

Successful conclusion to first ever European Ice Climbing Youth Championship

Rising stars and former champions

The first ever European Ice Climbing Youth Championship has been concluded in Saas Grund, Switzerland. The men's overall winner was Russia's Alexey Iakovlev. His compatriot, Liubov Mikryukova, took top honours among the young women. The Swiss team also did well.

http://www.theuiaa.org/ice_results_2010.html

The youth were also given the opportunity to learn from the sport's elite during the "Coaching with the Stars" event, with former World Cup champion Ines Papert and World Cup winner Urs Odermatt revealing their tricks of the trade. The event was made possible with the generous support of ARISF.

<http://arisf.wordpress.com/>

Images of the youth events can be downloaded at Photopress.

<http://www.photopress.ch/Lightbox.do?oid=3963>

Lead and Speed

UIAA recognises Ice Climbing as a competitive sport and is responsible for organisation and promotion of the Ice Climbing World Cup and International Championships. There are two Ice Climbing disciplines, Speed and Lead. In Speed, athletes race up an ice face for the best time. In Lead competitions the climbers' ability to master a difficult route in a given time is tested.

Next event

The next World Cup event will be in Saas Fee, Switzerland, on January 22 and 23, which will also include Speed and Lead competitions. See full list of events.

http://www.theuiaa.org/ice_climbing_world_cup_2010.html

RedFox and Zamberlan

Presenting Sponsors of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup 2010 are Russian mountaineering clothing and equipment company RedFox and Italian footwear maker Zamberlan. Read more.

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Sochi, Russia

In its commitment to developing the sport, the UIAA plans to expand the circuit with the intention of showcasing Ice Climbing competitions in Sochi, Russia at the same time as the 2014 Winter Olympics. Discussions with the Sochi Olympic Organising Committee have indicated that Ice Climbing competitions could be welcome as part of the "Live Events" being planned for the general public.

Global reach

The UIAA, with 80 member organisations in 57 countries, represents more than 1 million people worldwide. It's the International Olympic Committee's recognised international federation for mountaineering and natural surface climbing.

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