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Foreword

This supplement sets out amendments to the IFSC Rules 2012 for application in competitions during the 2013 Calendar Year.

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2. MEMBER FEDERATIONS

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 Part 3 to these Rules.

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 IFSC has been informed not later than at the technical meeting.

2.5 INTERNATIONAL LICENCES

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

2.5.2 In order to obtain an international licence, each federation shall submit for each competitor and team official:
a) A completed official application form;
b) The fee specified by the IFSC for the issue of a new licence, on receipt of the relevant invoice.

2.5.3 Each International Licence is valid for one calendar year; i.e. from the 1st of January to the 31st of December. Each federation may, on behalf of its competitors and team officials, renew the International Licence each year by completing the official application form and sending it to the IFSC.

2.5.4 Each competitor and team official shall be a member of a member federation of the country for which they hold a national passport. In the case of competitors who hold dual nationalities, such competitors and team officials shall select one member federation to represent in competitions approved by the IFSC. Mid-season change of teams is not allowed.

3. GENERAL RULES

3.2 SAFETY

3.2.4 Any technical equipment used in International Climbing Competitions must meet the relevant EN Standard (or comparable International equivalent) unless otherwise specified by the IFSC or, in exceptional circumstances, by the Jury President through the authority delegated to them by the IFSC. The relevant standards as at the date of issue for these Rules are:

Applicable Standards for technical equipment used in International Competition Climbing

Equipment	CEN Standard
Belay Devices (Locking)	EN15151-1 (Draft)
Belay Devices (Manual)	EN15151-2 (Draft)
Climbing Harness	EN12277:2007 (Type C)
Climbing Holds	EN12572-3:2008
Climbing Rope	EN892:2004
Climbing Structures	EN12572-1:2008, EN12572-2:2008
Karabiners (Screwgate)	EN12275:1998 (Type H)
Karabiners (Self-Locking)	EN12275:1998 (Type H)
Quickdraw/ Tape Slings	EN566:2007
Quickdraw/ Connector (Karabiner)	EN12275:1998 (Type B, Type D)
Quickdraw/ Connector (Quick link)	EN12275:1998 (Type Q)

3.2.6 If to the Jury President believes that a competitor is unfit to compete for any reason, such as injury or illness, then the Jury President has the authority to request a check-up of the competitor by the Competition Doctor who will proceed with the following physical test:
a) Lower extremity: the competitor shall be able to do five consecutive single-leg jumps with each leg.
b) Upper extremity: the competitor shall be able to perform five consecutive push-ups using both arms.
c) Bleeding: the competitor shall be able to stop the bleeding so as to be sure that he will not put blood on the holds. A white handkerchief applied to the wound (after having put a tape on it) must not show any sign of blood.
The Jury President shall stop the competitor from competing if, following the results of this test, the Competition Doctor is of the opinion that the competitor is unfit to compete. Should there later be evidence that the competitor has recovered, then they may request to undergo the relevant physical tests again. The Jury President shall allow the competitor to compete if, following the results of such tests, the Competition Doctor is of the opinion that the competitor is fit to compete.

3.4 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

3.4.4 Each competitor is free to use a chalk bag, a climbing helmet, and the clothing (in addition to the team top) they prefer. All equipment and clothing shall be in compliance with the following advertising rules:

a) Headwear: Only the manufacturer's name and/or logo;

b) Team top: Sponsors' labels – no larger than 300 square centimetres in total;

c) Chalk bag: The manufacturer's name and/or logo and sponsors' labels - no larger than 100 square centimetres in total;

d) Shoes and socks: Only the manufacturer's name and/or logo.

6. LEAD

6.3 SAFETY

Protection Points

6.3.5 Each protection point (including the last point) on a route shall be equipped with a quickdraw, which shall comprise:

a) A properly closed and certified Quick-Link ("Maillon Rapide") connector;

b) A continuous, machine sewn sling of appropriate length (as determined by the Chief Route-Setter); and

c) A karabiner into which a competitor can clip the rope when climbing. The orientation of the karabiner shall be so as to minimise the possibility of cross loading.

6.13 APPEALS

6.13.8 An appeal against the ranking of a competitor:

a) Concerning the Qualification or Semi-Final rounds, shall be made:

(i) where an IFSC-approved live results system is in use, within five (5) minutes of the completion of all competitors' attempts during the round; or otherwise

(ii) within five (5) minutes of the publication of the Official Results list.

b) Concerning the Final round, shall be made:

(i) where an IFSC-approved live results system is in use, within two (2) minutes of the completion of all competitors' attempts during the round; or otherwise

(ii) within two (2) minutes of the publication of the Official Results list.

and in each case such appeal must be made in writing.

Note: Where an appeal is made concerning the scoring of any competitor in relation to a particular hold, the Appeals Jury shall review the results of all competitors who have been scored as controlling or using that same hold in order to ensure consistency of the scoring.

Consequences of Appeals

6.13.10 An appeal in relation to the consequences of a decision made by the Appeals Jury (an "Original Decision") must be lodged:

a) In respect of appeals concerning the Qualification or Semi-Final round, within five (5) minutes after the publication of the Original Decision; or

b) In respect of appeals concerning the Final round, immediately after publication of the Original Decision.

No appeal in relation to the consequences of an Original Decision can be made outside the above period.

7. BOULDERING

7.1 GENERAL

7.1.2 Bouldering competitions shall normally consist of:

a) A Qualification round with a course of five (5) boulders for each Starting Group and Category;

b) A Semi-Final round with a course of four (4) boulders for each Category; and

c) A Final round with a course of four (4) boulders for each Category.

7.1.3 In exceptional circumstances, the Jury President may decide:

a) to cancel at most **one** boulder within a round.

b) to cancel a round of the competition, in which case the results of the remaining rounds shall determine the ranking of competitors for the competition;

7.7 COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Final

7.7.14 The Final round shall take place on one (1) course of boulders for each Category. Both Categories shall normally compete simultaneously with competitors paired by their ranking after the Semi-Final and/or their Starting Order for the final. e.g. the competitors ranked first after the semi-final within each Category shall normally start each boulder at the same time.

Note: Any unpaired competitors (i.e. where the number of finalists in each Category is different) shall compete first.

Tie-Break boulder

7.7.19 In the circumstances described in Article 7.10.4a), tied competitors shall make attempt a "Tie-Break" boulder:

a) The starting order for attempts shall be the same as that for the Final round

b) The performance of each competitor shall be judged in accordance with Articles 6.4.2 to 6.4.5 and 6.10.1.

c) If two or more competitors remain tied for first place after having attempted this "Tie-Break" boulder, then these competitors may make further attempts on the boulder (up to a maximum of six attempts in total).

d) If a tie still exists after six (6) attempts, then the relevant competitors will be given an equal ranking.

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8. SPEED

8.3 SAFETY

Protection Points

8.3.3 The connection of the climbing rope with the Deviation Point and Top Protection Point shall be made using a stainless-steel Locking Karabiner secured to the protection point by a sewn Tape Sling and a certified Quick-Link (“Maillon Rapide”) connector.

8.4 TIMING

8.4.2 The climbing time shall be measured using **both**:

a) A Mechanical-Electrical Timing system approved by the IFSC, and

b) Hand Timing.

Note: In the event that a round is started but cannot be completed using a Mechanical-Electrical Timing system, the results of the round shall be calculated using the times recorded using Hand Timing. The results of any Hand Timing will not be used other than as a back-up in the event of an un-rectifiable failure of the Mechanical-Electrical Timing system

Mechanical-Electrical Timing

8.4.3 The timing system shall be approved by the IFSC. The timing system shall:

a) generate a single starting signal at a random interval after initiation. The interval shall be not less than 0.5 seconds and not more than 1.5 seconds after initiation.

b) record the finishing time for each competitor separately when they strike a mechanical-electrical switch/pad positioned as indicated in Figure 8.2d) for the 10m Event or Figure 8.2e) for the 15m Event; and

b) display the climbing time for each competitor separately as the difference between the time at which the starting signal is given (a) and the finishing time (b)

8.9 CLIMBING PROCEDURE

The Start

8.9.2 On being called to by the Starter, each competitor:

a) shall first position the starting pad as appropriate for their preferred starting position within ten (10) seconds;

b) shall then present themselves to the belayer, who shall attach the climbing rope to their harness in accordance with Articles 8.3.5 and 8.3.7; and

c) shall take up an assembly position as designated by the Starter, not more than two (2) meters in front of the wall and facing away from the wall.

8.9.3 At the command ‘**At your marks’**, each competitor shall take a position on their starting pad with one foot; placing both hands and one foot on their preferred starting holds within four (4) seconds.

Note: The Jury President and/or IFSC Judge may issue a Yellow Card warning to any competitor that exceeds the maximum time allowed

8.9.5 Once all competitors are motionless in their starting position, the Starter shall at the conclusion announce '**Ready!**' and immediately following this shall initiate the timing system.

Note: The timing system shall automatically control the starting signal as set out in Article 8.4.3

8.9.7 Where in the judgement of the Starter, a competitor either:

a) Fails to comply with the commands 'At your marks', or does not place themselves in their final starting position within four (4) seconds of the command being given; or fails to cease motion after the command "ready"; or

b) After the command 'At your marks!' disturbs other competitors through sound or otherwise,

then the Starter shall abort the start. The Jury President may warn the competitor for improper conduct and issue a Yellow Card warning in accordance with Section 4 (Disciplinary Procedures). If the Jury President does not agree with the Starter's decision, then the competitors shall be advised accordingly

False Starts

8.9.9 A competitor may make one (1) false start during a competition without penalty. If the same competitor makes a second false start within the competition, he shall be recorded as having no valid time for the race in which the false start was made and shall not participate further in the competition.

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(ii) within five (5) minutes of the publication of the Official Results list.

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(i) where an IFSC-approved live results system is in use, within two (2) minutes of the completion of all competitors' attempts during the round; or otherwise

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11. WORLD CUP SERIES

11.4 REGISTRATION OF TEAMS

11.4.1 Member federations may register up to a maximum of five (5) team officials who shall be granted free entry into the competition venue. These officials shall be registered via the IFSC website, must be in possession of a valid international licence 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.

11.4.2 Subject to Article 11.2.1, member federations may register on the official IFSC registration form a National Team comprising (where applicable):

a) Any current Adult/Youth World/Continental Champion (only for the Discipline in which they are champion) at the start of the Calendar Year;

b) Any competitors ranked tenth (10th) or above on the relevant World Ranking at the start of the Calendar Year; and

c) for each Category and Discipline of the competition:

(i) Where the member federation is not the host country: up to four (4) additional competitors; or

(ii) Where the member federation is the host country: up to twelve (12) additional competitors.

11.4.5 The deadline for team registration at each World Cup shall be five (5) days before the first day of the competition

11.8 MEDALS AND PRIZES

11.8.1 At the end of each World Cup competition:
a) Gold/Silver/Bronze medals shall be awarded to the competitors respectively ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Category for each Discipline forming part of the competition; and
Note: In the event of tied places, multiple medals will be awarded
b) A competition trophy shall be awarded to the winner within each Category for each Discipline forming part of the competition.
c) Prize money shall be awarded to each competitor ranked 6th or above in each Category for each Discipline forming part of the competition.
Note: In the event of tied places, the tied competitors shall each receive the average of the prize money for the tied places. e.g. in the event of two competitors tied in first place, each competitor shall receive the average of the amount advertised by the organizer for first place and second place.

12. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

12.4 REGISTRATION OF TEAMS

12.4.1 Member federations may register up to a maximum of five (5) team officials who shall be granted free entry into the competition venue. These officials shall be registered via the IFSC website, must be in possession of a valid international licence 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.

12.4.5 The deadline for team registration at each World Championship shall be five (5) days before the first day of the competition

12.8.1 At the end of the World Championship:
a) Gold/Silver/Bronze medals shall be awarded to the competitors respectively ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Category for each Individual event, i.e. Boulder, Lead, Speed
b) Gold/Silver/Bronze medals shall be awarded to the teams respectively ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Category for any Team Speed event held.
c) Gold/Silver/Bronze medals shall be awarded to the competitors respectively ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Category in the Overall Ranking.
Note: In the event of tied places, multiple medals will be awarded
d) A World Championship trophy shall be awarded to the winner within each Category for each individual event.
e) An Overall World Championship trophy shall be awarded to the winner within each Category of the Overall Ranking.
f) Prize money shall be awarded to each competitor ranked 6th or above in each Category for each individual event, i.e. Boulder, Lead, Speed.

13. WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

13.4 REGISTRATION OF TEAMS

13.4.1 Member federations may register up to a maximum of five (5) team officials who shall be granted free entry into the competition venue. These officials shall be registered via the IFSC website, must be in possession of a valid international licence 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.

13.4.5 The deadline for team registration at each World Youth Championship shall be five (5) days before the first day of the competition

13.8.1 At the end of the World Youth Championship:
a) Gold/Silver/Bronze medals shall be awarded to the competitors respectively ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Category and Age Group for each Individual event, i.e. Lead, Speed
Note: In the event of tied places, multiple medals will be awarded
b) A World Youth Championship trophy shall be awarded to the winner within each Category and Age Group for each individual event.