



2027 COMPETITION REGULATIONS - Major Modifications

FOR INTERNATIONAL ICE CLIMBING COMPETITIONS

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General

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1.1.3	All UIAA-approved competitions shall be organized and undertaken in strict accordance with the regulations and rules governing such competitions.	All UIAA-approved competitions shall be organized and undertaken in strict accordance with the regulations and rules governing such competitions. These regulations and rules can not be overruled by any UIAA officials during competitions.
1.2.3	The international ice climbing competitions requiring the specific approval of the UIAA are the following: a) The annual World Cup series of competitions, b) The World Championships, c) The World Combined Championships, d) Continental Championships, e) Continental Cup Series, f) World Youth Championships, g) World Youth Championships Combined, h) International Masters competitions, i) International Challenger competitions	The international ice climbing competitions requiring the specific approval of the UIAA are the following: a) The annual World Cup series of competitions, b) The World Championships, c) The World Combined Championships, d) Continental Championships, e) Continental Cup Series, f) Continental Youth Cup Series, g) World Youth Championships, h) World Youth Championships Combined, i) International Masters competitions, j) International Challenger competitions
1.3.2	International Competition Officials: the UIAA maintains the right to formally appoint the following officials to each UIAA-approved competition: Jury President – has overall authority within the Competition Area ; i.e. from the point where athletes and others enter the Isolation Zone to the point where they exit the Competition Zone in front of the climbing structure and return to the public section of the arena; this authority extends to covering the activities of the media and all other persons nominated by the organizer to be present in the field of play The Jury President has overall authority with respect to all aspects of the running of the competition and presides over all meetings of the UIAA Officials. In addition, they preside over all organization and Technical Meetings with the competition organizers, team officials, athletes, etc. The Jury President is required to submit a detailed report on the competition, including information on technical incidents and appeals.	Competition Officials: the UIAA maintains the right to formally appoint the following officials to each UIAA-approved competition: Jury President (JP) – has overall authority within the Competition Area this authority extends to covering the activities of the media and all other persons nominated by the organizer to be present in the Competition Zone. The Jury President has overall authority with respect to all aspects of the running of the competition and presides over all meetings of the UIAA Officials. In addition, they preside over all organization and Technical Meetings with the competition organizers, team officials, athletes, etc. The Jury President is required to submit a detailed report on the competition, including information on technical incidents and appeals.

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	, as well as the performance of each 'Aspirant' Judge undergoing the final phase of their international training program.	
	Category Judge – International Judges appointed by the UIAA to assist the Jury President in undertaking all aspects of judging a competition. The Category Judges are assisted by Route Judges.	Category Judge (CJ) – appointed by the UIAA to assist the Jury President in undertaking all aspects of judging a competition. The Category Judges are assisted by route Judges.
	Route Judge – these may be specifically appointed by the UIAA as 'Aspirant' Judges under training; otherwise, the national body or federation/organizer shall provide a Route Judge for each route of the competition. Normally, Route Judges shall be people holding either international or national licenses. They shall be fully informed of the technical rules and regulations governing UIAA-approved competitions, and shall be instructed in their duties by, and work under the direction of, a Category Judge and Jury President.	- Deleted in the rules 2027
	General Competition Secretary/Results Service – the person in charge of results software ensures that starting lists are listed and displayed, taking care of documents and official information which is displayed on official desks, supporting the Jury President and Category Judges in providing accurate results.	Competition Administrator (CA) – the person in charge of results software ensures that starting lists are listed and displayed, taking care of documents and official information which is displayed on official desks, supporting the Jury President and Category Judges in providing accurate results.
	Head International Route Setter – International route setter responsible for general management of the route setting team. Advises the Category Judge, Route Judge, and Jury President.	Head Route Setter (HRS) – International route setter responsible for general management of the Route Setter team and all routes that are set for the event. Advises the International Judge, Route Judge, and Jury President.
	International Route Setter – International Route Setters appointed by the UIAA to assist the Head International Route Setter in undertaking all aspects of route setting at a competition.	Route Setter (RS) – International Route Setters appointed by the UIAA to assist the Head International Route Setter in undertaking all aspects of route setting at a competition.
	Aspirant Route Setter – has successfully passed a UIAA Ice Climbing International Route Setter course and is appointed by UIAA, but for more than 1 year has not worked at an international or national ice climbing competition appointed by UIAA, or has followed the Route Setter course without any working experience.	Aspirant Route Setter – has successfully passed a UIAA Ice Climbing International Route Setter course and is appointed by UIAA, but for more than 1 year has not worked at an international or national ice climbing competition appointed by UIAA, or has followed the Route Setter course without any working experience.

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	Route Setter – a national-level route setter who has not completed the International Route Setter course and is appointed by the organizer to work under the Head International Route Setter.	- Deleted in the rules 2027
	Competition Jury – the Competition Jury consists of all those persons listed in 1.3.2.a) to 1.3.2.h) above as deemed necessary by the Jury President	Jury Team (JT) – the Jury Team consists of all those persons listed in 1.3.2.a) to 1.3.2.e). All judging decisions during an event are made by the Jury Team only. The Jury President bears the end responsibility over the Jury Team but can delegate specific tasks and responsibilities to individual persons within the Jury Team.
	-	Route Setter Team – The Route Setter Team consists of all those persons listed in 1.3.2 f) to 1.3.2 i). The Route Setting Team is responsible for all Route Setting related duties during an event. The Head International Route Setting bears the end responsibility over the Route Setter Team but can delegate specific tasks and responsibilities to individual persons within the Route Setter Team.
		Event Coordinator (EC) – The EC is responsible for the planning, integration and operational delivery of the ice climbing competition. The role coordinates the personnel, facilities, logistics, athlete services, safety arrangements and supporting services required for the successful conduct of the event and acts as the principal operational interface between the organising committee, competition officials, venue management, medical and rescue services, volunteers and suppliers. The EC ensures that the event programme and operational requirements are implemented in accordance with the applicable competition regulations, safety requirements and decisions of the competent technical officials.
	All Judges and Route Setters must be members of the UIAA Federation of the country they live in or have citizenship in Each Judge or Route Setter must have signed approval from the UIAA Federation to be nominated as Judge or Route Setter in the current season.	All Competition Officials must be members of the UIAA Federation of the country they live in or have citizenship in and must have signed approval from the UIAA Federation to be nominated as Competition Official Judge or Route Setter in the current season.
	The competition jury are not allowed to compete in the given competition they are allocated to and must abide by the UIAA	All Competition Officials are not allowed to compete in the given competition they are allocated to and must abide by the UIAA

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	Conflict of Interest policy.	Conflict of Interest policy.
1.3.3	The UIAA appointed officials – 1.2.3.a) - 1.2.3.d) above – shall be entitled to receive travel expenses, accommodation and payment in accordance with the relevant regulations and agreements of the UIAA. The Jury President and at least one Category International Judge should be from a non-hosting country. Minimum number of Judges equals maximum number of routes at any date of the event.	The UIAA appointed officials– shall be entitled to receive travel expenses, accommodation and payment in accordance with the relevant regulations and agreements of the UIAA. The JP, the HRS and at least one CJ shall be from a non-hosting country. Minimum number of Category Judges equals maximum number of routes at any date of the event.
3.2.5.	The Jury President, the Category Judge, and the Head International Route Setter shall inspect each route prior to the start of each round of a competition to ensure the maintenance of safety standards.	Prior to the start of each round, the CJ, and the HRS shall inspect each route to ensure compliance with safety standards and determine if any Mandatory Clipping Holds are required.
3.10.4	For the best athletes, Women & Men in Difficulty & Speed, ranked 1st to 3rd in the overall ranking of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Series. Prize money to be distributed by the UIAA at the World Cup Finals.	There will be prize money for the best athletes, Women & Men in Difficulty & Speed, ranked 1 st to 3 rd in the overall ranking of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Series.
4.2.1.	There must be a minimum of 2 hours between the end of a Difficulty round and the start of the next round in the same discipline, age category, and gender, or between Difficulty and Speed rounds. However, there is no required break between rounds in Speed	There shall be a minimum break of 2 hours between the end of any round (the time the last athlete completes their attempt) and the start of any subsequent round (the time the first athlete begins their attempt) for the same age category and gender across all disciplines. As an exception, no minimum rest period is required between consecutive Speed rounds. Speed practice sessions shall not be classified as competition rounds for the purposes of this rule.

Financial document

Financial details are available here.

<https://iceclimbing.sport/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/UIAA-IC-Fees-policy.pdf>

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2.5.2	In order to obtain an international license, each federation shall submit for each athlete and team official: a) A completed official application form. b) The fee specified by the UIAA for the issue of a new license, on receipt of the relevant invoice. Payment of the fee can be made by the athlete at their first event of the season.	In order to obtain an international license, each federation shall submit a completed official application form for each athlete and team official.
2.6.2	The competition entry fees will be paid by the athlete or team official to the organizer during registration.	- Deleted in the rules 2027
2.6.3	Appeals fees are paid directly to the Jury President when an appeal is filed. The appeal shall not be considered until the appeals fee has been received.	- Deleted in the rules 2027
3.10.4	For the best athletes, Women & Men in Difficulty & Speed, ranked 1st to 3rd in the overall ranking of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Series. Prize money to be distributed by the UIAA	There will be prize money for the best athletes, Women & Men in Difficulty & Speed, ranked 1st to 3rd in the overall ranking of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Series.

Uniform

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2.8.3	Team Uniform: Athletes and team officials shall wear an appropriate uniform with visible country information that they represent. Country information may contain the full name of the country or the IOC country code. The same team uniform is recommended for athletes and team officials.	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.
	2.8.4 Failure to comply with these regulations shall result in disqualification from the competition	- Deleted in the rules 2027
	5.5.1.h) Lack of country information on the athletes' uniform during the competition.	- Deleted in the rules 2027
5.5.4 j)	- new article in rules 2027	Failure to display clearly visible national identification during the competition.

Safety

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3.2.2	- new article in rules 2027	The Jury President has the authority to suspend, cancel, restart, resume or adjust the schedule of the round or competition to ensure the safety of all persons and maintain fair competition conditions.
3.2.7	-new article in rules 2027	Team members may make a Safety Petition where a serious safety issue is believed to exist. Safety Petitions must be made in writing and signed by the Team Members from 3 separate countries. If the Jury President agrees that a serious safety issue exists, they must address the issue without delay. Any Safety Petition, and its resolution, must be reported to the WIC Technical Committee.
3.4.4	Methods of Compiling Start Lists are detailed in the relevant sections of the rules under Articles 8 and 9	Methods of Compiling Start Lists are detailed in the relevant sections of the rules under Articles 8 Technical Rules Difficulty (Lead) and 9 Technical Rules Speed.
5.5.5.vi	Dangerous behavior – e.g., intentionally throwing with ice axes from the wall or demonstrating aggressive behavior towards any UIAA official or athlete.	Dangerous or unsportsmanlike behavior – including, but not limited to: intentionally throwing ice axes or equipment; deliberately kicking, stepping on, or striking the rope; intentionally using the quickdraws with an ice axe or crampon; or demonstrating aggressive behavior toward any official, athlete, or spectator.
8.2.1.	Each route shall be designed to limit the risk that a fall may injure the athlete or any third party or obstruct any other athlete.	Each route shall be designed to: a) limit dangerous movements —such as downward jumps— the risk that a fall may injure the athlete or any third party or obstruct any other athlete. b) avoid excessive rope drag or friction. Under special circumstances, the CJ may authorize specific quickdraws to be unclipped by the UIAA officials. In such cases, the exact same quickdraws shall be unclipped for all athletes in that category, and should be unclipped in the same position whenever possible.

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8.2.8	Where an extension of a normal quickdraw sling is required, a continuous (machine-sewn) tape sling of the same strength (or greater) shall be used in place of the normal, shorter quickdraw. Adhesive tape may be used to hold the loops of the sling together; under no circumstances shall such slings be shortened or adjusted by means of knots. Under no circumstances shall a chain of normal length quickdraws (connected to each other by either Maillon Rapide or locking or non-locking karabiners) be used. Knotted rope or tape slings shall not be permitted.	Where an extension of a quickdraw sling is required, a continuous, machine-sewn extended quickdraw sling or similar products of equal or greater strength shall be used in place of a standard quickdraw. Adhesive tape shall not be used on the quickdraws or slings under any circumstances. Quickdraws and slings shall not contain any exposed open loops, nor shall they be shortened, adjusted, or tied using knots. Connecting multiple quickdraws/wires in a chain (using karabiners or Maillon Rapides) is strictly prohibited, as are knotted rope or tape slings.
8.9.8.f	Is stopped by the Judge due to safety reasons	Is stopped due to a safety issue, whether identified by a Judge or by the athlete themselves. Upon termination, the athlete shall be lowered safely to the ground.

Results

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3.8.1.	During each round/stage of the competition, judges will provide Live Results visible in the Vertical Life system on the website: https://uiaa.results.info .	During each round/stage of the competition, judges will provide Live Results visible in the Vertical Life system on the website: uiaa.results.info.
3.8.2.	At the end of each round, the General Competition Secretary shall provide Provisional Results only after they have been checked, amended if necessary, and signed by both the Category Judge for the relevant route and the Jury President.	At the end of each round, the CA shall provide Provisional Results only after they have been checked, amended if necessary, and signed by the Category Judge for the relevant route.
3.8.3	Provisional Results must be published on the Official Notice Board. The publication of the Provisional Results must also be announced on all official communication channels.	Provisional Results should be published on the Official Notice Board. The publication of the Provisional Results must also be announced by microphone, and official digital communication channels.
3.8.4 (2026 rules).	After the publication of Provisional Results, athletes and team officials have 10 minutes to submit Appeals. Once this time has elapsed and no Appeals have been accepted, the results shall be published as Official Results.	- Deleted in the rules 2027
3.8.5 (2026 rules)	In case any appeal was accepted (with any potential errors corrected), new Provisional Results, approved by the Category Judge and the Jury President, shall be published on the Official Notice Board and announced on all official communication channels, and another 10 minutes will be granted to submit new Appeals.	- deleted in the rules 2027, already covered in 6.4.1
3.8.9 (2026 rules), 3.8.7 (2027 rules)	Competition results shall include all the items listed in 3.8.7 above and the following additional information: a) The results of all rounds.	Once the appeal window for the final round of a discipline has closed, the CA shall publish the competition results in PDF on WhatsApp. These results will include all items listed in Section 3.8.6 above, as well as the complete results for all rounds.
3.8.9.	Competition results shall include all the items listed in 3.8.7 above and the following additional information: a) The results of all rounds.	Once the appeal window for the final round of a discipline has closed, the CA shall publish the competition results in PDF on WhatsApp. These results will include all items listed in Section 3.8.7 above, as well as the complete results for all rounds.

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3.8.11.	Following the approval by the Jury President in consultation with the Category Judges, the General Competition Secretary will provide Official Results for each round of the competition (including the final round) to: a) Official Board. b) Press office. c) Official Speaker.	- Deleted in the rules 2027

Disciplinary AoA

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5.5.5 (title above)	Disqualification with Referral to the UIAA Court (Red Card)	Disqualification with Referral to the WIC Disciplinary Committee (Red Card)
5.5.5	The following Infringements of the regulations shall result in the issuing of a Red Card and the immediate disqualification of the athlete from the competition with referral to the UIAA Court , following the related procedure for the further sanction of suspension from one successive World Cup competition or, in the case of an infraction of the regulations in nonWorld Cup competitions, one successive UIAA approved competition as described in Article	The following Infringements of the regulations shall result in the issuing of a Red Card and the immediate disqualification of the athlete from the competition with referral to the WIC Disciplinary Committee , following the related procedure for the further sanction of suspension from one successive World Cup competition or, in the case of an infraction of the regulations in nonWorld Cup competitions, one successive UIAA approved competition as described in Article
5.5.5(a) (vi)	Dangerous behavior – e.g., intentionally throwing with ice axes from the wall or demonstrating aggressive behavior towards any UIAA official or athlete	Dangerous or unsportsmanlike behavior – including, but not limited to: intentionally throwing ice axes or equipment; deliberately kicking, stepping on, or striking the rope; intentionally using the quickdraws with an ice axe or crampon; or demonstrating aggressive behavior toward any official, athlete, or spectator.

Appeals

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6.1.1.	All appeals related to judging and scoring athletes, or in general breaking the rules, shall be decided by an Appeals Jury consisting of: a) Jury President. b) If the Jury President was involved in the case, they shall instead appoint a Category Judge not involved in the case. c) Any additional officials the Jury President invites to participate who are required to ensure a fair and equitable process.	All appeals related to judging and scoring athletes, or in general breaking the rules, shall be decided by an Appeals Jury consisting of a single official: a) Jury President, or b) If the Jury President was involved in the case, the JP shall instead appoint a Category Judge not involved in the case. (At a continental level – sometimes the JP is the only UIAA official present – so will be the sole member of the appeals jury.) Note: All appeals concerning judging, scoring, or rule infractions shall be decided by an Appeals Jury listed above only. While the Appeals Jury member may invite other officials to participate in a consultative role to support a fair process, these invited individuals are not members of the Appeals Jury and carry no decision-making authority.
6.1.4	All written Appeals require an Appeal Fee.	All written Appeals require an Appeal Fee – The appeal fee shall be paid by credit card after the appeal is rejected and the Event Coordinator will be responsible for collecting the appeal fee.
6.1.5	The decision of the Appeal Jury shall be final and not subject to further appeal.	The decision of the Appeal Jury shall be final and not subject to further appeal. By submitting an appeal, the appellant acknowledges the authority of the Appeal Jury and agrees not to challenge its decision in any other forum.
6.2	- new article in rules 2027	6.2.1 The following persons are eligible to officially submit a written appeal by completing the appeal form: a) Any athlete who is registered and eligible to compete in the relevant round of the competition b) Any registered team official who has an athlete competing in the relevant round of the competition
	- new article in rules 2027	6.2.2 The appeal may be completed by hand using the Appeal Form or submitted online. If a

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		team member submits the appeal online, they must notify the JP before the appeal deadline.
	- new article in rules 2027	6.2.3 An appeal must be submitted before the applicable deadline. No appeal will be processed after the deadline. a) All eligible persons may submit a written appeal at any time between the start of the round and the publication of the Official Results for that round.
	- new article in rules 2027	b) After publication of the Provisional Results, the deadline for submitting an appeal will be 5 minutes after the time indicated on the Provisional Results .
	- new article in rules 2027	c) If an appeal is received after publication of the Provisional Results, an “ Under Appeal ” notice must be displayed publicly. This may be displayed physically on the official notice board, if available, or electronically through the results service system and must be announced by microphone.
	- new article in rules 2027	d) If an appeal submitted after publication of the Provisional Results is accepted and results in a change to the ranking, a new version of the Official Results must be published, and a new 5-minute appeal period will begin from the publication time of the revised results. This process may be repeated until a 5-minute appeal period expires without any further appeal.
	- new article in rules 2027	e) In a Single Speed event , the deadline for submitting an appeal is before the first athlete on the start list begins their next attempt. The next attempts must be put on hold while an appeal is being processed and may resume only after the appeal and any resulting rerun have been completed.

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	- new article in rules 2027	f) In the final round of Duel Speed , the appeal deadline is before the start of the next race, and the appeal shall be made verbally. The next race shall be put on hold while an appeal is being processed and may resume only after the appeal and any resulting rerun have been completed.
6.3.1 (2027), 6.2.1 (2026)	After receiving an Appeal, the Appeal Jury shall decide whether the Appeal is valid. a) An Appeal is Valid, and the Appeal Jury shall process it, if it is: i. Written on the Appeal form and submitted by the athlete or their team official. ii. States the name of the affected athlete, description of the situation, and relevant Article of the rules. iii. Submitted with an Appeal Fee. iv. Submitted within 10 minutes, after the Provisional Results for the affected round are published,	After receiving an Appeal, the Appeal Jury shall decide whether the Appeal is valid. a) An Appeal is Valid, and the Appeal Jury shall process it, if it is: i. Written on the Appeal form and submitted by the athlete or their team official. ii. States the name of the affected athlete, description of the situation, and relevant Article of the rules. iii. Includes the appellant's agreement to pay the appeal fee if the Appeal is rejected. iv. Submitted before the deadline in accordance with Article 6.2.2.
6.3.2 (2027), 6.2.2 (2026)	A Valid Appeal shall be processed by the Appeal Jury: a) As soon as possible, within the circumstances. b) Using the official video recordings and official livestream, if required. No other recordings shall be used.	A Valid Appeal shall be processed by the Appeal Jury: a) As soon as possible, within the circumstances. b) Using the official video recordings and official livestream, if required. No other recordings shall be used. During the appeal process, review should be limited to video footage of the athlete subject to the appeal. Under exceptional circumstances, the JP may review any additional official video recordings deemed necessary to reach a fair decision. c) If a result is under appeal this will be highlighted in the UIAA results system and via official digital communication channels and by microphone.

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6.3.3 (2027), 6.2.3 (2026)	The Appeal Jury shall decide whether the Appeal is: a) Accepted – if the available evidence is conclusive and supports the appeal, then the Appeal Fee shall be returned, and the error shall be corrected. b) Undetermined – if the available evidence is inconclusive, then the Appeal Fee shall be returned, and the original judging decision is valid.	The Appeal Jury shall decide whether the Appeal is: a) Accepted – if the available evidence is conclusive and supports the appeal the error shall be corrected. b) Undetermined – if the available evidence is inconclusive the original judging decision is valid.
6.3.4	- new article in rules 2027	Once an appeal concerning a particular incident has been ruled upon, the JP will not accept any further appeals concerning the same athlete, score and article of the rules and the decision is final and binding.
6.3.5	- new article in rules 2027	The decision must not be questioned, challenged, or debated during the competition by athletes or team officials, in order to allow the event to proceed without disruption.
6.3.6	- new article in rules 2027	The appeal shall be examined away from the field of play and in a manner that does not interfere with the running of the competition.
6.3.7	- new article in rules 2027	All appeals shall be discussed exclusively by the Jury President and the Athlete or Team Official that submitted the appeal (one person and one translator if required), in accordance with the UIAA Ice Climbing Regulations. No others may be involved in the process.
6.3.8	- new article in rules 2027	Any infraction of this procedure may become subject to disciplinary action.

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8.2.6.	- new article in rules 2027	Whenever clipping from or before a specific position is deemed necessary for athlete safety, that hold shall be designated as a Safety Hold and clearly marked on the wall with a blue cross, with a matching blue cross placed adjacent to the bolt hanger of the associated quickdraw.												
8.2.8 (2027 rules), 8.2.7 (2026 rules)	Where an extension of a normal quickdraw sling is required, a continuous (machinesewn) tape sling of the same strength (or greater) shall be used in place of the normal, shorter quickdraw. Adhesive tape may be used to hold the loops of the sling together; under no circumstances shall such slings be shortened or adjusted by means of knots. Under no circumstances shall a chain of normal length quickdraws (connected to each other by either Maillon Rapide or locking or non-locking karabiners) be used. Knotted rope or tape slings shall not be permitted	Where an extension of a quickdraw sling is required, a continuous, machine-sewn extended quickdraw sling or similar products of equal or greater strength shall be used in place of a standard quickdraw. Adhesive tape shall not be used on the quickdraws or slings under any circumstances. Quickdraws and slings shall not contain any exposed open loops, nor shall they be shortened, adjusted, or tied using knots. Connecting multiple quickdraws/wires in a chain (using karabiners or Maillon Rapides) is												

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		strictly prohibited, as are knotted rope or tape slings
8.4.1.e	A qualification schedule will be created, detailing an exact time when the athletes climb their qualification route. If the competition runs ahead of schedule, then there will be a break in the competition if the athlete is not ready, i.e., athletes will not be forced to compete before their time slot if they do not wish to. If the competition schedule is delayed, then the athletes affected will have to wait and climb immediately after the previous athlete has finished their attempt.	A qualification start list shall be created, specifying the earliest start time for each athlete to begin climbing their qualification routes.
8.4.3.c	8.4.3.c In case of more rounds during the same day, at least 2 hours between the last athlete of the previous round and the start of the next round within the same age category and Gender.	- Deleted in the rules 2027
8.5.3.	The Video recordings of all the qualification routes should be available for download or streaming 1 hour before the Technical Meeting, but shall not be published later than 2 hours before the start of the competition.	Qualification route videos shall be released at least 2 hours prior to the start of the qualification round, and outside of overnight hours.
8.7.6.	Athletes may only seek clarification from the Category Judge or the Route Setter of the relevant route, and any information provided must be shared with all athletes.	Athletes may only seek clarification from the CJ of the relevant route or the JP, and any information provided shall be shared with all athletes.
8.8.12	Once the athlete is fully prepared (knot tied, fully clothed), they will be allowed 30 seconds to review the route and start climbing. The judge will inform the athlete, "Your preparation time starts now," and then the athlete can face the wall. 8.8.13 The athlete can start climbing at any time within these 30 seconds. 8.8.14 If the athlete does not start climbing by the end of the 30-second preparation period, the judge will ask the athlete, "Please start climbing immediately," and the athlete must start their attempt without any delay	Once the athlete is fully prepared (e.g., knot tied, outer layers removed), they may face the wall and will have a maximum of 30 seconds of route observation time. The athlete may start climbing at any point during this period. If the athlete has not started climbing when the 30 seconds expire, the judge shall ask them to start climbing immediately. Any further unnecessary delay will result in disciplinary action under Section 5.
8.9.5	Each route will have a pre-determined limited time set by the Head International Route Setter,	Each route will have a pre-determined limited time set by the HRS, during which an athlete

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	during which an athlete may attempt the route. The minimal and maximal time allocation per competition round is summarized in the following table Round Time Limit Qualification 3:30 – 5 minutes Semifinal 5 – 8 minutes Final 5 – 8 minutes	may attempt the route. The minimal and maximal time allocation per competition round is summarized in table in 8.1.4.
8.9.6.b	The last clipping position for each quickdraw is the last hold/zone from which it is possible to clip that quickdraw. If a clip is passed or skipped, then the Route Setter will determine the last clipping position.	- Deleted in the rules 2027
8.9.6.c	Where an athlete clips the rope into a quickdraw, and a Z-Clip has occurred, the athlete must correct the Z-Clip and, to do so, may un-clip and re-clip any of the quickdraws involved (even the lower one), provided that after correction all quickdraws must be clipped in the correct sequence. If the Z-Clip is not corrected, then the score of the climber will be given up to the point of the last quickdraw clipped in the correct sequence and the last hold/zone the athlete reached.	Where an athlete clips the rope into a quickdraw, and a Z-Clip has occurred, the athlete shall correct the Z-Clip and, to do so, may un-clip and re-clip any of the quickdraws involved (even the lower one), provided that after correction all quickdraws must be clipped in the correct sequence. If the Z-Clip is not corrected, the score of the climber will be the highest hold or zone reached before the Z-clip.
8.9.6.d	The Head International Route Setter may rule that a quickdraw must be clipped for safety reasons, from a particular hold (a Mandatory Clipping Hold) or earlier, in which case such hold(s) and the relevant quickdraw shall be clearly marked with a blue cross and pointed out during the route observation. If the athlete does a move from the Mandatory Clipping Hold to the next holds without clipping the relevant quickdraw, their attempt will be terminated at the Mandatory Clipping Hold, and the final score will be the score of the Mandatory Clipping Hold	An attempt shall be terminated immediately, with due consideration for athlete safety during the termination, if an athlete makes any climbing movement (with their hands or ice axes) to pass beyond the Last Safe Hold/Zone without having clipped the relevant quickdraw. Upon termination under this rule, the athlete's final score shall be capped and recorded as the score corresponding to the hold designated as the Last Safe Hold/Zone.
8.9.8.c	Fails to clip a quick draw in sequence (except when correcting a Z-Clip or when unclipped by the route setters to avoid rope drag).	Fails to clip a quick draw in sequence (except when correcting a Z-Clip or when unclipped by the UIAA officials to avoid rope drag).
8.9.8.d	Climbs beyond a Mandatory Clipping Hold without clipping the relevant quickdraw.	makes any climbing movement past the Last Safe Hold/Zone on a route without clipping the relevant quickdraw.
8.9.8 f	Is stopped by the Judge due to safety reasons	Is stopped due to a safety issue, whether identified by a Judge or by the athlete

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		themselves. Upon termination, the athlete shall be lowered safely to the ground.
8.10.3.	In case of an unsuccessful attempt, the highest point reached with the ice axe or hand along the route and in the climbing sequence of the route shall be measured as long as the athlete did not pass the last clipping position without clipping the relevant quickdraw.	In case of an unsuccessful attempt, the highest point reached with the ice axe or hand along the route and in the climbing sequence of the route shall be measured.
8.10.4.	If the athlete passed the last clipping position without clipping the relevant quickdraw, then their score shall be the score of the last clipping position in accordance with Article 8.9.6.b).	If an athlete moves past the Last Clipping Hold/Zone for an unclipped quickdraw, scoring is paused. The attempt may continue as long as the athlete does not move past the Last Safe Hold/Zone. If the athlete clips the quickdraw prior to passing the Last Safe Hold/Zone, scoring resumes starting from the hold designated as the Last Clipping Hold/Zone. For the avoidance of doubt, downclimbing is permitted at any time, provided the athlete has not committed any infringement under Article 8.9.8.
8.10.5	The score of an athlete will be determined based on the highest hold/zone they achieve according to the scoring rules based on the topo prepared by the relevant Category Judge of the route approved by the Head International Route Setter.	The score of an athlete shall be determined by the highest hold or zone they achieve in accordance with the route topo. Prepared by the HRS and approved by the CJ, this topo shall specify the Last Clipping Hold/Zone for all quickdraws on the route.
8.10.7.	Scoring criteria for: a) Holds: It is the number of the hold in the sequence. b) Ice: It is the number of the zone in the sequence.	Scoring criteria for: a) Holds: It is the number of the hold in the sequence. b) Ice: It is the number of the zone in the sequence. Note: For avoidance of doubt, no scores shall be assigned to the volumes, macros or parts of the walls.
8.11.2.	In the event of a tie in the semifinal or final rounds, athletes will be ranked as follows: a) If two or more athletes reach the top in any round, the climber's time of that round is decisive for their ranking: the faster athlete is ranked ahead of the slower. b) Otherwise, countback to the previous round is used.	In the event of a tie in the semifinal or final rounds, athletes will be ranked as follows: a) If two or more athletes reach the top, the climber's time of that round is decisive for their ranking: the faster athlete is ranked ahead of the slower. b) countback to the previous round. c) in the medal phase only, breaking podium ties remaining after countback by using actual climbing times, lower times being better.

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8.11.4.	In all rounds, any athlete who does not start the route will be ranked at the end of the rankings in the relevant round, and their result will be marked DNS.	Any athlete who does not start: a) one route in Qualification round, will be ranked at the end of the rankings in the relevant route and marked DNS, b) two routes in Qualification or the route in Semifinal and Final rounds, will be unranked and marked DNS in the round.
8.9.8.g	Uses any Illegal Aid, which is defined by the following: i. Ice axe: A. Striking or using axe picks on the wall or volume. B. Using screw and T-nut holes of the wall or volume. C. Striking the hold. D. Striking the axe with the other axe. E. Using ice axes with any parts of the body other than hands. ii. Ice Axe and Crampons: A. Using the space between panels. B. Using protection points. C. Connecting ice axes to each other or to the crampons (the picks of the Ice axes may touch or cross if they are being used on the same hold or position). iii. Any part of the body or gear: A. Grabbing or resting on quickdraws or achieving a stable position with rope and/or quickdraws. B. Using any areas beyond the Climbing Surface. C. Using or touching any part of the wall surface beyond the marked boundaries of the route. Using or touching the	• See table.

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	actual red zone boundary line is OK (an explanatory video can be seen here). D. Using any edge of the wall or panels.	

Uses any Illegal Aid as defined in this [table](#).

i. Listed items represent prohibited actions.

ii. A checkmark (✓) indicates strike and use are allowed.

	Ice Axe*	Crampons	Any part of the body or gear(excluding ice axe and crampon)
Hold and Macro	X - Strike	✓	✓
Volume and Wall	X - Strike	✓	✓
Holes (Screw and T-nut) of wall or volume	X - Strike/Use	✓	✓
Protection points and ropes and areas beyond the: - Climbing Surface including edge of the wall, panels or the space between panels - Areas beyond the marked red boundaries**	X - Use	X - Use	X - Use
Ice Axe	X - Strike/use/connect***	X -Use/Connect	X - Use except by hands

* Ice axes must not be connected to the harness.

** Touching or using the actual red boundary line itself is permitted.

*** The picks of the ice axes may touch or cross if they are being used on the same hold or position.

Speed

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4.4.2.	The speed ice wall must be constructed of consistent ice. If the ice is brand new and has not been climbed before, it must be pre-climbed by the Route Setters several times to create enough hooks in the ice and get rid of any icicles that are likely to break in competition.	The speed ice wall shall be constructed of consistent, flat, and uniform ice, free of major depressions, bulges, deep holes, or brittle icicles. No artificial or man-made holes are permitted on the wall, other than placements naturally formed by ice axes.. Newly formed ice shall, under all circumstances, be pre-climbed by the Route Setters prior to practice. Through this process, Route Setters shall eliminate any fragile features The ice formation and quality shall be monitored regularly by the Event Coordinator starting at least one (1) month in advance of the event, with final approval granted by the Event Coordinator no later than one (1) day prior to the competition.
9.1.2	All Speed competition routes shall be climbed on top rope, using a single rope or a certified auto belay (EN341:2011 Class A).	All Speed competition routes shall be climbed on top rope, using a single rope or a certified auto belay (EN341:2011 Class A). The event coordinator shall ensure that the auto-belay system meets the required standards and requirements a day before the technical meeting. If there is reason to believe that the auto-belay system is unsafe, it should be replaced with manual belaying, and the round/stage should be restarted. In the Dual format, the same type of belay system must be used on both routes.
9.3.4	In case the quality of ice or the thickness of the ice is not enough to hold practice, the Jury President can decide to cancel the practice. This should be announced at the technical meeting and not later than 1 hour before the scheduled start of practice.	If the quality or thickness of the ice is insufficient, the Jury President may decide to cancel the practice or any round or stage of the Speed competition. If only the practice is cancelled, this decision shall be announced at the Technical Meeting and no later than one hour before the scheduled start of the practice.
9.3.11.	On being called to the start of a route by the Category Judge, each athlete shall take up a starting position consisting of, at a minimum, one (1) foot on the starting pad on the floor and at least one (1) foot and one (1) ice axe touching the ice.	On entering the Field of Play, each athlete shall report directly to the base of their assigned route fully prepared to compete (e.g., outer clothing layers removed). Athletes shall, without delay, position the starting pad as appropriate for their preferred starting position and, having done so, present

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		themselves to the belayer while remaining on the ground. The belayer shall confirm that the athlete's harness is safe and securely connect the harness to the auto-belay or top-rope system. Once connected, each athlete shall face the crowd and stay away from the wall.
9.3.12	When an athlete is in the starting position, the Category Judge shall ask: "Ready?" Unless an athlete calls out that they are not ready, the Category Judge shall call "Attention" and, after a short pause (1- 2 seconds), call "Go!".	On the command "At your marks", each athlete shall, without delay, take up a starting position consisting of, at a minimum, one (1) foot on the starting pad on the floor and at least one (1) foot and one (1) ice axe touching the ice. Once all athletes are stationary in their designated starting positions, the Category Judge or starter shall call "Ready", followed by "Attention", and after a short pause (1–2 seconds), initiate the start signal ("Go!" or the official acoustic tone). It is the athletes' responsibility to complete their adjustments, get ready, and ensure that the light indicator is solid green, without blinking. In the case of any further delay, both athletes should be called back, the athlete causing the delay should receive a verbal warning, and the call should be restarted. Any subsequent delay should be treated as a disciplinary matter.
9.3.13	If an athlete calls out that they are not ready, the procedure shall restart with 9.3.11.	After the command "At your marks" and before the start command, the Category Judge shall recall both athletes and instruct them to face away from the wall if: a) the Category Judge determines that the attempt cannot proceed; or b) an athlete raises a hand or otherwise clearly indicates that they are not ready.
9.3.15	A short and loud (clearly) audible signal shall be used for each second elapsed	A distinct and clearly audible signal shall sound for each elapsed second. If an automated signal is unavailable, the CJ shall audibly count each second aloud.
9.4.1	An attempt is successful when an athlete starts within the 3 seconds after the "Go!" instruction, climbs the route, and their axe or any part of their body stops the timing pad at the end of the	An attempt is successful when an athlete starts within the 3 seconds after the "Go!" instruction, climbs the route, and their axe or any part of their body stops the timing pad at the end of the route before the time limit of 45 seconds (or 60

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	route before the time limit of 45 seconds without breaking any rules in 9.4.2.	seconds for youth events) without breaking any rules in 9.4.2.
9.4.2.d	Exceeds the maximum allowed climbing time of 45 seconds.	Exceeds the maximum allowed climbing time of 45 seconds(or 60 seconds for youth events).
9.7.1.j	new article in rules 2027	Any audio signal initiated by the Category Judge to stop the attempt, such as shouting or whistling. In this case, the TI is applied to both athletes if the format is Dual.
9.7.5	Rerun in Duel Speed Format in case of accepted technical incidents: a) In the Qualification Round: i. Article 9.7.4 is applied in this case. ii. If the Category Judge claims a technical incident during the climbing for one athlete by shouting, both athletes are affected. b) In the Final Round: i. The decision to claim a technical incident by the Category Judge will affect both athletes, and both athletes must do a rerun, and the result from the rerun will be the valid one.	Rerun in Duel Speed Format in case of accepted technical incidents: a) In the Qualification Round: i. The rerun may be applied to one or both athletes, depending on the nature of the Technical Incident claimed by the Category Judge. Article 9.7.4 is applied in this case. b) In the Final Round: i. If the Technical Incident applies to both athletes, both athletes must perform a rerun, and the results of the rerun will be considered valid. ii. If the Technical Incident applies to only one athlete and not the other, only the affected athlete should perform the rerun. iii. If the Technical Incident occurs during the second climbs of the Dual format, only the second climbs should be repeated.
9.9.14.c	Group C: Athletes who have failed to complete both routes will not be ranked and will be marked as DNF-in the results.	Group C: Athletes who have failed to complete both routes will not be ranked in the results.
9.9.16e	New article in rules 2027	If more than one athlete falls off their route at any stage of the Finals, they will be ranked based on their total climbing time from the previous stages and round.

Ice Box

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18.1.2	- new article in rules 2027	During equipment assessment, each ice axe shall fit wholly inside the official measuring box with internal dimensions of 250 mm × 500 mm × 50 mm under its own weight. a) The ice axe may be placed in any orientation, including flat, inclined, or angled positions. b) The ice axe shall be fully contained within the internal dimensions of the box, with no component protruding beyond the sides or above the upper edge of the box walls. c) The use of force, pressure, flexing, compression, or any other means to make the ice axe fit within the box is prohibited.
18.1.3	- new article in rules 2027	The JP, CJ, or designated Equipment Inspector may require dimensional verification of any ice axe at any time during the competition. Inspections may be conducted on a random basis or where there are reasonable grounds to suspect that an ice axe exceeds the permitted dimensions.
18.1.4	- new article in rules 2027	The JP, CJ or designated equipment inspector shall place the ice axe into the measuring box to verify compliance. Any ice axe failing to meet the dimensional requirements shall be deemed non-compliant and shall not be permitted on the Field of Play. If athletes use non-approved ice axes, they will be disqualified.
18.1.5	- new article in rules 2027	For the purpose of equipment verification, a reference measuring box identical to the official measuring box shall be available for competitor use at the Registration Desk and in designated

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		athlete areas, including the Isolation Area and Warm-up Area. The availability of a reference measuring box shall not exempt any competitor from subsequent official equipment inspections.
18.1.6	- new article in rules 2027	Competitors may use the reference measuring box to verify the compliance of their ice axes with the dimensional requirements. During such verification, no force, pressure, wedging, flexing, compression, or other manipulation of the ice axe or the measuring box shall be used to achieve compliance. Any intentional misuse of, or damage to, a reference measuring box shall constitute a breach of these Regulations and may result in disciplinary sanctions.
18.1.7	- new article in rules 2027	The EC shall ensure that the organizer provides an official measuring box and that it remains accessible to athletes at the required locations.
18.1.8	- new article in rules 2027	The front point(s) of crampons shall not exceed 5 cm in length, measured from the foremost edge of the climbing shoe to the tip of the front point
18.1.9	Spurs of any kind are not allowed for Difficulty competitions.	Spurs of any kind are not allowed for Difficulty and speed competitions.

Glossary

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- new article in rules 2027	Appeal jury: an official responsible for determining the results of any appeal.
Artificial Hold means a manufactured climbing hold attached to the Climbing Surface by means of screws or bolts .	Artificial Hold: means a manufactured climbing hold, can be made from a wide variety of materials and has generally a preferred contact point.
- new article in rules 2027	Climbing Time The period elapsed from the moment an athlete begins their attempt (when the first ice axe leaves the starting hold) until they successfully complete the route or their attempt is terminated.
Climbing Surface means the usable surface of a climbing wall or ice: a) including any permanent irregularity or textured feature on, or closed edge to the surface; but b) excluding any Artificial Holds, volumes or other temporary Structures fixed onto the usable surface; or ice barrels.	Climbing surface: part of the climbing wall / structure that is usable to climb on. The climbing surface is normally made of ice or wood but can be made from different materials.
- new article in rules 2027	Last clipping holds/zones. Every clipping point/quickdraw has a corresponding last clipping hold from which no additional scoring is possible until the clipping point is clipped. The HRS will define a last clipping hold for every clipping point in a route. They will be marked on the route topo.
- new article in rules 2027	Last Safe holds/zones An athlete reaches the Last Safe Hold/Zone when they control: i) A marked Safety Hold where the associated quickdraw has not been clipped; or ii) Any other hold beyond which, in the reasonable opinion of the Jury President or Category Judge, making further progress without clipping would be unsafe.
- new article in rules 2027	Macro: a semi-permanent extension of the Climbing Surface generally made of PE/PU or fiberglass.
- new article in rules 2027	Mandatory clipping holds/zones:A specific hold with a matching clipping point/ quickdraw. The hold and the clipping point are both marked with a blue cross. Any climbing movement beyond the mandatory clipping hold will result

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	in termination of the attempt. It is a safety regulation to prevent injury of the athlete due to a ground-fall or ledge-fall hazard..
Official Results means the results published by the UIAA at the end of a competition (or any round of that competition), which must be marked as "Official" and signed by the appropriate UIAA Official. Once the Provisional results are not appealed for 10 minutes or there are no accepted appeals within those 10 minutes, then those results shall be published as the Official Results. They cannot be appealed.	Official Results means the results published by the UIAA at the end of a competition (or any round of that competition), which must be marked as "Official" and signed by the appropriate UIAA Official. Once the Provisional results are not appealed for 5 minutes or there are no accepted appeals within those 5 minutes, then those results shall be published as the Official Results. They cannot be appealed.
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- new article in rules 2027	Route topo: a graphical route map created by route setters and used by judges to determine scores by marking out numbered holds, scoring zones, technical boundaries, and last clipping holds/zones.
- new article in rules 2027	Team uniform: the official competition clothing worn by athletes during competition and official event ceremonies to represent their national federation during the event.
- new article in rules 2027	Volume: semi- permanent extension of the Climbing Surface. Generally made of wood.
- new article in rules 2027	Zone: a part of the ice(not wood) marked with blue boundaries that has the same scoring status as an artificial hold. A blue boundary is always part of the previous zone when it divides two different zones. It can be struck with crampons and axes.

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Z-Clip means a situation where the climbing rope is connected through two Protection Points in reverse sequence.	Z-Clip: a Z-Clip is a clipping situation that occurs when, while clipping the rope into the next quickdraw, the climber takes the rope from below the previously clipped quickdraw and clips it into the next quickdraw.