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Part One – Governance

1. UIAA Ice Climbing Competitions

1.1. Introduction

1.1.1. The International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation – UIAA - is responsible for the administration and development of all aspects of the sport of international Competition Ice Climbing.

1.1.2. The UIAA maintains authority with respect to all international ice climbing competitions as defined in Section 1.2 Competitions below. As such, it is the body responsible for:

a) Receiving applications from UIAA member federations to organize international competitions.

b) Approving those applications that it deems in the interest of the sport and which it assesses as being organizationally and financially viable.

c) Controlling all technical and other aspects of the sport.

1.1.3. 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. Competitions

1.2.1. Only the members of the UIAA (or organizations specifically recognized by the UIAA) shall be eligible to apply to organize a UIAA-approved competition.

1.2.2. Only UIAA members shall be eligible to apply to enter their athletes in such 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) Continental Youth Cup Series,

g) World Youth Championships,

h) World Youth Championships Combined,

i) International Masters competitions,

j) International Challenger competitions.

1.3. Organization of the UIAA

1.3.1. The UIAA is directly accountable to the General Assembly of the UIAA. The UIAA has been granted recognition by the International Olympic Committee as an International body or federation. The UIAA is also a member of SportAccord (the General Association of International Sports Federations).

1.3.2. International Competition Officials: the UIAA maintains the right to formally appoint the following officials to each UIAA-approved competition:

a) **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 JP 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 JP is required to submit a detailed report on the competition, including information on technical incidents and appeals.

b) **Category Judge (CJ)** – International Judges appointed by the UIAA to assist the JP in undertaking all aspects of judging a competition. The CJs are assisted by Route Judges.

c) **Aspirant Judge** – has completed a UIAA-approved Ice Climbing Judging course, passed the judge exam, and is appointed by the UIAA.

d) **Jury Team (JT)**– the Jury Team consists of all those persons listed in 1.3.2.a) to 1.3.2.c). All judging decisions during an event are made by the Jury Team only. The JP bears the end responsibility over the Jury Team but can delegate specific tasks and responsibilities to individual persons within the Jury Team.

e) **Head Route Setter (HRS)** – a RS responsible for general management of the Route Setting team and all routes that are set for the event. Advises the International Judge, Route Judge, and JP.

f) **Route Setter (RS)** – RSs appointed by the UIAA to assist the HRS in undertaking all aspects of route setting at a competition.

g) **Aspirant Route Setter** – has successfully passed a UIAA Ice Climbing International Route Setting 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 Setting course without any working experience.

h) **Route Setting Team** – The Route Setting Team consists of all those persons listed in 1.3.2 e) to 1.3.2 g). The Route Setting Team is responsible for all Route Setting related duties during an event. The HRS bears the end responsibility over the Route Setting Team but can delegate specific tasks and responsibilities to individual persons within the Route Setting Team.

i) **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 JP and CJs in providing accurate results.

j) **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.

k) 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 RS in the current season.

l) All Competition Officials are not allowed to compete in the given competition they are

allocated to and must abide by the UIAA Conflict of Interest policy.

1.3.3. 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 CJs equals maximum number of routes at any date of the event.

1.3.4. All UIAA Officials allocated to a given IWT season must read and sign - Annex 10 - UIAA Officials - Judge and Route Setter Selection Policy & Working Protocols.

1.3.5. All UIAA RSs allocated to a given IWT season must read and sign - Annex 11 - UIAA Route Setting Guidelines.

2. Member Federations

2.1. Responsibilities of Member Federations and Team Members

2.1.1. It is the responsibility of the national bodies or federations that are members of the UIAA, all competition organizers, and those associated with a UIAA-approved competition - whether working directly with the UIAA or in association with a national body or federation or with a competition organizer, to:

a) Unconditionally accept that the promotion, development, and administration of the sport of international competition ice climbing are under the exclusive control of the UIAA.

b) Ensure that no financial or other agreement shall be entered into with an organization (e.g., television, competition sponsors, etc.) that conflicts with the UIAA's own agreements without first obtaining the written approval of the UIAA.

c) At all times seek the advice and agreement of the UIAA in respect to any decision that might conflict with the best interests of the sport.

2.1.2. The UIAA fully respects the autonomy of the national bodies or federations, which are its members, in respect to their national activities.

2.2. Responsibility of Member Federations

2.2.1. It is the responsibility of the member-bodies or member-federations of the UIAA to ensure that their members:

a) Administer, promote, and actively develop the sport in their country; to firmly uphold the principles of the Olympic Charter, the WADA Code, and the UIAA Regulations and rules governing the sport of international competition ice climbing.

b) Understand and abide by the regulations and rules of the sport and promote and ensure that their athletes and officials observe the principles of good sportsmanship.

c) Constantly and actively work against the use of drugs or other prohibited substances by their athletes or officials.

d) Prohibit any methods or practices that might involve risks to the health or physical development of their athletes.

e) Undertake everything to set themselves firmly against any temptation to manipulate the regulations and rules to the advantage of their athletes and team officials.

f) Ensure that their athletes and officials treat all other athletes, officials, and others involved in the practice of the sport with full and due respect at all times.

2.2.2. It is the responsibility of all team officials and athletes to ensure that they are fully informed of all details relating to a competition.

2.3. Eligibility to Enter a Team

2.3.1. Each member federation of the UIAA shall be eligible to enter a team of men and women athletes, subject to the following conditions:

a) That they comply with the regulations governing the nomination and registration of athletes.

b) That they are not in default of any regulation governing financial obligations to the UIAA.

c) That they are not in default of any decision, or subsequent required action, in respect to a decision under the UIAA disciplinary procedures.

d) That all athletes registered hold an international competition license, or an application for such a license has been received by the UIAA.

2.3.2. If a country has more than one federation that is a member of the UIAA, the member federations concerned shall only be eligible to enter one nationally agreed team of men and women athletes, within the permitted quota to represent this country.

2.4. Registration of Teams

2.4.1. Each member federation shall respect deadlines for the registration of team members/ team officials as set out in the event documentation – all late registrations shall be subject to a double registration fee.

2.4.2. Registration fees for registered team members/ team officials who do not take part in the event concerned will be charged to the member federation unless the UIAA has been informed not later than at the Technical Meeting.

2.4.3. Member federations, when registering team members/ team officials for any World Cup, World Championship, or Youth World Championship, shall provide contact information (such as accommodation details, scheduled dates/times of arrival and departure) for all team members/ team officials.

2.5. International Licenses

2.5.1. Each member federation shall ensure that each athlete and team official registered for a competition approved by the UIAA holds a current International License, or that an application for such a license has been received by the UIAA. Only member federations shall be permitted to submit an application form for the issue or renewal of an International License.

2.5.2. In order to obtain an international license, each federation shall submit a completed official application form for each athlete and team official.

2.5.3. Each International License is valid for one UIAA Ice Climbing season, i.e., from the first official UIAA event of the season to the last. Each federation may, on behalf of its athletes and team officials, renew the International License each year by completing the official application form and sending it to the UIAA.

2.5.4. Each athlete or team official shall be a member of the member federation of the country for which they hold a national passport. In the case of athletes who hold dual nationalities, such athletes and team officials shall select one member federation to represent in competitions approved by the UIAA. Any change of an athlete's national team is subject to the agreement of both concerned member federations and the UIAA. Mid-season change of teams is not allowed after the first event in the UIAA calendar – this applies to all World Cup and World Championship events.

2.5.5. Each team official shall be a member of and accredited by the member federation of the country for which they are appointed. Mid-season change of teams is not permitted. Representing several countries is allowed.

2.5.6. Any person can be registered for multiple licenses. For example, one person can be registered as both an athlete and a team official.

2.6. Fees

2.6.1. All fees are the sole responsibility of the member federations, and exact amounts are published annually in the UIAA Ice Climbing Fees Policy.

2.6.2. A member federation that is in default of UIAA regulations governing payment of fees shall, in accordance with the regulations and bylaws, be liable to have its membership suspended and, ultimately, withdrawn.

2.7. Team Quotas – Athletes and Officials

2.7.1. Athletes: Team quotas are specified under the particular type of competition, e.g., World Cup, World Championship, etc.

2.7.2. Officials: Each national body or federation shall be permitted to register up to a maximum of five (5) team officials who shall be granted free entry into the competition venue. These officials shall be named on the application form and specifically nominated for one of the following roles:

a) One (1) team manager.

b) Two (2) team coaches.

c) Two (2) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.

2.8. Team Clothing and Equipment

2.8.1. Climbing Equipment and Clothing: All equipment and clothing used by each athlete shall conform to the UIAA Regulations governing equipment and clothing. Failure to comply with these regulations shall result in disciplinary action as detailed in section 5.

2.8.2. Team Uniform: Athletes and team officials shall wear an appropriate uniform. The same team uniform is recommended for athletes and team officials.

2.8.3. 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. Athletes' Climbing Equipment and Clothing: All safety equipment except ice axes and crampons used by an athlete in a competition shall comply with the Standards unless otherwise specified by the UIAA or, under exceptional circumstances, by the JP. With the exception of the competition vest provided by the national body or federation/organizer, each athlete shall be free to use whatever climbing shoes, crampons, ice axes (must fit into the UIAA Ice Box), and clothing they prefer in accordance with the following regulations during their attempt on the route:

a) Minimum mandatory equipment: UIAA-approved harness, UIAA-approved helmet, 1 pair of crampons that fit into the Ice Box, 2 ice axes without leashes that fit into the Ice Box, gloves (must not be fingerless), and clothing that covers the athlete’s body (no shorts!) For the speed discipline, eye protection and protective equipment for the arms and legs are highly recommended.

b) BIB numbers: As supplied by the competition organizer or UIAA. These BIB numbers (paper/vest), which each athlete must wear, must not be cut or otherwise modified and must carry the official identifying number of the athlete. BIB numbers shall be visible for judges to read. It shall be on the back above the harness.

3. Competition Organization – General Rules

3.1. Competition Facilities

3.1.1. The national body or federation/organizer shall, at a minimum, provide the following facilities in accordance with the regulations governing these facilities:

a) Organizer's Office.

b) Registration facilities.

c) Official Notice Board for publishing official information such as start lists and results.

d) Isolation Zone area and facilities as specified in accordance with the regulations.

e) Isolation Zone registration - including the security of the Isolation Zone and the continuous security in respect to all people entering or leaving the Isolation Zone.

f) Isolation Zone warm-up/practice wall and associate facilities in accordance with the regulations.

g) Transit Zone adjacent to the climbing structure.

h) A Separate Isolation Zone adjacent to the climbing structure to be used following a technical incident.

i) A Competition Zone in front of the wall to which entry is restricted to the UIAA officials, the organizer's officials, athletes taking part in the official period of route observation or in process of making their attempt on a route, authorized television personnel and other people specifically authorized by the JP.

j) Scoring and results service.

k) Medical personnel and a medical room.

l) WADA test facilities.

m) A dedicated live streaming and commentating area.

n) A results service room with a reliable internet connection.

o) UIAA Officials office completed with video playback facilities.

p) Press office.

3.2. Safety

3.2.1. The national body or federation/organizer shall be solely responsible for maintaining all safety precautions within the Competition Area and for all activities concerned with running the competition.

3.2.2. The JP 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.

3.2.3. The JP, in consultation with the HRS, shall have the sole authority in respect to any question of safety within the Competition Area – including declining to give permission to start or continue any part of the competition. Any officials or other people deemed by the JP

to have infringed or, in their opinion, are likely to infringe safety procedures shall be removed from their duties and/or dismissed from the Competition Area.

3.2.4. It is mandatory for all people in the Competition Zone to wear helmets, including during the Route Observation Period. Athletes are also required to wear helmets when climbing on the warm-up wall.

3.2.5. 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.

3.2.6. The CJ and the RS shall ensure that all safety equipment and procedures comply with the Standards and UIAA regulations unless otherwise specified by the UIAA Officials or, under exceptional circumstances, by the JP through the authority delegated to them by the UIAA.

3.2.7. 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 JP agrees that a serious safety issue exists, they must address the issue without delay. Any Safety Petition, and its resolution, must be reported to WIC Technical Committee.

3.2.8. The frequency with which the rope is changed shall be decided by the CJ.

3.2.9. After termination of an attempt, the athlete shall be lowered to the ground. Care shall be taken to ensure that the athlete does not come into contact with any equipment, structures, or other obstructions during this process.

3.2.10. The CJ and the RS shall ensure the competence of all belayers. The CJ shall have the authority to demand the immediate replacement of any belayer (if necessary, stopping the competition and declaring a Technical Incident) and any other person they feel endanger safety standards.

3.2.11. The CJ shall be authorized to instruct the organizer to replace any belayer at any time during the round of a competition. If replaced, the belayer shall not be permitted to play any further part in the belaying of any athlete at that competition.

3.3. Registration of Athletes

3.3.1. All registered athletes must present themselves or be represented by a team official (also registered) at the registration site at the scheduled time in order to pay the license fee, competition fee, obtain a bib number, and have their passport checked in order to be allowed to compete in a UIAA-sanctioned competition. In exceptional circumstances, athletes may register on behalf of other athletes – this must be confirmed by the EC.

3.3.2. If a team official registers athletes at a competition, then the team official is responsible for delivering vests/bibs and informing athletes about any specific rules or information that was delivered at the Technical Meeting.

3.4. Competition Start Lists

3.4.1. The start list of the opening round shall be compiled and announced during the Technical Meeting on the day preceding the competition, and:

a) Issued to those listed in 3.8.11 below.

b) Published on the official notice board and online.

3.4.2. Each start list shall contain the following athletes' information:

a) Start position of each athlete in ascending order.

b) Family name (upper case letters) of each athlete.

c) First name (except for the first letter - lower case letters) of each athlete.

d) IOC-approved three-letter code of the country the athlete is representing.

3.4.3. Each start list shall also contain information on the next round of the competition, including:

a) Opening and closing time of the Isolation Zone for the next round of the competition.

b) Start time of the next round of the competition.

c) Any other information approved by the UIAA and/or the JP.

3.4.4. 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.

3.5. Technical Meeting

3.5.1. A Technical Meeting shall be held before the start of the competition, normally straight after registration. The purpose of the technical meeting is to:

a) Confirm the event schedule (and any changes from the information on the UIAA website).

b) Publish the Official Start List for the qualification round.

c) Identify any specific information related to the application of these rules in the competition.

d) Communicate any logistics information not available from the UIAA website.

3.5.2. Attending the technical meeting is not mandatory, but highly recommended. It is the athletes' responsibility to ensure that they are fully informed of all details related to the competition.

3.6. Video Recording of Competition Routes

3.6.1. Each athlete's attempt on a competition route should be video recorded by a camera operator. At least one (and preferably two) video camera per route shall be used. It's suitable that the camera operator is assisted by a national judge. No one other than the UIAA officials shall have the right to observe any part of any video recording of the competition.

3.6.2. If fixed cameras are used, official video recordings shall include:

a) All holds as shown in the route Topo.

b) All Protection Points.

c) Any blue Zone lines and red boundary lines on the Climbing Surface.

3.6.3. If mobile camera operators are used to follow the athlete, the recording must show all of the above items relevant to the attempt, from start until termination of the attempt.

3.6.4. All competition recordings are to be used solely for the purposes of judging the competition and for UIAA training courses. Under no circumstances shall they be made available to any non-UIAA personnel.

3.6.5. In case of equipment failure (no recording), the decision of the CJ is valid.

3.7. Medical Facilities

3.7.1. The organizer shall arrange for a skilled and experienced medical team to be available throughout the whole competition (starting when the Isolation Zone/Warm-up Zone opens, until the last athlete has completed their attempt on the route). During every athlete's

attempt on a route, at least two qualified, experienced, and equipped members of the medical team should remain within, or in very close proximity to, the Competition Zone in order to provide a rapid response following any injury or need for medical attention. The medical team shall have access to the Isolation Zone.

3.7.2. Arrangements should be made and tested in practice to ensure that any serious accident to an athlete, official, member of the public, and/or any other person will be dealt with in an efficient and professional manner.

3.8. Results Service

3.8.1. 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 CA shall provide Provisional Results only after they have been checked, amended if necessary, and signed by the CJ for the relevant route.

3.8.3. Provisional Results should be published on the Official Notice Board. The Provisional Results will also be announced by official digital communication channels and microphone.

3.8.4. Results Lists: Shall be produced by the CA and confirmed by the JP. All results lists should be in printed form; hand-written lists or sections of lists shall not be permitted.

3.8.5. The results list for each round of the competition shall be printed on a UIAA-approved results form and shall include the following information:

a) The approved UIAA heading and logo.
b) The title of the competition (e.g., World Cup).
c) Place of the competition (e.g., Rome).
d) The type of competition (e.g., Difficulty Competition).
e) Date of the competition.
f) The title of the round of the competition (e.g., Men's Final).
g) When the round of the competition takes place on one or more parallel routes, the results for each route should be clearly identified (e.g., Route A).
h) The names, official/functional status, and signatures of the presiding officials, i.e., JP, CJ, and Route Judge.
i) Date and time when the results have been published.

3.8.6. Results after each round shall include the following information:

a) Rank position of each athlete in descending order.
b) Family name (upper case letters) of each athlete.
c) First name (except for the first letter - lower case letters) of each athlete.
d) Athlete’s bib number.
e) IOC-approved three-letter code of the country the athlete is representing.

3.8.7. 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.

3.8.8. No information other than that specified above shall be included on any official results list except where specifically approved by the UIAA Officials.

3.9. Award Ceremonies

3.9.1. The athletes' award ceremony at the end of the competition shall comply with the UIAA Medal Ceremony Guidelines.

3.9.2. Unless specifically authorized by the JP, the top 6 athletes for each category and discipline shall attend the award ceremony.

3.9.3. All athletes should attend the opening, award, and closing ceremonies, if they are organized.

3.9.4. No pets or children are to be involved in the Award Ceremony.

3.10. Competition Prize Money and Awards

World Cups and World Championships

3.10.1. Only the top 3 podium places will be invited to stand on the stage during the medal ceremony (as per IOC protocol). Prize money for the other athletes, as detailed below, shall be available directly from the event organizer after the medal ceremony has concluded.

3.10.2. These prizes shall be the same for both Difficulty and Speed rankings and the same for men and women categories.

3.10.3. A MINIMUM NET (Organizers may increase if they wish) amount of prizes to be distributed to athletes ranked from 1st to 6th place is as follows:

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

Overall World Cup Series Rankings

3.10.4. 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.

1.	1000 €
2.	600 €
3.	400 €

Other Events

3.10.5. For all other UIAA-sanctioned events, prize money is not mandatory, but the UIAA will provide medals, and the organizers should make all efforts to provide prizes.

4. General Competition Regulations

4.1. Types of Competition

4.1.1. Definitions:

a) Difficulty Competitions: Are defined as those competitions which are climbed either on lead where each quick draw is clipped sequentially in accordance with the regulations or on top-rope, with the athlete belayed from below, and where the height attained (or, in the case of traverse or roof sections, the greatest distance along the axis of the route) shall determine an athlete's position in a round of the competition.

b) Speed Competitions: Are defined as those competitions which are attempted by top-roped athletes, where the time achieved by the athlete in completing a route determines an athlete's position in a round of the competition.

4.2. Round Schedule

4.2.1. 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.

4.3. Climbing Wall - Difficulty

The full difficulty wall specification details can be found in the Event Organizer's Handbook.

4.3.1. Repair of holds: On the instruction of the CJ, the HRS shall immediately arrange for any repair work. On completion of a repair, it shall be inspected by the HRS, who shall advise the JP whether the repair results in any unfair advantage or disadvantage to the following athletes. The decision of the JP to continue, or to stop and restart, that round of the competition shall be final and no appeal shall be accepted in respect to this decision.

4.3.2. In the spirit of fair play, from the moment the UIAA RSs start working on the climbing structure, accessing/viewing the structure is strictly prohibited before the competition until the EC has communicated to the registered athletes/officials that this is allowed. This communication will be made using the defined communication channels of the season. In case there is evidence of any athlete viewing the structure whilst these routes are still on the wall, they may be liable to disciplinary sanctions.

4.4. Climbing Wall - Speed

The full speed wall specification details can be found in the Event Organizer's Handbook.

4.4.1. In cases where the ice quality does not allow the competition to take place, the JP has the sole authority to cancel the speed competition.

4.4.2. 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 EC starting at least one (1) month in advance of the event, with final approval granted by the EC no later than one (1) day prior to the competition.

4.4.3. The starting pad must be placed on a flat and solid horizontal surface, and during the competition, the surface must be regularly cleaned (ideally, before each attempt), so that the pad is not raised by the ice and does not give an unfair advantage to the athletes. The starting pad should be movable.

4.4.4. In case it is needed to restrict the climbing area, a continuous and clearly identifiable red line with a minimum thickness of 5 cm shall be used.

4.4.5. The ice lanes may involve the sides of the ice wall. The JP may decide to prohibit the use of the side walls for safety reasons. In such a case, the side walls must be clearly marked with the red line, and this must be announced at the Technical Meeting.

Single Speed Competition

4.4.6. The height for routes shall be 12-18 meters.

4.4.7. Minimum width of the single speed climbing wall should be 2.5 m.

Duel Speed Competition

4.4.8. The height for routes shall be 12-15 meters.

4.4.9. Duel speed competitions shall always consist of two routes that shall be of the same length and of similar profile and difficulty.

4.4.10. Each lane of a dual speed climbing wall should have a width of 2.5 m, and between the two lanes, a vertical separator of 50 cm (can be an advertising banner or a colored separator).

4.4.11. The routes shall be designed such that the athletes cannot interfere with or unduly distract each other.

4.5. Wall Maintenance

4.5.1. The HRS shall ensure that an experienced and practiced maintenance team is available throughout each round of the competition to perform any maintenance and repairs ordered by the CJ in an efficient and safe manner. Safety procedures shall be strictly enforced.

4.5.2. Cleaning of climbing structure (ice/plywood): The JP can order the cleaning of broken ice or plywood if they consider this to be necessary.

5. Disciplinary Procedures During Competitions

5.1. Introduction

5.1.1. The JP shall have overall authority for all activities and decisions affecting the competition within the Competition Area, i.e., the competition registration area, the Isolation and Transit Zones, and the Competition Zone immediately in front of and on the climbing structure.

5.2. Athletes

5.2.1. The JP and the CJs shall be authorized to take the following actions, as specified below, in respect to infringements of the competition regulations and in regard to matters of indiscipline by any athlete whilst in the Competition Area:

a) Informal, verbal warning.

b) An official warning accompanied by the showing of a Yellow Card.

5.2.2. The JP only shall be authorized to take the following sanction:

a) Disqualification from the competition – accompanied by the showing of a Red Card.

b) Disqualification with Immediate referral to the Discipline Commission – accompanied by the showing of a Red Card.

5.2.3. Appeals against such decisions shall follow the procedure specified in Article 6 below.

5.2.4. At the earliest convenient time after issuing a 'Yellow' or 'Red Card', the JP shall:

a) Submit a written statement on the UIAA Disciplinary Action Form to the athlete's team manager (or in the absence of a team manager, to the athlete concerned) regarding

the offence and whether the JP proposes to refer the matter for consideration in respect to further disciplinary action in accordance with the regulations.

b) The JP shall submit a copy of this written statement on the UIAA Disciplinary Action Form detailing the offence against the regulations, any evidence, and any recommendations regarding consideration of additional sanctions to the EC for referral to the UIAA disciplinary body.

5.3. Team Officials

5.3.1. Team officials shall be regarded in the same manner as athletes.

5.3.2. If an individual with multiple licenses (such as an athlete and a team official) is subject to any disciplinary sanctions, such sanctions will be cumulative.

5.4. Other People

5.4.1. The JP shall be authorized to demand the immediate dismissal from the Competition Area of any person who is not compliant with the regulations and, if necessary, suspend all competition activities until this demand has been complied with.

5.5. Disciplinary Sanctions

Warning (Yellow card)

5.5.1. A Yellow Card warning may be issued for any of the following infringements of the regulations:

a) Intentional delays during the competition, such as but not limited to:
   i. In Difficulty:
      A. Not returning to the Isolation Zone once the Observation Period has ended.
      B. Not being ready to leave the Transit Zone when asked to do so by the CJ.
      C. Not starting when asked to do so by the CJ.
   ii. In Speed:
      A. Repeatedly not being ready for the attempt when taking the starting position.
      B. In the Duel format - taking more time to get ready for the 2nd route.

b) Failure to start in accordance with a CJ's instruction.

c) Failure to obey the instruction of a CJ and/or the JP.

d) Use of obscene or abusive language or behavior of a relatively mild nature.

e) Unsporting behavior of relatively minor nature.

f) Refusal of a relatively mild nature to conform to the regulations governing athlete's clothing.

g) Unapproved modification of, and/or failure to wear, the athlete's bib number as provided by the competition organizer.

5.5.2. The issue of a third yellow card in one season:

a) In the same level of competition, shall result in suspension of the athlete for the following UIAA-approved event of the same level they are registered in. This sanction will also span across seasons.

b) In a different level of competition, shall result in suspension of the athlete for the following UIAA-approved event of the higher level they are registered in. This sanction will also span across seasons.

5.5.3. After being suspended as a result of 5.5.2, the athlete's record is cleared and the counting of yellow cards reset.

Disqualification (Red Card)

5.5.4. The following infringements of the regulations shall result in the issuance of a Red Card and the immediate disqualification of the athlete from the competition without further sanction (all red cards should be authorized by the JP):

a) Observing the routes from outside the permitted observation zone.

b) Failure to report properly equipped at the start of a route.

c) The use of non-approved equipment.

d) Unauthorized use of any means of communication while in the Isolation Zone or in other restricted areas.

e) Using ice axes or crampons that do not fit in the Ice Box.

f) Non-participation in the award ceremony for the category where the athlete was one of the three best athletes.

g) Further delaying after receiving a Yellow Card according to 5.5.1.a).

h) Being issued a second yellow card within the same competition. (These two yellow cards shall not count towards the season total described in 5.5.2).

i) Failure to display clearly visible national identification during the competition.

Disqualification with Referral to the UIAA 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 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 non-World Cup competitions, one successive UIAA approved competition as described in Article 5.5.2:

a) Infringements of the regulations committed in the Competition Area:

   i. Gathering information regarding a route (beyond Article 5.5.4.a)), which the athlete is to attempt beyond that which is permitted by the regulations.

   ii. Gathering and communicating information to other athletes beyond that, which is permitted by the regulations.

   iii. Distracting or interfering with any athlete who is preparing for or in the process of attempting a route.

   iv. Failure to comply with the instructions of the official judges and/or organizers' officials.

   v. Refusal of a severe nature to conform to the regulations governing athletes' clothing.

   vi. 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.

b) Infringements committed outside the Competition Area but in the public arena:
   i. Unsporting behavior or other serious disturbance to the competition.
   ii. Unsporting behavior or other serious disturbance, and/or abusive, insulting, and/or violent words and/or behavior to UIAA officials, Organizer's officials, and/or team officials, and/or other athletes and/or members of the public.

6. Appeals

6.1. General

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 single official:
a) JP, or
b) If the JP was involved in the case, the JP shall instead appoint a CJ 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.

6.1.2. All verbal and written Appeals and official responses to Appeals shall be made in English.

6.1.3. All Appeals must be submitted to the JP.

6.1.4. All written Appeals require an Appeal Fee – The appeal fee shall be paid by credit card after the appeal is rejected and the EC 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. 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. Claiming an Appeal

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

6.2.2. The appeal may be completed by hand using the Appeal Form or submitted online. If a team member submits the appeal online, they must notify the JP before the appeal deadline.

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.
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.

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, and shall be displayed electronically through the results service system and announced by microphone.

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 Provisional 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.

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.

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. Processing of Appeals

6.3.1. 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.

b) Otherwise, the Appeal is **Invalid**. In such a case, both the Appeal Form and the Appeal Fee shall be returned.

6.3.2. 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, the "Under Appeal" notice shall be highlighted on the UIAA results system, via official digital communication channels and by microphone.

6.3.3. 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.

c) **Rejected** – if the available evidence is conclusive but does not support the appeal, then the Appeal Fee is paid, and the original judging decision is valid.

6.3.4. 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. 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. 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. 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. Any infraction of this procedure may become subject to disciplinary action.

6.4. Verbal Appeals

6.4.1. Before the publication of the Provisional Results, any athlete or team official may submit a verbal Appeal. Such an Appeal does not require an Appeal Form or an Appeal Fee. Any later Appeals must be written and require the Appeal Fee.

7. UIAA Anti-doping Regulations

7.1. Adoption

7.1.1. The UIAA is an international federation recognized by the IOC with a constant commitment to ensure anti-doping in sport.

7.1.2. The fundamental aims of UIAA's doping controls are:

a) To uphold and preserve the ethics of sport.

b) To safeguard the physical health and mental integrity of ice climbers.

c) To ensure that all athletes have an equal chance.

7.1.3. Doping controls were introduced to ensure that the results of UIAA's competitions are a fair reflection of the strength of the athletes.

7.2. Application

7.2.1. The World Anti-Doping Code applies to all competitions that are organized under the authority of the UIAA. Any person who enters, prepares for, or participates in any manner - as athlete, coach, trainer, official, medical or para-medical personnel - in such competitions, is presumed to have agreed to comply with UIAA Doping Policy & Procedure, which are fully in compliance with World Anti-Doping Code.

7.3. Competent Organ Within UIAA

7.3.1. The UIAA ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION is the competent organ responsible for the application of the UIAA Doping Policy & Procedure and the World Anti-Doping Code.

7.4. Prohibited Classes of Substances and Prohibited Methods

7.4.1. The updated and valid List of prohibited substances and prohibited methods shall come into effect on 1 January of the current year as published by WADA.

7.5. Penalties for Infractions

7.5.1. In cases of anti-doping rule violations, UIAA instigates disciplinary proceedings against the parties concerned in accordance with the UIAA Doping Policy & Procedure.

7.6. Competent Organs to Impose Sanctions and Right of Appeal

7.6.1. UIAA Doping Hearing Panel is the exclusive organ competent to impose actions for violations of the UIAA Doping Policy & Procedure and the World Anti-Doping Code.

7.6.2. Decisions of the UIAA Doping Hearing Panel may be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). Anti-Doping Policy & Procedure, which the participant acknowledges the exclusive competence of CAS and undertakes to refrain from appealing to any other Court.

Part Two – Technical Rules

8. Difficulty

8.1. Introduction

8.1.1. Difficulty competition routes can be climbed on lead or on top-rope with the athlete belayed from below.

8.1.2. Difficulty competitions shall be organized with:

a) A qualification round consisting of two (2) or more non-identical routes for each Starting Group, attempted after demonstration; and

b) Final and semifinal rounds consisting of a single route, attempted on-sight with route preview.

8.1.3. In exceptional circumstances, the JP may:

a) Pause and restart any round.

b) Cancel any round.

8.1.4. Information about the format in each round is presented below:

Round	Number of Routes	Modus	Format	Climbing Time limit	Starting order	Quota
Qualification	2 or more	Flash	Demonstratio, no Isolation	3:30 – 5:00	Random, offset	-
Semifinal	1	Onsight	Observation, Isolation	5:00 – 6:00	Rank descending	16
Final	1	Onsight	Observation, Isolation	5:00 – 6:00	Rank descending	8

8.2. Safety

8.2.1. 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.

8.2.2. The athlete shall be belayed from below using a Single Rope, provided by the organizer/UIAA, secured either:

a) By clipping the rope to quickdraws along the route; or

b) Through an anchor at the top of the route.

8.2.3. The climbing rope shall be controlled from the ground by one (1) belayer for each rope, preferably assisted by a second person.

8.2.4. Each belayer:

a) Is required to use an Assisted Belay Device for safety concerns.

b) Before any attempt on a route, shall check that:

i. The athlete's harness is properly fastened.

ii. The rope is connected to the athlete's harness:
   A. On lead, using a figure 8 knot secured with a safety knot.
   B. On top rope, with two (2) screw gates or Self-Locking Karabiners arranged in opposition (with the rope attached to these), or using a figure 8 knot secured with a safety knot.

iii. During any attempt on a route, shall pay attention to the athlete to ensure that there is an appropriate amount of slack in the climbing rope at all times, such that:
   A. The athlete's movements are not blocked in any way by the rope being too tight.
   B. When the athlete attempts to connect the rope to any quickdraw, they are not blocked in doing so, or, if failing to make the connection of the rope to the quickdraw, any excessive slack in the rope is immediately taken in.
   C. All falls are stopped dynamically and safely.
   D. No excessive falls shall be experienced by the athlete being belayed.
   E. Great care is taken to ensure that, in stopping a fall, an athlete shall not be exposed to injury caused by the edge of an overlapping section or any other feature of the climbing structure.

8.2.5. In the interest of safety, the climbing rope will always be pre-fixed to the first quickdraw, and in consultation with the HRS and with the approval of the JP, the CJ shall decide whether or not to have the climbing rope pre-fixed through other quickdraws.

8.2.6. 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.

8.2.7. While the athlete is untying the rope from their harness, the belayer shall pull the rope down as fast as possible without excessively disturbing the quickdraws. It is the responsibility of the belayer to ensure that the athlete leaves the climbing zone as quickly as possible.

8.2.8. 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.

8.2.9. The CJ can stop an athlete at any time for safety reasons.

8.3. Quotas

8.3.1. The quota of athletes qualifying shall be:

a) 16 for semifinal round.

b) 8 for final round.

8.3.2. Each round's quota will be filled by the highest-ranked athletes from the previous round, including all those tied for the final qualifying spot.

8.4. Starting Order

8.4.1. Qualification:

a) The athletes shall be allocated to the qualification routes by random selection. The random list will be split into groups corresponding to the number of routes, with a similar number of athletes in each group, and the groups will switch routes as soon as all groups have finished their previous route.

b) The starting order of the athletes in the groups shall remain the same throughout the round.

c) Example with 6 athletes on 3 routes:

Start list Route 1		Start list Route 2		Start list Route 3	
Group 1	Athlete A	Group 2	Athlete C	Group 3	Athlete E
	Athlete B		Athlete D		Athlete F
Group 2	Athlete C	Group 3	Athlete E	Group 1	Athlete A
	Athlete D		Athlete F		Athlete B
Group 3	Athlete E	Group 1	Athlete A	Group 2	Athlete C
	Athlete F		Athlete B		Athlete D

d) Bib numbers will be distributed after the Technical Meeting to follow the qualification running order. It is the athlete's responsibility to collect their bib and check that they have the correct number against the start lists.

e) A qualification start list shall be created, specifying the earliest start time for each athlete to begin climbing their qualification routes. Not applicable to CC and CYC.

f) Once the competition has started and an athlete is not present for their allotted climbing time, they shall not be allowed to compete even if they arrive later.

8.4.2. Semifinal and final:

a) The starting order shall be in the reverse order of the ranking of the previous round.

b) If, after the application of the countback procedure, there are athletes who are tied and share places from a previous round, the starting order between them shall be randomized.

8.4.3. Minimum time break:

a) In qualification with 2 routes: At least 50 minutes between the start of the first route in the qualification and the start of the second route for the same athlete.

b) In the qualification with more than 2 routes: 50 minutes between the start of the first route in the qualification and the start of the second route should be followed; however, if the schedule of the competition is tight, the minimum time gap can be smaller but not less than 30 minutes.

8.5. Route Demonstration (Qualification)

8.5.1. Video recordings of all qualification routes should be continuously played back in the warm-up area, using one screen for each route, starting from the opening of the warm-up area for the round and in any event not less than 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the round.

8.5.2. All video demonstrations should be made according to Annex 12 – UIAA Video Demo Editing Guidelines.

8.5.3. Qualification route videos shall be released at least 2 hours prior to the start of the qualification round, and outside of overnight hours.

8.5.4. If video recordings are not possible, a live demonstration of each qualification route shall be made not less than 30 minutes before the attempt of the first athlete.

8.6. Isolation Zone (Semifinal and Final)

8.6.1. Athletes must use the Isolation Zone as the organizers have provided.

8.6.2. The JP's decision is final on what can be brought into isolation by athletes.

8.6.3. Anyone listed in the Article 8.6.4 can enter and leave the Isolation Zone before it closes.

8.6.4. Only those people specified below shall be permitted to be in the Isolation Zone after it closes:

a) UIAA Officials.

b) National body or federation/organizer's officials.

c) Athletes taking part in the current round of the competition.

d) Registered team officials.

e) Other people specifically authorized by the JP. Such people shall, throughout their stay in the Isolation Zone, be escorted and supervised by an approved official to ensure the maintenance of security of the Isolation Zone and prevent any undue distraction of, or interference with, any athlete.

f) No children or pets in the Isolation Zone.

8.6.5. Leaving the isolation zone after it closes:

a) Athletes can only leave when they are called to the Transit Zone and cannot come back unless accompanied by a UIAA official.

b) Registered team officials can leave at any time and cannot come back.

c) UIAA officials, national body or federation/organizer's officials, and people authorized by the JP can leave at any time and come back.

8.6.6. Athletes must follow the Isolation Rules while in the Isolation Zone after it closes.

8.6.7. Isolation Rules:

a) Athletes can only obtain information regarding the route they are about to attempt:
   i. From looking at the wall before the closing of the Isolation Zone.
   ii. From the official Observation Period.
   iii. From climbing the route in the competition.

b) Athletes can only communicate with:
   i. Other people authorized to be in the Isolation Zone according to 8.6.4.
   ii. CJ
   iii. JP

c) Athletes and registered team officials are not allowed to have any device capable of communication (radio/GSM/internet), including any devices with Bluetooth connection, such as smart watches, headphones, MP3 players, eBook readers, etc. Any approved

UIAA / Organizer official can request to check any device used in the Isolation Zone, and in case of refusal of the athlete / registered team official, the JP must be informed immediately about the incident – disciplinary action may be taken.

8.6.8. Information that can or cannot be communicated to the athlete during climbing in a round where Isolation Rules are applied (semifinal or final):

a) Giving information to the athletes about the route or previous attempts of other athletes is not allowed.

b) Shouting the time and cheering them on is allowed.

8.7. Route Observation

8.7.1. Route observation only applies to rounds with an Isolation Zone (semi-final and final).

8.7.2. In the final round, the athletes will be presented to the spectators before the Observation Period begins.

8.7.3. Athletes shall be permitted an Observation Period before the start of a round during which they shall be allowed to study the route.

8.7.4. Team officials shall not be permitted to accompany the athletes during the Observation Period.

8.7.5. While in the Observation Zone, all athletes must follow Isolation Rules.

8.7.6. 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.

8.7.7. The Observation Period shall be 8 minutes.

8.7.8. Athletes must remain within the designated Observation Zone during the observation period.

8.7.9. Athletes are allowed to touch the first holds without leaving the ground with their feet. They are not permitted to climb on the climbing structure or stand on any equipment or furniture.

8.7.10. During the Observation Period, athletes may use binoculars to observe the route and make hand-drawn sketches and notes. No other observation or recording equipment shall be permitted.

8.7.11. At the end of the Observation Period:

a) The first two athletes shall immediately go to the Transit Zone and prepare for their attempt.

b) Other athletes shall immediately return to the Isolation Zone.

8.8. Preparation Prior to Climbing

8.8.1. All climbing equipment and the knots used shall be inspected and approved by the belayer, both for safety and compliance with other UIAA Regulations, before the athlete is permitted to start their attempt.

8.8.2. Each athlete is entirely and solely responsible for the equipment and clothing that they intend to wear during their attempt on a route.

8.8.3. During climbing, athletes are required to wear bib numbers that are visible to the judges.

Rounds Without Isolation Zone (Qualification)

8.8.4. Before their attempt, each athlete shall put on their harness, crampons, and helmet.

8.8.5. After being called for their attempt, the athlete shall tie onto the rope with the approved knot and make all final preparations for their attempt on a route without any delay.

Rounds With Isolation Zone (Semifinal and Final)

8.8.6. On receiving an official instruction to leave the Isolation Zone to proceed to the Transit Zone, athletes shall not be accompanied by any person other than an authorized official. Athletes should take with them all their belongings when leaving the Isolation Zone.

8.8.7. Athletes shall not communicate with anyone during the movement from the Isolation Zone to the Transit Zone.

8.8.8. After arriving in the Transit Zone, each athlete shall put on their harness, crampons, and helmet, and, when possible, tie on to the rope with the approved knot, and make all final preparations for their attempt on a route.

8.8.9. Athletes are not allowed to return to the Isolation Zone after leaving for the Transit Zone, unless accompanied by a UIAA official.

8.8.10. Each athlete shall be ready to leave the Transit Zone and enter the arena, facing away from the wall, when instructed to do so.

8.8.11. If it is not possible to tie in the knot and finish preparations in the Transit Zone for a round with Isolation Rules, athletes must do so in the climbing area facing away from the wall.

8.8.12. 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. Climbing Procedure

8.9.1. The starting position is when the athlete has both Ice Axe Picks in the Starting Point and both feet on the wall (off the ground).

8.9.2. If the transition between the ground and the wall is not obvious, there must be a red line separating the ground and the wall.

8.9.3. The athlete's attempt and their climbing time start when they are in the starting position, and one ice axe has left the Starting Point.

8.9.4. The athlete can come back to the ground before lifting an ice axe from the Starting Point.

8.9.5. Each route will have a pre-determined limited time set by the HRS, during which an athlete may attempt the route. The minimal and maximal time allocation per competition round is summarized in table in 8.1.4.

8.9.6. During the attempt on a route:

a) Each athlete shall clip each quickdraw in sequence (except when correcting a Z-Clip).

b) An athlete may climb back at any point during their attempt on a route as long as they do not return to the ground.

c) 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.

d) 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.

e) For safety reasons, athletes shall not use a mantle move on Ice Axe (pressing down on the ice axe in undercling stein position to push the body upward – an explanatory video can be seen here) during their attempt. Any use of a mantle will result in the immediate termination of the attempt.

f) After their attempt on a route, an athlete may ask the CJ their score on the route.

8.9.7. Termination of an attempt: An attempt will be considered successful if the athlete:

a) Climbs the route in accordance with 8.9.6.

b) On lead:

i. Clips the last quickdraw (marked in a blue square) within the permitted time.

c) On top rope:

i. Controls the finishing point (marked in a blue square) with one ice axe and touches it with the other one.

8.9.8. Termination of an attempt: An attempt will be considered unsuccessful if the athlete:

a) Falls.

b) Once having started, touches the ground with any part of the body or mandatory equipment.

c) Fails to clip a quick draw in sequence (except when correcting a Z-Clip or when unclipped by the UIAA Competition officials to avoid rope drag).

d) makes any climbing movement past the Last Safe Hold/Zone on a route without clipping the relevant quickdraw.

e) Exceeds the permitted time for the route.

f) 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.

g) Uses any Illegal Aid as defined in the following 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**	X - Use	X - Use	X - Use

	Ice Axe*	Crampons	Any part of the body or gear(excluding ice axe and crampon)
between panels • **Areas beyond the marked red boundaries****			
Ice Axe	X - Strike/use/ connect***	X - Use/ Connect	X - Use except by hands

** Ice axes must not be connected to the harness or any gear/body part.*

*** 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.*

8.9.9. The wall surface beyond the marked boundaries of the route will be marked with a continuous and clearly identifiable red line with a minimum thickness of 5 cm (edge of the wall does not require marking).

8.9.10. An athlete may ask the CJ at any time during their attempt on the route how much time remains, and the CJ shall immediately inform the athlete of the remaining time.

8.9.11. When the permitted time limit has ended, the CJ shall stop the athlete.

8.10. Scoring

8.10.1. When an attempt is terminated, the score will be measured.

8.10.2. In case of a successful attempt, the athlete will be awarded the score of TOP, and the climbing time shall be stopped.

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.

8.10.4. 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 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.

8.10.6. On the ice, the zones will be demarcated with blue lines (blue circles on the ice are just for the athletes to see the suggested placement and don't have separate scores).

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.

Note: For avoidance of doubt, no scores shall be assigned to the volumes, macros or parts of the walls.

8.10.8. The score of hold/zone is awarded if at least one axe/hand controls the hold/zone, and the other axe/hand has been removed from the previous hold/zone.

a) If the athlete touches any of the following holds/zones in the sequence with an ice axe/hand, a plus 0.1 point will be added to the score.

b) If the athlete controls any of the following holds/zones in the sequence with an ice axe/hand, and one axe/hand remains in the previous hold/zone, a plus 0.2 point will be added to the score.

   i. In the case of a jump where both axes/hands leave the previous zone or hold, the score of 0.2 can't be applied (an explanatory video can be seen here).

c) If an athlete releases the lower axe/hand just before falling, the score of the upper axe/hand shall count.

8.10.9. The scoring is demonstrated in an explanatory video here.

8.10.10. If a CJ decides to examine the video recording of an attempt before making their final decision, the athlete shall be immediately informed that their score is not confirmed, and the video recording will be checked.

8.11. Ranking

8.11.1. Each athlete attempting a route will be ranked on that route in the following order:

a) All athletes scoring TOP.

b) All other athletes in descending order of their awarded scores.

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, the climber's climbing 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.

8.11.3. In the event of a tie in the Qualification round, the athletes remain tied.

8.11.4. 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.

8.11.5. In qualification:

a) When a round includes two (2) or more routes attempted by every athlete, the Total Rank Points (TRP) for each climber is calculated by multiplying their Rank Points (RP) from each route:

$$TRP = RP_1 \times RP_2 \times RP_3 \cdots$$

b) When there is no tie, a climber's RP on a route is simply their rank. For example, if a climber places 3rd on route 1 and 5th on route 2, then their rank points are $RP_1 = 3$ and $RP_2 = 5$.

c) In the case of a tie on a route, the tied athletes are each assigned the average of the ranks they occupy. This average is used as their effective rank point on that route.

   Example 1: Three climbers are tied for 1st place on Route 1.

Average rank:

$$RP_1 = \frac{1+2+3}{3} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

Example 2: Four climbers are tied for 1st place on Route 2.

Average rank:

$$RP_2 = \frac{1+2+3+4}{4} = \frac{10}{4} = 2.5$$

d) Athletes with lower TRP are ranked higher in the Qualification ranking.

8.11.6. In case of cancellation of:

a) Semifinal: The ranking of the Qualification will be used to determine the finalists.

b) Final: The ranking of the previous round shall be used to determine the final ranking of the competition.

8.12. Technical Incidents

8.12.1. Technical Incident in difficulty is any event or circumstance that results in a disadvantage or unfair advantage to an athlete, and which is not the result of that athlete's action(s), e.g.:

a) A tight rope or extra amount of slack, which either helps or disturbs an athlete.

b) A broken or loose hold.

c) An improperly positioned quickdraw.

8.12.2. Breaking ice is not a Technical Incident.

8.12.3. A Technical Incident shall be dealt with as follows:

a) In case the Technical Incident is indicated by the CJ:

i. During an attempt, if the athlete wishes, they may choose to continue to climb or accept the Technical Incident.

ii. If the attempt is unsuccessful due to a possible Technical Incident, the CJ shall investigate the situation and then make an immediate decision on whether to declare a Technical Incident (and thereby, in accordance with the rules governing Technical Incidents, permit the athlete a subsequent attempt).

b) In case the Technical Incident is claimed by an athlete:

i. During an attempt, the athlete must specify the nature of the Technical Incident, and the CJ shall make an immediate decision, and that decision shall be final on whether to accept the Technical Incident. If the CJ accepts the Technical Incident, the athlete may decide whether to keep climbing or stop and have a subsequent attempt. In case the CJ denies the Technical Incident, the athlete can keep climbing and cannot have a further attempt.

ii. If the attempt is unsuccessful due to a possible Technical Incident, the athlete shall be immediately escorted to the Separate Isolation Zone to await the outcome of the investigation of the claimed Technical Incident.

iii. The decision of the JP (having taken into account the Technical Incident and any misuse of a hold by an athlete) shall be final, and no appeal shall be accepted in respect to this decision.

c) Throughout the Technical Incident, the athlete subject to a confirmed Technical Incident shall stay in a Separate Isolation Zone and must not be permitted to come into contact with any other person other than UIAA Officials or the Organizer's officials. Before entering the Separate Isolation Zone, the athlete must decide whether they wish to start their next attempt on the route immediately after the Technical Incident or prefer resting time. The minimum resting time shall be at least 1 minute per hold/zone climbed before the Technical Incident and up to 20 minutes between attempts on the route, while the JP has the decisive power over the exact allotted time.

d) Where an athlete experiences a Technical Incident:

   i. If they choose to continue their attempt, that result counts, and no further appeal on the incident will be accepted.

   ii. If they are given another attempt, their final result on the route will be the best achieved result from all their attempts.

8.12.4. If a technical incident results in a hold being replaced:

a) In case the new hold is the same, no action is required.

b) In case the new hold is different and does not change the difficulty of the move, the round shall continue, and all the subsequent athletes must be informed by the CJ before their attempt which hold has changed.

c) In case a hold of the same difficulty is not available, the JP shall decide whether the route or round shall be rerun or cancelled.

9. Speed

9.1. Introduction

9.1.1. Speed events will take place on ice climbing walls (natural or artificial ice) designed and built to the specification set out in the UIAA Speed Wall Specification in the Event Organizer's Handbook.

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). The EC must ensure that the auto-belay system meets the required standards and requirements a day before the event. 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 Duel format, the same type of belay system must be used on both routes.

9.1.3. Speed events can be held in two formats: Single Format and Duel Format.

9.1.4. The competition will be held in two rounds: Qualification Round and Final Round.

9.2. Safety

9.2.1. The climbing rope shall be secured using:

a) Certified auto belay device using the available carabiner.

b) Two (2) screw gate or self-locking carabiners arranged with the gates in opposition, and the climbing rope must also be attached to the carabiners using a figure 8 knot, secured with a safety knot.

9.2.2. Top-rope belaying:

a) Each rope requires two (2) belayers.

b) The belayers must position themselves at the bottom of the wall in a manner that prevents accidents caused by falling equipment/ice during climbing.

c) If there is ice or snow on the floor, the belayers are required to wear crampons.

d) An assisted belay device must be used.

9.2.3. Protection equipment: It is highly recommended for the athletes to use protective equipment against breaking ice, hitting ice with parts of the body, or accidental contact with ice axes or crampons.

9.3. Competition organization

Practice Procedure

9.3.1. A practice period before the qualification must be provided and scheduled and shall allow for at least one (1) climb per athlete.

9.3.2. The practice may be conducted on the competition routes or routes of similar quality and difficulty – this will be decided by the JP.

9.3.3. Practice is not mandatory for athletes. If the athletes choose to do practice:

a) They must report to the climbing wall at the start of the practice period.

b) The order of climbing will be according to the qualification Starting Lists.

c) The athletes must wear all the mandatory equipment as described in 2.8.3.a).

9.3.4. If the quality or thickness of the ice is insufficient, the JP may decide to cancel the practice or any round or stage of the Speed competition. If only the practice is cancelled, this decision should be announced at the Technical Meeting and no later than one hour before the scheduled start of the practice.

Competition Procedure

9.3.5. Athletes must report to the climbing wall before the start of each round.

9.3.6. The order of climbing in the round will be according to the starting lists.

9.3.7. The athletes must wear all the mandatory equipment as described in 2.8.3.a).

9.3.8. If the athletes are not ready for their attempt, they shall not be allowed to climb at a later time, and this attempt shall be marked as DNS.

9.3.9. In exceptional circumstances, the JP may decide to cancel remaining rounds or attempts, or stages within a round. The results of previously finished rounds and attempts, or stages, will determine the ranking of the athletes for the competition.

9.3.10. In exceptional circumstances, the JP may decide to change the format of the final round from duel to single. This decision must be made before the start of a round. The format cannot be changed once the round has started.

Climbing Procedure

9.3.11. 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 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. 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 CJ 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. After the command "At your marks" and before the start command, the CJ shall recall both athletes and instruct them to face away from the wall, and restart the procedure from Article 9.3.12 if:

a) the CJ determines that the attempt cannot proceed; or
b) an athlete raises a hand or otherwise clearly indicates that they are not ready.

9.3.14. On being given the instruction "Go!", each athlete shall start their attempt on the route within 3 seconds of the starting instruction. There are no false starts in the speed competition. If an athlete does not leave the starting pad within 3 seconds, their attempt will be marked as a DNS.

9.3.15. 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.

9.3.16. No appeal against the starting instruction shall be allowed unless the athlete clearly calls that they are not ready when the CJ asks: "Ready?".

Results

9.3.17. Competition results shall report the athletes' achieved times on all routes and in all rounds.

9.4. Termination of an Attempt on a Route

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 route before the time limit of 45 seconds (or 60 seconds for youth events) without breaking any rules in 9.4.2.

9.4.2. An attempt is unsuccessful when an athlete:

a) Falls: A fall means losing contact with the climbing wall (hanging in the air) for more than 1 second. It is at the Judge's discretion to judge a fall.
b) Once having started, touches the ground with any part of the body or mandatory gear.
c) Uses any illegal aid, which consists of:
    i. Climbing or achieving a stable position with the rope or auto belay.
    ii. Using any areas beyond the marked boundaries of the route, which will be marked with a continuous and clearly identifiable red line with a minimum thickness of 5 cm.
d) Exceeds the maximum allowed climbing time of 45 seconds (or 60 seconds for youth events).
e) If a technical incident occurs as described in Article 9.7.

f) Uses equipment that does not follow the rules for Ice climbing tools in Article 18 - Rule for Ice Climbing Tools.

9.5. Scoring

9.5.1. An athlete's score for a successful attempt shall be the time of the athlete measured as described below.

9.5.2. An athlete's score for an unsuccessful attempt shall be DNF.

9.6. Route Timing

9.6.1. Two systems must be used at the same time. The resulting time of the route shall be determined by:

a) An electronic route timing system with an accuracy of 0.01 seconds as the main system. If this timing system fails during any attempt, a technical incident shall be called.

b) Manual timing as a backup system with an accuracy of 0.1 seconds. Each route shall be timed by one (1) judge and one (1) assistant, each using an electronic timer. Both times will be recorded by the CJ. The final time will be the average of the two (2) electronic timer readings, calculated to one (1) decimal place without rounding, and obvious timing errors will be excluded.

c) Results from the electronic system shall be valid only if the system operated without failure during the entire round or stage. Results from different timing systems (manual and electronic) shall not be combined within the same round or stage.

9.6.2. Time Measurement:

a) The timing begins when the athlete leaves the starting pad within 3 seconds after the starting signal and stops when the athlete stops the finishing pad with their axe or any part of their body.

b) It is the responsibility of the athlete to activate the finishing pad.

c) It is the decision of the JP whether the athlete missed the finishing pad or whether the electronic timing system should be checked for failure.

9.7. Technical Incidents

9.7.1. Technical incident in speed is any event or circumstance that results in a disadvantage or unfair advantage to an athlete, and which is not the result of that athlete's action(s), e.g.:

a) Timing system failure.

b) Broken cooling system pipes.

c) Auto Belay failure – it does not take in slack fast enough, or the mechanism is blocked.

d) Belaying issues – not taking in slack fast enough or helping the athlete by pulling them up.

e) Damage to the rope.

f) Damaging the tape from the auto belay.

g) Electrical failure.

h) Other fluids than water on the ice climbing wall, e.g., blood, cooling chemicals.

i) Any other situation that results in a safety hazard.

j) Any audio signal initiated by the CJ to stop the attempt, such as shouting or whistling. In this case, the TI is applied to both athletes if the format is Duel.

9.7.2. The technical incident described above can be claimed by:

a) CJ.

b) Registered team official.

c) Athlete(s) affected by the incident.

9.7.3. The final decision about the technical incident is made by the CJ.

9.7.4. Rerun in Single Speed Format in case of accepted technical incidents:

a) When there is no recorded time, the athlete shall do a rerun.

b) When there is a recorded time:

i. If a CJ decides that the technical incident gave the athlete an unfair advantage, the athlete shall do a rerun, and the result from the rerun will be the valid one.

ii. If a CJ decides that the technical incident gave the athlete a disadvantage, the athlete may choose to do a rerun, and the better result of both attempts will be the valid one.

9.7.5. 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 CJ.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 Duel format, only the second climbs should be repeated.

9.7.6. Rest period before rerun after a technical incident in speed is no less than 5 minutes or until the technical incident is fixed. Athletes may decide to rerun without a resting period (in the duel format, both need to agree with this). The competition will be paused during the rest period, and the competition will resume with the athletes affected by the incident.

9.8. Single Speed Competition

9.8.1. In single speed competition, athletes attempt to climb an ice wall in the fastest possible time on top rope. The athletes have two (2) attempts in the qualification round and three (3) attempts in the final round.

Starting Order and Quotas

9.8.2. The competition is held in two (2) rounds – a qualification round and a final round. In the case of 8 or fewer athletes, no qualification is held, and only the final round is held.

9.8.3. Starting order:

a) In the qualification round, there will be a random selection.

b) In the final round, the athletes will compete in reverse order of their qualification rankings. If any athletes are tied, their order will be determined by random selection.

c) In case no qualification was held, the starting order for the final round will be a random selection.

9.8.4. Within a round, the starting order for all attempts remains the same.

9.8.5. There will be two/three rotations, with each athlete making one attempt per rotation.

9.8.6. All athletes will first complete one attempt before moving to further attempts.

9.8.7. The number of athletes qualified for the final round is based on the number of athletes with valid times:

a) In case of 16 or more valid times, the top 16 athletes go to the final.

b) In case of fewer than 16 valid times, all athletes with valid times go to the final.

c) In case of ties for the last qualifying place, all tied athletes qualify for the final round.

9.8.8. The athletes will be ranked at the end of each round of the competition according to their best time. The faster athlete is ranked ahead of the slower.

9.8.9. Only athletes who successfully finish at least one (1) attempt on the route in the qualification round will be ranked.

9.8.10. The best result of the final round will determine the rank of the finalists. For those not qualified for the final round, the best result of the qualification round will determine their rank.

9.8.11. If one or more athletes have no valid result in the final round, they will be placed at the bottom of the final rankings.

9.8.12. If one or more athletes are tied in the final round, they will remain tied, and there will be no countback.

9.9. Duel Speed Competition

9.9.1. In duel speed competition, athletes attempt to climb two (2) routes on an ice wall in the fastest possible time on top rope. The athletes have one (1) attempt on each route in the qualification round and compete directly against each other in a series of duel knockout races in the finals.

Starting Order and Quotas

9.9.2. Duel speed competitions have two (2) rounds:

a) Qualification round.

b) Final round, held as a series of stages consisting of duel races. The winner of the duel advances to the next stage.

c) The number of stages and races per stage depends on the final round quota, as defined in sections 9.9.4 and 9.9.5.

9.9.3. The starting order of the qualification round shall be set by random selection.

9.9.4. Final round quota:

a) The number of athletes advancing to the final round depends on how many competitors recorded a valid time in the qualification round:

Number of athletes with a valid time	Final quota
< 4	Rerun qualification
4 – 7	4
8 – 15	8

> 15 16

9.9.5. Final round - duel pairing. Depending on the number of athletes, one of the following diagrams shall be used:

Figure 1 - Duel bracket key

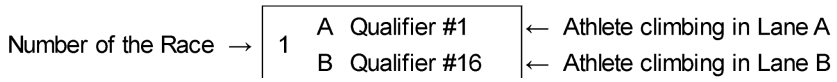


Figure 2 - Tournament bracket (16 athletes)

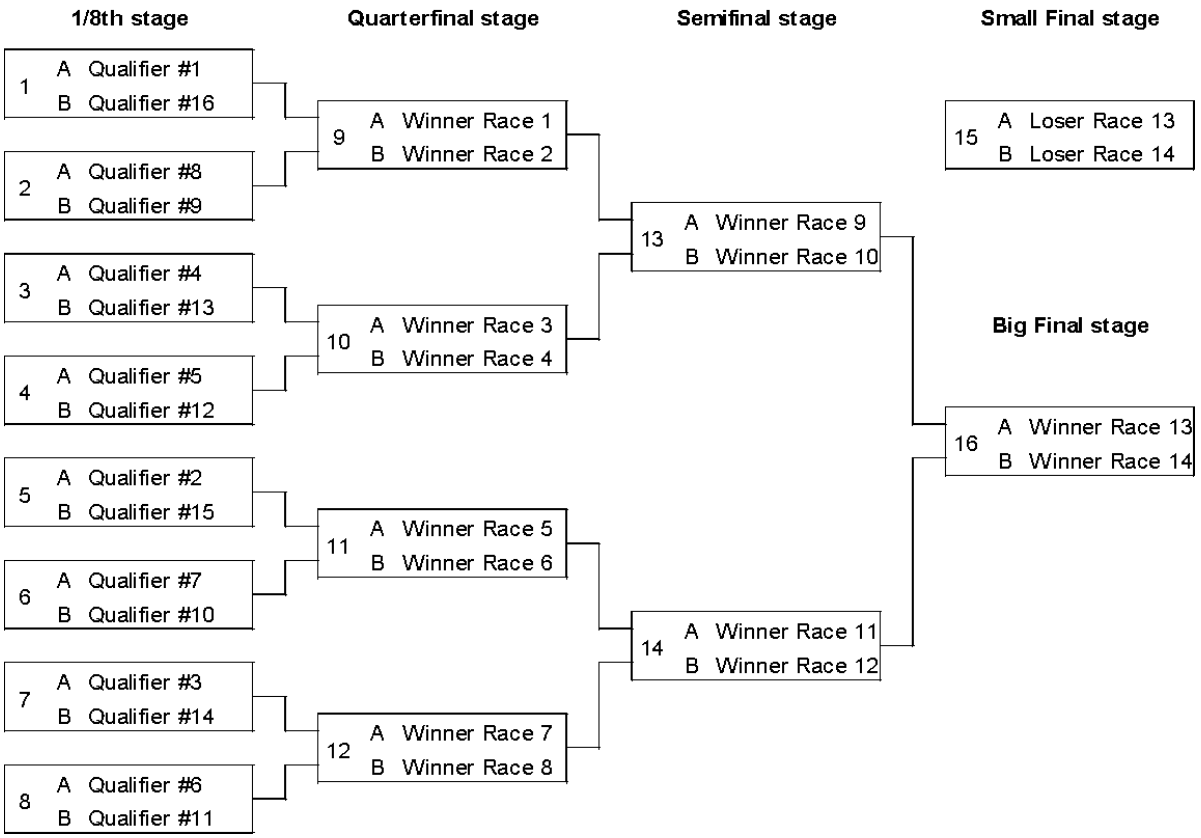


Figure 3 - Tournament bracket (8 athletes)

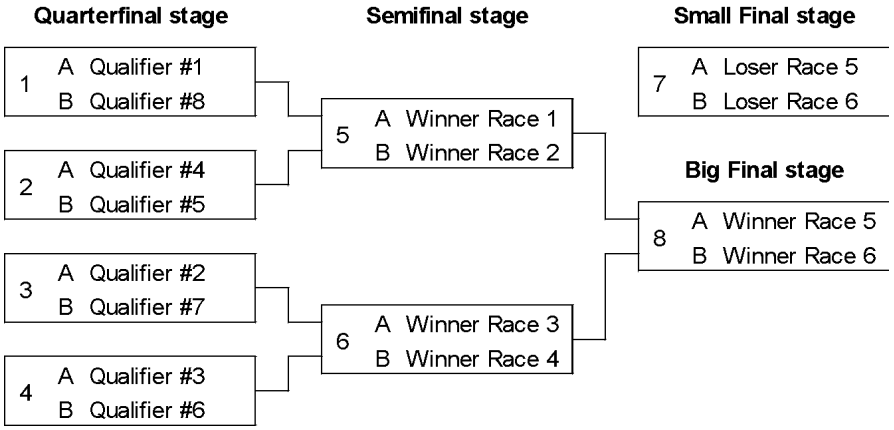
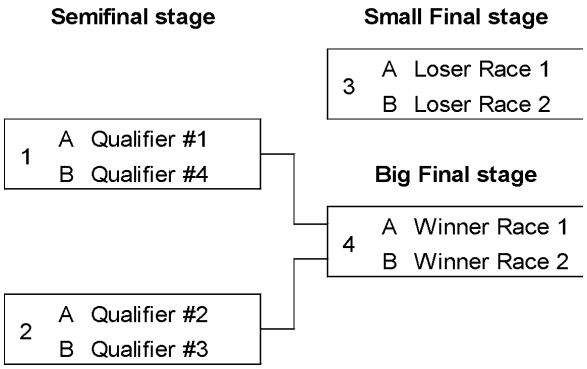


Figure 4 - Tournament bracket (4 athletes)



Competition Procedure

9.9.6. In the qualification round, each athlete will first climb on Lane A. After returning to the ground, they will immediately move to Lane B for their second climb.

a) While an athlete climbs Lane B, the next athlete begins their climb on Lane A at the same time.

b) This process continues until all athletes have completed both lanes. The first/last athlete on the starting list will climb Lane A/B alone.

9.9.7. If in the qualification round an athlete fails to complete the first lane, they shall proceed to climb the second lane.

9.9.8. In the final round, athletes compete in a series of duel races. Lane assignments (Lane A and Lane B) are determined according to the table in section 9.9.5. After completing their first route, athletes must switch lanes as quickly as possible. Taking a longer route to delay the switch and gain additional recovery time is not allowed.

9.9.9. Final round - Failure to complete a route:

a) In any stage of the final round, the following actions apply based on the results of two races between Athlete A and Athlete B:

Race 1	Race 2	Outcome
Athlete A succeeds Athlete B succeeds	Athlete B succeeds Athlete A succeeds	Lowest total time wins
Athlete A succeeds Athlete B succeeds	Athlete B fails Athlete A succeeds	Athlete A wins

Athlete A succeeds Athlete B succeeds	Athlete B succeeds Athlete A fails	Athlete B wins
Athlete A succeeds Athlete B fails	No climb for athlete B Athlete A succeeds	Athlete A wins
Athlete A fails Athlete B succeeds	Athlete B succeeds No climb for athlete A	Athlete B wins
Athlete A succeeds Athlete B succeeds	Athlete B fails Athlete A fails	Rerun both races once
Athlete A succeeds Athlete B fails	No climb for athlete B Athlete A fails	Rerun both races once
Athlete A fails Athlete B succeeds	Athlete B fails No climb for athlete A	Rerun both races once
Athlete A fails Athlete B fails		Rerun once

9.9.10. If any situation described in the last four rows of the table happens during a re-run, the outcome will be determined by countback to the previous stage or round.

9.9.11. Tied athletes:

a) Qualification Round - If two or more athletes are tied for the final qualifying spot in the Final round, the tied athletes must re-run the Qualification routes until the tie is resolved. The times from these re-run attempts will only be used to decide who qualifies for the Final round and will not be used for any other purpose.

b) Qualification Round - If any athletes are tied for the qualifying spots in the Final round, their pairings for the Final round will be done randomly.

c) Final Round - If two athletes have tied results at any stage of the final round, the race will be rerun once. If the tie remains after the second run, the winner will be decided by countback, using times from their last stage/round where they had a valid time.

9.9.12. Each stage of the final round will run continuously, alternating men and women categories (after the men have completed one stage, the women will immediately start their next stage, while the men will rest, and so on). If one category has more athletes, i.e., more stages, then it shall go first.

Ranking After Each Round

9.9.13. Each athlete shall be ranked by the total time achieved on both routes from the lowest time to the highest.

9.9.14. Qualification Round - Ranking:

a) **Group A**: Athletes who completed both routes will be ranked based on the total climbing time from lowest to highest.

b) **Group B**: Athletes who completed only one route will be ranked after all athletes in Group A. Their ranking within Group B will be based on their climbing time for the completed route. If athletes in Group B completed different routes, their overall ranking will be determined by merging the rankings from each route, with athletes having the same rank across routes considered tied.

c) **Group C**: Athletes who have failed to complete both routes will not be ranked in the results.

9.9.15. Only athletes from Group A are considered for qualifying for the final round.

9.9.16. Final Round - Ranking:

a) The athletes will be ranked based on the last stage they competed in (for example: athletes competing in the final stage will be ranked ahead of the athletes competing in the semifinal stage, and so on).

b) Within a stage, the winners will be ranked ahead of the losers.

c) Within a stage, the losers will be ranked according to 9.9.14.

d) In case the next stage is cancelled, the winners of the last completed stage will be ranked according to 9.9.14.

e) 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 or round.

Part Three – Event Rules

10. World Cup Series

10.1. Introduction

10.1.1. In accordance with the Statutes of the UIAA, a World Cup series of international competitions shall be organized each year.

10.1.2. The UIAA may approve up to a maximum of ten (10) World Cup events each year.

10.1.3. Each World Cup event approved by the UIAA:

a) Shall include categories for men and women.

b) Shall include a Difficulty competition and a Speed competition.

c) Shall normally take place during weekend periods, starting Friday. The maximum duration of a World Cup event shall be three (3) days.

d) Should have athletes registered from a minimum of 10 different nations by the registration deadline.

10.1.4. The UIAA shall issue an information sheet for each World Cup event not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the relevant competition, setting out:

a) The location and dates for the event.

b) The registration deadline for the event.

c) The schedule for the competitions.

d) The format of the Speed competition (Single or Duel).

10.1.5. The difficulty competition shall have the following rounds:

a) Qualification with two (2) routes climbed on lead.

b) Semifinal climbed on lead.

c) Final climbed on lead.

10.2. Registration of Athletes

10.2.1. Each country shall be permitted to register, on the UIAA official registration form, the following athletes for any particular discipline/category of the relevant competition (where applicable):

a) National team quota - non-host country: 6 women, 6 men.

b) National team quota - Host country: 9 women, 9 men.

10.2.2. All athletes must turn 16 years old in the year of the competition to be permitted to compete in a World Cup competition.

10.2.3. Application for entry into a World Cup competition: All applications from national bodies, federations, or private teams shall be submitted to the UIAA and the host federation no later than 14 days before the date of the start of the respective World Cup competition.

10.2.4. Athletes should be registered by National Federations, not exceeding the national limit for each country. If the quota of athletes exceeds the national quota, there should be a national championship or national cup series of competitions, and the best should qualify for the World Cup series. If there is no national cup or championship, then the national quota is split between the national Federations by an equal number of athletes per Federation.

10.2.5. Only in case there is no national Federation, athletes are allowed to apply directly to the UIAA office but not exceeding the national quota.

10.2.6. A national body or federation shall be entitled to amend its team quota list, subject to informing the UIAA and the host federation not later than 48 hours prior to the start of the World Cup competition. In exceptional circumstances, the EC appointed to a World Cup competition shall be authorized, in his/her best judgment, to permit an exception to this Article. This decision by the EC shall be final.

10.3. Competition Procedure

10.3.1. A Technical Meeting shall be held prior to the start of the relevant competition to confirm the event schedule, identify any specific information related to the application of the Rules in the competition, and communicate any logistics information not available on the UIAA website. The Technical Meeting should be done in the format according to Article 3.5.

10.3.2. Starting order for each competition shall be determined as set out in the relevant section of Part Two of these rules. The start list should be prepared:

a) For the qualification round, at the Technical Meeting.

b) For any other round, immediately following publication of the official results and in each case published on the UIAA website and the Official Notice Board.

10.3.3. If an athlete fails to report to the Isolation Zone by the published closing time or to the Call Zone when called, the athlete will be marked on the Official Starting List for the relevant competition round as DNS.

10.4. Competition Results and Rankings

10.4.1. All Official Results shall be published on the UIAA website and the Official Notice Board.

10.4.2. For each category:

a) For each round:

   i. Live Results should be displayed during the course of each round.

   ii. Provisional and Official Results approved in writing by the UIAA Judge will be published as soon as possible following completion of the round.

b) Following the completion of all rounds of the relevant competition, a General Result will be published showing the ranking and results within each round for all athletes, signed by the UIAA JP.

10.4.3. At the end of each World Cup competition, the winners of the men's and women's competitions shall be awarded a medal, and the athletes who are ranked in each of the men's and women's categories shall be awarded the following points:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1.	100	11.	31	21.	10

2.	80	12.	28	22.	9
3.	65	13.	26	23.	8
4.	55	14.	24	24.	7
5.	51	15.	22	25.	6
6.	47	16.	20	26.	5
7.	43	17.	18	27.	4
8.	40	18.	16	28.	3
9.	37	19.	14	29.	2
10.	34	20.	12	30.	1

10.5. Cup Results and Ranking

10.5.1. The minimum number of World Cups for a World Cup ranking to be valid is 3 in 3 different countries – if these conditions are not satisfied, then no World Cup ranking will be awarded.

10.5.2. In a season where a World Championships competition takes place, then the rankings from this competition shall be included in the overall World Cup series ranking for the season.

10.5.3. At the conclusion of the final competition of the annual series, the World Cup shall be awarded to the athlete(s) achieving the highest number of points in accordance with these regulations, as long as Article 10.5.1 has been satisfied.

10.5.4. The points awarded after each World Cup competition shall be aggregated as specified in Article 10.5.5 below. The aggregate points shall be recalculated after each World Cup competition, and the athletes having World Cup points shall be ranked in descending order of points accumulated. The World Cup Ranking (WCR) for difficulty and speed shall be published after each round of the World Cup series of competitions.

10.5.5. The maximum number of points a competitor can accumulate towards the final ranking of the World Cup shall be as follows:

Number of competitions organized	Number of best results to count in ranking
3	3
4	3
5	4
6	5
7	5
8	6
9	7
10	7

10.5.6. If a tie between two athletes for first place in the World Cup Series exists after the final World Cup competition, the tie shall be split by comparing the individual rankings in those competitions that both athletes entered. The athlete with the larger number of 'higher ranks' will be in first place overall. If the tie remains unbroken, the athletes shall be regarded as tied and a joint World Cup Champion shall be declared.

10.6. Ceremonies, Medals, and Prizes

10.6.1. At the end of each World Cup event, medal ceremonies will be held for each relevant Category.

10.6.2. All medal ceremonies will:

a) Take place on the same day, 15 minutes after the official results are published.

b) Comply with the IOC protocol for such ceremonies. National anthem playing and flag-raising ceremonies are mandatory at World Cup award ceremonies.

10.6.3. The top three athletes of the men's and women's competitions shall be awarded a medal. For the avoidance of doubt, multiple medals will be awarded where athletes are tied.

10.6.4. Prize money shall be awarded in accordance with the minimum amounts established by the UIAA. For the avoidance of doubt, tied athletes shall each receive the average of the prize money for the tied places.

10.6.5. On completion of each World Cup series of competitions, the winner of both men's and women's categories shall be awarded a World Cup trophy. In addition, the first three athletes in both the men's and women's categories shall be awarded a medal.

10.7. Anti-Doping

10.7.1. The UIAA shall arrange for anti-doping tests to be carried out in compliance with the national regulations governing international sport in their country, the World Anti-Doping Code, the UIAA Anti-Doping Policy, and Procedure and Disciplinary Rules.

11. World Championships

11.1. Introduction

11.1.1. In accordance with the Statutes of the UIAA, a World Championships event could be organized every other year.

11.1.2. Shall follow Articles 10.1.3 - 10.1.5.

11.2. Registration of Athletes

11.2.1. Shall follow Article 10.2 except for Host Quota – there is no host quota at World Championships.

11.3. Competition Procedure

11.3.1. Shall follow Article 10.3.

11.4. Competition Results and Rankings

11.4.1. Shall follow Articles 10.4.1 and 10.4.2.

11.5. Ceremonies, Medals, and Prizes

11.5.1. Shall follow Articles 10.6.1 - 10.6.4.

11.6. National Team Rankings Calculation

11.6.1. World Championships National Team Rankings shall be calculated and awarded as follows (there is no prize money for team rankings):

a) The best men's and women's athlete results from each team in both disciplines are taken into consideration. Before calculating points from each ranking, the other results (other than the best) for each team are removed.

b) E.g., in men's difficulty - JPN 1st place, JPN 2nd place, and KOR 3rd place, JPN 2nd place will be removed, and KOR will become 2nd place, resulting in only one ranking for each team in each discipline per category.

c) To these adjusted rankings, the UIAA ranking points are applied detailed in Article 10.4.3.

d) The Overall Team ranking is then calculated by the sum of the points for each team for each discipline, and each category for each team, and then the total points are ranked for each team.

e) E.g. Men Difficulty + Men Speed + Women Difficulty + Women Speed = Team Ranking

11.7. Anti-Doping

11.7.1. Shall follow Article 10.7.

12. World Combined Championship

12.1. Introduction

12.1.1. In accordance with the Statutes of the UIAA, a World Combined Championship event could be organized every other year, alternating with the World Championship.

12.1.2. Shall follow Articles 10.1.3 and 10.1.4.a) - 10.1.4.c).

12.1.3. The format of the speed competition shall be Single.

12.1.4. The difficulty competition shall have the following rounds:

a) Qualification with two (2) routes climbed on lead.

b) Final climbed on lead.

12.2. Registration of Athletes

12.2.1. Shall follow Article 10.2 except for Host Quota – there is no host quota at World Combined Championships.

12.3. Competition Procedure

12.3.1. Shall follow Article 10.3.

12.3.2. Each World Combined Championship shall consist of a qualification round in each discipline, after which a combined ranking will be created, and then a fixed quota of athletes in each gender category will progress to the final, which will consist of both disciplines in the manner described below.

12.3.3. The Qualification and Final rounds shall be held on separate days.

12.3.4. The starting order for both Speed and Difficulty in:

a) Qualification round shall be prepared randomly.

b) Final round shall be in reverse order of the combined qualification results.

12.3.5. The order of the competition in the final round shall be as follows:

a) Women‘s Speed
b) Men‘s Speed
c) Women‘s Difficulty
d) Men‘s Difficulty

12.3.6. The time in between each stage is to be used by the athletes to rest and prepare their equipment. There will be no stop to the competition, and each gender/discipline category will immediately commence as soon as the previous one has finished.

12.4. Competition Results and Rankings

12.4.1. Shall follow Articles 10.4.1 and 10.4.2.

12.4.2. Ranking after qualification round:

a) A combined ranking will be made after qualification, and the eight (8) highest-ranked athletes in each gender category shall progress to the combined final. The athlete’s score is given by multiplying the athlete’s ranking (place) in both disciplines. The lower the score, the higher the rank.
b) If an athlete fails to achieve a ranking in one of the disciplines, then the athlete will be listed in the results without rank and cannot progress to the final round.

12.4.3. Ranking after final round:

a) A combined ranking will be made from the results of both of the final disciplines. The athlete’s score is given by multiplying the athlete’s ranking (place) in both disciplines. The lower the score, the higher the rank.
b) In case of a tied combined score, the results from qualification will be taken into account; if there is still a tie, the relative ranking of the tied athletes shall be determined by comparing the best results for each athlete, starting with the number of 1st ranks, then the number of 2nd ranks, and so on. If there is still a tie, the best result in the Difficulty discipline will decide the winner.

12.5. Ceremonies, Medals, and Prizes

12.5.1. Shall follow Articles 10.6.1 - 10.6.4.

12.5.2. In addition, the first three national teams shall be awarded a World Combined Championship medal or trophy.

12.6. National Team Rankings Calculation

12.6.1. Shall follow Article 11.6 with the Overall Team ranking calculated from the combined rankings:

a) E.g. Men Combined + Women Combined = Team Ranking.

13. World Youth Championships

13.1. Introduction

13.1.1. In accordance with the Statutes of the UIAA, a World Youth Championships event shall be organized every year.

13.1.2. Shall follow Articles 10.1.3 and 10.1.4.

13.1.3. The difficulty competition shall have the following rounds:

a) Qualification with two (2) routes climbed on top-rope or lead.

b) Final climbed on top-rope or lead.

c) The decision of which routes shall be climbed on top-rope and which on lead for each age category shall be made by the JP.

13.2. Registration of Athletes

13.2.1. Shall follow Article 10.2 except for Host Quota – there is no host quota at World Youth Championships and age limit in 10.2.2.

13.3. Age Categories

13.3.1. The World Youth Championships shall include both Difficulty and Speed categories for the following age groups:

a) Youth B (U16): Athletes born either 14 or 15 years before the main year of the season.

b) Youth A (U18): Athletes born either 16 or 17 years before the main year of the season.

c) Junior (U20): Athletes born either 18 or 19 years before the main year of the season.

13.3.2. For example, the main year of the season for competition organized during the 2025/2027 season is 2027, even if the competition is organized during the autumn/winter of 2025. This is to avoid changes in age categories during a season.

13.3.3. Table of age categories by year of birth:

Season	Youth B (U16)		Youth A (U18)		Junior (U20)	
2026/2027	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
2027/2028	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
2028/2029	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010

13.4. Competition Procedure

13.4.1. Shall follow Article 10.3.

13.5. Competition Results and Rankings

13.5.1. Shall follow Articles 10.4.1 and 10.4.2.

13.6. Ceremonies, Medals, and Prizes

13.6.1. Shall follow Articles 10.6.1 - 10.6.4.

13.7. National Team Rankings Calculation

13.7.1. Shall follow Article 11.6 with the Overall Team ranking calculated together across all age categories:

a) E.g. Men Difficulty (U16, U18 & U20) + Men Speed (U16, U18 & U20) + Women Difficulty (U16, U18 & U20) + Women Speed (U16, U18 & U20) = Team Ranking.

14. Continental Championships

14.1. Introduction

14.1.1. In accordance with the Statutes of the UIAA, the following continental championships may be organized in alternate years with the World Championships:

a) Asian Championships.
b) European Championships.
c) North American Championships.
d) Oceania Championships.
e) South American Championships.

14.1.2. Shall follow Articles 10.1.3 and 10.1.4.

14.1.3. The difficulty competition shall have the following rounds:

a) Qualification with two (2) routes climbed on lead.
b) Final climbed on lead.

14.2. Registration of Athletes

14.2.1. Shall follow Article 10.2 except for Host Quota – there is no host quota at Continental Championships.

14.2.2. In case the Continental Championships are combined with a World Cup event, then:

a) The host federation may register up to 9 athletes for the World Cup and can only register 6 athletes for the Continental Championships.
b) It is not possible to register different athletes for the Continental Championships than for the World Cup.

14.2.3. Only athletes representing countries that are members of the respective continent in the UIAA Members Directory shall be eligible to take part in these championships.

14.3. Competition Procedure

14.3.1. Shall follow Article 10.3.

14.3.2. In case the Continental Championships are combined with a World Cup event, then:

a) For the Difficulty competition, the Semifinal of the World Cup will be used as the Final for the Continental Championship. Therefore, if there are not enough continental athletes in the World Cup Semifinal to make up the full quota of the Continental Championship Final (8), then the extra quota will be taken through to the World Cup Semifinal accordingly.
b) E.g., if at the European Championships, there are only 6 European athletes already qualified for the World Cup Semifinal, then the next 2 highest-ranked European athletes from the qualification round will be allowed to compete in the European Championship Final (World Cup Semifinal) as extra quota – their results will only be included in the European Championship rankings.
c) Any athlete selected for the extra quota for the Continental Championship Final will be selected based on their result taken from the qualification rankings of the Continental Championships (not the World Cup).
d) The starting order of the World Cup Semifinal (Continental Championship Final) will follow the order of the World Cup Qualification results, but with the addition of the extra quota Continental Championship athletes going first in their rank order. E.g., the lowest-ranked Continental Championship athlete, then the next, and then the lowest-ranked World Cup semi-finalist, and so on.

e) For Single Speed – extra quota will be taken through to the Final, similar to Difficulty as described above in 14.3.2.a), with the minimum quota of continental athletes being eight (8).

f) For Duel Speed, there will be no extra quota for continental athletes.

14.4. Competition Results and Rankings

14.4.1. Shall follow Articles 10.4.1 and 10.4.2.

14.4.2. In case the Continental Championships are combined with a World Cup event, then the Continental Championships ranking will be determined by the removal of the World Cup athletes not from the continent in question, and only then will the results be calculated.

14.5. Ceremonies, Medals, and Prizes

14.5.1. Shall follow Articles 10.6.1 - 10.6.4.

14.6. National Team Rankings Calculation

14.6.1. Shall follow Article 11.6.

15. Continental Cup Series

15.1. Introduction

15.1.1. In accordance with the Statutes of the UIAA, a Continental Cup series of international competitions may be organized each year.

15.1.2. The UIAA may approve up to a maximum of eight (8) Continental Cup events each year.

15.1.3. Each Continental Cup event approved by the UIAA:

a) Shall include categories for men and women.

b) Shall include a Difficulty competition and/or a Speed competition.

c) Shall normally take place during weekend periods, starting Friday. The maximum duration of a Continental Cup event shall be two (2) days. Wherever possible, organizers should aim to complete Continental Cup events within one (1) day if just a single discipline is being organized.

15.1.4. The UIAA shall issue an information sheet for each Continental Cup event not less than 30 days in advance of the first day of the relevant competition, setting out:

a) The location and dates for the event.

b) The registration deadline for the event.

c) The schedule for the competition(s).

d) The format of the Speed competition, if applicable (Single or Duel).

15.1.5. The difficulty competition shall have the following rounds:

a) Qualification with two to five (2) - (5) routes climbed on top-rope or lead with at least one route climbed on lead.

b) Optionally, a semifinal climbed on lead.

c) Final climbed on lead.

d) The decision of which qualification routes shall be climbed on top-rope and which on lead shall be made by the JP.

15.2. Registration of Athletes

15.2.1. There will be no national/federation quotas for entry to any Continental Cup Series event.

15.2.2. Athletes may register themselves for any given event and do not need to go through their national federation, nor do they require a federation license to compete.

15.2.3. All athletes must turn 16 years old in the year of the competition to be permitted to compete in a Continental Cup competition.

15.3. Competition Procedure

15.3.1. Shall follow Article 10.3.

15.4. Competition Results and Rankings

15.4.1. Shall follow Article 10.4.

15.5. Cup Results and Ranking

15.5.1. Shall follow Article 10.5.

15.6. Ceremonies, Medals, and Prizes

15.6.1. Shall follow Article 10.6.

16. Continental Youth Cup Series

16.1. Introduction

16.1.1. In accordance with the Statutes of the UIAA, a Youth Continental Cup series of international competitions may be organized each year.

16.1.2. Youth Continental Cups shall be organized as part of Continental Cups.

16.1.3. Shall follow Articles 15.1.2 - 15.1.4.

16.1.4. The difficulty competition shall have the following rounds:

a) Qualification with two to five (2) - (5) routes climbed on top-rope or lead.

b) Optionally, a final climbed on top-rope or lead.

c) The decision of which routes shall be climbed on top-rope and which on lead for each age category shall be made by the JP.

16.2. Registration of Athletes

16.2.1. Shall follow Articles 15.2.1 and 15.2.2.

16.3. Age Categories

16.3.1. Shall follow Article 13.3.

16.4. Competition Procedure

16.4.1. Shall follow Article 10.3.

16.5. Competition Results and Rankings

16.5.1. Shall follow Article 10.4.

16.6. Cup Results and Ranking

16.6.1. Shall follow Article 10.5.

16.7. Ceremonies, Medals, and Prizes

16.7.1. Shall follow Article 10.6.

17. World Ranking Calculation

17.1. Calculation

17.1.1. The UIAA publishes the following rankings:

a) World Cup Rankings for each year and Category, calculated in accordance with Article 10.4.

b) Continuously updated World Rankings:

   i. In each of the Difficulty and Speed Disciplines, for athletes having competed in at least one (1) relevant Qualifying Event within the preceding 12 month period, calculated as the sum of the ranking points awarded to athletes for the six (6) best results achieved during that period; and provided that a result achieved in a combined Difficulty & Speed competition may be substituted for any single discipline result when calculating the overall sum.

   ii. The method for calculating ranking points awarded at any Qualifying Event shall be decided and published by the UIAA with the World Ranking tables.

17.2. Qualifying Events

17.2.1. The UIAA designates the following calendar events as **'Qualifying Events'** for the purposes of World Ranking calculation:

a) Each World Championship competition.

b) Each World Cup competition.

Part Four – Appendix

18. Rules for Ice Climbing Tools

18.1. Crampons and Ice Axes

18.1.1. Figures 1 and 2 below show what dimensions of tools are allowed and which are not allowed.

18.1.2. During equipment assessment, each ice axe shall fit wholly inside the official measuring box with internal dimensions of 250 mm × 500 mm × 60 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. 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. The JP, CJ or 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. 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 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. 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. 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. 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 and Speed competitions!

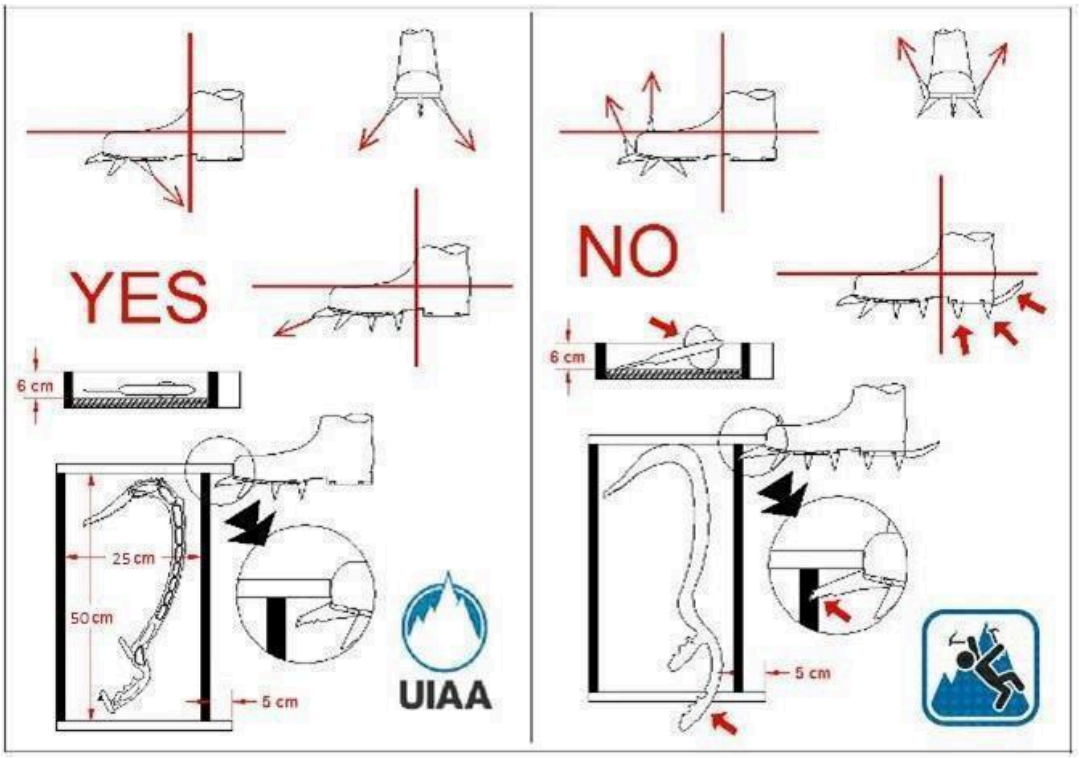


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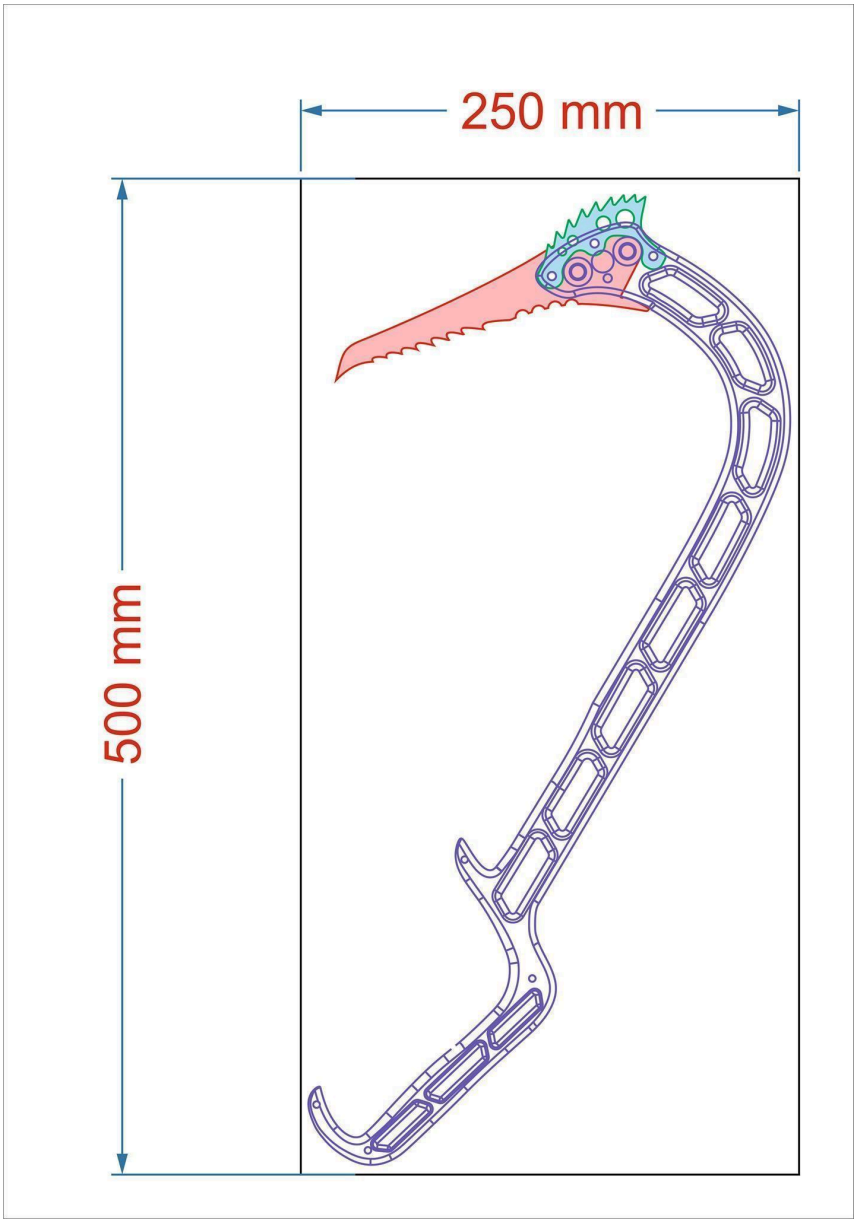


Figure 2

19. Glossary

19.1. Terms Used in These Rules

Shall and **must** mean a mandatory requirement.

Should means a strong recommendation. With the goal of raising the level of the competitions, such rules are often likely to change to mandatory requirements in the future.

May and **can** mean it is optional.

Must not, shall not, and **cannot** mean it is not allowed.

19.2. Definitions Used in These Rules

Appeal means a challenge to a judging decision, usually related to an athlete's score.

Appeal Jury an official responsible for determining the results of any appeal.

Artificial Hold means a manufactured climbing hold, can be made from a wide variety of materials and has generally a preferred contact point. .

Attempt means a single climb or run made by an athlete on a designated route during a round, stage, or race.

Category means a division of athletes within a competition, based on gender (Men, Women) or age group (e.g., U16, U18, U20). Athletes are ranked only against others in the same category.

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 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.

Competition means a contest within an event, defined by a discipline (e.g., Difficulty or Speed) and organized separately for different categories.

Competition Area means the area that is restricted to athletes, team officials, UIAA officials, and organizers, i.e., the competition registration area, the Isolation and Transit Zones, and the Competition Zone.

Competition results mean the general results at the end of a competition.

Competition Zone means the following:

a) The Climbing Wall used within any round of a competition.
b) The area immediately in front of and next to the climbing wall.
c) Any other area assigned specifically for the safe and fair conduct of a competition, such as additional areas needed for video recording or playback.

Control means, for the purposes of judging and scoring, that an athlete has made use of a hold/zone to achieve or change a stable body position, and the terms "Controls", "Controlled", and "Controlling" should be interpreted in this context.

Current ranking means World Cup/Continental Cup ranking during the season, including results from the finished competitions in the relevant series.

Did Not Start or DNS means that an athlete failed to start a route or was otherwise marked as DNS by these rules. For example, by not being in the Isolation Zone when it closed.

Did Not Finish or DNF means that an athlete failed to finish a route or was otherwise marked as DNF during a Speed competition. For example, after falling or exceeding the allowed climbing time.

Disqualified or DSQ means disqualification from competition for breach of these rules.

Disqualified for Behavior or DQB means a disqualification from competition for a violation of the World Anti-Doping Code (or, where applicable, the Olympic Charter), or any other serious breach of applicable regulation issued by the UIAA, or where relevant the IOC or a NOC, including but not limited to a) serious unsporting behavior or other serious disturbance; and b) abusive, threatening or violent behavior to any person.

Event means a series of competitions held at the same venue and under the same organizational framework (e.g., a World Cup).

Finishing Point means the last hold/zone on the Difficulty route climbed on top-rope on which the athletes must match their picks in order to finish the route as described in Article 8.9.7.c).

Gloves mean any hand-made or manufactured glove that covers all parts of the hands.

Ice Axe Pick means the blade of the pick bolted to the head of the axe. It is marked red in Article 18.1, Figure 2.

Ice Box means a box pictured in Article 18.1, Figure 1. It is used for limiting the size of Ice Axes and Crampons. The inner size of the box is 25 cm x 50 cm x 6 cm. And it also has a 5 cm extension for measuring Crampons.

Isolation Rules mean what athletes can and cannot do while in the Isolation Zone, including restrictions on information, communication, and the use of electronic devices.

Isolation Zone means the area where athletes prepare for their attempt in rounds with Isolation, where they are not allowed to see other athletes climb and must follow Isolation Rules.

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.

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 JP or CJ, making further progress without clipping would be unsafe.

Live Results means any results published or circulated by the UIAA prior to the publication of the Provisional Results for any competition, or any route/round within that competition (e.g., on the Vertical Life system). They can be appealed verbally.

Macro a semi-permanent extension of the Climbing Surface generally made of PE/PU or fiberglass.

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 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.

Mandatory Equipment and Clothes mean: Harness, Helmet, two (2) Ice Axes, one (1) pair of Crampons, Gloves, Long Sleeve shirt, Pants, as further described in Article 2.8.

Mantle move on Ice Axe means pressing down on the ice axe in undercling stein position to push the body upward (please see an explanatory video here)

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.

Overall Ranking means the final World Cup/Continental Cup ranking after all competitions included in the relevant series are finished.

Protection Point (alternatively referred to as **quickdraw**) means an assembly comprising:

a) A Quick-Link connector, connected to a bolt fixed to the load-bearing structure of the Climbing Surface.

b) A Karabiner into which an athlete can clip the rope when climbing. The orientation of this karabiner shall minimize the possibility of cross-loading.

c) A single continuous machine-sewn sling of appropriate length (as determined by the HRS) connecting (a) and (b). Alternatively, a UIAA-approved wire cable can be used.

Provisional 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 "Provisional" and signed by the appropriate UIAA Official. They can be appealed for 5 minutes. If an appeal is accepted and the results corrected, they are published again, and the 10-minute timer restarts.

Race (alternatively referred to as **Heat**) means a head-to-head contest between two athletes within a stage of a Speed competition.

Round means a phase of a competition in which athletes compete to progress to the next round or to determine final rankings (e.g., Qualification, Semifinal, Final).

Route topo a graphical route map created by HRS and used by judges to determine scores by marking out numbered holds, scoring zones, technical boundaries, and last clipping holds/zones.

Stage means a subdivision of a round, used when athletes compete in a Duel format (e.g., in a Speed Final). Each stage has two races.

Standards mean the relevant mandatory standard required, including the UIAA, CE, or EN standards.

Starting Point means the first hold/zone on a Difficulty route on which the athletes must establish starting position as described in Article 8.9.1. It shall be marked in blue.

Striking means hitting something forcibly and deliberately with the Ice Axe Pick.

Team uniform the official competition clothing worn by athletes during competition and official event ceremonies to represent their national federation during the event.

Technical Incident means any event or circumstance that results in a disadvantage or unfair advantage to an athlete, and which is not the result of that athlete's action(s). Further details can be found in Articles 8.12 for Difficulty and 9.7 for Speed.

Touch(es) means, for the purposes of judging and scoring, that an athlete has made contact with their axe/hand on a particular hold/zone.

Transit Zone means a specific area(s) within the Competition Area arranged to permit athletes to prepare for (or recover from) their attempts on a route.

Volume semi- permanent extension of the Climbing Surface. Generally made of wood.

Verbal Appeal means an Appeal before the publication of Official Results given verbally. It does not require an Appeal Form or Appeal Fee.

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.

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.