

Annex 10 - UIAA Officials - Judge and Route Setter

Selection Policy & Working Protocols

Courses and qualifications

1. All judges and routes setters should have done the UIAA international course in judging and/or route setting.
2. After completing the course, they must then act as an aspirant at, at least one competition until the chief route setter or jury president will then report to the UIAA as to the competency of the aspirants and whether they should be recommended as international judges/route setters for the following season, this decision will then be ratified by the UIAA and their names will be added to the confirmed list of international officials published on the UIAA website.
3. If the reporting official feels the aspirant needs further experience, then the aspirant must attend a further competition to gain the adequate experience before being recommended as an international official.
4. All aspirants are not paid for the roles and must provide their own travel expenses – accommodation expenses maybe covered by the UIAA if possible.

Allocation of judges/route setters to events

1. Judges and routes setters will submit their availability to work at the various events in the UIAA calendar after the final calendar is confirmed by the UIAA.
2. The Jury President must not be from the country where event is being held. There also must be at least one international judge (also not from the host country) on the judging team. The second/third international judges can be from the host country.
3. Each judge/route setter should only work at a maximum of two events per season to ensure even and fair distribution of the work across all the judges/setters – this however can be varied by the UIAA event coordinator and/or the WIC Board based on availability.
4. The UIAA event coordinator will create a suggested list of judges for each event based on the availability, geographic location and requests of the local organisers. This schedule is then submitted to the WIC board for approval and then the judges/setters will be informed.
5. Every event may include at least 1 aspirant judge and 1 aspirant routes setter – they will work free of charge and cover their own travel expenses.

Working Protocols

1. All UIAA officials allocated to a given IWT season must review the UIAA Ice Climbing Rules and Regulations (Annex 2) and be aware of any updates and changes that have been made prior to their first event of the season.
2. All International Judges must make sure that they are aware of how to use the Vertical Life results system for their given event. If they do not or require a refresh, please contact the Event Coordinator at the event for further information. All scoring data should be entered into this system in a timely manner – i.e. as soon as possible after every climber has completed their attempt.
3. All officials allocated to a given IWT season will be required to attend a pre-season briefing run by the UIAA to go over the learnings and issues from the previous seasons, go through any changes and updates to the rules and regulations for that upcoming season and discuss any venue specific issues that may arise. **This briefing is mandatory and will be conducted online at a time to suit as many of the officials as possible.**

4. **When at the venue before the competition starts all the UIAA officials must meet for a mandatory briefing and walkthrough of the events routes and running order.** The route setters will take the judges through each route of the competition and explain any issues, where the dynamic moves are and if there are any safety issues that may need to be mitigated. It maybe necessary to have more than one briefing throughout the event as not all routes maybe up on the structure at the same time.
5. During the competition when a UIAA official is required to interact with an athlete due to a possible rule infraction or technical incident – they should do so with compassion, understanding that the athletes train and prepare incredibly hard for these events, spending considerable amounts of their own money to be at the event. Although a rule infraction may have taken place, the athletes may not correctly understand this at the time, due to the heat of the moment and should be treated so as not to de-motivate them from the sport. Conversely the athletes should always treat the officials with the up-most respect and decency especially with the official's final decision goes against the athlete in question.
6. All officials must attend a post event debrief to go through any issues that occurred during the event with Jury President, the Event Coordinator and a member of the Athlete Commission – this maybe straight after the event has concluded or in an online meeting in the days after the event.
7. After each event, all officials should complete the online debriefing form detailing any issues that occurred after each event before their expenses and wages are submitted. The UIAA EC will send out a link to the form after each event.

Wages/Expenses

1. All route setters will be paid a daily wage of 300 Euros per day – any change to this must be negotiated with the UIAA EC and/or the local organiser.
2. All judges (inc. JP) will be paid a daily wage of 200 Euros per day – any change to this must be negotiated with the UIAA EC and/or the local organiser.
3. The JP can claim for a maximum of 3 days work per event, and international judges can claim for a maximum of 2 days work per event.
4. All expenses and wages must be submitted direct to the UIAA EC on the supplied expense claim spreadsheet with the associated receipts, and these will be paid as soon as possible by the UIAA office. If an official does more than one event in a season it is recommended for exchange rate efficiency that they only submit one claim for all their events in one go.
5. All travel expenses must be booked and claim in the most economical route possible with economy class only being used.
6. Expenses – UIAA officials shall be able to claim a maximum of 35 euros per day for each day they are working at a UIAA event unless meals are provided by the local organiser – receipts must be provided.
7. If the UIAA officials negotiate extra wages from the local organiser then this must be done in a private agreement and has nothing to do with the UIAA, the UIAA will only pay the standard wages and expenses detailed above.
8. The UIAA Technical Service fee paid by the organiser to the UIAA will cover the JP, 3 x International Judges and 2 x International Route setters.

Additional Information

1. The UIAA World Ice Climbing Board will possibly ratify route setters who have not done the UIAA international route setting course to an international route setter status following the submission of a positive reports from the chief route setter of the event they worked upon as

an aspirant. Ratification requires a minimum of two different recommendations from the chief route setter (ideally from two different setters). Payment of these aspirant setters is according to local organisers and must be negotiated directly with the aspirant route setter. Applications to become an aspirant route setter at a UIAA event must be made to the UIAA via the UIAA event coordinator.

2. It is the responsibility of the local organiser to negotiate with the route setters for the event who will be responsible for the structure before and after the UIAA event, if stripping of holds/banners are required before and/or after the event – this must be organised with the route setters in advance and extra payment to the setters maybe required, which is also the responsibility of the local organiser.
3. Aspirant Judges who receive positive reports from the Jury Presidents at the events that they have been aspirant judges, but do not have the required English language skills required to become a fully ratified International Judge, maybe an employed as International Judge on specific events; where they can be seconded to the event by a particular Jury President who can provide translation services when required during the event.

Please sign below and print your name to show that you have read and understood the guidelines detailed above and will abide by these in the coming season.

Name _____

Signature _____

Role – Judge/Route setter – circle appropriate

Date _____

Event allocation for 2024 season _____