

2026 EVENT ORGANISER'S HANDBOOK LITE

**COMPULSORY FOR WORLD CUP AND
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ORGANISERS**

ANNEX 3.1 OF UIAA EVENT ORGANISER AGREEMENT (EOA)

1. UIAA ICE CLIMBING COMPETITIONS - GENERAL

1.1 ORGANISATION OF THE UIAA

- 1.1.1 Only the members of the UIAA (or organisations specifically recognized by the UIAA) shall be eligible to apply to organise an UIAA-approved competition.
- 1.1.2 International Competition Officials: The UIAA maintains the right to formally appoint the following officials to each UIAA-approved competition.
- a) UIAA Delegate: the UIAA Delegate acts on behalf of the President of the Jury in respect to the organisation of the competition within the competition area. The UIAA Delegate has authority for ensuring that the facilities and services provided by the competition Organiser are in accordance with UIAA Regulations.
 - b) President of the Jury - Has overall authority within the competition area; this authority extends to covering the activities of the media and all other persons nominated by the Organiser. The President of the Jury has overall authority with respect to all aspects of the running of the competition and presides over all meetings of the UIAA Officials. The President of the Jury shall belong to a country other but the one, where the event is taking place.
 - c) International Judge - appointed by the UIAA to assist the President of the Jury in undertaking all aspects of judging a competition. There must be at least one International Judge on one route, when competitions are held on different routes at the same time. The International Judge can be assisted by Route Judges.
 - d) International Route Setter - is responsible for the preparation of the climbing routes and for ensuring that these meet the appropriate technical standard and full safety of each route of the competition; and for consulting with the Organiser, the President of the Jury on all technical matters within the competition area.
 - e) Route Judges: the Organiser shall provide a Route Judge for each route of the competition. Route Judges shall be persons holding either international or national licenses. They shall be fully aware of the technical rules and regulations governing UIAA-approved competitions.

1.2 TIMELINE

The Ice Climbing Season comprises December, January, February and March.

DEADLINE	ELEMENT OF DISCUSSION	PARTY(IES) INVOLVED
1 January	Event application period opens	UIAA
1 April*	Event application period closes	Organiser and UIAA Office
15 May	Provisional calendar of upcoming season + Organisers Handbook	UIAA Office
31 June	Publication of calendar of upcoming season	UIAA Office
30 September**	“Event Organiser Agreement” signed by all parties and payment of calendar fee made	Organiser and UIAA/UIAA
30 September	UIAA Officials Nominations	UIAA
30 September	Event Fact Sheet submitted	Organiser to UIAA
Competition – 3 months	Event Insurance Certificate	Organiser to UIAA

Competition – 3 months	Project & Budget plan and implementation in place	Organiser
Competition – 2 months	Partners and sponsors communicated and branding material validated	Organiser to UIAA
Competition – 2 months	Last updated sponsorship requirements	UIAA
Competition - 1 month	Technical Service Fee Payment due	Organiser to UIAA
Competition – 1 month	Last changes to graphic charter and sponsors' logos	Organiser
Competition – 2 weeks	Share max. 5 local sponsors' logos in high resolution for international livestream	Organiser to UIAA
Competition – 10 days	Structure ready for routesetting and safety inspection certificate completed and sent to UIAA	Organiser
Competition – 2 days	Venue inspection	UIAA
	COMPETITION DAY 1	
	COMPETITION DAY 2	
	(COMPETITION DAY 3)	
Competition + 2 months	Event Quality Assessment Report	UIAA to Organiser

* Closing is effective on mentioned date at midnight, CET zone. The UIAA maintains the right to extend the period.

**** If the Event Organiser Agreement is not signed and the Calendar fee not paid by the deadline stipulated above the event in question will be removed from the calendar immediately.**

If the contract cannot be signed by the above date, then an agreement can be made between the UIAA and the organiser for a later signing of the contract – the organizer must communicate their wish to do this at least 1 month before the deadline.

2. HUMAN RESOURCES

The Organiser shall provide, at minimum, personnel to carry out the following activities:

- All pre-competition organisation/administration and supervision/liaison with those for the provision and construction of the competition ice climbing structure and associated facilities, and the arena facilities.
- Welcome and register competitors and team members, UIAA officials, etc.
- Register and control authorized persons entering and leaving the isolation zone.
- Maintain the security of the isolation zone and competition zone.
- Accompany and generally assist competitors on leaving the isolation zone and walking to the transit zone and the competition structure.
- Operate the cameras according to instructions of the livestreaming team.
- Assist the livestreaming and results team to setup equipment, source power and internet etc. and liaise with only local production crew.
- Organise the opening and closing ceremonies.

Also -

- Route Judges (in accordance with UIAA regulations) to assist the International Judge (including route height and length measurement, video recording service and time-keeping duties).

- A competent belaying team consisting of belayers trained in belaying in ice climbing competitions.
- Ice climbing structure maintenance team.
- Video recording and playback team for all stages of the competition.
- Medical personnel during the entire period of the competition (note that the presence of a medical doctor is mandatory throughout the competition).
- Public information operator.

3. COMPETITION FACILITIES & VENUE DESIGN

The Organiser shall, at a minimum, provide the following facilities in accordance with the UIAA Ice Climbing Competition Regulations and the details laid out hereafter:

3.1 VENUE

- Compulsory: A sound system used for a speaker to address audience and to play entertaining music.
- A light system used to emphasise the climbing performance.
- Compulsory: General Audience.
- Preferred: Team Officials area (i.e. for Athletes and Team members no longer involved in the competition).

3.2 FIELD OF PLAY (FOP) - ICE CLIMBING STRUCTURE - COMPULSORY ELEMENTS

All the ice climbing structures used for UIAA Ice World Cups of any discipline must be inspected by a suitably qualified person and a certificate of safety produced detailing that all the safety elements, including the structure itself, the protection points and anchor points have all been inspected and are compliant with the national standards for construction of that country, including any additional ice blocks/barrels that are to be added to the structure. This certificate must be in English and sent to the UIAA no later than two weeks before the event. See Appendix 8 for an example of a safety certificate.

For Lead competitions, compulsory elements

- Minimum height of structure must be 12 m.
- Route length must be at least 15 m.
- Structure must be capable of having at least 2 routes running simultaneously.
- The structure must be steep enough to accommodate M12 mixed grade routes of competition style.
- The mandatory climbing time for the routes is between 3:30 and 8 minutes for each round. The recommended climbing times on the routes should be as follows - Qualifications – 3:30 - 5 mins, Semifinals – 6 - 7 mins, Finals – 6 - 8 mins.
- Design of the structure and building must comply with the relevant national standards – in Europe this is EN12572. If large blocks of ice are added to the wall, the wall must be engineered correctly to take this extra weight.
- The profile of the structure must not be a simple 2-D structure, some element of 3-D

dimensionality must be incorporated, ideally with the use of ice. The ice can be sprayed, hand packed, natural or ice blocks of varying sizes. See the link for information on how to construct these blocks of ice.

- Each belayer is required to use an Assisted Belay Device for safety concerns.
- The bolts must be attached to the metal structure of the wall, not just attached to the plywood. In case it is placed in the plywood, it has to be connected to the main structure.
- The first quickdraw must be pre-clipped and secured with a locking carabiner, and at a height so you cannot fall to the ground when clipping the next quickdraw. We recommend that the first quickdraw can spin freely with a swivel connector.
- All holds must be commercially available on the open market.
- All holds should conform to the national/regional/international standard set out for climbing holds that applies where they are made - for example in Europe this is EN12572 - Part 3.
- All holds should have 6mm holes for screws with chamfered edges.
- Small holds – < 0.5kg must have minimum 3 screw holes for securing the hold to the wall.
- Large holds – 0.5kg – 2kg – must have a minimum of 4 screw holes for securing the hold to the wall.
- If holds are designed to be used in the steep pull/undercling position they must have a minimum 5 screw holes.
- Volumes should have as many screw holes as possible ideally pre-drilled with metal inserts. Medium volumes - minimum 6 screw holes, large volumes - minimum 10 screw holes.
- The hold design should avoid the situation that screw holes can be used as pick placements.
- No red holds will be allowed due to red marking signifying out of bounds areas.

For Speed competitions, compulsory elements

- The height for routes shall be 12-18 meters for single format and 12-15 meters for dual format.
- The angle of the ice wall should be close to vertical.
- In the case where the ice quality will not allow for competition The Jury President has the sole right to cancel the speed competition.
- The depth of the ice on the speed wall must be a minimum of 30 cm before any structural mesh or cooling system.
- The width of each lane on the speed wall should be a minimum of 2.5 m.
- The speed ice wall must be constructed of consistent ice for all of the 30 cm depth. If the ice is brand new and has not been climbed before, it must be preclimbed by the routesetters several times to create enough hooks in the ice and get rid of any icicles that are likely to break in competition.
- A cooling system is recommended to keep the ice from melting, especially when temperatures are above freezing. All the cooling pipes should be protected against puncture with ice axes.

- Each top anchor point must be attached to the metal construction and must include two independent anchor placements in the metal structure.
- Authorized speed climbing auto-belays may be used in speed competition and they must be protected from elements (rain/snow/wind/sun). The certified automatic belay system must be installed and operated according to the manufacturer's instructions. A backup auto-belay should be prepared in case the main auto-belay system fails.
- Alternatively, a top rope with manual belaying may be used. The top rope shall pass through a top anchor which is connected to two independent protection points, each consisting of a steel locking carabiner secured to the protection point with a chain/steel wire ropes and a steel 10 mm Maillon Rapide closed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- There should be at least two if not three experienced speed belayers using the bell ringing method, with one person pulling the rope down, one pulling it through the belay device and one providing backup.
- The timing equipment should be fully tested and reliable in cold temperatures.
- The first 1,5 meters of tape/rope from the athlete's harness shall be protected against hitting with the ice tools. (For example Garden hose).
- The starting pad must be placed on a flat and solid horizontal surface (wood / concrete), and during the competition, the surface must be regularly cleaned (ideally, before each attempt), so that the pad is not raised up by the ice and does not give an unfair advantage to the athletes. The starting pad should be movable for cleaning purposes.
- All cables on the ground shall be covered to be protected against the damage by crampons.
- Both the finishing pad and the top protection points must be secured in a way that it does not change position during the competition.
- The position of the top protection points must be above the finishing pad.
- The position of the top protection points shall be such as to neither assist, hinder, nor endanger an athlete during their attempt on a route, and also, the rope/tape cannot touch the finishing pad. The point where the rope goes down to the athlete should be set out from the edge of the wall by 0.5 m, so it is directly above the athlete.
- All excess equipment (karabiners, quickdraws, bolts, etc.) shall be removed from the routes to prevent accidents.
- Ice lanes must not have any cables or other objects that can be hit or used by the athletes.
- In case it is needed to restrict the climbing area, a continuous and clearly identifiable red line with a minimum thickness of 5 cm shall be used.
- The ice lanes may involve the sides of the ice wall. The President of the Jury may decide to ban the sides for safety reasons. In such a case, the sides must be clearly marked with the red line, and this must be announced at the Technical Meeting.
- For further information on the construction of ice and speed ice walls please see the video.
- Single Route-Speed Competition
- Minimum width of the single speed climbing wall should be 2.5 m.

Speed-Duel Competition

- Speed-duel competitions shall always consist of two routes that shall be of the same length and of similar profile and difficulty.
- Each lane of a dual speed climbing wall should have a width of 2.5 m, and between the two lanes, a vertical separator of 50 cm (can be an advertising banner or a colored separator).
- The routes shall be designed such that the athletes cannot interfere with or unduly distract each other.

COMPULSORY ELEMENTS ON THE ISOLATION ZONE

Isolation warm up structure - Mandatory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The warmup structure must be equipped with matting, which must be continuous • The warmup structure must have a selection of holds of the same design and manufacture as those used in the competition • Maximum height of a climber above mats must be 3m, this is measured from the lowest point of the body • The warmup structure must be capable of at least 4 climbers being able to warm up safely on the structure at the same time.
Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets must be provided in the isolation zone, as an absolute minimum 1 per men and 1 per women
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The isolation zone must be located within 5 minutes travel distance of the main climbing arena. • Consideration must be given to providing transport from the isolation zone especially if the distance is in excess of 300m. • The transit isolation zone must be next to the competition structure but away from the spectating public.
Size of zone and general facilities - mandatory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The isolation zone must contain the warm up structure • The isolation zone must contain an area with seating for all competitors • The isolation zone must contain an area for aerobic activities and stretching • The total area of the zone must be a minimum of 2sqm of floor space per competitor • The isolation zone must not contain public telephones • The temperature inside the isolation zone must be at least 10°C • If fires/stoves are to be used to provide heat, then these must be adequately and safely vented to the outside environment • The whole of the isolation zone including the warm up structure must be adequately lit for use during night hours.
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The isolation zone must be totally secure from the public areas. Only competitors, team officials and authorised officials are to be allowed in the area. • Other persons (e.g. TV crews) may only be allowed into the isolation zone with permission from the Jury President. • Competitors and Team Officials are not allowed to be in possession of mobile phones and other electronic transmitting or recording devices in the isolation zone. • The isolation zone security and the movement of the athletes must be

	managed by an 'isolation zone' manager who must speak reasonable English. A briefing will be given to this person by a UIAA Official regarding the rules of the isolation zone.
Catering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cold beverages: The Organiser must provide enough water for the competitors in each round. It must be sparkling and natural water. It is nice to have fruit juices and other soft drinks. • Warm beverages: The Organiser must provide coffee and tea for the competitors in each round. • Ideally the organiser will provide some food for the athletes which can comprise of the following – fruit, energy drinks and food, sandwiches etc.

FACILITIES CHECKLIST

FACILITY	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS	REFERENCE
GENERAL		
Sound system (compulsory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing music on-site • Speaker on-site 	UIAA Medal Ceremony Protocol
Big screen (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display of scores, the livestream, and sponsors logos 	UIAA Branding Requirements
Light system (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient lights to have the climbing structure/route illuminated • Low level of lights is accepted, if follow-spot on athlete and audience in complete darkness 	
AUDIENCE AREA		
General Audience Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good visibility of routes 	
VIP Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best visibility of routes granted • Additional services provided to general audience area • Catering 	
FIELD OF PLAY (FOP)		
Ice Climbing Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In accordance with national and international laws and regulations • Presence of ice • Submission of safety certificate 	APPENDIX 1 & APPENDIX 8
Transit Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access control – must speak English • Separate area for next competitor to await his/her turn • Minimally (2) chairs • The ice climbing structure shall not be visible from the transit zone • Present competitor(s) shall be isolated from any other person • Should be away from spectators 	
Entrance Gate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrance from Transit Zone to Competition Area • As first public view of athlete, branding and visibility are crucial • Route from transit zone to field of play must be clear of spectators and obstructions 	UIAA Branding Regulations
Competition Area – Field of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High safety zone 	UIAA Medal

Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large table for jury, inaccessible for spectators and athletes • Restricted access to jury, organisers, competitors, accredited television and press or other persons specifically authorized by the President of Jury • Anyone entering must wear a helmet • Hot seat/podium area • Reliable outdoor Wi-Fi for UIAA officials 	Ceremony Protocol
Climbing route height and length measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead: Topographical charts shall be provided to the jury • Speed: Time keeping system with sensors at start and finish, preferably connected to results management software, the livestream and the public display system 	UIAA Ice Climbing Competition Regulations
Time keeping and results services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated space close to the climbing structure required for results service and judges. • Enough national judges for routes 	UIAA Ice Climbing Competition + UIAA Branding Regulations
Media Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access control • Dedicated space on each side of competition area to accommodate photographers • Where possible elevated areas shall be provided 	
BACK OF THE HOUSE (BOH) AND OFFICES		
Isolation Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access control • Access only with accreditation • Must have a warm-up wall • Catering (snacks and water) • Of at least correct temperature • Adequate lighting 	APPENDIX 2
Interim Isolation Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjacent to the ice climbing structure • The ice climbing structure shall not be visible from the interim isolation zone • Present competitor(s) shall be isolated from any other person 	APPENDIX 2
After-climbing Zone – Hot Seat (in final)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing athletes to change clothes and relax right after their performance and before entering the mixed zone • Athletes competing in the lead final will go to the Hot Seat area and take their assigned seat. Their warm clothes will be brought to them. 	
Mixed Zone/ Interview Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area for interviews, photos and videos of athletes post climb • Proximity to Ice Climbing Structure, at exit of FOP • Interview Backdrop (different from Podium Backdrop) • Access control • No visibility to spectators 	
Organiser's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity to competition area • Permanently posted list of all important contacts (incl. function and phone) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> number) Catering (snacks and water) 	
Competition Venue Reception Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easily accessible and allowing long queue Minimally (2) reception desks Separate and reliable internet connection (1) printer (50) sheet of weatherproof paper 	
Medical Facilities/Room and by-standing ambulance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enclosed, heated room/area Equipped to deal with non-major ailments and injuries Minimally 1 physician's table Running water Clear instructions of procedure in case of severe accident or injury 	Organiser's Handbook
Doping Test Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In compliance with national regulations governing international sport, the IOC Medical Code, the WADA Code and the UIAA regulations concerning drug testing. Enclosed, heated room separate from Medical Facilities Sealed, bottled water Bathroom in close proximity Minimally 4 chairs 	UIAA Anti-Doping Policies 2014
Secluded Livestreaming/Commentating Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated, heated and secluded area Separate broad-band internet connection for international distribution on all required platforms: Space for minimally 6 people Minimally 3 tables and 6 chairs A monitor screen with the livestream A set of headphones A microphone X2 240v Power Points Access Catering (snacks and water) Close to the structure for cabling, but not too close that noise disturbs commentary 6 volunteer camera operators 	UIAA Livestreaming Regulations + UIAA Branding Regulations
UIAA Officials Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated, heated and separate facility Video Playback Facilities Permanently posted list of all important contacts (incl. function and phone number) All Starting Lists, Results available Pens (4) Walkie-talkies Catering (snacks and water) 	UIAA Organiser's Handbook + UIAA Ice Climbing Competition Regulations
Results Service Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secluded and heated room Proximity to Ice Climbing Structure and the ICC Officials Area Reliable and fast internet connection (1) Printer (1) Walkie-talkie 	UIAA Ice Climbing Competition Regulations + UIAA Branding Regulations

Media Facilities and Press Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catering (snacks and water) • Appropriate working space • Reliable and fast internet connection • At least one telephone • (1) printer/photocopier • Full and relevant background information on the competition • Copies of starting lists, results and rankings • Catering (snacks and water) 	UIAA Organiser's Handbook
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4. COMPETITION ORGANISATION

4.1 STANDARD SCHEDULES, OPERATING HOURS & TEMPERATURES

- 4.1.1 All competition must be completed within the climbing hours - 0800 – 2200. Warmup/isolation can open at 0700 if required – minimum warmup time – 30mins before the start of each round.
- 4.1.2 Minimum operating temperature = -20°C
- 4.1.3 Standard 2-day event schedule
 Day -1 – Registration & Opening Ceremony in evening
 Day 1 – Lead Qualification & Full speed competition – a time gap between speed qualification and speed finals maybe required – but finals (including round of 16) should be run in one continuous competition, alternating between male and female rounds.
 Day 2 – Lead Semi-final and Lead Final
- 4.1.4 Standard 3-day event schedule
 Day 1 – Registration, Opening Ceremony & Lead Qualification
 Day 2 – Speed Qualification & Lead Semi-Final or Speed Finals (Round of 16 & Finals)
 Day 3 – Speed Finals (Round of 16 & Finals) or Lead Semi-Final & Lead Finals
- 4.1.5 Changes to this schedule can only be made with the specific consultation and agreement of the UIAA Event Coordinator and Jury President. Order of disciplines can be varied within a given day.

4.2 INSURANCE

- 4.2.1 The Organiser shall ensure and provide evidence to the UIAA no later than 2 weeks before the event, that the insurance cover for the competition is in strict compliance with all international and national regulations regarding sporting events and that the structure is compliant with all international and national safety standards covering climbing structures and provide a safety certificate to corroborate this – see Annex 8.
- 4.2.2 The Organiser shall ensure and provide evidence to the UIAA that insurance cover for possible cancellation of the competition and the potential liability of athletes and officials travel expenses is in place.

4.3 SAFETY

- 4.3.1 All UIAA safety label standards can be found on the following website: <http://theuiaa.org/safety-standards/>
- 4.3.2 Any equipment certified with the UIAA safety label can be found on the following website: <http://theuiaa.org/safety-standards/certified-equipment/>
- 4.3.3 The Organiser shall be solely responsible for maintaining all safety precautions concerned with running the competition including but not limited to the isolation/transit zones, competition area, spectators area, etc.
- 4.3.4 The President of the Jury, in consultation with the Chief International Route Setter, shall have ultimate authority in respect to any question of safety within the isolation and competition area - including declining to give permission to start or continue any part of the competition. Any officials or other persons deemed by the President of the Jury to have infringed or, in his/her opinion, likely to violate safety rules and procedures shall be subject to summary removal from their duties and/or dismissal from the isolation and competition areas. In case of members of the Organiser's team, it is the Organiser's responsibility to replace the person in violation.
- 4.3.5 Belaying: At the start of each attempt on a competition route:
- a) Each competitor shall be equipped in accordance with the UIAA regulations governing equipment.
 - b) The climbing rope shall be tied to each competitor's climbing harness using a '8' knot which itself is secured with a safety knot.
 - c) Before the competitor begins his/her attempt on a route, the belayer shall check (preferably in the transit zone) that the rope is secured to the competitor's harness in accordance with 2.5.8(b) above, and that the harness is properly fastened and secured.
 - d) Before accompanying the competitor to the start of the route, the belayer shall ensure that the rope is coiled in such a manner that it is ready for immediate use.
 - e) Lead Competitions: The International Judge shall, in consultation with the International Route Setter, decide whether a belayer should have an assistant at the beginning of the route to provide additional security for a competitor.
- 4.3.6 Each rope shall be controlled by two belayers. The belayers must at all times during a competitor's attempt on a route pay careful attention to the progress of the competitor to ensure:
- a) That the competitor's movements are not hindered in any way by the rope being too tight.
 - b) That when the competitor attempts to connect the rope to any protection point, he/she is not hindered in doing so or, if failing to make the connection of the rope to the protection point, any excessive slack in the rope is immediately taken in;
 - c) That all falls are stopped in a dynamic and safe manner.

- d) That no excessive fall shall be experienced by the competitor being belayed.
 - e) That great care be taken to ensure that in stopping a fall a competitor shall not be exposed to injury caused by the edge of an overlapping section or any other feature of the climbing wall.
- 4.3.7 On connecting the rope to the final protection point (quick-draw) or upon having stopped a fall, the competitor shall be lowered to the ground. Care shall be taken to ensure that the competitor does not come into contact with any ground-based equipment.
- 4.3.8 Whilst the competitor is untying the rope from the harness, the belayer shall pull the rope down in as fast a manner as is consistent with the quick-draws not being unduly disturbed. It is the responsibility of the belayer to ensure that the competitor vacate the climbing zone as quickly as possible.
- 4.3.9 Ideally the topmost pre-clipped quickdraw should be fixed to the climbing structure via a load rated swivel device to allow for the next competitor to tie into the other end of the rope in the transit zone to allow the rope to flip over and to remain clipped correctly and allow a swift change between the competitors.
- 4.3.10 The International Judge shall be authorized to instruct the Organiser to replace any belayer at any time during the round of a competition. If replaced for belaying-related errors, the belayer shall not be permitted to play any further part in the belaying of any competitor at that competition.

4.4 VIDEO RECORDING OF COMPETITION ROUTES

- 4.4.1 Each competitor's attempt on a competition route shall be video recorded by an experienced camera operator. At least one (and preferably two) video camera per route shall be used. All cameras must have at least one spare memory card available for mid-competition switches.
- 4.4.2 The position of the video camera(s) shall be determined by the President of the Jury in consultation with the International Judge and International Route Setter. Particular care will be taken to ensure that the camera operator(s) are not disturbed in carrying out their duties and that no-one is allowed to obscure the camera view of the route(s) while the competition is ongoing.
- 4.4.3 No-one other than the President of the Jury, the International Judge appointed to a route and the International Route Setter shall have access to the play-back system. The play-back monitor shall be placed such that the judges can observe play-back material and discuss any incident without the video re-play being seen by anyone other than the judges and without the judges being overheard or interrupted during their discussions, but conveniently close to the judges table.
- 4.4.4 Access to the official video recording of the competition shall be granted only by the UIAA officials in consultation with the Organiser. No copy shall be made of the official recording except with the authorization of UIAA.

4.5 THE 'ICE BOX'

In the competition area for the final round of the lead discipline a 'ICE BOX' (often called the 'hot seat') area must be created (normally made out of the podium, but other forms of seats

are possible – in a sponsor's car for example), where the current podium competitor sits and then changes throughout the final as required. E.g. once the first climber of the final has finished climbing, they will not leave the competition arena, but will go to sit in the 'ICE BOX' in 1st position. If the next climber out gains a higher score, then she will shift down to the second position, and the new climber will take the first position and so on.

4.6 CEREMONIES

The competitors' award ceremony at the end of the competition, which shall be organised immediately after the final heats and shall comply with the usual IOC protocol for such events. National anthem playing and raising flags ceremonies are mandatory at Ice Climbing Championships and World Cups – **and must be done in accordance with the Annex 8 - UIAA Medal Ceremony Guidelines.**

4.7 EVENT FACT SHEET

The Organiser shall take care of providing information regarding the organisation of the event. Mandatory documents which must be provided are:

- Competition schedules
- Travel information
- Visa information and assistance process
- Event Organiser and UIAA Official names and contact details

All the above information shall be provided through a draft template information sheet, made ready to the UIAA Event Coordinator in advance of the competition.

4.8 VISAS

It is the responsibility of the Event Organiser to provide a letter of invitation and any other document necessary to enter the national territory where the World Cup will be held upon request.

4.9 ACCOMMODATION FOR ATHLETES/TEAMS

The Event Organiser is required to provide the Teams with a list of hotels of different standards near the venue. In case no convenient hotel can be found, the Event Organiser shall organise transportation service at all hours to / from the venue to main hotels used by the Teams. The hotels/accommodations shall accept payment by International Credit Cards.

If the Organiser provides accommodation for all the competing athletes, it must be equal and consistent for all athletes. If there is not enough accommodation available for all athletes at the same standard, and more than one type of accommodation is required then different prices for the differing standards of accommodation must be offered to the athletes on a first come first served basis. This must be communicated to the athletes via the event fact sheet in advance.

4.9 UIAA EVENT SUSTAINABILITY GUIDELINES

Please refer to Annex 9 – UIAA Event Sustainability Guidelines.

4.10 AFTER THE EVENT

After each competition concludes it would be advantageous for the athletes to have the opportunity to be able to train on the routes that are left up on the competition structure. For a day or two after the event organisers should allow for the facility to be open to the athletes for training opportunities and put measures in place to allow easy access for all athletes.

5 LIVESTREAM

5.1 UIAA LIVESTREAMING REGULATIONS - Please refer to Annex 7

5.1.1 Six (6) volunteer camera operators shall be provided by the Organizer to the Media Partner. No specific know-how is needed, and on-site training will be provided by the Livestream production team. Details of the volunteers must be communicated to the Media Partner one week before the event.

5.1.2 Broadcast schedules

The organiser must follow the broadcast schedule to ensure all broadcasts are as succinct and action packed as possible. Make sure that all athletes are ready to commence their climb as soon as the previous climber has left the arena and make sure the changeovers are as fluid as possible.

- Lead Semi-final - Staggered start – very short changeovers required with staggered starts - Maximum time = 2hours 30 mins
- Lead Final - Alternate male and female climbers (short changeovers) – 1hour 50 mins + 10 mins for medal ceremony preparation + 15 mins for medal ceremony Maximum time = 2hours 15 mins
- Speed final - Round of 16, Quarter finals, Semi-finals, Small Final, Big Final – all run together alternating men and women in one broadcast and event – No Breaks. Maximum time = 1hour 30 mins.

5.2 PHOTO COVERAGE

The Organiser shall provide photo coverage in accordance with the Annex 6 - UIAA Photographer Regulations.

6 MARKETING

6.1 BRANDING REGULATIONS

Together with Organiser, the UIAA must ensure that ice climbing competitions are ideal communication platforms for commercial sponsors. The Organiser shall provide branding, in accordance with the Annex 4 - UIAA Branding Regulations.

6.2 SPONSORSHIP RIGHTS

The UIAA reserves the right to add announce additional sponsors until 1 month before the event. For additional information in regard to Rights Distribution consult APPENDIX 6.

Branding space allocation

Event branding space will be shared between UIAA and Organiser in accordance with the

UIAA Branding Regulations.

A precise description of the branding materials and their placement in the FOP and venue is provided in the UIAA Branding Regulations. It is the responsibility of the Organiser to make sure that branding materials are produced on time and displayed properly. The design of the branding materials shall be sent and validated by the UIAA prior to the Event.

For the 2026 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour there is no title sponsor exclusivity bounding the choice of event/local sponsorship, but the technical partner entitlement detailed in the UIAA branding materials is to be followed. The engagement of tobacco and alcohol companies (brands above 20 percentages) as sponsors is not permitted for any UIAA event.

Organiser's sponsors promotion on UIAA Livestream

The Organiser will be permitted to have the sponsors of their choice (maximum 5) shown via the international livestream at the start of the Event and at the end of the Event:

The logos will be inserted on the Organiser logo board of livestream production to be displayed at the beginning and end of the livestream. All Organisers sponsors' logos must be sent to the UIAA in high-resolution electronic format two (2) weeks before the event.

7 FINANCE

7.1 COMPETITION COST, PRIZE MONEY AND AWARDS

The Organiser shall be solely responsible for all costs associated with organizing and running the competition and the provision and award of prize money as specified in the agreement between the UIAA and the Organiser. The UIAA will provide relevant medals and trophies.

7.2 UIAA FEES

All fees are summarized in APPENDIX 4 and 9 of the main EOH. They shall be paid to the UIAA by the Organiser upon signing the contract and as stipulated in the addenda thereof.

7.3 PRIZE MONEY

FOR WORLD CUPS, WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & WORLD COMBINED CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISERS

NOTE – Prize money for athletes not on the podium, as detailed below should be available directly from the event organiser after the medal ceremony has concluded. These amounts must be NET i.e. after any local taxes have been deducted.

Lead & Speed Difficulty Ranking (same for men and women)

A MINIMUM NET (Organisers may increase if they wish) amount of prize money to be distributed to competitors ranked from 1st to 6th place is as follows:

1.	1050€	5.	250€
2.	800€	6.	150€
3.	550€		
4.	350€		

APPENDIX 4 FINANCE– SUMMARY OF FEES– SEE MAIN EOH DOCUMENT

APPENDIX 6 – RIGHTS DISTRIBUTION – SEE MAIN EOH DOCUMENT

**APPENDIX 7 – SANCTIONS FOR UIAA ICE WORLD CUP/CHAMPIONSHIP
EVENTS 2026 – SEE MAIN EOH DOCUMENT**

**APPENDIX 8 – EXAMPLE SAFETY CERTIFICATE FOR UIAA ICE WORLD CUP
STRUCTURES - SEE MAIN EOH DOCUMENT**

**APPENDIX 9 – UIAA TECHNICAL SERVICE AGREEMENT - SEE MAIN EOH
DOCUMENT**