UIAA International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation
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2026/2027 UIAA ICE CLIMBING CONTINENTAL CUP/YOUTH

LEAD

ŽILINA

SLOVAKIA

28 November 2026

ORGANISED BY:

Slovak Mountaineering Union JAMES & LA SKALA Climbing Centre

ORGANIZATION

Organizers are host federation Slovak Mountaineering Union JAMES and its member club LA SKALA.

Host Federation:

SMU JAMES
Junácka 6
832 80 Bratislava, Slovakia
Website: www.james.sk
e-mail address: sekretar@james.sk

Organizer:

LA SKALA lezecké centrum
Centrálna 8919/2
010 07 Žilina, Slovakia
Website: www.laskala.sk
e-mail address: info@laskala.sk

COMPETITION VENUE

Climbing Center:

LA SKALA climbing center
Centrálna 8919/2
010 07 Žilina, Slovakia
Location: Google Maps



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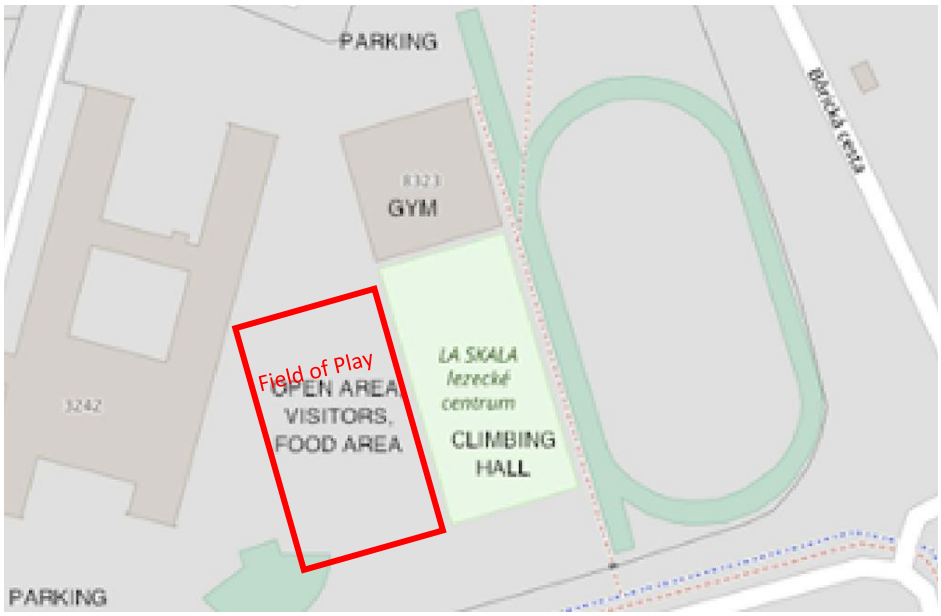

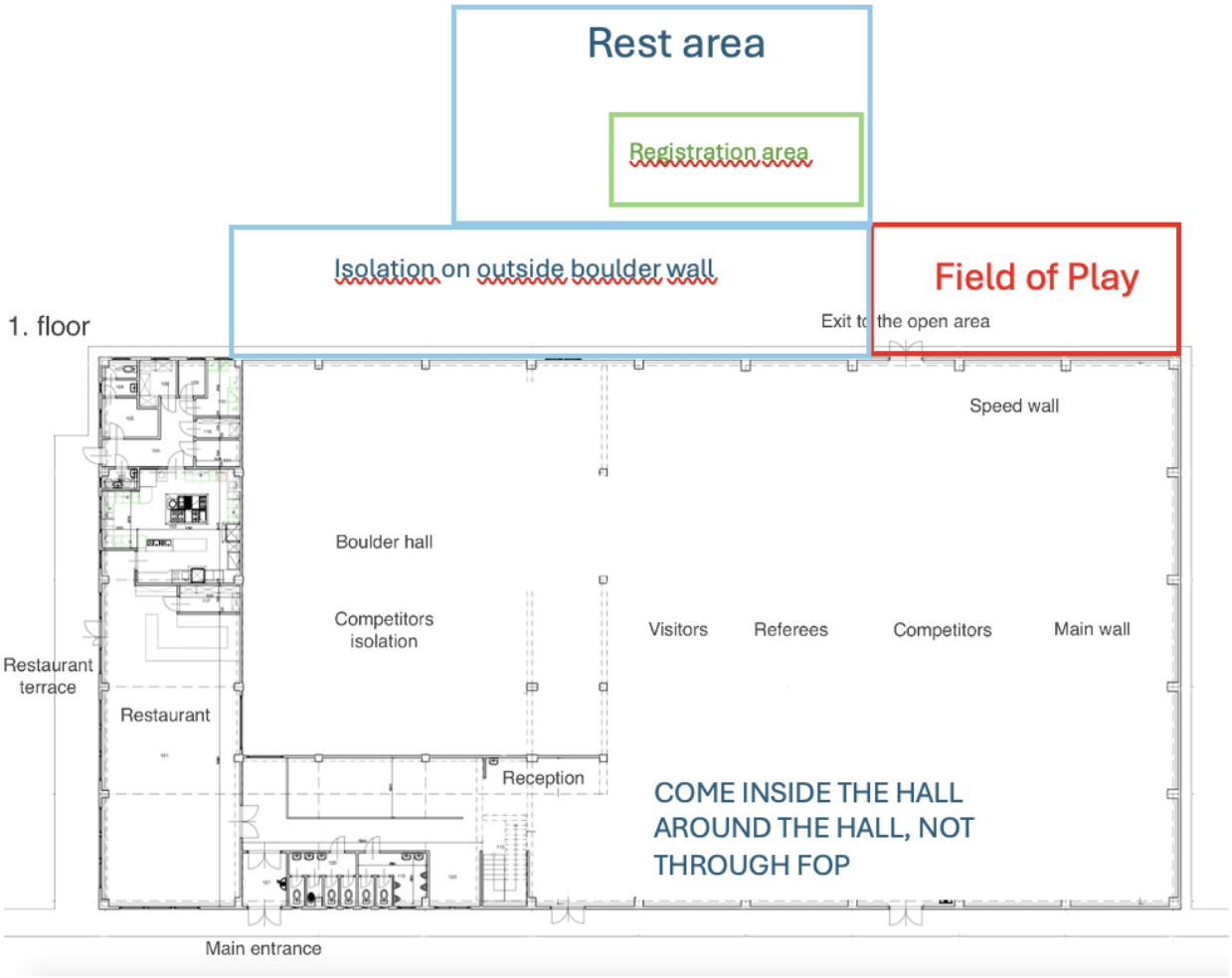

REGISTRATION

Confirmation of attendance by 27.11.2026 – can be done via Whatsapp or in person during Technical meeting.

Notification to the organizers:

Patrícia Rafajdusová (SVK) +421 908 571 006 (contact through WhatsApp)

Christopher Murphy (SVK) +421 908 555 832 (contact through WhatsApp)

Confirmation of registration in person 28.11.2026. 08:00 – 09:00, at the competition venue.

NOTICE: please, make sure you are **pre-registered** by 27.11.2026 as described above. **Registration at the venue on the day of the competition will not be possible**.

STARTING FEE

Starting fee of 75 EUR, to be paid in cash only.

SHS JAMES, CHS discount 10 EUR

Youth fee of 50 EUR

OFFICIALS

Event directors: Patrícia Rafajdusová (SVK) +421 908 571 006 (contact through WhatsApp)

Christopher Murphy (SVK) +421 908 555 832 (contact through WhatsApp)

Result Service: Adriana Matulikova (SVK)

Jury President: Oana-Maria Harabagiu (ROU)

Routesetters: Olga Kosek (POL) head routesetter

Christopher Murphy (SVK) routesetter

Marko Guna (SLO) routesetter

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

Qualification:

FLASH – 2 routes per category

Women (senior, U18, U20) LEAD

Men (senior, U18, U20) LEAD

Youth U16 Girls + Boys TOP ROPE

Finals:

OS – 1 route per category (Women, Men) LEAD

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (LOCAL TIME)

Friday 27th November		
	5:00 – 7:00 PM	Registration in person, getting bibs. Technical meeting IN PERSON at the Field of Play in LA SKALA.
Saturday 29th November	QUALIFICATION	
	8:00 AM	Climbing gym opens
	8:00-9:00 AM	Registration
	9:40-9:55 AM	Brief technical meeting
	10:00 AM -16:00 PM	Qualification
Saturday 29th November	FINALS	
	16:30 PM	Isolation opens for Finals
	16:45 PM	Isolation closes for Finals
	18:00 PM	Presentation of Finalists and Observation
	18:15 PM	Finals for both categories
	20:00 PM	Awards ceremony for all categories

ENTERING THE FIELD OF PLAY

The FoP is Closed from the morning of 24th of November 2026. The athletes can enter the wall on Friday 27th of November at 16:00

ROUTE DEMONSTRATION

Will be uploaded to YouTube. The link for the video playlist will be shared in the competition WhatsApp group.

WHATSAPP GROUP FOR ATHLETES

All official info such as a technical meeting, start lists, and official results will be published here:

PLEASE BE IN THE WHATSAPP GROUP BY 26th of November 2026. If you fail to be in the group, you may lose important information.

TRAVEL DETAILS

VISA:

If you need a VISA invitation, please contact sekretar@james.sk for further instructions. It is advisable to do so as soon as possible to ensure there is sufficient time to secure your visa.

How to get here:

By plane

Direct plane flight to Žilina only operates locally, therefore we recommend using international airports, the closest international airports are: Bratislava (SVK), Kosice (SVK), Wien (AUT), Budapest (HUN), Prague (CZE), Krakow (POL), Katowice (POL).

By train

The main railway station in Žilina is one of the most important railway stations in Slovakia. There are direct trains from several European cities, including Bratislava (SVK), Vienna (AUT) or Prague (CZE). There is also a possibility to arrive from Budapest (HUN) and change trains in Bratislava or Vienna. You can find your train options at the national railways website: https://www.zsr.sk/en/

By car

Žilina is located right on the main highway D1 (E58) and is easily accessed by car. It takes about 2 hours from Bratislava, 3 hours from Vienna, 3 hours from Košice, 3 hours from Krakow, 4 hours from Budapest, 4,5 hours from Prague.

Transport systems:

Public transport in Žilina

The event venue LA SKALA is accessible from bus stop Rudnayova (trolleybus 3) and Pod hájom (buses 50 and 67, trolleybuses 1, 7, 14), you can look up your connection through THIS LINK. Tickets can be bought in paper or paper or short message service (SMS) form that you can find on bus stops or in buses.

Taxi

You can also order a taxi through Bolt app or call several Taxi services.

ACCOMODATION

BOUTIQUE HOTEL DUBNÁ SKALA****

The hotel is located in the historic center of Žilina and provides exclusive spaces with a unique design. Hotel guests have the opportunity to use the services of the hotel's Relax Center free of charge, which include a jacuzzi, a Finnish sauna, a hydromassage shower and a stationary bicycle. In addition to the comfortable equipment of the center, you can also enjoy massages or exclusive cosmetic procedures of the Sothys Paris brand.

Accommodation offers the UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup participants a discount on the price of accommodation. Single room and breakfast 90€; Single room and breakfast 100€.

When booking, contact the hotel at reception@dubnaskala.sk and enter the code LASKALA to guarantee this discount. The use of the code is valid for accommodation from 27.11.2026 - 30.11.2026.

HEALTHCARE SYSTEM INFORMATION

Emergency local doctor during the event: Emergency local doctor will be in the Venue during the entire competition.

Local healthcare system links and other useful info: To access healthcare services, foreign athletes should obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or equivalent documentation from their home country. This will ensure that they are covered for any necessary medical treatment during their stay. For more information on the Slovak healthcare system, please follow this link.

Emergency medical service:

Faculty Hospital Žilina (7 min. from the venue by car)

Address: Vojtecha Spanyola 43, 01207 Žilina

Phone contact: +421 51 10 348, +421 72 33 383 Website: www.fnspza.sk

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Event Organiser's Sponsors

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.

At the venue:

The door into the climbing hall on the **right of the competition wall is for use by the event officials only**. Therefore, to access the toilet facilities, restaurant and the training hall, all competitors should pass around the building on the left of the competition wall to the main customer entrance.

It is not permitted to sell equipment during the competition without the permission of the climbing center. **Anyone wishing to sell equipment should contact the event organizers** (Christopher Murphy or Patrícia Rafajdusová) directly in advance to arrange this

Recycling spots are in several places of the venue. We will be pleased if participants and teams

join the sustainability cause by bringing their own bottles and other equipment that can help reduce waste produced at the venue. The venue is wheel-chair accessible.

Food:

There is a restaurant right at the venue (RESTAURANT SKALA), which also provides vegetarian options for food. There are several other restaurants (Pizzeria Mánia, etc.) and grocery shops around. The Kraj grocery store, less than a 5- minute walk away from the venue, also offers a variety of local and regional Slovak foods. Food trucks will be at the outside area next to field of play including vegetarian and vegan food.

STREAMING & TV BROADCASTING

Live streaming for all rounds in one place: https://app.riverstream.sk/shsjames/sign/in

Streaming of the event on UIAA YouTube Channel