

I am Jan Mikel, I studied IT in Prague, lived here, and worked here as a software developer since.

I started climbing a little bit during university and got more into it during covid. Last summer I was hooked on ice climbing by the Scottish Dry-tooling Club and did my first competition season participating in national and continental cups.

What can I offer?

I have no commitments outside of work and climbing, so I have time to devote to this effort. Despite having just one season behind me, I encountered a lot that could be improved or fixed, that would improve the athlete experience:

- rules - lots of ambiguity and incompleteness
- judges - route judges make a lot of basic mistakes, and rules make it hard to judge
- starting lists - the current software is useful only for WC format, unusable for lower budget comps with multiple routes in the same lines or some continentals with more than two qualifiers, forcing organizers to implement their own solution and causing chaos with invalid starting lists
- transparency - I have no idea, what is going on, what competitions are on, which are canceled, what will be the rules, despite the season already started - lots of national selection events are underway/done, local comps beginning next month. Info on UIAA training camps is only in the closed FB group. There is no transparency on the inner workings and governing of the competition scene.
- general professionalism - FB group is not a professional way to get information to the athletes
- branding - the UIAA Instagram account is quite outdated and posts don't always follow the latest quality standards
- equipment - lots of issues with timing pads during speed

I am also very passionate about our sport, might have a fresh look as a newcomer, and have skills to address some of our issues - background in board games - knowing how to validate rules and look for potential inconsistencies and exploits. And software dev - to upgrade starting lists generation.