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UIAA Ice Climbing European Cup Round 3 - Glasgow - UK Athletes Handbook

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UIAA Ice Climbing European Cup 2023 - Glasgow. 18th February 2023.

The BMC and the Scottish Dry-Tooling Club are proud to announce that they will be hosting the third round of the UIAA Ice Climbing European Cup in The Glasgow Climbing Centre on Saturday 18th February 2023.

There will only be a Lead Category competition at this event.

1.1 The Competition
There will be 2 qualification routes, and one Final route. These will be on plywood kickboards (fruit-boots will be required, no Mountaineering boots) climbed on lead with a time limit. The qualifiers will be one flash attempt. Top 8 male and top 8 female climbers through to an on-sight final.

1.2 There will be a quota added for European athletes in the event that the top 8 athletes after qualifiers include non European continental climbers.

2. <u>Venue Location</u>
The competition will be held at The Glasgow Climbing Centre which will be closed for regular business and open only as the host venue of the competition. The Venue will open at 7am Saturday 18th February and close at 10pm on Saturday 18th.

Address:
The Glasgow Climbing Centre
534 Paisley Road West
Glasgow
G51 1RN

3. <u>Transport</u>

3.1 By plane
Glasgow Airport
Closest airport, well connected to most UK cities and European Cities
Distance to venue: 6.5 miles

Connections from Glasgow airport:
To the city is easy via bus (8.50GBP single)
Bus information

Taxi to the venue takes around 15 minute (15 - 20 GBP)

Edinburgh Airport
Well connected to most European cities.
Distance to venue: 40 miles

Connections from Edinburgh Airport:
Bus
The easiest and cheapest option to Glasgow, takes 1 hour to Glasgow centre (12 GBP)
Bus information

Tram/Train
You can catch a tram to Edinburgh and then the train to Glasgow Central (12 - 25 GBP)

Prestwick Airport
Distance to venue: 30 miles
Not many flights to here but a possibility.

Connections from Prestwick airport:
The airport is well connected to Glasgow Central via Train (5 - 10 GBP)
50% discount available for flight passengers when purchased on the train (there is no ticket office at Prestwick Airport)

3.2 By Train
There are two large train stations in Glasgow that are connected to most UK cities. Glasgow central Connects the city to the west and south of Scotland and England.
Glasgow Queen Street connects the city to the East and North of Scotland.

Both stations are within the city centre and so accommodation and the venue can easily be reached via taxi, subway or walking.

3.3 Subway

The venue's closest and easiest to find subway station is Cessnock. (0.5 miles) a single ticket from any station costs < 3 GBP. Exit the subway and come onto the main road, turn right and short walk straight along the main road (Paisley Road West) gets you to the venue.

3.4 Driving

The venue is easily accessible from the M8 motorway, just between junction 23 + 24.
On Street Parking is Plentiful around the venue.

4. Accommodation

Accommodation must be arranged individually. Possible local options can be found here:

GoGlasgow Urban Hotel
Distance: 1 Minute walk to venue
Address: 517 Paisley Road West, G51 1RW
Telephone: +441414273146
Email: enquiries@goglasgowhotel.com
Website: www.goglasgowhotel.com/

Ibis Budget Hotel
Distance to venue: 20 minute walk, short bus journey. (1.5 miles)
Address: 2a Springfield Quay, G5 8NP
Telephone: +4401414298013

Other Accommodation.
There are numerous great hotels/air B&Bs and hostels in the city centre and West end of Glasgow. Travel from these is easy via the Subway and takes around 10 Minutes.

5. Registration

Registration cost will be £40 if registered on the UIAA database before the deadline. (12.02.23)
Registration cost will be £45 for registration on the day. Athletes will be able to pay in cash or by card on the day.

5.1 Timings
07:00 Venue opens
07:15 Registration opens
08:30 Registration closes
09:00 Technical briefing
09:15 Climbing begins

5.2 Lead Competition
This is an open competition. Athletes can register without their federation.
Athlete registration is done by registering on the UIAA results service for the senior category.
There will be no youth category in the event so to compensate for this, the event will be open for 14+ years of age. Any U16 Climbers will be removed from the scoreboard for the UIAA European Cup.
There will be Male and Female Categories.

5.3 Deadline
Deadline for registration is the 12th February 2023

6. <u>Visas</u>

If travelling from Europe you will not need a visa.

From the UK government website:

"What you need at the UK border: You must provide a valid passport or travel document. Your passport should be valid for the whole of your stay in the UK.

You may also be asked to prove that:

you're visiting for tourism

you're able to support yourself and your dependents during your trip (or have funding from someone else to support you)

you've arranged accommodation for your stay

you're able to pay for your return or onward journey (or have funding from someone else)

you'll leave the UK at the end of your visit"

If travelling from outside of Europe and you require an invitation letter for a visa, please get in touch with the event organiser, Willis Morris. Contact details below.

7. <u>Communication</u>

7.1 Communication to Athletes

The most important information is communicated to athletes via three ways.

1. **Email.**

The most important information is communicated to athletes and federations by email in two ways.

1. Important email updates from the UIAA Ice Climbing team, iceclimbing@theuiaa.org
2. Specific news releases sent by the UIAA to a dedicated ice climbing mailing list.
3. Route information and links to the demo videos from The Scottish Dry-Tooling Club via: Scottishdrytoolingclub@gmail.com

2. **UIAA Athlete Facebook Page.**

UIAA Athletes Facebook group – so please join up to this if you haven't already and read all the information posted – https://www.facebook.com/groups/837078173169225/ All athletes that were registered for the 2021/22 UIAA Ice Climbing season have been added to the ice climbing mailing list using the email provided when applying for your competition licence. Any athletes not receiving news releases or emails are invited to contact iceclimbing@theuiaa.org and they will be immediately added to the lists.

3. **Facebook Event Page.**

We will organise a Facebook event page where we can release important information. Please search Facebook for 'UIAA European Cup - Round 3 - Glasgow'.

Important news articles and documents can be found on the dedicated UIAA ice climbing website page – https://iceclimbing.sport/ and on the UIAA's social media channels.
Scottish Dry-Tooling Club via: Scottishdrytoolingclub@gmail.com

7.2 Communication to Media
The BMC and SDTC will distribute press releases to its media lists.
This includes the event preview and event report.
Media wishing to be added to the distribution list, or athletes wanting to add sponsor addresses or media from their own area or country, are invited to contact Scottishdrytoolingclub@gmail.com

8. <u>Media</u>

<u>8.1 Live Streaming and Video Coverage</u>
For the event the BMC will be working hard to ensure the competition is covered in an innovative, comprehensive and professional manner with great live and non-live content. We also have media partners in the SDTC, Mountaineering Scotland and hopefully others to help us gain some much needed coverage.

Live Streaming will be available for the Finals of the competition via the UIAA YouTube Channel. This will be available immediately as a play-back. Furthermore, highlights of key competition moments such as medal climbs, decisive duels and spectacular moments will be cut as clips and shared on the BMC and SDTC social media channels. The livestream will be covered by a commentator.

The livestream will be fed into the BMC and SDTC Facebook, Instagram and YouTube channels and also embedded on the SDTC website. Media organisations, member federations or climbing channels wishing to share the livestream from competition are invited to contact Scottishdrytoolingclub@gmail.com
If you don't make finals and would like to be involved in the livestream as a co-commentator commentating on the finals please contact the club in advance or speak to the Event Coordinator – Willis Morris at the event itself.

8.2 Photography
The official photographer for the event will be confirmed at a later date.

The BMC and SDTC will have access to all the official photographs after the event and will share them to the competitors as and when possible.

8.3 Social Media

To help amplify coverage of the sport of competitive ice climbing, the UIAA, BMC and SDTC encourages athletes to share content from the event, either material produced by the BMC/SDTC or athlete-generated 'behind the scenes' content. Introducing the sport to new athletes, fans, media and sponsors is a shared goal for everyone involved. Please make sure you encourage all of your friends, family and fans to follow the following social media channels to ensure maximum exposure!

Before, during and after the event the event will be featured on the following channels:

Facebook –
BMC - Scottish Dry-Tooling Club - Livestream, news articles, photo galleries, results, video highlights and clips
Instagram –
@teambmc @uiaa_iceclimbing @scottishdrytoolingclub - photo stories, video clips

YouTube –
UIAA–
youtube.com/@uiaa - livestream

Website –
https://www.thebmc.co.uk/
scottishdrytoolingclub.square.site –
Hi-res images available to download from all events on the gallery of the SDTC website.

Hashtags –
The dedicated hashtags are:
#EuroiceGlasgow #SDTC #uiaaiceclimbing
Tags –
You can tag in our sponsors and event supporters with these tags:
@scottishdrytoolingclub @glasgow_climbing_centre @teambmc @gb_climbing @uiaaiceclimbingworldtour

9. **Details of the Event Organiser**

The Scottish Dry-Tooling Club
SDTC email : Scottishdrytoolingclub@gmail.com
Club President - Willis Morris - WhatsApp +447456500611

BMC contact : **Gavin.Finch@thebmc.co.uk**

10. Route Setters

We have several route setters for the event. The majority are SDTC committee members and GB Ice Team Athletes. Route setters cannot compete in the competition if they are setting the holds. They can compete if they have been involved in the organisation and set-up of the venue.

Because Finals of the competition will be climbed 'On-sight' the finals routes will have the holds hidden from view during the qualifiers and will only be revealed during route observation. The Lead comp finals will be set by the Head Route-setter with no other competitors in the venue. This will keep the competition fair.

10.1 Lead Comp
Head Route-setter
Willis Morris - Club President - GB Team Athlete
Route Setters
TBC

11. Live Results

Live results for the Competition will be available on the UIAA results service: https://uiaa.results.info/ The results system provides live digital updates and mobile friendly service for which will be updated instantly after each competitor, showing live rankings and results.

12. Official Regulations and Rules

This comp will run in accordance with the UIAA 2023 COMPETITION REGULATIONS