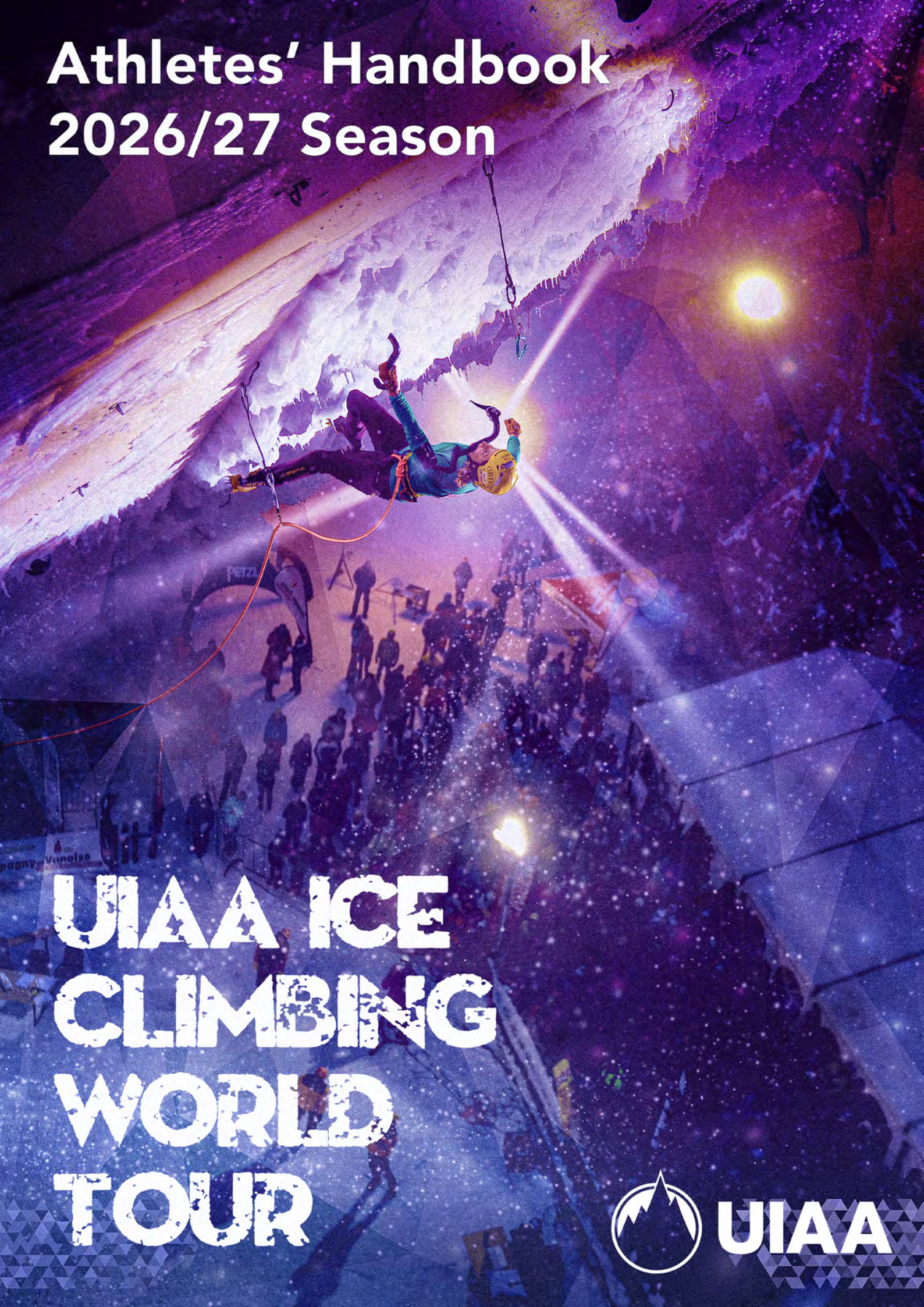
Athletes' Handbook 2026/27 Season



UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD TOUR

UIAA

WELCOME ICE CLIMBERS

1.1 WELCOME BY THE UIAA PRESIDENT – Peter Muir

"We have an outstanding calendar ahead for the 2026/27 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour, filled with exciting events and continued global momentum for our sport. This season represents an important and inspiring chapter in the ice climbing journey. Our now established World Cups across three continents promise exceptional competition once again, with excellent venues both at Continental and World Cup events and our World Championships in France! The World Ice Climbing board have been working hard to push the sport forward, so let's continue working together to keep this progress going.

We hope you all have a successful season. Stay safe, stay psyched and good luck!"
Peter Muir – UIAA President & JoAnne Carilli-Stevenson - World Ice Climbing Board Chair



Peter Muir



JoAnne Carrilli-Stevenson

1.2 WELCOME FROM UIAA SPORT EVENTS COORDINATOR – Rob Adie, CEO – Andre Von Rotz & COMMUNICATION MANAGER – Peter Bourne

The 2026/27 season is shaping up to be one of our most dynamic yet, with a calendar of 11 events across the world — featuring World Championships, 3 World Cups, the World Youth Championships, 3 Continental Cups, and 3 Continental Youth Cups. Athlete participation has grown impressively over the past few years, and we're excited to build on that momentum as we head into another landmark season filled with new developments and opportunities. We're grateful to have you — our athletes — at the heart of everything we do, and we welcome any ideas or feedback you'd like to share as we move forward together. – Rob Adie, Andre Von Rotz & Peter Bourne



UIAA CEO – Andre Von Rotz



Communications Manager - Peter Bourne



Events Coordinator – Rob Adie

1.3 WELCOME BY CHAIR OF THE UIAA ATHLETE COMMITTEE – Athlete Committee Chair - Willis Morris

"Ice climbing has changed considerably over the past few years, and we are continuing to work hard towards higher standards in safety, professionalism and athlete representation.

We now have the strongest structure the sport has had, with the new Technical Committee in place and training courses for judges and route setters beginning to run. These are important steps towards creating more consistent, professional and athlete-focused competitions.

Although this season brings a smaller calendar, it also includes both the World Championships and World Youth Championships. These events deserve to be celebrated as opportunities for the very best athletes, from the next generation through to the senior field, to represent their countries on our sport's biggest stage.

The outcome of our Olympic bid was disappointing, but it does not define our future. Our focus must remain on improving the sport and building competitions that athletes, organisers and federations are proud to be part of.

As we begin this new season, we would also like to thank Eimir McSwiggan and Enni Bertling for their many years of work and dedication to the Athlete Committee. Their commitment, time and contribution to representing the athlete community have been greatly appreciated, and we are grateful for everything they have done for the Committee and for ice climbing.

Throughout the season, the Athlete Committee is here for you. We want every athlete, at every level, to feel able to share their experiences, ideas and concerns with us. Your views matter, and by working together we can help shape a sport that better supports the people at the heart of it.

As we begin the 2026/27 season, let's compete hard, support one another and celebrate what makes ice climbing such a unique and exciting sport. Best of luck to all of you."

2. THE 2026/27 ICE CLIMBING SEASON AT A GLANCE

2.1 2027 UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD TOUR

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup (Difficulty & Speed)
Cheongsong, Korea
15-17 January 2027

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup (Difficulty & Speed)
Saas-Fee, Switzerland
21-23 January 2027

UIAA Ice Climbing World Championships (Difficulty & Speed)
Champagny-en-Vanoise, France
28-30 January 2027

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup (Difficulty & Speed)
Edmonton, Canada
25-27 February 2027

2.2 2026/27 UIAA ICE CLIMBING CONTINENTAL CUP SERIES

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup (Difficulty)
Žilina, Slovakia
28 November 2026

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup (Difficulty)
Brno, Czech Republic
5 December 2026

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup (Difficulty)
Utrecht, Netherlands
12 December 2026

2.3 2026/27 UIAA ICE CLIMBING YOUTH COMPETITIONS

UIAA Ice Climbing World Youth Championships (Difficulty & Speed)
Edmonton, Canada
25-28 February 2027

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Youth Cup (Difficulty)
Žilina, Slovakia
28 November 2026

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Youth Cup (Difficulty)
Brno, Czech Republic
5 December 2026

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Youth Cup (Difficulty)
Utrecht, Netherlands
12 December 2026

3. UIAA ATHLETE COMMITTEE

3.1 MEET YOUR ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES



William Morris / Great Britain

CHAIR, WORLD ICE CLIMBING BOARD MEMBER
willismorris14@gmail.com

The event coordinator of the UK Continental Cup and founder and president of The Scottish Dry-Tooling Club.

"Ice climbing tests us as individuals but brings us together as a team. Support one another, share what you know, and celebrate each other's successes, that's where the real medals are won"



Olga Kosek / Poland

VICE CHAIR, WORLD ICE CLIMBING BOARD MEMBER, TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBER
kosek.olga@gmail.com

In the World Cup since 2014. In recent years, become actively involved in the development of ice climbing both nationally and internationally.

"Compete hard, learn from every round, and enjoy being part of this incredible sport. "



Vivien Labarile / Switzerland

MEMBER
vivi.labarile@hotmail.com

Has been part of the ice climbing circuit for almost half a lifetime, competing from youth to elite events all over the world. Brings years of experience on and off the wall in both disciplines.

"The real value lies in showing up, growing, and enjoying every step along the way. "



Masato Nakajima / Japan

MEMBER
masatonakajima@hotmail.com

I have been competing in ice climbing since 2016 and became an international route setter in 2025. As an athlete, route setter and the Athletes' Committee's only Asian member, I want to help create exciting competitions, encourage Asian participation and connect athletes worldwide.

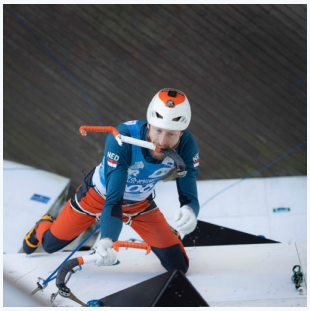
"Let's embrace new challenges and enjoy shaping our sport's future together. If you have ideas or concerns, feel free to talk to me!"



Ian Umstead / USA
MEMBER
iumstead00@gmail.com

I have been a World Cup competitor and Drytooling/mixed climbing athlete for the past several years. When I'm not climbing with tools, you can find me sport climbing or bouldering. With a professional background in Workplace safety, I'm passionate about bringing innovative ideas to make our sport safer."

"No train, No Gain! Always remember to work hard, train hard, and never give up, even when efforts get tough"



Dennis Van Hoek / Netherlands
MEMBER
dennis@ijsklimmen.nl

Over 20 years of experience competing in international ice climbing World Cups. Designer and developer of ice climbing equipment. Combines extensive competition experience with practical knowledge of equipment and safety for development of the sport.

"Get strong, climb hard, and most importantly — stay safe."



Jorge Veiga / Spain
MEMBER
jveigarodriguez@gmail.com

Active ice climber and sport climber. Representing the new generation and bringing energy, positivity and vision of the future. Driven, approachable, and always ready to help on and off the ice.

"Discipline and passion will take you far. Stay focused, stay happy, and give it your all on the ice."

You can either get in contact with your chosen Athlete Committee member directly by their emails listed above or if a concern involves an Athlete Committee member in another role, or if the issue concerns safeguarding, safety, an official decision or a formal complaint please contact the UIAA office directly.

4. HOW TO FOLLOW & PROMOTE ICE CLIMBING

The UIAA's commitment to ice climbing is total and designed to ensure coverage of the sport is year-round. Communication naturally intensifies during the season itself, with the conversation continuing throughout the year – for athletes, coaches, federations, media, partners and fans alike. This section provides details on how to follow the 2026/27 UIAA Ice Climbing season.

4.1 UIAA COMMUNICATION TO ATHLETES

The most important information is communicated to athletes and federations by email in

two ways.

1. Important email updates from the UIAA Ice Climbing team
2. Specific news releases sent by the UIAA to a dedicated ice climbing mailing list.

Important updates will also be communicated on the UIAA Athlete WhatsApp Groups for each event – see the links at the end of this handbook – so please join up to this if you haven't already and read all the information posted.

All athletes that were registered for the 2026 UIAA Ice Climbing season have been added to the ice climbing mailing list using the email provided when applying for your competition licence. Any athletes not receiving news releases or emails are invited to contact and they will be added to the lists.

Important news articles and documents can be found on the dedicated UIAA ice climbing website and on the UIAA's social media channels. **Throughout the season communications will be sent out on all channels, but during competition the WhatsApp group for that event will be the primary channel for information.**

4.2 UIAA COMMUNICATION TO MEDIA

Throughout the season, the UIAA distributes press releases to its international media lists and its member federations. This includes the major season preview and individual event reports. Media wishing to be added to the distribution list, or athletes wanting to add sponsor addresses or media from their own country, are invited to contact the UIAA news team.

4.3 LIVESTREAMING AND VIDEO COVERAGE

For the 2026/27 season, the UIAA will be working with Technative as a distribution partner to ensure the sport is again covered in an innovative, comprehensive and professional manner.

Livestreaming will be available for the finals of competitions with speed, male lead and female lead at all events and available immediately as a play-back. Furthermore, highlights of key competition moments such as medal climbs, decisive duels and spectacular moments will be cut as clips and shared on UIAA social media channels. Livestream presentation and commentary comes from Matt Groom again.

The feed from some events was also shared on partner channels. Media organisations, member federations or climbing channels wishing to share the livestream from UIAA ice climbing competitions are invited to contact us.

If you don't make finals in any given event and would like to be involved in the livestream as a co-commentator commentating on the finals, please contact the UIAA in advance or speak to the UIAA Event Coordinator – Rob Adie at the event itself.

4.4 SOCIAL MEDIA

Our social media channels have been growing well, especially Instagram and YouTube shorts. The more our athletes collaborate with their national federations on posts, the stronger our collective reach and engagement becomes. Keep posting cool, creative content and sharing your ice climbing journey. And if you'd like to be involved with the UIAA social media content, please follow the information below.

However last season what we asked was too complicated. This season it's simple.

Keep creating the great content you're already making and post it on your own channels. Any content about ice climbing and the Ice Climbing World Tour gets eyes on the sport, and that's what we want.

We're only going to ask two things of you:

1. Tag us and use the hashtag. Tag @uiaa_iceclimbing in your posts, stories and reels, and add #uiaaiceclimbing.

2. Add us as a collaborator on your best posts. If you think a post will do well with our audience, invite @uiaa_iceclimbing as a collaborator. We can't accept every request, but we'll accept as many as we can.

Behind the Scenes

The event photographers, videographers and livestreaming do a fantastic job of capturing the climbing ... but fans don't see much behind the scenes. And Behind-the-scenes content is something that really resonates with audiences: this can be training, warming up, sharpening tools, watching in the crowd, anything! Just try and show the fans the side of the events they don't see elsewhere and keep it loosely related to climbing.

For the upcoming season, the UIAA will be active on the following channels:
Instagram – @uiaa_iceclimbing - photo stories, video clips
Facebook – livestream, news articles, photo galleries, results, video highlights & clips
YouTube – youtube.com/@uiaa - livestream
Twitter – news updates, results, livestream, video clips
Flickr – hi-res images available to download from all events

4.5 LIVE RESULTS

Live results will be available on the UIAA results service. The results system provides live digital updates and mobile friendly service for which will be updated instantly after each competitor to show live rankings.

4.6 MEDAL CEREMONY, PODIUMS & PRIZE MONEY

In order for us to conform to the medal ceremony protocol and make the medal ceremonies more succinct and flow better only the top three athletes will be invited to podium in each

discipline. The UIAA event coordinator will give you a short briefing at each event as to the procedure to follow for the ceremony, so please ensure you follow this procedure and **stay in the area of the podium before the ceremony takes place. The event coordinator is not responsible for coming to find you – please be ready for the medal ceremony.**

Podium athletes must wear their competition bibs or their national federation uniform/jacket on the podium – casual clothing should not be worn on the podium. Athletes should be available for pictures in their competition bibs after the ceremony.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1 APPLY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ICE CLIMBING COMPETITION LICENCE

In order to apply for an International Ice Climbing Competition Licence, each athlete must contact the UIAA Member Federation he/she is affiliated to. It is the ice climbing focal point within the given UIAA Member Federation who files the official application for an international competition licence. **A licence costs 100 CHF per season for senior athletes** and must be paid either through the UIAA Member Federation (by invoice) or directly by the athlete to the UIAA, prior to or at their first competition. Licenses for youth athletes competing at World Youth Championships is free.

Please note for 2027 that all licenses must be paid for by card electronically, no cash will be accepted. If you want to pay for your license in advance, you can do so by using the link here.

Notes – please do not pay the fee before your federation registers you and your license for the World Cups you plan to attend. Please add your email address to the information box so we can send you a receipt.

Each athlete must show his/her valid International Ice Climbing Competition Licence during on-site registrations of a UIAA competition. A licence is only valid if signed and stamped by the affiliated UIAA Member Federation, signed by the competitor and his/her legal guardian in case of the athlete being under 18 years old.

Each UIAA Member Federation is given a login to the website and here it can file applications for all its athletes for the upcoming season.

The application period starts on 1 November and ends one week before the last competition of the respective season. Late registrations may be accepted, depending on the local organizer and may result in higher registration fees.

5.2 REGISTERING FOR EVENTS

Registration to UIAA competitions also goes through the UIAA Member Federations, the reason being quotas. Thus, each athlete wishing to compete in the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour must contact the UIAA Member Federation he/she is affiliated to and indicate which

competitions and categories he/she wishes to compete in. The website for UIAA Member Federations to proceed with the registration of athletes is the same as for the licences. At registration at the actual event, each competitor must either pay their license fee or confirm that their national federation will pay their license fee at the end of the season by invoice.

The competitor registration fee for each World Cup, World Championships or World Youth Championships is 75 Euros for 1 discipline, 125 Euros for 2; and shall be paid to each Organizer directly by the competitors prior to the competition.

For the Continental Cup events in the 2026/27 calendar the competitor registration fee is 75 Euros for senior athletes and 50 Euros for youth athletes. Athletes can register themselves via the registration website – if they have competed before you should be able to register on your account.

If athletes are new to these events, you can request an invitation to setup an account on the registration system by completing the form in the link.

6. UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD TOUR - LOGISTICS

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup
Cheongsong, South Korea
15-17 January 2027

Competition venue address

- Cheongsong-gun, Gyeongsangbuk-do, South Korea

Accommodation & registration for competitors.

- Accommodation - Accommodation is arranged for the following nights: 15, 16, 17 January 2027. The place & fee: **TBC***

Any additional nights/requests must be communicated to Ms. Jaehyun Lee - 4 weeks before the competition. Note that if you prefer arranging your own accommodation, kindly indicate this to Ms. Jaehyun Lee at least 4 weeks before the competition.

- **Online registration deadline is 31 December 2026.**
- Online registrations of competitors must be done via the UIAA member federation
- **Athletes MUST ALSO register via the organizers' website TBC* - Deadline is 15 December 2026**.
- On-site registration takes place on 15 January 2027 at 13:00 local time
- On-site registration address: Juwang Spa Hotel, Cheongsong-eup, Cheongsong, Gyeongangbuk-do, South Korea
- Award ceremony takes place on 17 January 2027 – TBC*

Nearest airport: Incheon International Airport

- Distance to Cheongsong: 330 kilometers
- Travel time to Cheongsong: 3 hours, 30 minutes by car / shuttle / public transport
- Shuttle services from and to the airport are offered as long as flight information is provided to Ms. Jaehyun Lee kockaf@kaf.or.kr 4 weeks before the competition. Note that if you prefer arranging your own travels to Cheongsong, kindly indicate this to Ms. Jaehyun Lee kockaf@kaf.or.kr at least 4 weeks before the competition.

VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact – Ms. Jaehyun Lee - kockaf@kaf.or.kr
- Indicate exact travel dates and send a copy of your passport

Details of the Organizer

- Ms. Jaehyun Lee / kockaf@kaf.or.kr / Tel: +82 10 7144 7487

Official Website –**TBC**

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup
Saas-Fee, Switzerland
21-23 January 2027

Competition Venue Address

- Parkhaus, CH-3906 Saas-Fee, Switzerland

Accommodation & registration for competitors

- Accommodation must be arranged individually.

Registrations

- Online registration deadline is 10 January 2027.
- Online registrations of competitors must be done via the UIAA member federation.
- On-site registration takes place on 21 January 2027 – Time TBC*
- On-site registration address: U10 Saas Fee Parkhaus
- Award ceremony takes place on 23 January 2027 – TBC*

Nearest airport: Milan Malpensa, Italy

- Distance to Saas-Fee: 188 kilometers
- Travel time to Saas-Fee: 3 hours by car / 4 hours by public transport

Alternative airport: Geneva (GVA), Switzerland

- Distance to Saas-Fee: 226 kilometers
- Travel time to Saas-Fee: 2 hours 45 minutes by car / 4 hours by public transport

Alternative airport: Zurich Kloten, Switzerland

- Distance to Saas-Fee: 244 kilometers
- Travel time to Saas-Fee: 4 hours by car / 3 hours 30 minutes by public transport

VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact the organiser
- Indicate passport number, name as on passport and exact travel dates

Details of the Organizer

Nikita Uboldi

Official Website

UIAA Ice Climbing World Championships
Champagny-en-Vanoise, France
28-30 January 2027

Competition Venue Address

- Champagny-en-Vanoise Ice Tower – Champagny-le-haut

Accommodation for competitors

- Refuge de Bois, Champagny-le-haut for up to 60 athletes - must be arranged individually
- Other accommodation in Champagny-en-Vanoise must be arranged individually

Registrations

- Online registration deadline is 15 January 2027
- Online registrations of competitors must be done via the UIAA member federation.
- On-site registration takes place – time TBC
- On-site registration address: Champagny Ice Tower
- Award ceremony takes place on 30 January 2027 – TBC*

Nearest airport: Aéroport de Lyon-Saint-Exupéry

- Distance to Champagny-en-Vanoise: 178 kilometer
- Travel time to Champagny-en-Vanoise: 2 hours by car
- Transfer bus

Alternative airport: Geneva Cornavin, Switzerland

- Distance to Champagny: 185 kilometers
- Travel time to Champagny: 2 hours 15 minutes by car
- Transfer bus

Shuttles in Champagny

If you come by car, there are multiple car parks in Champagny where you can park your car. Further information TBC

VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact Mr. Nils Guilotin
- Indicate passport number, name as on passport and exact travel dates

Details of the Organizer

- FFCAM – Nils Guilotin

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup & Youth World Championship
Edmonton, Canada
25 - 28 February 2027

Competition venue address

- Climb YEG in Louise McKinney Park: 9735 Grierson Hill NW, Edmonton, Alberta

Accommodation for competitors (Accommodation must be arranged individually)

- We have a special rate of $135 CAD/night (79 euros) at The Westin Edmonton which is a 10-15 minute walk from the venue. Bookings must be made by ***February 5, 2027*** to receive this preferred rate:
  - **Book The Westin Hotel Rooms HERE**
- Competitors are not required to use one of these accommodation providers and may choose to make their own arrangements with another provider, with links available through Edmonton's Best Hotels

Registrations

- Online registrations of competitors must be done via the UIAA member federation.
- Online registration deadline is 14 February 2027, any competitors registering after this deadline must pay a penalty
- On-site registration takes place on 25 February 2027 – 15:30 - 17:30
- On-site registration address: TBA
- Award ceremony takes place on 26 & 27 February 2027 - Event Venue

Nearest airport: Edmonton International Airport

- YEG: 1000 Airport Road, Edmonton International Airport, Alberta, Canada

Ground Transportation

- Catch a ride curbside outside Door 9, on the Arrivals Level directly to the hotel
- Visit https://flyeia.com/parking-transportation/taxis-limos-rideshares/
  - Taxi price is $62 CAD (Approx. 42 euros)
- Competitors are not required to use one of these transportation providers and may choose to arrange their own ground transportation with another provider.

VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact Ice Climbing Canada: iceclimbingcanadachair@gmail.com
- Indicate passport number, name as on passport and exact travel dates
- More information HERE

Other Information

- Edmonton has a Single-Use Item Bylaw to reduce the use of single use plastics
- Edmonton is approximately a 3 hour drive or bus ride from ice climbing in the Rocky Mountains. Additional travel/hotel booking links in the Rocky Mountains to come
- Competitors will be provided access to the competition routes starting on March 1

6.1 UIAA ICE CLIMBING CONTINENTAL SERIES

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental & Youth Cup (Difficulty Only)
Žilina, Slovakia
28 November 2026

Registration Deadline: 27 November
On-site Registration: 28 November
On-site Registration Address: LA SKALA lezecké centrum, Centrálna 8919/2, 010 07 Žilina
Details of the Organizer: Dalibor Joska

Event Information

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental & Youth Cup (Difficulty Only)
Brno, Czech Republic
5 December, 2026

Registration Deadline: 4 December
On-site Registration: 4/5 December
On-site Registration Address
Details of the Organizer: Climbing club Lokomotiva Brno and Czech Mountaineering federation

Event Information

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental & Youth Cup (Difficulty Only)
Utrecht, Netherlands
12 December 2026

Registration Deadline: 11 December
On-site Registration: 12 December
On-site Registration Address:
Details of the Organizer: Tim Van der Linden

Event Information

---

*All TBC information will be updated as soon as possible when this information is received.

7. UIAA OFFICIALS

7.1 UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cups

1. Zilina, Slovakia – Oana Harabagiu - ROM – Jury President
2. Brno, Czech Republic – Oana Harabagiu - ROM – Jury President
3. Utrecht, Netherlands – Nasrin Rastgoo - NED – Jury President

7.2 UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup – Cheongsong, Korea

1. Carlos Tiexeira - POR – Jury President
2. Mohammad Havaledar - CAN – International Judge
3. Abel Au Tat Fai - HKG – International Judge
4. Kyeong Hun Oh – KOR – International Judge
5. Masoud Zeynali - IRI - Head Route Setter
6. Han Junghee – KOR – International Route Setter
7. Seunggyo Jeong – KOR – Aspirant Route Setter

7.3 UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup – Saas-Fee Switzerland

1. Catherine Bonnat - FRA – Jury President
2. Oana Harabagiu – ROM – International Judge
3. Kim Nack Soo – KOR – International Judge
4. Nasrin Rastgoo – NED – International Judge
5. Theo Claude – FRA – Aspirant Judge
6. Radek Lienerth – CZE - Head Route Setter
7. Gabriel Voide – SUI – International Route Setter

7.4 UIAA Ice Climbing World Championships – Champagny, France

1. Mohammad Havaledar – CAN – Jury President
2. Catherine Bonnat – FRA – International Judge
3. Kim Nack Soo – KOR – International Judge
4. Nasrin Rastgoo – NED – International Judge
5. Philippe Larive – FRA – Aspirant Judge
6. Masoud Zeynali - IRI - Head Route Setter
7. Masato Nakajima – JPN – International Route Setter

7.5 UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup & World Youth Championships – Edmonton, Canada

1. Oana Harabagiu - ROM – Jury President
2. JoAnne Carilli-Stevenson – International Judge
3. Mina Taheri - CAN – International Judge
4. Babak Zia - CAN – International Judge
5. Min Gyuhyoung – KOR – Head Route Setter
6. Mohammad Reza Safdarian – IRI – International Route Setter
7. Mohammad Kazemi – IRI – International Route Setter
8. Chris Lovet Doust – USA – Aspirant Route Setter

8. OFFICIAL UIAA REGULATIONS

8.1 WHERE TO FIND THE LATEST REGULATIONS

The UIAA 2027 Competition Regulations for Ice Climbing Competitions can be found here. Please note that these rules apply to all events the 2026/27 season.

8.2 REGULATION CHANGES AT A GLANCE

A summary of modifications made to the 2027 Competition Regulations for International Ice Climbing Competitions relevant to the 2026/27 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour as agreed by the WIC can be seen here. Minor modifications to grammar and wording are not listed.

8.3 ANTI-DOPING/CLEAN CLIMBING

There is a new WADA code for 2027 and new UIAA Anti-Doping Regulations as well – so please make sure you read the new rules and the information on the new WADA code on the UIAA website. A news article detailing the changes to the rules and how they affect athletes will be published shortly.

The UIAA promotes Clean Climbing by adopting and implementing the World Anti-Doping (WADA) Programme in its entirety. In parallel, the UIAA is responsible for ensuring that all of its member associations and you guys - the athletes respect and comply with all relevant International Standards and all the principles inherent to the World Anti-Doping Code, including the registered testing pool and the doping violation procedure. As part of the registration process for the annual UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour, all athletes are required to complete a mandatory anti-doping questionnaire and educational programme.

Make sure you check the WADA Prohibited List before you take anything that might be on the list!

Also check the information on Therapeutic Use Exemptions.

For more information on Clean Climbing please visit.

8.4 UIAA ICE CLIMBING CODE OF CONDUCT

We have a UIAA Ice Climbing Code of Conduct which covers all stakeholders of UIAA sanctioned events under a code of conduct that must be adhered to at all times during the ice climbing season – please make sure you read this carefully and adhere to its contents.

9. UIAA WORLD CUP TOUR – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

9.1 BACKGROUND

In response to the UIAA's signed commitment in early 2019 and participation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Sports for Climate Action. As a participant in this initiative, the UIAA is required and expected to adhere to 5 principles (see here), these being:

Principle 1: Undertake systematic efforts to promote greater environmental responsibility;

Principle 2: Reduce overall climate impact;

Principle 3: Educate for climate action;

Principle 4: Promote sustainable and responsible consumption;

Principle 5: Advocate for climate action through communication.

Under Principle 2: Reduce overall climate impact, the UIAA is expected to "measure and understand" its carbon footprint in order to set targets to reduce overall climate impact. Knowing how to define these targets requires first measuring and understanding how our travel and activities contribute to CO_2 emissions, requiring a 'baseline' to compare progress over time. The initial task is to establish and report on an indicative baseline and continue to gather data to monitor how our emissions trend over time. In parallel to this, the UIAA can also use this data to start seeing where and which activities create biggest impact and then suggest practical means to consider reducing this impact.

Many travel policies to reduce CO_2 impact promote the principle of **"avoid, reduce, compensate"** (in that order). The UIAA will seek to draft such as policy as a next step in its fulfilment of the 5 principles set out by the UNFCCC.

9.2 WHAT YOU CAN DO!

As principle 1 of the UNFCCC highlights, it is important to "undertake systematic efforts to promote greater environmental responsibility". For each and every athlete and federation, this means educating oneself about climate impacts, mitigating them – either by avoiding/reducing those that can be and compensating those that are unavoidable – and then, advocate for climate action by spreading the word.

Actions to mitigate your climate impacts would normally follow a hierarchal approach:

- Take actions to eliminate Green House Gas emissions occurring in the first place.
- Reduce – actions designed to lower the climate impact of your current activities. This may entail using resources in a more efficient way and thereby reducing the overall need, and associated costs, for such resources.
- Substitute/replace – actions designed to improve efficiency. This may be achieved by switching to more efficient and "cleaner" equipment, fuels, materials or processes.
- Compensate – actions designed to compensate for some or all of your remaining, unavoidable impacts, typically by investing in emission reductions in other projects through UNFCCC recognised mechanisms.

All UNFCCC recognised mechanisms for carbon emission compensation can be found here.

10. NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION

10.1 YOUR COUNTRY IDENTIFICATION MUST BE CLEARLY VISIBLE WHEN COMPETITING

01 - WHAT	02 - WHERE	03 - WHEN
Full country name OR applicable IOC country code.	Clearly visible on the team uniform OR helmet.	During competition — including Continental Cups.

RULE 2.8.3 · UIAA ICE CLIMBING COMPETITION REGULATIONS 2027

"Each athlete shall compete with a clearly visible identification of the country they represent. The identification may consist of either the full country name or the applicable IOC country code. It shall be displayed in a clearly visible position on the athlete's team uniform or on the helmet."

RED CARD	RULE 5.5.4(i)
Disciplinary sanction	Failure to display clearly visible national identification during the competition.



BEFORE YOU START

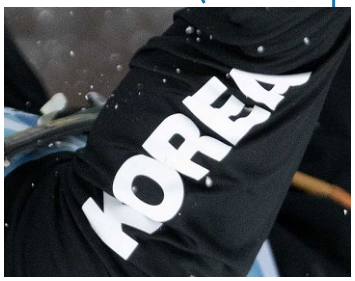
✓ Check that the identification is easy to read.
✓ Use the full country name or the applicable IOC code.
✓ Make sure it remains visible in your competition clothing and equipment.

The examples on the next page illustrate different placements; visibility remains the essential requirement.

10.2 EXAMPLES FROM COMPETITIONS

Different placements. One requirement: clear national identification.

TEAM UNIFORM (World Cups)

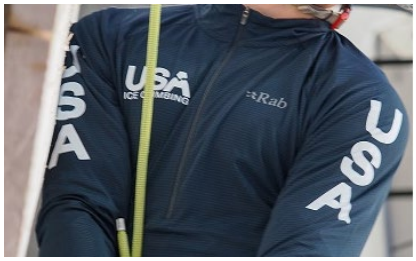






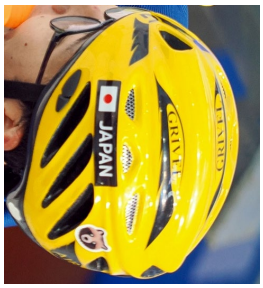






HELMET IDENTIFICATION (World Cups)





CONTINENTAL CUP & YOUTH







REFERENCE · UIAA Ice Climbing Competition Regulations 2027: 2.8.3 and 5.5.4(i)

11. UIAA ATHLETE COMMUNICATION

11.1 UIAA WORLD CUP EVENT WHATSAPP GROUPS

Please join the WhatsApp group of the events you plan to attend by scanning the QR code in the images below – please make sure you join before the event so that you don't miss any important information that gets sent out relevant to the event.





