



LEAD ICE CLIMBING INTO THE FUTURE

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WORLD ICE CLIMBING BOARD CHAIR

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position Level: Board Chair	Department: World Ice Climbing
Location: Online	Type of role: Voluntary
Reports to: UIAA Management Board	Application Deadline: 02 October 2026

COMPANY OVERVIEW

The UIAA World Ice Climbing (WIC) is the Governing Body of ice climbing competitions. Ice climbing is a growing sport with a vibrant community of athletes and volunteers, but also significant challenges, particularly with respect to sponsorship and development of the sport beyond the current competing NFs. The WIC Board are seeking to recruit someone to potentially take over the role of Chair of the board of WIC to take over in October 2026 ahead of the 2026/27 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour

The WIC Board comprises of 5 members; 2 athlete appointed members and 3 UIAA Management Board (MB) appointed members. The Board has significant challenges to strengthen a sustainable governance structure of volunteer committees and a financial model that will ensure the sport can grow and develop.

Ice Climbing is at a critical and exciting point in its evolution. The development and delivery of the Strategic Plan for WIC for the future, will be a significant commitment from all Board members in the immediate future.

4 Key areas of Focus

1. **Finance** – Production and management of a financial plan to create a self-sustaining UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour, a long-term sponsorship plan and avenues for financing the development projects.
2. **Social media & Communication** –growing the following and reach of the UIAA Ice Climbing related social media to a level where it is comparable or in excess of other similar winter/summer outdoor sports.
3. **Marketing & Sponsorship** – produce long and short-term marketing strategies and sponsorship packages promoting the events of a given season, as well as a long-term marketing plan that will help the UIAA to attract new potential sponsors at all levels from within and outside the outdoor industry.
4. **Development** – providing support for UIAA Member Federations to develop their ice climbers; developing youth events, training camps, continental events and ensuring the sport is a credible International Sport.



ROLE OVERVIEW & TERM

- The Chair role is voluntary but may involve travel to some meetings or events such as the World Cups or General Assembly of the UIAA. The application must be supported by a member federation of the UIAA. The applicants should have the experience and skills detailed in the descriptions of the role and have time available to use those skills to contribute to the hard work of WIC to develop our strategic objectives and move the sport of ice climbing forward.
- The appointment term will be for 4 years, with the option to be reappointed for up to 2 further terms.



DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Act as spokesperson for WIC.
- Set the agendas and Chair Board meetings to keep the board focussed and on task.
- Attend UIAA Management Board and General Assembly meetings with UIAA Member Federations.
- Oversee activities of Event Coordinator and other UIAA staff.
- Work with the Event Coordinator to ensure all the tasks are being completed by the various committees, board members and other involved stake holders.
- Lead development of WIC's strategic plan.
- Execute other board member tasks where required.



EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience/Involvement with Sporting Federations
- Experience/knowledge of board structure and organisation
- Experience/Knowledge of World Ice Climbing and the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour
- Previous involvement with the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour



APPLYING FOR THE ROLE

- If you wish to apply for any of these roles, [please complete the form in this link](#) and attach your CV and include a motivation letter for joining the board as Chair, detailing your demonstrable experience and/or education.
- Please also include a supporting letter from the President/General Secretary from your national federation.
- All candidates' applications will be subject to review by the World Ice Climbing Board who will provide the MB with a recommendation and statement of suitability of the candidates. If we have more than one suitable candidate for a given role, the WIC may decide to employ a further recruitment process.
- If you have any questions about the role, please contact [Andre Von Rotz \(UIAA CEO\)](#) & [JoAnne Carilli-Stevenson \(Outgoing WIC Chair\)](#)