category and Discipline based on the performance of competitors in each Qualifying Event;

World Ranking Points means the points awards to qualifying competitors participating in Qualifying Events, as set out in Annex 2 (World Ranking Points);

Youth A (otherwise referred to as Under 18 or “U18”) means the age group comprising competitors who are or will be 16 or 17 years of age in the year of the relevant Calendar Event;

Youth B (otherwise referred to as Under 16 or “U16”) means the age group comprising competitors who are or will be 14 or 15 years of age in the year of the relevant Calendar Event;

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

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

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

Competitions

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

Competition Officials

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

- A) Technical Delegate

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

~~For Calendar Events w~~here a Technical Delegate has not been appointed or in case of ~~unforeseen~~ absence/~~illness of the Technical Delegate~~, the Jury President will take over the duties of the Technical Delegate.

- B) Jury President

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

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

[In case of unforeseen absence/illness, the IFSC Judge will take over the duties of the Jury President.](#)

C) IFSC Judge

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

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

[In case of unforeseen absence/illness, the Jury President may assign the role of the IFSC Judge to a suitably qualified National Judge.](#)

D) Chief Routesetter

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

[The Chief Routesetter will nominate another IFSC Routesetter to act in their place in the event of absence/illness.](#)

E) IFSC Routesetter

The IFSC Routesetter is an international routesetter appointed by the IFSC to assist the Chief Routesetter in undertaking all aspects of setting a competition. Additional IFSC Routesetters

may be appointed. The IFSC may also appoint additional routesetters undergoing training or internship programmes.

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

are fully informed of all details relating to that competition.

Eligibility to enter teams

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

Registration of teams

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

International licences

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

Membercompetitor and Team Official:

- A) a completed official application form;
 - B) the fee specified by the IFSC for the issue of a new licence, on receipt of the relevant invoice.
- 2.12 Each International Licence is valid for one calendar year; i.e. from the 1st of January to the 31st of December. Each Member Federation may, on behalf of its Team Members, renew the International Licence each year by completing the official application form and sending it to the IFSC.
- 2.13 Competitors must be a member of the Member Federation of the country for which they hold a national passport. Competitors who hold dual nationalities can represent only one Member Federation in any given year, and must make such election no later than:
- (A) 1st of March; or
 - (B) the Registration Date for the first Calendar Event of the year,
- whichever is the first to occur. Competitors may not change the Member Federation more frequently than once every four (4) years and any changes are subject to the agreement of each Member Federation concerned.
- 2.14 Team Officials:
- (A) must be a member of, and accredited by, the Member Federation of the country for which they are appointed;
 - (B) may, with the agreement of the relevant Member Federations, represent more than one Member Federation; and
 - (C) must declare to the IFSC all appointments held prior to the first Calendar Event of the year.
- 2.15 A competitor also registered as a Team Official is considered as the same person with regard to any disciplinary sanctions and any cumulation of sanctions.

Fees

- 2.16 All fees (e.g. membership fees, entry fees, licence fees, appeals fees etc.), financial sanctions (e.g. incurred in relation to breaches of these Rules and/or the provisions of the Event Organisers' Handbook), and all other expenses are the sole responsibility of the Member Federations.
- 2.17 A Member Federation shall pay the IFSC the amount invoiced for fees before the date specified on the invoice. Failure to do so shall be dealt with as set out in Article 2.19.
- 2.18 Appeals Fees will be invoiced by the IFSC directly to the Member Federation and shall be paid to the IFSC before the date specified on the invoice. Failure to do so shall be dealt with as set out in Article 2.19.
- 2.19 A Member Federation that is in default of IFSC regulations governing payment of fees shall, in accordance with the regulations and bylaws, be liable to have its membership suspended and,

3. GENERAL RULES

Disciplines

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

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

Safety

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

Equipment

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

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

Medical Personnel

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

The Competition Area

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

Access to the Competition Area

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

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

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

Clothing and equipment

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

- A) must wear climbing shoes and (where relevant) a harness during their attempts;
- B) may use:
 - 1) a chalk bag and commercially available dry or liquid climbing chalk for their hands. No other performance enhancing agents may be used (e.g. resin/rosin);
 - 2) ~~elasticated compression bandages/wraps (for arms/legs) commercially available athletic compression supports (for arms/legs) and/or climbing knee pads;~~ and/or
 - 3) ~~kinesiology and similar athletic support~~ tape, where necessary for the prevention or management of injury;
- ~~4C) may wear~~ a climbing helmet.

~~C) Competitors must not wear or carry wear or carry audio equipment when climbing are prohibited from wearing or carrying the following when climbing:~~

- ~~1) audio equipment of any description;~~
 - ~~2) Gloves or Kneepads;~~
- ~~other than where specifically permitted by these Rules.~~

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

Team Uniforms

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

- A) the name of the country or its official IOC three-letter code; and

Judge in an efficient and safe manner. Safety procedures shall be strictly enforced.

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

Rankings and records

3.21 The IFSC publishes the following rankings:

- A) World Cup Rankings for each year and Category, calculated in accordance with ~~the relevant section~~ [Article 12.16](#) of these Rules;
- B) a continuously updated World Ranking for each [Category in each](#) of the Boulder, Lead and Speed Disciplines, which shall be calculated as the ~~weighted~~ sum of the [World](#) Ranking Points awarded to competitors in each Qualifying Event within the preceding ~~12~~ [24](#) month period; and
- C) World Records for the Speed Discipline.

9. SPEED

General

9.1 Format

Speed competitions shall:

- A) take place:
- 1) on artificial structures designed to the specification set out in the IFSC Speed Licence Rules;
 - 2) using an automatic timing system approved by the IFSC; and
 - 3) with the competitor secured from above using an IFSC-licenced automatic belay system,
- In exceptional circumstances, the Jury President may instead require a top-rope to be used, controlled from the ground by two belayers situated to the side of the climbing lanes.
- B) be organised with:
- 1) a Qualification round consisting of a single stage, taking place on two lanes, left "A" and right "B", with competitors climbing in pairs; and
 - 2) where the number of competitors recording a valid qualifying time is four (4) or more, a Final round consisting of between two (2) and four (4) elimination stages.
- C) should have a practice period preceding the Qualification round. Where a practice period is organised, the time and arrangements for this practice period shall be announced at the Technical Meeting.

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

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

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

~~A) the climbing surface and holds:~~

- ~~1) have been homologated by an IFSC Technical Delegate as conforming to the IFSC Speed Licence Rules prior to the commencement of the competition; and~~
- ~~2) the Event Organiser has provided a copy of the relevant IFSC Homologation Report to the Jury President;~~

~~AB) the timing system in use has the climbing surface, holds, timing system and autobelay system have~~ been certified by the IFSC to meet the requirements for a World Record;

~~BC) the competition forms part of a Calendar Event;–~~

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

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

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

provided that where either:

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

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

Safety

9.4 Each competitor shall wear a harness. The Jury President shall not permit a competitor to start if they reasonably believe that a competitor's harness is unsafe. [Competitors may wear elbow and/or knee pads wear to reduce the risk of blood injury.](#)

Starting orders and quotas

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

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

9.6 The starting order:

- A) for the Qualification round shall be determined as follow:

- 1) for Lane A, by random selection; and
 - 2) for Lane B, in the same order as Lane A with a stagger of 50%. e.g. where the Starting List includes 20 or 21 competitors, the competitor starting 11th on Lane A will start 1st on Lane B.
- B) for each stage of the final round shall be as set out Annex [42](#), which also sets out the lane allocation for each race. If two or more competitors are tied following the Qualification round, their starting order in the first stage of the Final round shall be determined by random selection.

Competition procedure

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

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

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

9.8 In the Qualification round:

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

9.9 The Final round:

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

- 1) where both competitors record a valid time, the competitor who records the lowest valid time;
 - 2) where one competitor is determined to have made a False Start, the other competitor;
 - 3) ~~where both competitors record the same time or neither competitor records a valid time (other than where a False Start has occurred);~~ where both competitors each record the same Valid Time or no Valid Time (other than where a False Start has occurred), the relevant race will be re-run. If following this the competitors remain tied, the tie will be broken by comparing the competitors' qualification ranking. For the avoidance of doubt, no re-run will take place where both competitors fail to start;
 - ~~a) the competitor with the better qualification ranking; or~~
 - ~~b) if both competitors have the same qualification ranking, the relevant race shall be re-run;~~
 - 4) where any competitor fails to report to the Call Zone when called, the other competitor;
- C) a presentation of all Semi-Finalists shall be made before the first race of the Semi-Final stage.
- D) the losers of the Semi-Final races will compete for 3rd and 4th place in a "**Small Final**".
- E) the winners of the Semi-Final races will compete for 1st and 2nd place in a "**Big Final**", which will follow the completion of the Small Final (or where multiple Categories are competing in parallel, following the completion of all Small Final races). If a False Start occurs in any Big Final, the winning competitor may elect to race alone for the purpose setting a World or, where applicable, any championship record.
- F) each competitor shall remain in the Competition Area as directed by the Jury President until eliminated.

Climbing procedure

- 9.10 All races shall be started with a clearly audible signal initiated by an assigned Starter, who shall not be an IFSC Official. The Starter shall select a position where he is not visible to the competitors. The source of the starting signal should be positioned as near possible equidistant from all competitors.
- 9.11 Each race shall use a common starting protocol:
- A) on being called to the start of a route, each competitor:
 - 1) should, within 10 seconds of being called, position the starting pad as appropriate for their preferred starting position. During this period competitors may touch (only) the first holds on the route without leaving the ground;
 - 2) will present themselves to the belayer, who shall confirm that
 - a) the competitor's harness is properly fastened; and
 - b) the competitor's harness is safely connected to the automatic belay system or top-

- 9.21 If a [participating](#) competitor or Team Official considers that a Technical Incident has occurred, they must notify the Jury President before the start of the next race.
- 9.22 A claim for a Technical Incident in relation to the performance of the timing system may be made only in relation to some evident or systematic error.
- 9.23 The Jury President shall determine whether a Technical Incident has occurred:
- A) in order to make this determination, the Jury President shall as necessary:
 - 1) review the official video recordings;
 - 2) require the system to be tested;
 - 3) require a Routesetter to climb the relevant route and strike the top timing pad/switch.
 - B) where the Technical Incident :
 - 1) can be remedied and is considered to have affected a single race, the competitors directly affected by the failure shall re-run their attempts; or
 - 2) cannot be remedied or is considered to have affected all competitors in the relevant stage, the Jury President shall either:
 - a) cancel the affected and all subsequent stages; or
 - b) abandon and restart the stage
- 9.24 An Appeal concerning:
- A) the judgment of:
 - 1) a competitor's attempt in any race; or
 - 2) the result of any race in the Final round,

must be made prior to the start of the next race. The next race shall not commence until the Appeal has been decided. Such appeals may be made verbally and no Appeal Fee will be applicable.
 - B) the published result or ranking of a competitor, must be made in writing and:
 - 1) in respect of any appeal concerning the Qualification round, within five (5) minutes of the publication of the Official Results; or
 - 2) in respect of the Final round, upon publication of the relevant result/ranking.

10. TEAM SPEED

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

11. COMBINED

General

11.1 This article shall be read in conjunction with 7 (*Lead*), 8 (*Boulder*) and 9 (*Speed*) of these Rules.

11.2 Combined competitions should include:

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

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

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

11.4 The Qualification round will be organised such that:

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

11.5 The Final round will be organised such that the period between the scheduled end of each stage and the commencement of the stage following shall not be less than 15 minutes.:

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

Competition procedure (excluding starting order and rankings)

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

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

in each case interpreting references to “round” within such articles as meaning “stage” for the purposes of this article 11.6.

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

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

- 1) article 9.9(A) is replaced by the following: “shall take place using the race pairings set out in Annex ~~53~~ with race winners and losers progressing through ¼ final, ½ final and final races as indicated in that annex”;
- 2) article 9.9(B)(3) is replaced by the following: “where in any race both competitors either record the same Valid Time or no Valid Time (excluding where both competitors fail to start), the relevant race will be re-run. If following this the competitors remain tied, the tie will be broken by comparing the competitors’ Combined Ranking following the Qualification round. For the avoidance of doubt, no re-run will take place where both competitors fail to start.”;
- 3) articles 9.9(C), 9.9(D) and 9.9(E) are inapplicable..

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

- 1) article 8.1(B) is replaced by the following: “be organised with a single course of three (3) boulders. For the avoidance of doubt the Jury President will not be entitled to cancel any boulder in the round”;
- 2) [article 8.10\(C\) is replaced by the following: “will have a scheduled resting period not less than the Rotation Period in between their attempts on each successive boulder”;](#)
- 3) [article 8.11\(A\) is inapplicable;](#)
- 4) [article 8.26 is replaced by the following in respect of the handling of Technical Incidents \(only\):](#)

[“Where a confirmed Technical Incident covered by Article 8.25\(A\) occurs:](#)

- [A\) the current rotation period will be paused for the competitor\(s\) affected by the incident \(as determined by the Jury President\);](#)
- [B\) the commencement of the next rotation period will be paused until \(i\) the incident is resolved and \(ii\) those affected have completed their attempts, following which the round will resume as directed by the Jury President; and](#)
- [C\) all competitors will act as directed by the Jury President. For the avoidance of doubt, any competitor who leaves the Competition Area prior to the matter being resolved will not be permitted to resume their attempts.”](#)

C) In respect of the Lead stage, conform to the provisions of Article 7 (*Lead*) of these rules, as

these relate to the final round for Lead competitions with the following amendments:

- 1) article 7.13(A) is inapplicable,

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

Starting order and Starting Lists

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

- A) where competitors have qualified for the relevant competition through a single Calendar Event in which all qualifying competitors have participated, in ascending order of the Combined Rankings calculated for the relevant competitors; and
- B) where competitors have qualified for the relevant competition through a qualification system comprising multiple Calendar Events, as published by the IFSC for the relevant competition.

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

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

- A) in respect of the Speed stage, in the order set out at Annex 53. e.g. Race 1 shall be between the competitors ranked 1st and 8th within the Speed stage of the Qualification round.
- B) in respect of the Boulder stage, the starting order shall be the reverse of the ranking order from the equivalent stage of the Qualification round, i.e. the highest (best) ranked competitor from that stage will start last.
- C) in respect of the Lead stage, the starting order shall be the reverse of the ranking from the equivalent stage of the Qualification round, i.e. the highest (best) ranked competitor from that stage will start last.

Stage ranking

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

- A) in respect of each Speed stage, according to the provisions of Article 8 (*Speed*) of these rules with the following amendments and additions in respect of the Final round:
 - 1) article 9.18(B) is replaced by the following: “Each competitor starting the round shall be ranked using the following criteria:
 - a) the results of races 1 – 4;
 - b) the results of races 5 – 8;
 - b) the results of races 9 – 12,

purposes of this article 11.10.

Combined ranking

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

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

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

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

B) a Ranking Point Total will be calculated for each relevant competitor by multiplying together the Ranking Points awarded.

C) each relevant competitor will be ranked in ascending order of the Ranking Point Total (i.e. lower values are better), provided that where any competitors have the same Ranking Point Total, the relative ranking of the tied competitors shall be determined for any round:

- 1) by comparing the head-to-head performance of such competitors within the round; and
- 2) where following (1) any competitors remain tied, by comparing:
 - a) where applicable, the Combined Ranking following the Qualification round; and/or
 - b) if necessary, the Seeding of the relevant competitors.

11.12 An interim ranking may be calculated in each round:

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

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

11.13 Where any competitor

- A) fails or is ineligible to start the Speed-first stage of any round of the competition in accordance with the relevant provisions of Articles 7 (Lead), 8 (Boulder) or 9 (Speed)~~9.17(A) or 9.18(A)~~, the relevant competitor will be marked as DNS and unranked in that round; or
- B) is Disqualified or Disqualified for Behaviour during or following any round of the competition, then the relevant competitor will be unranked in all rounds and the ranking (but not any Ranking Points calculation) for all other competitors adjusted accordingly.

Cup results and rankings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Medals and prizes

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

List.

Starting Lists

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

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

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

13.9 Not used

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

Results and rankings

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

13.12 For each Category:

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

13.13 At the conclusion of each World Championship:

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

possible following completion of the round.

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

14.13 At the conclusion of each Youth World Championship:

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

Medals and prizes

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

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

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

Anti-doping

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

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

15. MULTI-SPORT EVENTS

General provisions

15.1 The IFSC may agree to the inclusion of sport climbing competitions within multi-sport events organised by international or national organisations. Relevant multi-sport events planned for 2021 are:

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Lead</u> | <u>Boulder</u> | <u>Speed</u> | <u>Combined</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Tokyo 2020 | - | - | - | Y |

15.2 The International Olympic Committee (IOC) determined during the 129th IOC session in Rio de Janeiro 2016 to include sport climbing within the Games of the XXXII Olympiad (the “Games”), to be held in Tokyo (JPN), using the Combined Discipline format

15.3 The IFSC will appoint the following officials to the Games:

- A) a Technical Delegate;
- B) a Jury President;
- C) at least one IFSC Judge;
- D) Chief Routesetters for the Lead and Boulder stages of the competition;
- E) A team of Routesetters for the Lead and Boulder stages of the competition.

Registration of Teams

15.4 Eligibility to compete at the Games shall be determined in accordance with the Qualification Pathway agreed between the IFSC and the international Olympic Committee. The IFSC shall publish the agreed Qualification Pathway on the IFSC website.

15.5 Member Federations may, subject to any limitations imposed by their National Olympic Committee and/or the Event Organisers, register Team Officials in the maximum numbers and capacity following:

- A) One (1) Team Manager;
- B) Two (2) coaches;
- C) Two (2) qualified medical or para-medical personnel,
each of whom must hold a valid International Licence.

15.6 The participation of all Team Members:

- A) should be confirmed at an information meeting to be scheduled three (3) days before the competition;
- B) must be confirmed no later than the Technical Meeting scheduled one (1) day before the competition, following which the Technical Delegate will confirm to the organisers the

number and identity of the participating competitors.

Team Uniforms and advertising

15.7 In the event of conflict between (a) published IOC protocols; (b) national rules concerning olympic team uniforms and (c) these Rules, the order of precedence shall be as set out in this paragraph (i.e. IOC protocols have precedence)

15.8 In addition to Article 3.18 of these Rules, all Team Members must comply with the general guidelines and sport-specific guidelines issued by the IOC in relation to Bye-Law to Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter. In the event of any conflict between Article 3.18 of these Rules and these guidelines, the higher standard shall apply.

Competition procedure

15.9 The format of the competition shall be as set out in Section 11 of Part 2 to these Rules. In exceptional circumstances, the Technical Delegate may, taking into consideration the health and safety of the competitors, the orderly conduct of the competition, and its broader context within the Games:

- A) notwithstanding article 11.2, vary the order in which the Speed, Boulder and/or Lead stages of any round will take place;
- B) reschedule, interrupt and resume, or interrupt and restart, any stage or round of the competition; or
- C) where:
 - 1) The Final round of the competition cannot be completed prior to the closing ceremony for the Games, cancel that round; or
 - 2) no round of the competition can be completed prior to the closing ceremony for the Games, cancel the competition,

and in each case the General Ranking for the competition shall be determined in accordance with Article 11.14 of these Rules, and

such decisions shall not be capable of Appeal.

Seeding

15.10 The IFSC will allocate each competitor participating in the Games a preliminary ranking (a "Seeding") for the purposes of creating the starting order for the Qualification round and as a tie-break mechanism in the event that the ranking of competitors cannot be separated by their in-competition performance. The IFSC will publish the seeding principles on the IFSC website.

Starting Lists

15.11 The starting order for each competition shall be determined as set out in Section 11 of Part 2 to these Rules and Starting Lists prepared:

- A) for the Qualification round, at the Technical Meeting preceding the relevant competition and

following the confirmation of participation.

B) for the Final round, following publication of the Official Results of the Qualification round and following the conclusion of any appeals procedure,

and in each case published via the Olympic Results Information Services, with a copy available to each participating Team.

15.12 No amendments shall be made to the Starting Lists for any stage within a round later than one (1) hour prior to the start of the relevant stage within the round. If an athlete becomes unable or ineligible to compete after these times, the Startlist for the relevant stage/round will not be changed.

Event results and rankings

15.13 All Provisional and Official results will be displayed in-venue by the Olympic Broadcasting Service and, in respect of the Official Results, published through the Olympic Information Service.

World and Olympic Records

15.14 For the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding that the sport climbing competition of the Games uses the Combined Discipline format, the IFSC will recognise:

A) will recognise the fastest time recorded during any Speed stage an Olympic Record for the Speed Discipline; and

B) any time recorded during any Speed stage which is faster than the existing World Record for the Speed Discipline as a new World Record,

In each case subject to the provisions of the IFSC Rules 2020 concerning the recording and recognition of records in Speed

15.15 An Olympic Record in Speed will be first recognised:

A) upon the completion of the Speed stage in the Qualification round; or

B) upon the setting of any new World Record during the Qualification round,

whichever is the earlier to occur.

15.16 Article 9.3(A)(1) of the IFSC Rules 2020 in relation to the requirements for records is amended by the addition of the following:

“Up to three holds on each will be black in colour in order to facilitate the display of intermediate times on the route;”

Ceremonies

15.17 All ceremonies will be held in accordance with and subject to the relevant IOC protocols.

Anti-doping

15.18 Anti-doping verification and compliance activities will be conducted in accordance with and subject to the relevant IOC protocols.

1516. PARACLIMBING

~~[TBC Refer to the IFSC Rules 2018 \(v1.5\) for World Paraclimbing Cup Series / World Paraclimbing Championship / World Paraclimbing Master.](#)~~

ANNEX 1 – ~~WORLD CUP RANKING POINTS~~ QUALIFYING EVENTS

QUALIFYING EVENTS

| Season | Qualifying Events |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2019 | World Cup, World Championship |
| 2020 | World Cup, Continental Championships |
| 2021 | World Cup, World Championships |

ANNEX 2 – WORLD RANKING POINTS

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ANNEX 3 – WORLD CUP RANKING POINTS

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

ANNEX 42 – RACE/LANE PAIRING (SPEED)

16 starters

1/8 stage

| | | |
|---|---|---------------|
| 1 | A | Qualifier #1 |
| | B | Qualifier #16 |

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| 2 | A | Qualifier #8 |
| | B | Qualifier #9 |

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| 3 | A | Qualifier #4 |
| | B | Qualifier #13 |

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| 4 | A | Qualifier #5 |
| | B | Qualifier #12 |

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| 5 | A | Qualifier #2 |
| | B | Qualifier #15 |

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| 6 | A | Qualifier #7 |
| | B | Qualifier #10 |

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|---|---|---------------|
| 7 | A | Qualifier #3 |
| | B | Qualifier #14 |

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|---|---|---------------|
| 8 | A | Qualifier #6 |
| | B | Qualifier #11 |

1/4 stage

| | | |
|---|---|---------------|
| 9 | A | Winner Race 1 |
| | B | Winner Race 2 |

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| 10 | A | Winner Race 3 |
| | B | Winner Race 4 |

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| 11 | A | Winner Race 5 |
| | B | Winner Race 6 |

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| 12 | A | Winner Race 7 |
| | B | Winner Race 8 |

1/2 stage

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| 13 | A | Winner Race 9 |
| | B | Winner Race 10 |

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| 14 | A | Winner Race 11 |
| | B | Winner Race 12 |

Final stage

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|----|---|---------------|
| 15 | A | Loser Race 13 |
| | B | Loser Race 14 |

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| 16 | A | Winner Race 13 |
| | B | Winner Race 14 |

8 starters

1/4 stage

| | | |
|---|---|--------------|
| 1 | A | Qualifier #1 |
| | B | Qualifier #8 |

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|---|---|--------------|
| 2 | A | Qualifier #4 |
| | B | Qualifier #5 |

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|---|---|--------------|
| 3 | A | Qualifier #2 |
| | B | Qualifier #7 |

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|---|---|--------------|
| 4 | A | Qualifier #3 |
| | B | Qualifier #6 |

1/2 stage

| | | |
|---|---|---------------|
| 5 | A | Winner Race 1 |
| | B | Winner Race 2 |

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|---|---|---------------|
| 6 | A | Winner Race 3 |
| | B | Winner Race 4 |

Final stage

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|---|---|--------------|
| 7 | A | Loser Race 5 |
| | B | Loser Race 6 |

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|---|---|---------------|
| 8 | A | Winner Race 5 |
| | B | Winner Race 6 |

4 starters

1/2 stage

| | | |
|---|---|--------------|
| 1 | A | Qualifier #1 |
| | B | Qualifier #4 |

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|---|---|--------------|
| 2 | A | Qualifier #2 |
| | B | Qualifier #3 |

Final stage

| | | |
|---|---|--------------|
| 3 | A | Loser Race 1 |
| | B | Loser Race 2 |

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|---|---|---------------|
| 4 | A | Winner Race 1 |
| | B | Winner Race 2 |

ANNEX 53 – RACE/LANE PAIRING (COMBINED)

1/4 stage

| | | |
|---|---|--------------|
| 1 | A | Qualifier #1 |
| | B | Qualifier #8 |

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| 2 | A | Qualifier #4 |
| | B | Qualifier #5 |

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|---|---|--------------|
| 3 | A | Qualifier #2 |
| | B | Qualifier #7 |

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|---|---|--------------|
| 4 | A | Qualifier #3 |
| | B | Qualifier #6 |

1/2 stage

| | | |
|---|---|--------------|
| 5 | A | Loser Race 1 |
| | B | Loser Race 2 |

| | | |
|---|---|--------------|
| 6 | A | Loser Race 3 |
| | B | Loser Race 4 |

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|---|---|---------------|
| 7 | A | Winner Race 1 |
| | B | Winner Race 2 |

| | | |
|---|---|---------------|
| 8 | A | Winner Race 3 |
| | B | Winner Race 4 |

Final stage

| | | |
|---|---|--------------|
| 9 | A | Loser Race 5 |
| | B | Loser Race 6 |

| | | |
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| 10 | A | Winner Race 5 |
| | B | Winner Race 6 |

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| 11 | A | Loser Race 7 |
| | B | Loser Race 8 |

| | | |
|----|---|---------------|
| 12 | A | Winner Race 7 |
| | B | Winner Race 8 |

— Ranking 7/8

— Ranking 5/6

— Ranking 3/4

— Ranking 1/2