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PART 1 - GOVERNANCE

	International licenses
2.5.4	Precisions concerning the change of nationality.
	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 after the 1st of March, or after the 1st event in the IFSC calendar whichever is the earliest. No further change of nationality for the competitor shall be allowed for 4 years from the initial change. Any change of a competitor's national team is subject to the agreement of both concerned member federations.
2.5.6	A competitor also acting as a coach is considered as the same person regarding the disciplinary sanctions.
	A competitor also acting as a coach is considered as the same person regarding any disciplinary sanctions. A competitor who is also registered as a coach is considered to be the same person with regard to any disciplinary sanctions. Sanctions will be cumulative.

PART 2 - TECHNICAL RULES

	Boulder Rules
7.2.5	Precisions on marked start
	Each boulder shall have a clearly marked start which shall consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Marked handhold(s) for both hands; and ii. Marked foothold(s) for both feet. iii. The use of taped "flashes" to mark as the start a blank or unbounded area of the wall is not permitted. iv. In exceptional circumstances, the starting holds may be labelled left and right to denote a specific required starting position. v. Combination of holds can be considered and marked as a single hold.
7.7.14	This article is removed and the new version place in the event part.
	The Final round shall take place on one (1) course of boulders for each Category. Unless decided otherwise by the Technical Delegate and announced during the Technical Meeting, both Categories shall normally compete simultaneously with

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	<p>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.</p> <p>Note: Any unpaired competitors (i.e. where the number of finalists in each Category is different) shall compete first.</p>																									
7.7.18	<p>The article concerning the tie-break boulder is removed</p> <p>In the circumstances described in Article 7.10.4a), tied competitors shall make attempt a "Tie-Break" boulder:</p> <p>i. The starting order for attempts shall be the same as that for the Final round</p> <p>ii. The performance of each competitor shall be judged in accordance with Articles 6.4.2 to 6.4.5 and 6.10.1.</p> <p>iii. 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).</p> <p>iv. If a tie still exists after six (6) attempts, then the relevant competitors will be given an equal ranking.</p>																									
7.9.2	<p>The competitor must pass through a stable position before moving. Possibility to touch unmarked holds when the climber is in the starting position</p> <p>Having left the ground, competitors must have achieved the starting position marked in accordance with Article 7.2.5 and controlled the starting hand holds before using any other holds.</p> <p>Note: If a competitor, in a legitimate position of start, touches (not uses) other holds or volumes due to his/her climbing posture, the start will be deemed as regular.</p>																									
7.10.1	<p>Change of the structure of the scoring system</p> <p>After each round of the competition, each competitor participating in that round shall be ranked within their Starting Group/Category using the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> First, in descending order, the number of successfully completed boulders ("TOPS") in the current round; Second, in descending order, the total number of zone points gained by the competitor in the current round; Third, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to complete these boulders; Fourth, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to achieve these zone points. <p>Example:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Rank</th> <th>Tops</th> <th>Zones</th> <th>T. attempts</th> <th>Z. attempts</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>5</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>4</td> <td>4</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> <td>5</td> <td>3</td> <td>5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Rank	Tops	Zones	T. attempts	Z. attempts	1	4	5	5	7	2	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	4	3	5	3	5
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7.10.4	<p>New procedure to break the tie for the places for the podium</p>																									



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	<p>If following the countback process of Article 7.10.3 any competitors remain tied for the 3 first places:</p> <p>i. If such tie relates to competitors ranked equal 1st, equal 2nd, or equal 3rd following the Final round, the relative ranking of these competitors will be determined:</p> <p>a) by comparing the best results for each such competitor within the final round, starting with the number of Tops attained on the 1st attempt, then the number of Tops attained on the 2nd attempt, and so on;</p> <p>b) where the comparison in (a) cannot break any tie, by comparing within the final round the number of Zones attained on the 1st attempt, then the number of Zones attained on the 2nd attempt, and so on.</p> <p>c) where competitors remain tied for first, second or third place following (a) and (b) then the process will be repeated using the results from the semi-final and if needed the qualification round if appropriate (i.e. if there was only a single group in the qualification round.)</p> <p>d) where competitors remain tied following (a), (b) and (c), the results of such competitors shall be considered equal.</p> <p>ii. If such tie relates to any other competitors, the relevant competitors will be given an equal ranking.</p>
	<p>Speed Rules</p>
<p>8.1.2</p>	<p>The number of stages in the final round in the previous version was subject to interpretation</p> <p>8.1.2 Speed competitions shall normally consist of:</p> <p>i. A Qualification round, consisting of a single stage; and</p> <p>ii. A Final round, consisting of between two and four stages (1/8 final, ¼ final, ½ final, and Final composed of Small Final & Big Final).</p> <p>In the case of unforeseen events, the Jury President may decide to cancel one of the rounds, in which case the results of the previous round shall count as the ranking of the cancelled round.</p>
<p>8.4.2</p>	<p>Removal of hand timing</p> <p>The climbing time shall be measured using both:</p> <p>i. An Automatic Timing system in accordance to the IFSC Speed License Rules and approved by the IFSC, and</p> <p>ii. Hand Timing.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>8.4.3</p>	<p>Specifications about Automatic Timing</p>



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	<p>The timing system shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. record the finishing time for each competitor separately when they strike an automatic switch/pad positioned; ii. 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); and iii. announce false start as specified in Article 8.9.8.
8.4.7/8/9	<p>Removal of hand timing</p> <p>Removed</p>
8.7.5	<p>Reducing the possibility of additional attempt but used of the 1/1000th of a second to break the ties</p> <p>If the quota for the Final round is exceeded as a result of tied competitors, each having at least one valid time, the relative ranking of such competitors shall be determined by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i. Using the precision of 1/1000 of second;</i> <i>ii. If the tie still remains, by comparing the second (greater) time recorded by each competitor using the precision of 1/1000 of second. The competitor with the faster second time will be given the higher (better) ranking;</i> <i>iii. where any such competitors have no second time, such competitors shall be ranked behind any competitors having a second time and the relative ranking of such competitors (if there are more than one) shall be determined by conducting an additional run on the left lane (Lane A) to break the tie. The relevant competitors shall make one further attempt on Lane A with a view toward breaking the tie. The times recorded in these attempts will be used only to determine which competitors qualify for the Final round.</i> <p>Note: Multiple attempts will be made if necessary to break repeating ties</p> <p>If the timing system does not allow the use of the precision of 1/1000 of second, the Technical Delegate may authorise the same rule with only 1/100 of second. This must be announced at the Technical Meeting.</p>
8.7.10	<p>No additional attempt but used of the 1/1000th of a second to break the ties</p> <p>If any race during the final round results in a tie, the precision of 1/1000 of second will be used. If the tie still remains, the winner will be the competitor with the lowest valid time from the Qualification round (with the full application of art.8.7.5).</p>

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8.9.9	<p>In case of false start in final, the winner does not climb alone and precision concerning the participation in ½ final.</p> <p>If a competitor makes a false start within the competition:</p> <p>i. Within the Qualification round:</p> <p>i) he/she 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;</p> <p>ii) the competitor who has made a false start shall be ranked last in that round.</p> <p>ii. Within the Final round:</p> <p>i) he/she 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 with the exception that if the false start happened in either semi final then the competitor will take part in the race for 3rd and 4th place;</p> <p>ii) the competitor who has made a false start shall be ranked last in the stage, or in the case of the last stage of the competition the race, during which the false start occurred and their ranking assessed as set out in Article 8.10.</p> <p>The competitor who has not made a false start is declared the winner of the race and does not re-climb except for the Big Final for which he/she is allowed to make one attempt to try to break the world record.</p>
	<p>Speed World Records</p>
10.3	<p>Removal of hand timing</p>
	<p>Removed</p>
	<p>No classic belaying allowed for world records</p>
10.3.2	<p>No record may be set where classic belay has been used. i.e. Articles 8.2.3, 8.3.3, 8.3.5, and 8.3.8 are not applicable.</p>

PART 3 - EVENT RULES

	<p>World Cups Series</p>
11.3.2 iii.	<p>Finals have to be held separately</p>
	<p>The finals shall be organised separately for Lead and Bouldering.</p>
11.7.8	<p>Overall World Cup Ranking</p>
	<p>A “Combined Ranking” shall be calculated by adding the highest Ranking Points awarded to the competitor in each World Cup series and each of the 3 disciplines, ranking competitors in descending order of the total number of Ranking Points accumulated. For each discipline, if the number of World Cups is five (5) or less, all results shall count, and if there are six (6) or more,</p>

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	<p>the number of counting results will be the number of competitions less one (1).</p> <p>11.7.8 Only competitors who compete in a minimum of 2 (two) World Cup competitions in each discipline (i.e. 2 in Bouldering, 2 in Lead, and 2 in Speed) in the current season shall be given an Overall World Cup Ranking. When a competitor participates to more than 2 (two) competitions in a discipline than the best 2 (two) results in that discipline shall be selected.</p> <p>11.7.9 The Overall World Cup Ranking shall be calculated as follows:</p> <p>i. Each eligible competitor shall be awarded “Ranking Points” for each completed competition equal to the relative ranking calculated by ranking in ascending order (i.e. lower values are better) only competitors satisfying Article 11.7.8.</p> <p>ii. A Ranking Point Total shall be calculated for each relevant competitor by multiplying together the Ranking Points awarded for each eligible competition.</p> <p>iii. Each relevant competitor shall be ranked in ascending order of the Ranking Point Total calculated for each competitor (i.e. lower values are better).</p>												
11.10.2	<p>Precision about anti-doping test requirements</p> <p>i. The winners in each Category of each individual event; or, upon direction of the IFSC Technical Delegate, chosen finalists in each Category of each individual event;</p>												
	<p>World Championships</p>												
12.3.1	<p>Finals have to be held separately</p> <p>Unless the IFSC has specified an alternative format, the format of each event in a World Championship shall be as set out in the relevant Section of Part 2 to these Rules. The finals shall be organised separately for Lead and Bouldering.</p>												
12.4.5	<p>Shortening of the registration dead line</p> <p>The deadline for team registration at each World Championship shall be ten (10) days before the first day of the competition...</p>												
12.7.2/3/4	<p>Overall Ranking</p> <p>An Overall Ranking shall be calculated for each eligible competitor as follows:</p> <p>The Overall Ranking shall be in ascending order of the arithmetic sum of the Overall Ranking Points awarded for each completed event (i.e. lower Overall Ranking Points is better).</p> <p>Example:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Competitor</th> <th>ORP (Lead)</th> <th>ORP (Boulder)</th> <th>ORP (Speed)</th> <th>Sum</th> <th>Overall Ranking</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Competitor	ORP (Lead)	ORP (Boulder)	ORP (Speed)	Sum	Overall Ranking						
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A	1	3	3	7	3
B	2	1	2	5	1
C	3	2	1	6	2

If two or more competitors are tied following the calculation of the arithmetic sum, the tie shall be broken by comparing the 'best' result achieved by each tied competitor. If following this the tie remains unbroken, then the second best results shall be compared. If following a comparison of all results the tie remains unbroken, then the head-to-head performance of any competitors remaining tied shall be used to break the tie

Example 1:

Competitor	ORP (Lead)	ORP (Boulder)	ORP (Speed)	Sum	Overall Ranking
A	1	3	9	13	1
B	2	9	2	13	2

Competitor A is ranked above Competitor B, their having 'best results' of 1st and 2nd respectively

Example 2:

Competitor	ORP (Lead)	ORP (Boulder)	ORP (Speed)	Sum	Overall Ranking
A	1	3	9	13	1
B	4	1	8	13	2

Both competitors have equal 'best' results. Competitor A is ranked above Competitor B, their having 'second best' results of 3rd and 4th respectively

Example 3:

Competitor	ORP (Lead)	ORP (Boulder)	ORP (Speed)	Sum	Overall Ranking
A	1	3	9	13	1
B	3	9	1	13	2

Both competitors have equal 'best' and 'second best' results. Competitor A is ranked above Competitor B, having better results than Competitor B in two of the three events.

12.7.2 Each competitor participating in all three individual events shall be awarded "Overall Ranking Points" for each individual event, calculated as follows:

- i. Where the competitor has a unique ranking in the event relative to other competitors participating in all three events, equal to that ranking; or
- ii. Where two or more relevant competitors are tied in an event, equal to the average relative ranking of the tied competitors



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e.g. Where there are 4 ties at 8th place then the Overall Ranking Points awarded to each tied competitor will be equal to $(8 + 9 + 10 + 11) / 4 = 9.5$

12.7.3 A Ranking Point Total shall be calculated for each relevant competitor by multiplying together the Ranking Points awarded for each competition. Each competitor shall be ranked in ascending order of the Ranking Point Total calculated for each competitor (i.e. lower values are better), provided that where any competitors have the same Ranking Point Total, the relative Overall Ranking of the tied competitors shall be determined for any round by comparing the head-to-head performance of such competitors within the round.

Example: Tied competitors split by head-head comparison

	Speed	Boulde	Lead	Points	Rankin
		r			g
Competitor A	12	3	8	288	1
Competitor B	4	8	9	288	2

12.7.4 The Overall Ranking will be published:

i. As a provisional ranking following the completion of each individual event based on the results of competitors registered for all three individual events; and

ii. As the official ranking following the completion of all three events. Competitors entered for but who do not compete in all three individual events will be removed from the official Overall Ranking.

12.8.1 iii

In case of no Combined event takes place, Gold/Silver/Bronze medals shall be awarded to the competitors respectively ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Category in the Overall Ranking.

12.10.2

Precision about anti-doping test requirements

i. The winners in each Category of each individual event; or, upon direction of the IFSC Technical Delegate, chosen finalists in each Category of each individual event;

Youth World Championships

13.4.5

Shortening of the registration dead line

The deadline for team registration at each Youth World Championship shall be **ten (10)** days before the first day of the competition...

Combined Event and Olympic Games

15.2.2.1

Clarification on the construction of the seeding list coming from multiple qualifying

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	<p>events</p> <p>ii. Where competitors are qualified for the Combined event through multiple qualifying events, following the Qualification System. Precedence of results published by the IOC i.e. World Championship results take precedence over Continental Championship results. in force for the event and following the corresponding Seeding List Principles published by the IFSC.</p>
15.4.1.1	Removal of manual timing
	a) except in the case where manual timing is used, all times shall be recorded and compared to 1/100th of a second.
15.4.1.1	<p>In Speed, re-run is now only conducted to untie athletes having no valid time</p> <p>b) in respect of the Qualification Round [...]</p> <p>ii. where any such competitors have no second time, such competitors shall be ranked behind any competitors having a second time and the relative ranking of such competitors (if there are more than one) shall be determined by conducting an additional run on the left lane (Lane A) to break the tie;</p> <p>c) in respect of the Final Round [...]</p> <p>iii. if in any race both competitors have the same time, the race shall be re-run once following two (2) minutes rest for the relevant competitors. If the competitors remain tied following this re-run, their best time from the qualification round will be compared. If they remain tied, their second best time from the qualification will be compared.</p> <p>iv. Where the comparison in (iii) cannot break any tie, by comparing their ranking from the Combined qualification round. The competitor having the best rank being rank first. relative ranking of the two competitors shall be determined from the fastest time recorded by each such competitor in the Qualification round;</p> <p>d) where two or more competitors are tied each having no valid time [...]</p> <p>i. In the Qualification Round, by conducting an additional run on the left lane (Lane A) to break the tie their will be considered equal and their ranking calculated as described in section 15.5.2; and</p> <p>ii. In Races 1, 2 or 3 of the Final round, by conducting an additional run, and if they remain tied by applying the provision described above in section 15.4.1.1 c) iii comparison of the fastest time recorded by each such competitor in the Qualification round</p>
15.4.1.2	In Boulder, Some article deleted to align with the new scoring system
15.4.1.3	<p>In Lead, removal of the use of 1/10th of second and acceptance that athletes can remain tied in Lead ranking</p> <p>a) in the event that two or more competitors are tied, [...]</p> <p>ii. where following (i), two or more competitors remain tied, the time recorded on the</p>

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	<p><u>official video system shall be used to resolve climbing time to the nearest 1/10th of a second; and</u></p> <p><u>c) where competitors remain tied for first place following (a) and (b), the competitors will be considered as equal and their ranking calculated as described in section 15.5.2</u></p>
15.5.2.3	<p>In reference to the Combined ranking in final, a reference to the Qualification Rank has been added to untie athlete.</p> <p>The tables serving as example have been modified accordingly.</p> <p><u>b). In respect to the final round, by comparing their rank in the Combined qualification round;</u></p>

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