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PART 1 – GOVERNANCE

	Member federations
2.5.4 and 2.5.5	<p>Possibility to register a coach which has not the same nationality as his team.</p> <p>2.5.4 Each competitor shall be a member of the 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.</p> <p>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.</p>

PART 2 – TECHNICAL RULES

	Lead Rules
6.7.3	<p>When entering isolation, no exit is allowed or is definitive</p> <p>Once the closing time for the Isolation Zone has passed, Competitors and/or Team Officials must remain within the Isolation Zone unless otherwise instructed.</p> <p><i>Note: Competitors/Team Officials or other persons authorised by the Jury President to enter the Isolation Zone may choose to leave the Isolation Zone at any time, but having left the Isolation Zone they may not then return once the closing time has passed, and must leave the Competition Area, unless specifically authorised to remain by the Jury President.</i></p>
6.13.1 a)	<p>Precision concerning the appeal form</p> <p>in relation to appeals under Article 6.13.3, only in written, using the form available on the IFSC website or on a sheet comprising the same informations, signed by the relevant team officials</p>
	Boulder Rules
7.4.1 b)	<p>Put out the JP from the judging in final to have the possibility and time to manage all the problems that may happen (appeals,....)</p> <p>The jury for each boulder shall be: In respect of the Final round, if only one category is running: a Boulder Judge and the IFSC Judge or if 2 or more categories are running at the same time: a minimum of one (1) Boulder Judge who shall be at least a National Judge</p>
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7.11.5ii	The climber who suffered the TI is the only one who should be affected by the consequences							
	If the competitor chooses not to continue, then the competitor will resume their attempts in a Rotation Period to be calculated by the Jury President without affecting the other climbers							
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	Speed Rules							
8.1.1	Removal of 10m event in Rules as not done anymore							
	Speed competitions shall take place on climbing routes with a nominal length of 15m, constructed on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls.							
8.6.1	The climbers need to confirm their participation before the practice or qualification							
	<p>All the competitors need to confirm their participation in the call zone one hour before the start (including the practice). The starting order for the left lane (Lane A) shall be randomized. The starting order for the right lane (Lane B) shall be in the same order as for Lane A but with a stagger of 50%.</p> <p>Example: When 21 competitors are in a category then the one who is scheduled to start 1st on Lane A will start 11th on Lane B.</p>							
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PART 3 – EVENT RULES

	World Cups
11.4.1	Allow different TO to register for a special disciplines at the WCH / WYCH / WCs-Identification of the head of delegation.
	<p>11.4.1 Member federations may register, within statutory deadlines, all their 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) One (1) Head of Delegation; b) 2 Coaches per discipline; c) 2 Qualified medical or para-medical personnel.
11.4.2 a)	Add the overall champion among the competitors directly qualified

	<p>Subject to Article 11.2.1, member federations may register on the official IFSC registration form a National Team comprising (where applicable):</p> <p>a) Any current Adult/Youth World/Continental Champion (only for the Discipline in which they are champion) and any current Adult/Youth Overall World/Continental Champion at the start of the Calendar Year;</p>
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12.4.2 a)	<p>Add the overall champion among the competitors directly qualified</p> <p>Subject to Article 12.2.1, member federations may register on the official IFSC registration form a National Team comprising (where applicable):</p> <p>a) Any current Adult/Youth World/Continental Champion (who shall be registered for the Discipline in which they are champion) and any current Adult/Youth Overall World/Continental Champion at the start of the Calendar Year;</p>
	World Youth Championships
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13.4.2 a)	<p>Add the overall champion among the competitors directly qualified</p> <p>Subject to Articles 13.2.1 and 13.2.2, member federations may register on the official IFSC registration form a National Team comprising (where applicable):</p> <p>a) Any current Adult/Youth World/Continental Champion (who shall be registered for the Discipline in which they are champion) and any current Youth Overall World/Continental ; and</p>
	Paraclimbing Cup Series / Paraclimbing World Championship
14.1.2	<p>Precision concerning the minimum number of athletes and countries to organize the competition in a category-When held in conjunction with a World Cup, the organizer can decide to limit the number of categories.</p> <p>c) shall be open to the ability categories described in Article 14.2.2, provided that:</p> <p>i) the minimum number of registered competitors required to constitute a valid category shall be six (6), from a minimum of four (4) countries for World Paraclimbing Championships and four (4), from a</p>

	<p>minimum of three (3) countries for World Paraclimbing Cups. If the number of competitors registered for the category is lower than this minimum, no competition shall be held for that category; and.</p> <p>ii) in respect of any World Paraclimbing Cup organised in conjunction with a IFSC World Cup event, the organiser may limit the number of open categories, subject to a minimum of three open categories. Such decision will be communicated in advance. .</p>
14.1.3	Removed
14.2.2	Precisions concerning the Visual Impairment (V1)
	<p>Note: Measures of visual acuity and visual field should be made with correction, and the result of the better eye used for the purposes of classification. All athletes who use contact lenses or corrective or glasses must wear them for classification, whether or not they intend to wear them in competition.</p> <p>The athlete must provide at registration a medical certificate from an examination by an ophthalmologist in their home country.</p> <p>The Medical Commission will appoint the competition examiners. The IFSC, through its competition examiners, maintains the right to reclassify an Athlete if they feel after observing the Athlete's performance, he/she should be registered in a different category.</p>
14.2.4	Precisions concerning the use of artificial aids
	<p>a) Arm amputee athletes do not have the right to use any prosthesis. A finger amputee will be classified in the category NDP, not as an arm amputee.</p> <p>b) Leg Amputee athletes may use prosthesis. No coefficient will be awarded for the use of a prosthesis or not.</p> <p>c) Visually impaired climbers of the B1 category should wear completely opaque mask (personal equipment). The organisation may provide masks at their discretion in accordance with the regulations this shall be announced during the Technical meeting. If the mask moves or falls off, the athlete shall be stopped.</p>
14.3.1	Precisions concerning the lead format
	<p>SAFETY</p> <p>a) Competitors shall compete on "Top Rope"; The IFSC Judge may decide, in consultation with the Chief Route Setter and with the approval of the Jury President to have a belay assistant at the beginning of the route to provide additional security for a competitor (i.e. to « spot ») on the lower part of the route.</p> <p>b) The climbing ropes shall be connected to the competitor's harness by two Screwgate or Self-Locking Karabiners arranged in opposition (i.e. with the gates in opposition) and the climbing rope must also be attached to the Karabiners using a "figure of eight" knot, secured with a "stopper" knot or tape.</p> <p>COMPETITION PRECEDURE</p> <p>c) The competition shall include only two rounds, a Qualification round and a Final round;</p> <p>d) « Flash system » is to be used in qualifications. Final round is « on sight », except for Visual impairment athletes.</p> <p>Final round for athletes with a visual impairment shall use the « flash system ». Coaches can guide several visually impaired athletes, in the same category or not. Visual impaired Athletes and theirs guides are subject to the same constraints concerning isolation rules but they are authorized to leave the isolation zone to join the competition area when proposed by the Jury President which could not be later than 30 minutes before the beginning of the competition. A video recording of the route should be continuously played back in the transit area from this moment to the end of the final round or, If a video recording is not possible, a live demonstration of the route shall be made not less than 30 minutes before the attempt of the first competitor.</p>

	<p>OBSERVATION PROCEDURE</p> <p>e) Entrance of the competition zone, the competitor shall present themselves to the belayer back to the wall, who shall attach the climbing rope to their harness. Each competitor shall be allowed a final observation period of 40 seconds, this time start when the competitor is face to the wall or touch the wall for blinds.</p> <p>CLIMBING PROCEDURE</p> <p>f) The attempt of a competitor on a route shall be considered successful when the competitor controlled with one hand the (last) hold marked “TOP”</p>
14.3.3	Precisions concerning some lead IFSC rules modified/disapplied for competitors in paraclimbing categories
	<p>a) Articles 6.9.3 to 6.9.6 and 6.9.9 h) concerning the clipping of quickdraws on lead are disapplied.</p> <p>b) Article 6.9.1: It may be authorised for NPD and Leg amputee categories to do small jump in order to position themselves for a correct start in the route.</p>
14.3.5	Precisions concerning the boulder format
	<p>SAFETY AND DESIGN</p> <p>a) Competitors shall compete on “Top Rope”, belayed from the ground.</p> <p>b) The rope shall be a single rope. The climbing rope shall be connected to the competitor’s harness by two Screwgate or Self-Locking Karabiners arranged in opposition (i.e. with the gates in opposition) and the climbing rope must also be attached to the Karabiners using a “figure of eight” knot, secured with a “stopper” knot or tape.</p> <p>c) Boulder problems shall be set so as to avoid any falls on the relief of the structure and with all starting holds capable of being reached from a standing position.</p> <p>d) Design of problems : As for Article 7.2.5 except::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - only one marked hand hold for the arm amputee category - only one marked foot hold for the leg amputee category <p>COMPETITION PRECEDURE</p> <p>e) The competition shall include only two rounds, a Qualification round and a Final round;</p> <p>f) Qualification round:</p> <p>8 boulders are proposed for each age group and category. The numbering of the boulders is an indication of the difficulty. Number 1 is the easiest boulder, numbers 2 to 5 are of medium difficulty, numbers 6 to 8 are the hardest boulders. Each competitor has maximum 5 attempts on each boulder.</p> <p>The qualification round is flash without any demonstration. In case of few competitors, age groups and categories may be joined in the same qualification group.</p> <p>The climbers may be authorized to use only one color of hold. In this case, a maximum of three colors can be used by the route setters to identified boulders on the same area.</p> <p>Each competitor chooses the moment to attempt each boulder in the order he/she wants and gives his score card to the Boulder Judge before making his attempt. All the competitors from a group try together the 8 boulders in the allocated time which can’t be less than an hour and half. If the group contains more than thirty climbers, then the time will be increased by two minutes for each additional climber. The allocated time must be announced before the round. If necessary the Boulder Judge makes a starting list in the order of the competitors’ attempting the boulder.</p> <p>The beginning and the end of the qualification round will be announced by a loud signal. One minute before the end of the qualification period there will be another signal.</p>

	<p>f) Final round:</p> <p>4 boulders are proposed “on sight” to the climbers.</p> <p>Final round is taking place as the final round is specified in the bouldering IFSC rule. The closing isolation can be more than one hour before the start of the final round if some final boulders are used by several categories.</p> <p>CLIMBING PROCEDURE</p> <p>g) Assistance to blind categories athletes (B1, B2, B3) during the observation time and attempts : athletes can use the help of assistants, or trainers, in order to get instructions about directions of moves, shape of holds, and also distance between them. This includes the use of communication system during the performance. The guide can help some different climbers in different category of visual deficiency.</p> <p>h) The competitors shall be ranked according to the following criteria:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The number of successfully completed boulders;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The total number of attempts to complete these boulders;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The total number of bonus points;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The total number of attempts to achieve these bonus points.</p>
14.3.7	Precisions concerning the speed format
	<p>The speed route is may not be the similar for all categories.</p> <p>A route type will be set by route setters having as a basis, the IFSC Official world record route. A first adaptation will be set up for all categories except for the visually impaired, arms amputees and wheelchairs. These latter categories have additional adaptation</p>
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14.4.5	Modification of deadline for registration
	<p>The deadline for team registration at each competition held under these rules shall be Thirty (30) days before the first day of the competition for a World Paraclimbing Cup, and Sixty (60) days for the World Paraclimbing Championship. Following this deadline, but subject always to Article 11.4.3, member federations may, in exceptional circumstances, withdraw team members and substitute new team members to replace those withdrawn, but may not add to the number of team members registered.</p>
14.6.1	Modification of the date of publication of startlists
	<p>A list of competitors entered for each event shall be published on the IFSC website at least twenty five (25) days prior a World cup and fifty five (55) days prior to a World Championships.</p>
14.7.2	Precisions concerning medals for World Paraclimbing Cup
	<p>At the end of World Paraclimbing Cup, Gold/Silver/Bronze medals shall be awarded to the competitors respectively ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Category for each Discipline if the number of competitions is more or equal at 3. Each position acquired in each competition brings points for the final ranking of the</p>

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	<p>Event Rankings</p> <p>14.10.1 The ranking of individual competitors participating in any individual event in a World Paraclimbing Cup competition shall be calculated as set out in the relevant Section of Part 2 to these Rules.</p> <p>World Paraclimbing Cup Ranking</p> <p>14.10.2 At the end of each World Paraclimbing Cup competition, the first thirty (30) competitors in each Category and Discipline shall be awarded the following Ranking Points for the purpose of calculating the World Paraclimbing Cup Ranking of each competitor:</p> <table><tr><td>Rank</td><td>Points</td><td>Rank</td><td>Points</td><td>Rank</td><td>Points</td></tr><tr><td>1st</td><td>100</td><td>11th</td><td>31</td><td>21st</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>2nd</td><td>80</td><td>12th</td><td>28</td><td>22nd</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>3rd</td><td>65</td><td>13th</td><td>26</td><td>23rd</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>4th</td><td>55</td><td>14th</td><td>24</td><td>24th</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>5th</td><td>51</td><td>15th</td><td>22</td><td>25th</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>6th</td><td>47</td><td>16th</td><td>20</td><td>26th</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>7th</td><td>43</td><td>17th</td><td>18</td><td>27th</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>8th</td><td>40</td><td>18th</td><td>16</td><td>28th</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>9th</td><td>37</td><td>19th</td><td>14</td><td>29th</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>10th</td><td>34</td><td>20th</td><td>12</td><td>30th</td><td>1</td></tr></table> <p>Note: The points gained by tied competitors in a competition will be the average of the points for the tied rank positions. The points will be rounded off to whole numbers.</p> <p>14.10.3 The World Paraclimbing Cup Ranking shall be calculated by adding the Ranking Points awarded to each competitor across the World Cup series, ranking competitors in descending order of the total number of Ranking Points accumulated. To be ranked, competitors must have participated in at least three (3) competitions.</p> <p>14.10.4 If two or more competitors are tied in first place in the World Paraclimbing Cup Ranking at the completion of the final competition of the World Paraclimbing Cup series, having the same number of points; the tied competitors shall be assessed with a view to breaking the tie by comparing the individual rankings in those competitions in which the competitors have been in direct competition with each other - i.e. the number of 'better' places in competitions in which they have competed against each other. If a tie remains unbroken following this assessment, then the highest number of best results, starting with the number of 1st places, then the number of 2nd places and so on, shall determine the first place.</p> <p>Combined Ranking</p> <p>14.10.5 A “Combined Ranking” shall be calculated for each competitor having participated in at least two (2) competitions within each of the Lead, Boulder and Speed World Cup series. The Combined Ranking shall be calculated by adding all Ranking Points awarded to the competitor in each World Paraclimbing Cup series, ranking competitors in descending order of the total number of Ranking Points</p>	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	1st	100	11th	31	21st	10	2nd	80	12th	28	22nd	9	3rd	65	13th	26	23rd	8	4th	55	14th	24	24th	7	5th	51	15th	22	25th	6	6th	47	16th	20	26th	5	7th	43	17th	18	27th	4	8th	40	18th	16	28th	3	9th	37	19th	14	29th	2	10th	34	20th	12	30th	1
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