

2024

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

FOR INTERNATIONAL ICE CLIMBING COMPETITIONS

Summary of major modifications* made to the 2024 Competition Regulations for International Ice Climbing Competitions as agreed by the UIAA Ice Climbing Working Group

*Minor modifications to format, grammar and wording have not been listed below. Also there has been a lot of format changes and rules moved to more appropriate places in the document. Several sections have been removed as they are already covered in the UIAA Event Organisers Handbook and not required in the regulations document.

PART 1 – GOVERNANCE	
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 .
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.
2.6.1	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 ;

3.10	Full details of Competition prize money and awards.
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.
5.2.2	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	e) Using ice axes that do not fit in the size limit box.
5.2.4	vi. Dangerous behaviour – e.g. intentionally throwing with ice axes from the wall or demonstrating aggressive behaviour towards any UIAA official or competitor.
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.
6.3.1	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.
6.3.3	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;

PART 2 – TECHNICAL RULES	
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.
8.3.5	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.

8.5.2	The observation period shall be 8 minutes.
8.6.1	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.
8.6.5	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.
8.7.6	After their attempt on a route a competitor may ask the category judge their score on the route.
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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).
8.10.3	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.
8.11.3	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.

9.	Re-formatting of entire section																						
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	<p>Qualification Round - Ranking:</p> <p>Group A: Competitors who have successfully completed both routes: They will be ranked based on the total climbing time.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Group C: Competitors who have failed to complete both routes will not be ranked and will be marked as "DNF" (Did Not Finish) in the results.</p> <p>Only competitors from Group A are considered for qualifying for the final round.</p>																						
9.7.7	<p>Final round- number of competitors:</p> <p>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:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Competitors with a Valid Time</th> <th>Final quota</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4 – 7</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8 – 15</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>> 15</td> <td>16</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Competitors with a Valid Time	Final quota	4 – 7	4	8 – 15	8	> 15	16													
Competitors with a Valid Time	Final quota																						
4 – 7	4																						
8 – 15	8																						
> 15	16																						
9.7.8	New final round diagrams																						
9.7.9	<p>Final round - Failure to complete a route:</p> <p>In any stage of the final round, the following actions should be followed based on the specific cases detailed in the table below:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 33%;">Race 1</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Race 2</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Outcome</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Climber A succeeds Climb B succeeds</td> <td>Climber B succeeds Climb A succeeds</td> <td>Lowest total time wins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Climber A succeeds Climb B fails</td> <td>No climb for Climber B Climber A succeeds</td> <td>Climber A wins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Climber A fails Climb B succeeds</td> <td>Climber B succeeds No climb for Climber A</td> <td>Climber B wins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Climber A fails Climb B fails</td> <td></td> <td>Rerun</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Climber A succeeds Climb B fails</td> <td>No climb for Climber B Climber A fails</td> <td>Rerun both races</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Climber A fails Climb B succeeds</td> <td>Climber B failed No climb for Climber A</td> <td>Rerun both races</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		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
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.
10.	Boulder section removed.
PART 3 – EVENT RULES	
11-16	Re-formatting of all sections
11.5.5	New table detailing number of best results to count in ranking.
14.4.1	Changes made to age categories
15.1.2	d) can be part of a World Cup level event with a separate rankings;
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.
16.4.2	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.
16.4.4	16.3.2 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.
19.	Addition of a Glossary of Terms