



# **2019 ATHLETES' HANDBOOK**

**FOR UIAA INTERNATIONAL ICE CLIMBING  
COMPETITIONS**

VERSION 3

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

FOP – Field of Play

ICC – Ice Climbing Commission

IOC – International Olympic Committee

UIAA – International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation

## 1. WELCOME ICE CLIMBERS

### 1.1 WELCOME BY THE UIAA PRESIDENT – Frits Vrijlandt, ICE CLIMBING COMMISSION PRESIDENT - Carlos Teixeira & BOARD MEMBER – Thomas Kehr

*“Welcome athletes from around the world to the 2019 UIAA Ice Climbing season – the biggest yet with six World Cups, four European Cups, and three World Championships! Promoting and developing competition ice climbing is one of the core missions of the UIAA. Now regularly featuring World Cup events on three continents and attracting some 300 athletes, the annual UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour is a well established competition” – Carlos Teixeira*

*“This season will be one of fantastic change. We have new sponsors, new city centre host venues and a new livestream production company all designed to improve the World Cup Tour for you the most important part of the competition – the athletes! We thank our new partner, Outdoor Research, for their support for the next five years and to all event organisers and volunteers for their dedication to producing continually first-class events” – Frits Vrijlandt*

*“What makes ice climbing so special is the commitment and dedication of you the athletes and the unique bond which unites the ice climbing community. This camaraderie, friendship and generosity is always visible at all ice climbing events and one we at the UIAA are extremely proud of. We hope this Handbook provides a useful welcome to the season and I look forward to meeting all of you at the coming events” – Thomas Kehr*



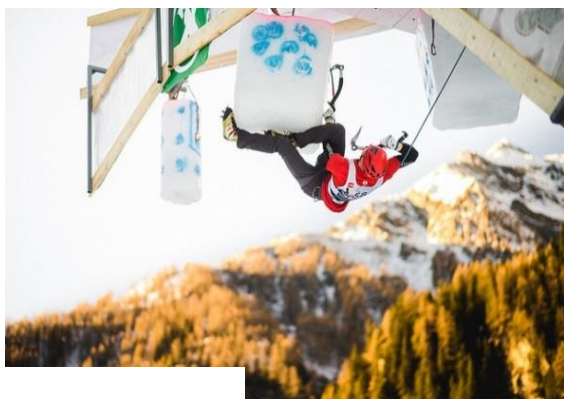
Frits Vrijlandt

Carlos Teixeira

Thomas Kehr

### 1.2 WELCOME BY ICC ATHLETE DELEGATES – Nikolay Primerov & Kendra Stritch

*“Being competitive ice climbers for many years, we have witnessed how much this sport has developed over the past decade. We always wanted to be part of this development and we are so excited to join the UIAA Ice Climbing Commission. We believe it is a major step forward in ice climbing development, since athletes’ viewpoint should be at the heart of any sport. We are looking forward to the coming season, since it will be the biggest so far. We encourage all athletes to compete in a clean manner in as many competitions as possible, and share your experience, insights and thoughts with us via the various communication channels available (social media, email etc.). In turn we, members of athletes’ commission, will do our best to ensure that athlete’s voice is heard in the decision-making across the ice climbing movement” – UIAA ICC athletes”*



Nikolay Primerov competing in Rabenstein, ITA.  
Photo credit: Patrick Schwienbacher



Kendra Stritch at the technical course in Champagny, FRA. Photo credit: Liam Lonsdale

### 1.3 WELCOME FROM UIAA SPORT EVENTS COORDINATOR – Rob Adie, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – Nils Glatthard & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER – Peter Bourne

*“The 2019 season put in place by the UIAA Ice Climbing Commission looks great with an awesome mix of classic traditional venues mixed in with some great city centre locations. We continue to develop ice climbing here at the UIAA with a renewed focus on you guys – the athletes that make it all happen and make organising these events worthwhile! We look forward to working with you during this coming season and there are exciting times ahead of us, so let’s strap on our crampons, grab our tools and climb on for the ride!” – Rob Adie, Nils Glatthard & Peter Bourne*



UIAA Operations Director - Nils Glatthard, Communications Manager - Peter Bourne & Events Coordinator - Rob Adie

## 2. THE 2019 ICE CLIMBING SEASON AT A GLANCE

### 2.1 2018/19 UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD TOUR

UIAA Ice Climbing World Combined Championships (Lead & Speed)  
Moscow, Russia  
14-16 December 2018

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup (Lead & Speed)  
Cheongsong, South Korea  
**11-13 January 2019**

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup (Lead & Speed)  
China - **Venue - TBC**  
**18-20 January 2019**

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup (Lead & Speed)  
Saas Fee, Switzerland  
**24-26 January 2019**

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup (Lead & Speed)  
Rabenstein, Italy  
**01-03 February 2019**

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup (Lead & Speed)  
Champagny-en-Vanoise, France  
**7-9 February 2019**

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Finals (Lead & Speed)  
Denver, Colorado, USA  
**22-24 February 2019**

UIAA Ice Climbing World Championships 2019 (Lead & Speed)  
Kirov, Russia  
**8-10 March 2019**

## **2.2 2019 UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

UIAA World Youth Ice Climbing Championships (Lead & Speed)  
Oulu, Finland  
**28 February - 2 March 2019**

## **2.3 2018/19 ICE CLIMBING EUROPEAN TOUR**

European Cup (Lead)  
Bern, Switzerland  
**24 November 2018**

European Cup (Lead)  
Domzale, Slovenia  
**1 December 2018**

European Cup (Lead)  
Žilina, Slovakia  
**8 December 2018**

European Cup Finals (Lead)  
Oulu, Finland  
**3 March 2019**

### 3. HOW TO FOLLOW & PROMOTE ICE CLIMBING

The UIAA's commitment to ice climbing is total and designed to ensure coverage of the sport is year round. Communication naturally intensifies during the season itself, with the conversation continuing throughout the year – for athletes, coaches, federations, media, partners and fans alike. This section provides details on how to follow the 2019 UIAA Ice Climbing season.

#### 3.1 UIAA COMMUNICATION TO ATHLETES

The most important information is communicated to athletes and federation by email in two ways.

1. Important email updates from the UIAA Ice Climbing team, [iceclimbing@theuiaa.org](mailto:iceclimbing@theuiaa.org)
2. Specific news releases sent by the UIAA to a dedicated ice climbing mailing list.

Important updates will also be communicated on the UIAA Athletes Facebook group – so please join up to this - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/837078173169225/>

All athletes registered for the 2019 UIAA Ice Climbing season have been added to the ice climbing mailing list using the email provided when applying for last season's competition licence. Any athletes not receiving news releases or emails are invited to contact [iceclimbing@theuiaa.org](mailto:iceclimbing@theuiaa.org) and they will be immediately added to the lists.

Important news articles and documents can be found on the dedicated UIAA ice climbing website page - <http://theuiaa.org/ice-climbing/> and on the UIAA's social media channels.

#### 3.2 UIAA COMMUNICATION TO MEDIA

Throughout the season, the UIAA distributes press releases to its international media lists and its member federations. This includes the major season preview and individual event reports.

Media wishing to be added to the distribution list, or athletes wanting to add sponsor addresses or media from their own country, are invited to contact [news@theuiaa.org](mailto:news@theuiaa.org)

The dedicated media page on the UIAA website is: <http://theuiaa.org/media-centre/>

#### 3.3 LIVESTREAMING AND VIDEO COVERAGE

For the 2019 season, the UIAA will be working with QTV as they did in 2017 as a distribution and production partner to ensure the sport is again covered in an innovative, comprehensive and professional manner with great live and non-live content. We also have media partners in the Extreme Channel, Olympic Channel and EpicTV.

Livestreaming will be available from the semi-finals and finals of competitions at all events and available immediately as a play-back. Furthermore, highlights of key competition moments such as medal climbs, decisive duels and spectacular moments will be cut as clips and shared on the UIAA social media channels. Additionally, collated highlight packages and short features were also available and both formed part of the livestream itself. Livestream presentation and commentary comes from Liam Lonsdale. The livestream will be fed into the UIAA Facebook, Twitter and YouTube channels and also embedded on the UIAA website.



The feed from some events was also shared on partner channels such as the Extreme Channel, IOC's Olympic Channel and EpicTV. Media organisations, member federations or climbing channels wishing to share the livestream from UIAA ice climbing competitions are invited to contact [iceclimbing@theuiaa.org](mailto:iceclimbing@theuiaa.org)

The 2018 season was a huge success, reaching over 12 million people comprising three million unique video views and 1.6 million views of the livestreams. For the coming season, the Olympic Channel and the UIAA will reinforce this partnership with full season being broadcast on the channel to help attract a new ice climbing audience.

**If you don't make semi-finals in any given event and would like to be involved in the livestream as a co-commentator commentating on the finals with Liam Lonsdale please contact the UIAA in advance or speak to the UIAA Event Coordinator – Rob Adie at the event itself – [rob.adie@theuiaa.org](mailto:rob.adie@theuiaa.org)**

### 3.4 SOCIAL MEDIA

To help amplify coverage of the sport of ice climbing, the UIAA encourages athletes to share content from the events, either material produced by the UIAA or athlete-generated 'behind the scenes' content. Introducing the sport to new athletes, fans, media and sponsors is a shared goal for everyone involved.

For the upcoming season, the UIAA will be active on the following channels:

[Facebook](#) – livestream, news articles, photo galleries, results, video highlights and clips

[Flickr](#) – hi-res images available to download from all events

[Instagram](#) – photo stories, video clips

[Twitter](#) – news updates, results, livestream, video clips

[YouTube](#) - livestream

The dedicated hashtags are: #uiaaiceclimbing #theuiaa

### 3.5 LIVE RESULTS

Live results will be available on a dedicated page of the UIAA website:

<http://theuiaa.org/ice-climbing/liveresults/>

and at:

<http://results.theuiaa.org/>

The UIAA is working on a new results system with live digital updates and mobile friendly service for the upcoming season which will be updated instantly after each competitor – further details of this will follow.

### 3.6 INTERVIEW REQUESTS

You the athletes are the heart of ice climbing. Your commitment, dedication, passion, skill and the camaraderie of the ice climbing community is what makes the sport so compelling especially as we move forwards with our bid for Olympic inclusion. The UIAA wishes to share your unique stories and backgrounds and both during the season and the off season greatly appreciates your support in producing content about ice climbing and you the ice climbers.

### **3.7 THE 'ICE BOX'**

At all the 2019 World Ice climbing event finals we will have a new 'Ice Box' – which is where the current leader will sit after he/she has competed in the finals. So if you are out first in the final you will automatically be the leader, so you will go and sit on the seat in the designated area, and if the next competitor surpasses your high point you will need to vacate the seat and they will take your place, if not you stay there.

Sometimes there will be space for the other finalists to hang out with the current leader and discuss the final climbs etc. but this will depend on the venue and the space available. Obviously our event venues are outside and you maybe sat there for almost an hour so make sure you have some warm clothing with you – if you have left your gear in isolation or somewhere else please let one of the officials know and they will get your gear for you – please don't leave the 'Ice Box' until the final is over.

### **3.8 CURRENT WORLD CUP LEADER & WORLD CHAMPIONS**

At all the 2019 World events we will have new special bibs available for the current World Cup Leaders and the current World Champions to wear. The current World Cup Leader bib will be a different colour to the usual bibs and will pass from one competitor to the next if the lead changes during the season. The World Champion bibs can be worn by their holders for the entirety of their reign as World Champion. These will be distributed at the first event of the season.

### **3.9 MEDAL CEREMONY & PODIUMS**

New for 2019 – in order for us to conform to the IOC medal ceremony protocol and make the medal ceremonies more succinct and flow better only the top 3 athletes will be invited to podium in each discipline. All finalists will still receive prize money which can be collected from the organisers after the medal ceremony has finished. The UIAA event coordinator will give you a short briefing at each event as to the procedure to follow for medal ceremony, so please ensure you follow this procedure.

The UIAA ICC would also like the podium athletes to wear their competition bibs on the podium, however we understand that if the weather is cold or snowy then it maybe more practical to wear insulating clothing on the podium, but if possible the competition bib should be visible.

## **4. REGISTRATION**

### **4.1 APPLY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ICE CLIMBING COMPETITION LICENCE**

In order to apply for an International Ice Climbing Competition Licence, each athlete must contact the UIAA Member Federation he/she is affiliated to. It is the ice climbing focal point within the given UIAA Member Federation who files the official application for an international competition licence. A licence costs EUR 50 per season and athlete and must be paid either through the UIAA Member Federation or directly by the athlete to the UIAA, prior to the first competition.

Each athlete must show his/her valid International Ice Climbing Competition Licence during



on-site registrations of a UIAA competition. A licence is only valid if signed and stamped by the affiliated UIAA Member Federation, signed by the competitor and his/her legal guardian in case of under age (not 18 years old).

Each UIAA Member Federation is given a login to the website and here it can file applications for all its athletes for the upcoming season: <http://results.theuiaa.org/admin>

The application period starts on 1 November and ends one week before the last competition of the respective season. Late registrations may be accepted, depending on the local organizer and may result in higher registration fees.

## **4.2 REGISTER FOR EVENTS**

Registration to UIAA competitions also goes through the UIAA Member Federations, reason being quotas. Thus, each athlete wishing to compete in the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour must contact the UIAA Member Federation he/she is affiliated to and indicate which competitions and categories he/she wishes to compete in. The website for UIAA Member Federations to proceed with the registration of athletes is the same as for the licences.

At registration at the actual event, each competitor must either pay their license fee or prove that their national federation has paid the license fee in advance. The Competitor Registration Fee for each World Cup or World Championships is EUR 50 / competitor and shall be paid to each Organizer directly by the competitors prior to the competition. The fee allows participation in all types of competitions of that specific event.

**Note: The local organizer of the UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup in Cheongsong, South Korea wishes to know your exact arrival and departure details as well as special requests for accommodation. Therefore, the UIAA asks each athlete (and coach) to register to this specific event via the local organizer's website at <http://www.ice-climbing.kr/> in addition to registering via the UIAA Member Federation and the UIAA.**

## 5. UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD TOUR - LOGISTICS

It's finally time to travel and compete. This chapter is dedicated to provide you, the athlete, with important information regarding each event and venue.

### 5.1 UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD CUP SERIES & CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### UIAA Ice Climbing World Combined Championships Moscow, Russia 15-16 December, 2018

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Competition venue address

- Luzhniki stadium, 24, 119048 - Moscow, Russia

Accommodation, registration & transport for competitors

- Accommodation must be arranged individually
- Possible options can be found here:
- Yunost Hotel <http://www.booking.com/Share-Z3MW9b>
- Blues Hotel <http://www.booking.com/Share-H7tNjn>
- Khamovniki Spektr Business Hotel <http://www.booking.com/Share-igaMpw>
- Online registration deadline is 1 December 2018, and must be done via the UIAA system - any competitors registering after this deadline must pay a penalty
- On-site registration takes place on 14 December 2018 at 15:00 – 17:00 local time
- On-site registration address: Lecture-hall of Sport-Marathon, 5th Kozhukhovskaya street, 10, 5 minutes on foot from Autozavodskaya metro station

Nearest airport: Sheremetyevo International Airport, Moscow, Russia

- Distance to venue: 36 km
- Travel time to venue: 50 minutes by taxi / 2 hours by public transport

Alternative airport: Domodedovo International Airport, Moscow, Russia

- Distance to venue: 45 km
- Travel time: 1.5 hours by car

VISA applications

- For visa invitations – please complete the form here - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYNacj9hCp0B\\_Swa4axP1ax3ct4QL7qvFUk6eLuHL5OuA0LQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYNacj9hCp0B_Swa4axP1ax3ct4QL7qvFUk6eLuHL5OuA0LQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1)
- All invitations will be sent by November 16<sup>th</sup>, if an invite is required earlier then they can be done through National Olympic Committee, but it will cost 35 euro per person – please contact - Nadezhda Launits / [launits@gmail.com](mailto:launits@gmail.com)

Details of the Organizer

- Nadezhda Launits / [launits@gmail.com](mailto:launits@gmail.com) /

Official Website – TBC

**UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup  
Cheongsong, South Korea  
11-13 January, 2019**

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Competition venue address

- Cheongsong-gun, Gyeongsangbuk-do, South Korea

Accommodation & registration for competitors.

Accommodation - Accommodation is arranged for the following nights: 11, 12, 13 January 2019 at either the Juwang Spa Hotel in Cheongsong - total cost for the indicated nights is: **EUR 200 per person**. Any additional nights/requests must be communicated to Mr. Min-Hyeok Lee [kockaf@chol.com](mailto:kockaf@chol.com) 3 weeks before the competition. Note that if you prefer arranging your own accommodation, kindly indicate this to Mr. Min-Hyeok Lee [kockaf@chol.com](mailto:kockaf@chol.com) at least 3 weeks before the competition.

- Online registrations of competitors must be done via UIAA registration system and also via the organizers' website <http://www.ice-climbing.kr> - online registration deadline is **25 December 2018**, any competitors registering after this deadline will be subject to a penalty.
- On-site registration takes place on 11 January 2019 at 13:00 local time
- On-site registration address: Juwang Spa Hotel, Cheongsong-eup, Cheongsong, Gyeongangbuk-do, South Korea
- The Award ceremony takes place on 13 January 2019 – TBC

Nearest airport: Incheon International Airport

- Distance to Cheongsong: 330 kilometers
- Travel time to Cheongsong: 3 hours, 30 minutes by car / shuttle / public transport
- Shuttle services from and to the airport are offered as long as flight information is provided to Mr. Min-Hyeok Lee [kockaf@chol.com](mailto:kockaf@chol.com) 3 weeks before the competition. Note that if you prefer arranging your own travels to Cheongsong, kindly indicate this to Mr. Min-Hyeok Lee at [kockaf@chol.com](mailto:kockaf@chol.com) at least 3 weeks before the competition

VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact – Min-Hyeok Lee at [kockaf@chol.com](mailto:kockaf@chol.com)
- Indicate exact travel dates and send a copy of your passport

Details of the Organizer

- Min Hyeok Lee / [kockaf@chol.com](mailto:kockaf@chol.com) / Tel: +82 109 061 05 19

Official Website – <http://www.ice-climbing.kr>

**UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup**  
**Beijing, China**  
**18-20 January, 2019**

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Competition venue address

- National Mountain Climbing Training Base, jinsuihu view. xiayunling villages, Fangshan District, Beijing, China
- Shuttle buses will be arranged to take you from the airport to the venue.

Accommodation Registration

- **Accommodation:** Double Room, 320RMB/day (Breakfast not included) - 40 Euro
- **Meal:** 150RMB/person/day (Breakfast, lunch and dinner included) - 25 Euro
- Please also list your preferred rooming combinations, and tell us your request.
- **International Credit Cards are available; you can also pay by cash.**

Registration

- Online registration deadline is 4 January 2019, and must be done via the UIAA system - any competitors registering after this deadline must pay a penalty
- On-site registration takes place on 18 January 2019 – at 9:00 a.m. local time
- On-site registration address: Hotel Lobby
- Award ceremony takes place on 20 January 2019 – in the afternoon

Nearest airport: Beijing Capital International Airport

- Distance to venue: 116kilometres
- Travel time to venue: 150 minutes by car

VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact Mrs. Zhu Xueyan, E-mail: [vivian-cma@qq.com](mailto:vivian-cma@qq.com)
- Please send your passport information – Full Name, DOB, Passport Number, Expiry, Flight details, and contact information to the email above along with a copy of your passport.
- Deadline for Visa Applying and Accommodation Registration is 15th December 2018.

Details of the Organizer

Xueyan Zhu - Phone: +86 10-67123796, +86 18600037070, E-mail: [vivian-cma@qq.com](mailto:vivian-cma@qq.com)

**UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup  
Saas-Fee, Switzerland  
24-26 January, 2019**

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Competition Venue Address

- Parkhaus, CH-3906 Saas-Fee, Switzerland

Accommodation & registration for competitors

- Accommodation must be arranged individually - Possible option can be found here: <http://www.saas-fee.ch/en/tourismusbuero/> or [www.iceclimbingworldcup.ch](http://www.iceclimbingworldcup.ch)
- Online registration deadline is 10 January 2019, and must be done via the UIAA system - any competitors registering after this deadline must pay a penalty
- On-site registration takes place on 24 January 2019 from 17:30 – 19:30 local time
- On-site registration address: Parkhaus, CH-3906 Saas-Fee, Switzerland

Nearest airport: Milan Malpensa, Italy

- Distance to Saas-Fee: 188 kilometers
- Travel time to Saas-Fee: 3 hours by car / 4 hours by public transport

Alternative airport: Geneva Cornavin, Switzerland

- Distance to Saas-Fee: 226 kilometers
- Travel time to Saas-Fee: 2 hours 45 minutes by car / 4 hours by public transport

Alternative airport: Zurich Kloten, Switzerland

- Distance to Saas-Fee: 244 kilometers
- Travel time to Saas-Fee: 4 hours by car / 3 hours 30 minutes by public transport

VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact Kurt Arnold at [info@iceclimbingworldcup.ch](mailto:info@iceclimbingworldcup.ch)
- Indicate passport number, name as on passport and exact travel dates

Details of the Organizer

- Kurt Arnold / [kurt@allalin4027.ch](mailto:kurt@allalin4027.ch) / +41 79 433 15 64

Official Website [www.iceclimbingworldcup.ch](http://www.iceclimbingworldcup.ch) & [www.iceandsound.chom](http://www.iceandsound.chom)

**UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup**  
**Rabenstein, Italy**  
**1-3 February, 2019**

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Competition venue address

- Via Corvara 3, 39013 Moso in Passiria BZ, Italy

Accommodation & registration for competitors

- Accommodation must be arranged individually - Possible option can be found here: <http://eisklettern.it/wettkaempfe/worldcup/athleten>
- Online registration deadline is 18 January 2019, and must be done via the UIAA system - any competitors registering after this deadline must pay a penalty
- On-site registration takes place on 01 February 2019 at 17:00 – 19:00 local time
- On-site registration address: Eiskletterturm Rabenstein, Via Corvara 3, 39013 Moso in Passiria, Italy
- Award ceremony takes place on 03 February 2019 at 19:30 local time

Nearest airport: Innsbruck, Austria

- Distance to Rabenstein: 107 kilometres
- Travel time to Rabenstein: 2 hours 10 minutes by car

Alternative airport: Verona, Italy

- Distance to Rabenstein: 210 kilometres
- Travel time to Rabenstein: 2 hours 45 minutes by car

Alternative airport: Milan Malpensa, Italy

- Distance to Rabenstein: 380 kilometres
- Travel time to Rabenstein: 5 hours by car / 1 day by public transport

Alternative airport: Zurich Kloten, Switzerland

- Distance to Rabenstein: 415 kilometres
- Travel time to Rabenstein: 5 hours 20 minutes by car / 1 day and 6 hours by public transport

VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact Reinhard Graf at [info@eisklettern.it](mailto:info@eisklettern.it)
- Indicate passport number, name as on passport and exact travel dates

Details of the Organizer

- Reinhard Graf / [info@eisklettern.it](mailto:info@eisklettern.it) / Tel: +39 348 756 23 62

Official Website - <http://eisklettern.it/>



**UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup  
Champagny-en-Vanoise, France  
7-9 February, 2019**

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Competition venue address

- Champagny-en-Vanoise Ice Tower, Champagny-le-haut

Accommodation for competitors

- Accommodation must be arranged individually.

Registrations

- Online registrations of competitors must be done via the relevant UIAA member federation and the following portal: <http://results.theuiaa.org/admin>
- Online registration deadline is 25 January 2019, and must be done via the UIAA system - any competitors registering after this deadline must pay a penalty
- Payment must be made either in cash at registration or via: [https://extranetclubalpin.com/app/webeff/we\\_mnf\\_step01.php?&manif\\_id=20190490&apercu=eiOH5mRWPNr0Dhs9Sd6QEJKh64vko0](https://extranetclubalpin.com/app/webeff/we_mnf_step01.php?&manif_id=20190490&apercu=eiOH5mRWPNr0Dhs9Sd6QEJKh64vko0)
- On-site registration takes place on 7 February 2019 – 3:30 pm
- On-site registration address: City town of Champagny next to the Cinema.
- Award ceremony takes place on 9 February 2019 – 5:30 pm

Nearest airport:

- Aéroport de Lyon-Saint-Exupéry
- Aéroport international de Genève

VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact Mr. Nils Guilotin at [nilsguillotin@gmail.com](mailto:nilsguillotin@gmail.com)
- Indicate passport number, name as on passport and exact travel dates

Additional information

- Shuttle buses are organised from and to the competition venue at given times

Details of the Organizer

- FFCAM – Nils Guilotin / [nilsguillotin@gmail.com](mailto:nilsguillotin@gmail.com)

Official Website TBC

**UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Finals  
Denver, Colorado, USA  
22-24 February, 2019**

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Competition venue address

- Civic Center Park, 101 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO 80204

Accommodation, registration & transport for competitors

- Accommodation must be arranged individually – via a room block reserved for athletes, you must make your own reservation. The hotel can accommodate up to 4 people per room (2 queen beds) - Crowne Plaza Denver 1450 Glenarm Place, Denver, CO 80203. Please follow the link below for reservation:  
<https://book.passkey.com/qt/217174360?qtid=cf199ee67dea9d260ca463c2491b3fdd>
- Online event and accommodation registration deadline is 30 January 2019, and must be done via the UIAA system - any competitors registering after this deadline must pay a penalty
- On-site registration takes place on 22 February 2019 at 3pm-5:30pm local time
- On-site registration address: McNichols Civic Center Building  
144 W Colfax Ave., Denver

Nearest airport: Denver International Airport

- Distance to hotel: 30 miles
- Travel time to venue: minutes by taxi 30-45 / 1.5 hours by public transport

VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact Vickie Hormuth at  
[vhormuth@americanalpineclub.org](mailto:vhormuth@americanalpineclub.org)
- Indicate passport number, name as on passport and exact travel dates

Details of the Organizer

- American Alpine Club – Vickie Hormuth - [vhormuth@americanalpineclub.org](mailto:vhormuth@americanalpineclub.org)

Official Website - <https://americanalpineclub.org/uiaa-federation>

**UIAA Ice Climbing World Championships**  
**Kirov, Russia**  
**8-10 March, 2019**

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Competition venue address

- Podgornaya str. 15, Kirov, Russia

Accommodation, registration & transport for competitors

- Accommodation must be arranged individually
- Possible option can be found here: Hotel Address: Hotel Sputnik, Sverdlova Ulitsa 31, 610011 Kirov, Russia - [www.sputnik-kirov.ru](http://www.sputnik-kirov.ru) Email - [sputnik-kirov@yandex.ru](mailto:sputnik-kirov@yandex.ru)
- Online registration deadline is 22 February 2019, and must be done via the UIAA system - any competitors registering after this deadline must pay a penalty
- On-site registration takes place on 8 March 2019 at 08:00 – 10:45 local time
- On-site registration address: Hotel Sputnik

Nearest airport: Kirov, Russia - "Pobedilovo" <http://www.pobedilovo.com/>

- Distance to hotel: 30 kilometres
- Travel time to venue: 40 minutes by taxi / 3 hours by public transport

Alternative airport: Moscow, Russia

- Distance to Kirov: 1000 kilometres
- Travel time to Kirov: 12-16 hours by train

VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact Mr Pavel Shabalin by e-mail: [pavelshabalin@mail.ru](mailto:pavelshabalin@mail.ru)
- Please send also your general information about arrival to Russia and departure, together with your passport copy.

**NECESSARY INFORMATION TO COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM IN RUSSIAN  
EMBASSY OR ONLINE (to apply for a VISA)**

Russian institution or organization to be visited: "Ministry of sports and youth policy of Kirov region".

Minister – Barminov Georgiy

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Details of the Organizer

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## 5.2 UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

### UIAA Ice Climbing World Youth Championships

Oulu, Finland

28 February – 2 March, 2019

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#### Competition Venue Address

- Alakyläntie 1070, 90820 Oulu, Finland

#### Accommodation for competitors

- Free accommodation for 2 nights (28 February and 1 March 2019, extra nights for European Cup are at own cost) at the Nallikari Seaside for all competitors and 2 coaches/team managers per 10 competitors.
- For free accommodation, the on-line pre-registration and payment of the 30€ competition fee are required, the pre-registration system is available at: <https://finice2019-iwyc.eventbrite.com>
- Pre-registration deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2019. Any competitors registering after this deadline must pay a penalty of 20€. Furthermore, we cannot guarantee free accommodation for competitors registering beyond this deadline. Those, who cannot pre-register online, for instance due to lack of credit card, should contact organizer directly to arrange alternative pre-registration.
- For coaches, team managers, family members and other spectators the pre-registration system allows purchase of community ticket that includes access to the all side events, lunches at the competition venue (Youth World Championships + European Cup Finals), Finice2019 Saturday evening get together and Sunday evening final party and catering at the party venue.
- Youth World Championships registration allows access also to European Cup finals as a spectator (including the lunch at the competition venue) as well as side events. Those wishing to compete need to pre-register and pay separate European Cup Finals competition ticket.
- Address of the hotel: Leiritie 10, 90510 Oulu, Finland
- Distance to Ice Tower: 16km, there's self-paid bus transportation from the accommodation to the competition venue and back, price is 3€/person/direction.
- Accommodation must be arranged individually and directly with the Nallikari Seaside (phone: +358 44 7031353, [reception@nallikari.fi](mailto:reception@nallikari.fi), [sales@nallikari.fi](mailto:sales@nallikari.fi)), preferably by the coach confirming the total number of competitors & coaches/team managers. Those who wish to stay also over the European Cup Finals may do so, but they need to reserve and pay the accommodation by themselves for the extra nights.
- There will be a possibility for self-paid breakfast that matches the competition schedule either at Nallikari Seaside or nearby venue, the venue, price and other details will be confirmed later on.
- **Important notice:** Please indicate the following code to assure accommodation is free: **FINICE-YWC**
- Any family members and/or spectators can also book a room at the Nallikari Seaside but at own cost. Further accommodation can be found from following two venues:
  - Sokos Hotel Break Eden (200m from Nallikari Seaside)

- Reservation code: **BFINICE2019**
- Reservations: <https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/oulu/sokos-hotel-eden>, +358 20 1234 603, [sales.eden@sokoshotels.fi](mailto:sales.eden@sokoshotels.fi)
- Radisson Blu (in the city center)
  - Reservation code: **FINICE2019**
  - Reservations: +358 20 1234 730, [sales.oulu@radissonblu.com](mailto:sales.oulu@radissonblu.com)
- On-site registration takes place on 28 February 2019 from 18:00 – 20:00 local time
- On-site registration address: Nallikari Seaside Café, Leiritie 10, 90510 Oulu, Finland
- The award Ceremony takes place on 2 March 2019 at 17:30 local time
- Youth categories:
  - U16: born in 2006, 2005, 2004
  - U19: born in 2003, 2002, 2001
  - U22: born in 2000, 1999, 1998
- In case there's difficulties in pre-registration procedure or other question, contact at: [info@finice2019.com](mailto:info@finice2019.com)

#### Nearest airport:

- Distance to Oulu: 15km
- Travel time to Oulu: 20 minutes by car / 45 minutes by public transport

#### VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact: [info@finice2019.com](mailto:info@finice2019.com)
- Indicate passport number, name as on passport and exact travel dates

#### Details of the Organizer

- Email address: [info@finice2019.com](mailto:info@finice2019.com)
- Event facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/finice2019/> (open)
- Event web-site: <http://finice2019.com> (will open in October)

### 5.3 UIAA ICE CLIMBING EUROPEAN TOUR

Registration: For all the European Cup events please register your intention to compete here

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSflcqjIU6ThNIAe6Z2Z2Wgowqp8pLffhbGlnqSgVmbAxOq5\\_pw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSflcqjIU6ThNIAe6Z2Z2Wgowqp8pLffhbGlnqSgVmbAxOq5_pw/viewform)

**UIAA Ice Climbing European Cup (Lead Only)**  
**Bern, Switzerland**  
**24 November, 2018**

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Registration Deadline: 22 November, 2018

On-site Registration: 24 November, 2018

On-site Registration Address: O'Bloc Climbing Centre, Bern

Event fact sheet -

[http://theuiaa.org/documents/iceclimbing/Fact\\_Sheet\\_European\\_Cup\\_Bern2018.pdf](http://theuiaa.org/documents/iceclimbing/Fact_Sheet_European_Cup_Bern2018.pdf)

Details of the Organizer: Tobias Suter / [tobias@obloc.ch](mailto:tobias@obloc.ch) / +41 76 448 97 49

Official Website: [www.obloc.ch](http://www.obloc.ch)

**UIAA Ice Climbing European Cup (Lead Only)**  
**Domžale, Slovenia**  
**1 December, 2018**

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Registration Deadline: 26 November, 2018 limited to 30 male climbers and 30 female climbers 26 Nov or until max quota is reached

On-site Registration: 30 November, Competition 1 December, 2018

On-site Registration Address: Ljubljanska cesta 70, Domžale  
Competition site: Garage House Domžale, Maslejeva ulica 4, Domžale

Details of the Organizer: Jasna Pecjak / [jasna@pecjak.si](mailto:jasna@pecjak.si) / Tel: +386 31 764 228 or Matej Ogorevc [icec@pzs.si](mailto:icec@pzs.si), +386 41 483 924

Official Website: <https://icec.pzs.si/pokal.php>

**UIAA Ice Climbing European Cup (Lead Only)**  
**Žilina, Slovakia**  
**8 December, 2018**

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Registration Deadline: 6 December, 2018

On-site Registration: 8 December, 2018

On-site Registration Address: LA SKALA lezecké centrum, Centrálna 8919/2, 010 07 Žilina



Details of the Organizer: Adrian Zvara / [adrian.zvara@gmail.com](mailto:adrian.zvara@gmail.com) / Tel: +421 905 012 386

Official Website: TBC

**UIAA Ice Climbing European Cup Finals (Lead Only)**  
**Oulu, Finland**  
**3 March, 2019**

Registration Deadline: 28 February, 2019 at 18:00 CET – See World Youth Championship information above for more details.

On-site Registration: 2 March - 18:00-20:00CET, online pre-registration strongly advised – <https://finice2019-iwyc.eventbrite.com>

On-site Registration Address: Alakyläntie 1070, Haukipudas

Details of the Organizer: Emilia Pöyry / [info@finice2019.com](mailto:info@finice2019.com) / Tel: +358 50 339 9885

Official Website: <http://finice2019.com>

Further details on the UIAA European Cup events are available through a dedicated UIAA news release.

## 6. OFFICIAL UIAA REGULATIONS

### 6.1 WHERE TO FIND THE LATEST REGULATIONS

Official regulations for the 2019 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour can be found on the UIAA Ice Climbing Website <http://theuiaa.org/ice-climbing/> under “UIAA Ice Climbing Competition Regulations”.

### 6.2 REGULATION CHANGES AT A GLANCE

Summary of major modifications\* made to the 2019 Competition Regulations for International Ice Climbing Competitions as agreed by the UIAA Ice Climbing Commission

\*Minor modifications to format, grammar and wording have not been listed below. Please also note the reorganisation of the rules into more user friendly format which has altered the numbering sequence from previous years.

<b>PART 1 – GOVERNANCE</b>	
2.2.3	It is the responsibility of all team officials and competitors to ensure that they are fully informed of all details relating to a competition.
2.3	<b>ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER A TEAM</b> New section – see rules document
2.4	<b>REGISTRATION OF TEAMS</b> New section – see rules document
2.5	<b>INTERNATIONAL LICENSES</b> New section – see rules document
2.6	<b>FEES</b> New section – see rules document
2.8.3(a)	<b>gloves (must not be fingerless)</b>
3.5.3	It is mandatory for all people in the field of play to wear helmets including during the route observation period.
3.9	<b>TECHNICAL MEETING</b> New section – see rules document
3.16.3	No pets or children are to be involved in the Award Ceremony
4.1.1	Red zone boundaries and the areas beyond them cannot be used for climbing.
4.3.2 (f)	No children or pets in the isolation zone.
4.4	<b>ROUTE DEMONSTRATION</b> New section – see rules document
4.6.5	Athletes have a 40 seconds time limit from the time facing the climbing wall to start climbing. All preparation including tying into the climbing rope shall be done beforehand. At the end of this 40 second time period, the climbing time will be started irrespective of the athlete's position.
5.2.5 a)	At the earliest convenient time after issuing a 'Yellow' or 'Red Card', the President of the Jury shall: Submit a written statement <a href="#">on the UIAA Disciplinary Action Form</a> to the competitor's team manager (or in the absence of a team manager, to the competitor concerned) regarding the offence and whether the President of the Jury proposes to refer the matter for consideration in respect to further

	disciplinary action in accordance with the regulations.
5.2.5 b)	The President of the Jury shall submit a copy of this written statement <b>on the UIAA Disciplinary Action Form</b> detailing the offence against the regulations, any evidence, and any recommendations regarding consideration of additional sanction to the UIAA COMMISSION for referral to the UIAA disciplinary body.
6.1.1	An appeal shall only be accepted if accompanied by the official appeal fee <b>and the UIAA Official Appeal Form</b> .
<b>PART 2 – TECHNICAL RULES</b>	
8.1.2	In exceptional circumstances, the Jury President may decide 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.
8.2.	<b>NUMBER OF COMPETITORS AND THE STARTING ORDER</b> Multiple changes – see document
8.4.2	Each competitor's attempt shall be deemed to have started <b>when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground</b> and one ice-axe has left the starting point.
8.4.3	If it is required for athletes to start the route in a way that every part of the competitor's body shall leave the ground, the starting position shall have a clearly marked red line.
8.5.2	e) If a competitor let's go the lower axe just before falling, the score of upper axe shall count.  f) Priority for ranking competitors in case of tied competitors who all topped the route in lead: a. Qualification: i. Attempts - competitors reaching a certain height at first attempt are placed better than the ones reaching the same height at second attempt. ii. Time – if the qualification round included isolation b. Semi-final, final or super final: i. Time
8.6.3	If isolation was used for the given round of the competition and if two or more athletes reach top in any round, the climber's time of that round is decisive for his/her ranking: the faster competitor is being ranked ahead of the slower. <b>If there is no isolation for that round, the climbers will remain tied.</b>
9.1.4	A practice period before the qualification process begins is mandatory and should allow for at least one climb per competitor. The practice maybe conducted on the competition routes or on routes of similar quality and difficulty – this will be the decision of the President of the Jury. The President of the Jury shall announce the timing and duration of any practice period at the technical meeting.
9.1.5	During the final stages of the competition, each round of the competition should follow on immediately from the last, with men and women alternating i.e. when the men have completed one round, the women will start their next round and the men will rest and so on. In the single route format each category will complete all their attempts on the route before moving onto the next category.
9.1.6	In exceptional circumstances, the Jury President may decide 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.

9.4.1 c)	Both hand timing and mechanical-electrical timing system shall be used at the same time. Because, if the mechanical-electrical system fails, there is no need to rerun the competition and the times recorded by hand timing shall be used for the entire round and the mechanical-electrical results will be discounted i.e. a mix of times is not allowed.
9.6.3 i.	On being called to the start of a route by the Category Judge, each competitor shall take up a starting position consisting of minimum one foot on the floor and at least one foot and one hand shall be on the ice.
9.7.1	Speed competitions shall consist of two rounds – although if the qualification round produces more than 16 climbers with valid times a semi-final round maybe required.
9.7.2	Speed-duel competitions shall always consist of two routes that shall be of the same length and of similar profile and difficulty. After climbing their first route competitors shall switch route as soon as possible, competitors are not allowed to walk a longer way to reach the second route in order to have more time for recovering. If this occurs the athlete may incur a disciplinary sanction.
9.7.3 v.	Final and Semi Final Round - number of competitors: a) When the number of competitors recording a valid time on both routes during the Qualification Round is 16 or more, then 16 competitors shall qualify for the Semi Final Round and 8 for the Final Round; b) When the number of competitors recording a valid time on both routes during the Qualification Round is less than 16, then 8 competitors shall qualify for the Final Round.
9.7.5 i.	On being called to the start of a route by the Category Judge, each competitor shall take up a starting position consisting of minimum one foot on the floor and at least one foot and one hand shall be on the ice.
10.1.4	In exceptional circumstances, the Jury President may decide 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.
<b>PART 3 – EVENT RULES</b>	
11.7.1	a) National team quota - Host country: 8 women, 8 men
12.1.1	In accordance with the Statutes of the UIAA COMMISSION, a World Difficulty & Speed Championship competition could be organized every other year, alternating with the World Combined Championships.
12.2.1	b) National team quota - Host country: 8 women, 8 men
13.	<b>WORLD COMBINED CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS</b> New section – see rules document
14.1.6	At the decision of the President of the Jury certain age categories of the Lead competition routes maybe climbed on top rope.
14.1.7	In case of Top-Rope route in Lead qualification, regardless of height of climber in first attempt, they are allowed to have second attempt.
16.	<b>CONTINENTAL CUP SERIES REGULATIONS</b> New section – see rules document

### 6.3 ANTI-DOPING/CLEAN CLIMBING

The UIAA promotes Clean Climbing by adopting and implementing the World Anti-Doping (WADA) Programme in its entirety. In parallel, the UIAA is responsible for ensuring that all of

its member associations and athletes respect and comply with all relevant International Standards and all the principles inherent to the World Anti-Doping Code, including the registered testing pool and the doping violation procedure. As part of the registration process for the annual UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour, all athletes are required to complete a mandatory anti-doping questionnaire and educational programme.

For more information on Clean Climbing please visit: <http://theuiaa.org/anti-doping>