

2025

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

FOR INTERNATIONAL ICE CLIMBING COMPETITIONS

Summary of major modifications* made to the 2025 Competition Regulations for International Ice Climbing Competitions as agreed by the UIAA Ice Climbing Governance 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	
4.2.2 b)	After demonstration of the route by a person an authorized by the Chief International Route setter;
5.2.3	Disqualification without Further Sanction: The following infringements of the regulations shall result in issuing of a Red Card and the immediate disqualification of the competitor from the competition without further sanction (all red cards should be authorized by the President of the Jury):
6.3.1 a)	following an examination, at the end of the round or during the competition if possible , of the video recording.
6.4.1	An appeal against the ranking of a competitor after the completion of a round of the competition and after the official provisional results have been published, must be made no later than 10 minutes after the publication of the results. The appeal must be made following the publication of the results at the end of each round of a competition.

PART 2 – TECHNICAL RULES	
8.8.8	If a competitor takes hold of the final quick draw before the rope is safely clipped into the final karabiner, this shall be considered as an artificial aid and the competitor's attempt on the route shall be terminated and measured in accordance with Article 8.8.1. Covered in illegal aid.
8.11.2 g)	Uses any artificial illegal aid which is defined by the following in all 3 disciplines; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with the Ice Axe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Striking or using axe picks on the wall or volume ii. Screw and screw holes of the hold and wall or volume iii. Striking the hold iv. Striking the axe • with hand, Ice Axe and Crampons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Uses the side-edges or top-edges of the wall or panels ii. The space between panels iii. Protection points and quickdraws iv. Uses any areas beyond Climbing Surface • Climbing or achieving the stable position with quickdraws and/or rope;
8.11.4	The competitor is allowed to have a second attempt during qualification (open) round of a competition, if the first attempt was terminated, and he/she didn't clip the first quickdraw after the pre-clipped one. The time will be running without stop, so the climber has to make both attempts in time limit set for the route.
9.6.3 c)	On being given the instruction or signal to start, each competitor shall commence his/her attempt on the route within 3 seconds of the starting signal.
9.6.3 f)	There are no false starts in the single speed competition. However, all competitors must leave the pad within 3 seconds of the audible sound from the timing system.
9.7.6	There are no false starts in the duel-speed competition. However, all competitors must leave the pad within 3 seconds of the audible sound from the timing system.
9.7.7	Group C: Competitors who have failed to complete both routes or recorded two false starts will not be ranked and will be marked as "DNF" (Did Not Finish) in the results.
9.7.8	Final round- number of competitors: The quota for the Final round shall be determined by reference to the number of competitors having a Valid Time from the Qualification round (but excluding any competitors who have recorded a False Start) as follow:
PART 3 – EVENT RULES	
15.1.4	If the Continental Championships is part of a World Cup event, then the rules detailed in section 11 are followed throughout except for 15.2.2 and 15.2.3 below.
15.2.1	Should follow article 11.2 except for Host Quota – there is no host quota at Continental Championships if the event is a standalone event.
15.2.2	15.1.1 If the Continental Championships is combined with a World Cup event, then the host federation may register up to 9 athletes for the World Cup start list in a given discipline, and only up to 6 of those athletes will be included in the results Continental Championships.



15.2.3	Only the 6 top ranked athletes in the World Cup from the host nation in a given discipline will be included in the Continental Championship results. It is not possible to register different athletes for the Continental event than for the World Cup.
19.	Striking – hitting something forcibly and deliberately with the pick of the axe.