

UIAA Regulations concerning International Ski Mountaineering Competitions

In accordance with Article 3 d) and Article 10 l) of the Articles of Association (AoA) of the UIAA and under the conditions as outlined below, the General Assembly of the UIAA decides that UIAA acts as the International Federation governing international ski mountaineering competitions.

I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

In accordance with the UIAA Environmental Objectives and Guidelines and with the Report on Ski Mountaineering Competitions approved by the General Assembly of October 1994 in Istanbul, UIAA supports mountaineering activities exercised with responsibility towards the mountain environment. These Guidelines apply to all ski mountaineering competitions organised under the aegis of the UIAA. In particular, competitions shall avoid the overuse of sensitive areas by competitors, spectators, advertisements, etc. Pollution as all other impacts on the environment is to be minimised.

Particular emphasis is to be put on all aspects of safety. Competitors have to recognise and accept the risks involved in ski mountaineering competitions according to the UIAA-Statement on Dangers in Mountaineering.

For each international ski mountaineering competition organised under the rules of UIAA the organiser must apply for and receive the authorisation of the UIAA member association representing the country where the competition is held. In case of countries with more than one UIAA member association the organiser needs at least the authorisation by one of those associations.

II. ORGANISATION

1. ISMC

UIAA constitutes the International Council for Ski Mountaineering Competitions (ISMC). The ISMC is an internal organisation of the UIAA and has no separate legal status.

With the exception of Aspirant members (below II.2) only member associations of the UIAA can be or become members of ISMC in accordance with Article 5 of the AoA of the UIAA.

All member associations of the UIAA can become active members of the ISMC and all their individual members are entitled to participate in official ski mountaineering competitions and to receive corresponding championship titles.

2. Aspirant members

Under the condition that there is no existing UIAA member of the same country the Plenary Assembly of ISMC can accept associations interested in ski mountaineering as Aspirant members. Aspirant members are entitled to participate in competitions as outlined under art. II. 1. para. 3 above. They have, however, no right of vote, neither in UIAA nor ISMC.

Within 2 years latest aspirant members have to apply for full UIAA membership. If this is not the case or if the application is not accepted by the General Assembly of the UIAA, the Aspirant membership expires.

The ISMC will inform the Board of the UIAA of all Aspirant members accepted by its Plenary Assembly.

3. Authority of the ISMC

The ISMC is responsible for the regulation, promotion and administration of the sport of international ski mountaineering and for the supervision of competitions.

The ISMC authorises member associations or - through them - other organisers to run international ski mountaineering competitions under the rules of ISMC/UIAA. It does, however, not organise competitions itself.

The ISMC is competent for establishing its own statutes, by-laws and regulations. Such statutes, by-laws and regulations of the ISMC shall observe and comply with

- the AoA of the UIAA
- the rules of the IOC and AGFIS
- the articles of this document

4. Authority of the UIAA

The General Assembly of the UIAA is competent to amend or change the present Regulations at any time.

The President of the UIAA shall represent international ski mountaineering vis-à-vis the IOC, AGFIS and other international bodies of similar status. The President of the ISMC shall be kept fully informed of such contacts.

Contractual commitments towards third parties outside the UIAA in connection with the sport of international ski mountaineering shall be entered into and signed in accordance with the AoA of UIAA, that is by the President of the UIAA and an other member of the Board.

5. Collaboration between ISMC and other UIAA Bodies

The Board of the UIAA as well as the Mountain Protection Commission each have the right to appoint a representative being member of the Management Committee of the ISMC with full voting rights.

The President of the ISMC shall attend and - where required - report to the General Assembly and to the Council of the UIAA in the same way as a Commission President.

A copy of the Minutes of the ISMC Plenary Assembly as well as of the meeting of the ISMC Management Committee shall be submitted to the secretariat of the UIAA.

6. Structure of the ISMC

a) Plenary Assembly

The highest body of the ISMC is the Plenary Assembly of those member associations of UIAA that are actively involved in international ski mountaineering competitions. The right to vote in the Plenary Assembly is regulated in the statutes of the ISMC. It can differ from the rules governing the right of vote in the General Assembly of UIAA.

b) Management Committee

The Management Committee is the executive body of the ISMC. Its tasks and competences are regulated in the statutes of ISMC.

c) Technical Commissions

For specific tasks the Management Committee may appoint technical commissions.

d) Secretariat

ISMC shall have its own secretariat independent of the secretariat of UIAA.

e) Disciplinary Committee

Disciplinary rules and disciplinary bodies are drawn-up by special regulations of the Plenary Assembly of the ISMC.

III. FINANCES

The ISMC shall be entirely responsible for financing its own activities. It has a right to fix a subscription fee for its members as well as fees for the participation in any competition which it approves.

Until further decision of the General Assembly of the UIAA all income of the ISMC shall be used solely for the purpose of the furtherance, development and administration of international ski mountaineering competitions, including costs incurred by the UIAA directly for ISMC.

The ISMC shall be required to produce annual budgets which shall be presented for information to the General Assembly of the UIAA.

The ISMC shall produce annual accounts audited by an auditor appointed by its Plenary Assembly. The annual accounts shall be presented for approval to the General Assembly of the UIAA.

*Adopted by the General Assembly of UIAA this 10th day of October 1998 in Malacca, Malaysia.
The regulations enter into force immediately.*