

UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD TOUR

2025/26 Season
Athletes' Handbook



UIAA

WELCOME ICE CLIMBERS

1.1 WELCOME BY THE UIAA PRESIDENT – Peter Muir

“We have a great calendar lined up for the UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour 2025/26 with some exciting events. It seems that ice climbing is going from strength to strength and as we push forward with our project to get Ice Climbing into the 2030 Winter Olympics in France – this season will be a very exciting time for our sport! Our now regular World Cups on 3 continents should be great, as always It is great to see the Continental Senior and Youth Series develop this even further year with some great looking venues both pre and post the world cup events offering even more competition opportunities for even more athletes. Let’s work together to keep this growth going!

We hope you all have a successful season. Stay safe, stay psyched and good luck!”

Peter Muir – UIAA President & JoAnne Carrilli Stevenson, World Ice Climbing Board Chair



Peter Muir



JoAnne Carrilli-Stevenson

1.2 WELCOME FROM UIAA SPORT EVENTS COORDINATOR – Rob Adie, CEO – Andre Von Rotz & COMMUNICATION MANAGER – Peter Bourne

“We have an exciting upcoming season, with a packed schedule with 11 events, including 4 World Cups, World Youth Championships, 6 Continental Cup and 5 Continental Youth Cups! We have had some amazing growth in the athlete numbers this past couple of seasons and I hope we can continue this during this next fantastic season with lots of exciting developments planned. Especially as we move towards potentially joining the Winter Olympic family - it promises to be a season to remember, and we look forward to working with you guys at the centre of our sport! If you have any ideas or feedback, please do get in touch.” – Rob Adie, Andre Von Rotz & Peter Bourne



UIAA CEO – Andre Von Rotz



Communications Manager - Peter Bourne



Events Coordinator – Rob Adie



1.3 WELCOME BY CHAIR OF THE UIAA ATHLETE GROUP - Eimir McSwiggan

"Hi all, and welcome to the 2025/26 season! With a full calendar of events across 3 continents, what an exciting season it is shaping up to be. We can't wait to see you all out there this winter, performing at your best and showcasing what an incredible sport and community we have. As always, a special message of good luck to all our youth climbers, you are the future of our sport and we hope you have the support you need to develop to your full potential."



2. THE 2025/26 ICE CLIMBING SEASON AT A GLANCE

2.1 2026 UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD TOUR

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup (Difficulty & Speed)
Cheongsong, Korea
9-11 January 2026

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup & European Championships (Difficulty & Speed)
Saas-Fee, Switzerland
22-24 January 2026

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup & N. American Championships (Difficulty & Speed)
Longmont, USA
20-22 February 2026

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup (Difficulty & Speed)
Edmonton, Canada
26-28 February 2026

2.2 2025/26 UIAA ICE CLIMBING CONTINENTAL CUP SERIES

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup (Difficulty)
Bern, Switzerland
22 November 2025

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup (Difficulty)
Žilina, Slovakia
29 November 2025

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup (Difficulty)
Brno, Czech Republic
6 December 2025



UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup (Difficulty)
Utrecht, Netherlands
12 December 2025

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup
Malbun, Liechtenstein
1 February 2026

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup
Sunderland, UK
6-8 February 2026

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup (Difficulty)
Oulu, Finland
7 March 2026

2.3 2025/26 UIAA ICE CLIMBING YOUTH COMPETITIONS

UIAA Ice Climbing World Youth Championships (Difficulty & Speed)
Malbun, Liechtenstein
29-31 January 2026

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Youth Cup (Difficulty)
Žilina, Slovakia
29 November 2025

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Youth Cup (Difficulty)
Brno, Czech Republic
6 December 2025

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Youth Cup (Difficulty)
Utrecht, Netherlands
13 December 2025

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Youth Cup
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UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Youth Cup (Difficulty)
Oulu, Finland
7 March 2026

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 2025/26 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
2. Specific news releases sent by the UIAA to a dedicated ice climbing mailing list.

Important updates will also be communicated on the UIAA Athlete WhatsApp Groups for each event – see the links at the end of this handbook – so please join up to this if you haven't already and read all the information posted.

All athletes that were registered for the 2026 UIAA Ice Climbing season have been added to the ice climbing mailing list using the email provided when applying for your competition licence. Any athletes not receiving news releases or emails are [invited to contact](#) and they will be added to the lists.

Important news articles and documents can be found on the dedicated [UIAA ice climbing website](#) and on the UIAA's social media channels. Event specific information will be sent out direct to the athletes by the WhatsApp system for the 2026 season – more details to follow.

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](#) the UIAA news team.

3.3 LIVESTREAMING AND VIDEO COVERAGE

For the 2025/26 season, the UIAA will be working with Technative 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.

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 UIAA social media channels. Livestream presentation and commentary comes from a new commentator this year – Matt Groom who also works on the IFSC World Tour.

The livestream will be fed into the UIAA Facebook and YouTube channels and also embedded on the UIAA Ice Climbing website. The feed from some events was also shared on partner channels. Media organisations, member federations or climbing channels wishing to share the livestream from UIAA ice climbing competitions are [invited to contact](#) us.

If you don't make finals in any given event and would like to be involved in the livestream as a co-commentator commenting on the finals, please contact the UIAA in advance or speak to the UIAA Event Coordinator – [Rob Adie at the event itself](#).

3.4 SOCIAL MEDIA

Our social media channels have been growing well, especially Instagram and YouTube shorts. The more our athletes collaborate with their national federations on posts, the stronger our collective reach and engagement becomes. Keep posting cool, creative content



and sharing your ice climbing journey. And if you'd like to be involved with the UIAA social media content, please follow the information below.

Please give us your social media handles

You can add your social media information [to this database](#) so we can tag you in posts.

Athlete Content Upload

We've set up an "Athlete Content Upload" portal via Dropbox, where you can send us your best photos and videos from each event for use on UIAA channels.

- Each event has its own [unique upload link](#).
- Please upload content during or soon after each event so we can feature it in our coverage

If you would like to contribute content, links will be shared the day before each event on Instagram group chat ➡ [join the chat here](#)

Collaborative Posts

Collaborative posts significantly boost reach and engagement. Where possible, create posts in collaboration with your national federation and the UIAA by adding them as a collaborator.

This approach has proven highly effective in previous seasons.

Invite the UIAA as a collaborator and we'll accept.

Your Own Social Media Channels

Keep showing the side of the competition the livestream doesn't capture and tag us in your posts.

- Training sessions
- Travel and arrival at the venue
- Life on the road
- The atmosphere and community around events

Tag & Share

We want to share your best content with the ice climbing world tour fans. Tag our Instagram account - **uiaa_iceclimbing** in as many of your posts, stories and reels as possible. This makes it easier for us to see and share. Also make sure you use the hashtags below – especially **#iceclimbing2030** to promote our Winter Olympic bid.

Behind the Scenes

The event photographers, videographers and livestreaming do a fantastic job of capturing the climbing ... but fans don't see much behind the scenes. And Behind-the-scenes content is something that really resonates with audiences: this can be training, warming up, sharpening tools, watching in the crown, anything! Just try and show the fans the side of the events they don't see elsewhere and keep it loosely related to climbing.



Reels

This is more of an invitation to anyone who is interested in helping to create reels about important topics and talk on camera. We want create reels on specific topics (venues, rules, climbing holds and tools etc.) giving more detailed information about ice climbing and the events to our audience. Having athletes talking on camera for these would make them much more engaging, so if anyone is interested or has any of their own ideas for topics please follow the information above.

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

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

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

[YouTube](#) – youtube.com/@uiaa - livestream

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

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

The dedicated hashtags are: #uiaaiceclimbing #theuiaa #iceclimbing2030

3.5 LIVE RESULTS

Live results will be available on the [UIAA results service](#). The results system provides live digital updates and mobile friendly service for which will be updated instantly after each competitor to show live rankings.

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 MEDAL CEREMONY, PODIUMS & PRIZE MONEY

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 three athletes will be invited to podium in each discipline. The UIAA event coordinator will give you a short briefing at each event as to the procedure to follow for the ceremony, so please ensure you follow this procedure and stay in the area of the podium before the ceremony takes place.

Podium athletes must wear their competition bibs or their national federation uniform/jacket on the podium (ideally competition bib) – casual clothing should not be worn on the podium. Athletes should be available for pictures in their competition bibs after the ceremony.

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 100 or 93CHF per season for senior athletes** and must be paid either through the UIAA Member Federation (by invoice) or directly by the athlete to the UIAA, prior to or at their first competition. Licenses for youth athletes competing at World Youth Championships is free.

Please note for 2026 that all licenses must be paid for by card electronically, no cash will be accepted. [If you want to pay for your license in advance, you can do so by using the link here.](#)

Notes – please do not pay the fee before your federation registers you and your license for the World Cups you plan to attend. Please add your email address to the information box so we can send you a receipt.

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.

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 REGISTERING FOR EVENTS

Registration to UIAA competitions also goes through the UIAA Member Federations, the 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 confirm that their national federation will pay their license fee at the end of the season by invoice.

The competitor registration fee for each World Cup, World Championships or World Youth Championships is 75 Euros for 1 discipline, 125 Euros for 2; and shall be paid to each Organizer directly by the competitors prior to the competition.

For the Continental Cup events in the 2025/26 calendar the competitor registration fee is 75 Euros for senior athletes and 50 Euros for youth athletes. Athletes can register themselves via the registration website – if they have competed before you should be able to [register on your account](#).

If athletes are new to these events you can request an invitation to setup an account on the registration system by completing the [form in the link](#).



5. UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD TOUR - LOGISTICS

UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup
Cheongsong, South Korea
9-11 January 2026

Competition venue address

- Cheongsong-gun, Gyeongsangbuk-do, South Korea

Accommodation & registration for competitors.

Accommodation - Accommodation is arranged for the following nights: 9, 10, 11 January 2026. The place: Cheongsong Juwangsan Tourist Hotel, fee - TBC

Any additional nights/requests must be communicated to [Mr. Samuel Jaesang Lee](#) - 4 weeks before the competition. Note that if you prefer arranging your own accommodation, kindly indicate this to [Mr. Samuel Jaesang Lee](#) at least 4 weeks before the competition.

- [Online registrations of competitors must be done via the UIAA member federation](#) – deadline 31 December 2025, any competitors registering after this deadline will be subject to a penalty. **Athletes MUST ALSO register via the organizers' website <https://www.ice-climbing.or.kr> - deadline is 15 December 2025.**
- On-site registration takes place on 9 January 2026 at 13:00 local time
- On-site registration address: Juwang Spa Hotel, Cheongsong-eup, Cheongsong, Gyeongsangbuk-do, South Korea
- The Opening ceremony takes place on 10 January 2026
- The Award ceremony takes place on 11 January 2026

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. Samuel Jaesang Lee](#) 4 weeks before the competition. Note that if you prefer arranging your own travels to Cheongsong, kindly indicate this to [Mr. Samuel Jaesang Lee](#) at least 4 weeks before the competition.

VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact – [Mr. Samuel Jaesang Lee](#)
- Indicate exact travel dates and send a copy of your passport

Details of the Organizer

- Samuel Jaesang Lee / kockaf@kaf.or.kr / Tel: +82 103 14 32 208

Official Website – www.ice-climbing.or.kr

**UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup & European Championships**
Saas Fee, Switzerland
22-24 January 2026

Competition Venue Address

- Parkhaus, CH-3906 Saas-Fee, Switzerland

Accommodation & registration for competitors

- Accommodation must be arranged individually.

Registrations

- Online registration deadline is 10 January 2026, any competitors registering after this deadline must pay a penalty.
- [Online registrations of competitors must be done via the UIAA member federation.](#)
- On-site registration takes place on 22 January 2026 – Time TBC
- On-site registration address: U10 Saas Fee Parkhaus

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 the UIAA office – iceclimbing@theuiaa.org
- Indicate passport number, name as on passport and exact travel dates

Details of the Organizer

- [Kurt Arnold](#) / +41 79 433 15 64

[Official Website](#)



UIAA Ice Climbing World Youth Championships Malbun, Liechtenstein 29-31 January 2026

Competition Venue Address:

- Malbunstrasse 60, 9497 Malbun, Liechtenstein

Possible Accommodation for competitors in the region:

- [Familienurlaub im JUFA Hotel Malbun***s](#) (discount in multiple-bed-room, keyword "iceclimbers": Jufa-hotel is located just opposite to the ice tower in Malbun in less than a minute walking distance.
- [Jugendherberge Schaan-Vaduz | youthhostel.ch | Youth Hostels](#): Youth hostel in Schaan-Vaduz is located down in the valley i.e. 40 minutes by public transport (www.Liemobil.li) or 30 minutes by car.
- Other hotels in the region via Liechtenstein Tourimus [Hotels in Liechtenstein - Offizielle Tourismus-Website des Fürstentums Liechtenstein](#)

Registrations

- Online registration deadline is 27 January 2025
- Online registrations of [competitors must be done here.](#)
- On-site registration - 29 January 2026 time- TBC
- On-site registration address: Jufa Hotel - Malbunstrasse 60, 9497 Malbun
- Opening ceremony - 29 of January 2026 at the ice tower in Malbun time- TBC
- Award ceremony – 31 of January 2026 at the ice tower in Malbun time- TBC

Nearest airport: Zürich Airport

Distance to Malbun: 130 Kilometers

Travel time to Malbun: 1 hour 45 mins by car / 2 hours 30 mins by public transport

Alternative airport: Munich, Germany

Distance to Malbun: 280 kilometers

Travel time to Malbun: 3 hours by car / 7 hours by public transport: 6.5 hours by car

Alternative Airport: Milano Malpensa, Italy

Distance to Malbun: 280 kilometers

Travel Time to Malbun: 3 hours 30 minutes by car / 7 hours by public transport

Getting around in Malbun

If you come by car, there are places in the village to park, from there you can easily walk to the ice tower. Malbun is a small mountain village, and the ice structure is next to the Jufa hotel and the ski lift. There are many great places to eat and stay in Malbun.

VISA applications

For letters of invitation please contact the office of the 'Liechtensteiner Alpenverein' at: info@alpenverein.li or +423 232 9812 (Monday - Friday 8:30 - 11:30)

Indicate passport number, name as on passport and exact travel dates

Details of the Organizer

Liechtensteiner Alpenverein (LAV), Aulestrasse 72, 9498 Vaduz, Principality of Liechtenstein.

T: +423 232 9812 Email: info@alpenverein.li Web: <https://www.alpenverein.li/kontakt>



UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup & N. American Championships

Longmont, USA

20-22 February 2026

Venue Address:

- 155 Pinnacle St, Longmont CO 80504
[Longmont Climbing Collective](#)

[Accommodation For Competitors \(click here to read more\):](#)

- [Candlewood Suites](#)-Special rate of \$80+tax rate
- [Fairfield by Marriott Inn and Suites Longmont](#)-Call 303-776-8050 and ask for Visit Longmont rate of 25% off. Includes free parking and breakfast.
- [Holiday Inn Express and Suites](#)-Special rate of \$89+tax rate
- [Home2 Suites Longmont](#)-Special rate of \$79 includes free parking and welcome gift
- [Super 8 Longmont](#)-Special Rate, click for details

Registrations

- Online registration deadline:
- [Online registrations of competitors must be done via the UIAA member federation.](#)
- On-site registration takes place on 21 February 2026 – time TBC
- On-site registration address: TBD
- Award ceremony takes place on TBD

Nearest Airport: Denver International Airport

- Distance to Longmont Climbing Collective: 59 kilometers
- Travel time to Longmont Climbing Collective:
 - 35 minutes (with tolls)
 - 51 minutes (without tolls)
- Shuttles to competition Venue will be available for competitors
 - Travel time from Athlete village by shuttle: 15 minutes

Ground Transportation

TBC

Information to follow.

VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact Mr. [Bryan Hylenski](#)
- Indicate passport number, name as on passport and exact travel dates

Details of the Organizer

- Longmont Climbing Collective – [Bryan Hylenski](#)



UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup Edmonton, Canada 26-28 February 2026

Competition venue address

- Louise McKinney Park: [9735 Grierson Hill NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada](#)

Accommodation for competitors

- There are a number of hotels close to the event venue with links available through [Edmonton's Best Hotels](#) - Accommodation must be arranged individually.
- We have a special rate at 2 hotels [The Westin Edmonton](#) & [Doubletree by Hilton Edmonton Downtown](#). Booking links will be sent soon. The Doubletree by Hilton offers a kitchen space for athletes booking for this event. Both hotels are within a 10 minute walk of the event venue.
 - **Booking link coming soon**
- Competitors are not required to use one of these accommodation providers and may choose to make their own arrangements with another provider.

Registrations

- [Online registrations of competitors must be done via the UIAA member federation.](#)
- Online registration deadline is 14 February 2026, any competitors registering after this deadline must pay a penalty.
- On-site registration takes place on 26 February 2026 – 15:30 - 17:30
- On-site registration address: Isolation Tent - Event Venue
- Award ceremony takes place on 27 February & 28 February 2026 - Event Venue

Nearest airport: Edmonton International Airport

- YEG: 1000 Airport Road, Edmonton International Airport, Alberta, Canada

Ground Transportation

- Catch a ride curbside outside Door 9, on the Arrivals Level directly to the hotel
- Visit <https://flyeia.com/parking-transportation/taxis-limos-rideshares/>
 - Taxi price is \$62 CAD (Approx. 42 euros)
 - Higher end/limo price is \$71 CAD (Approx. 48 euros)
- Competitors are not required to use one of these transportation providers and may choose to arrange their own ground transportation with another provider.

VISA applications

- For letters of invitation please contact Jonathan Blackwood with Ice Climbing Canada: iceclimbingcanadachair@gmail.com
- Indicate passport number, name as on passport and exact travel dates
- [More information](#)
- Edmonton is approximately a 3 hour drive or bus ride from ice climbing in the Rocky Mountains. Travel/hotel booking links in the Rocky Mountains TBC.
- We are hosting YEG Ice Fest for the public at the venue on 1 March 2026 - Clinic details to come: Competitor involvement is welcome!
- Competitors will be provided access to the competition routes starting on 2 March



- Details of the Organiser
- Offbeat Entertainment: <https://www.offbeatentertainment.ca/>
- The Alpine Club of Canada: <https://alpineclubofcanada.ca/>
- Local Tourism: <https://exploreedmonton.com/>

Official Website: <https://www.climbyeg.com/icefest>

5.1 UIAA ICE CLIMBING CONTINENTAL SERIES

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

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental (Difficulty Only) **Bern, Switzerland** **22 November, 2025**

Registration Deadline: 20 November

On-site Registration: 22 November morning 8:00 - 10:00

On-site Registration Address: Forelstrasse 11, 3072 Ostermundigen, Bern, Switzerland

Details of the Organizer: O'Bloc Climbing Centre

[Event information](#)

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental & Youth Cup (Difficulty Only) **Žilina, Slovakia** **29 November 2025**

Registration Deadline: 27 November

On-site Registration: 29 November

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

Details of the Organizer: [Adrian Zvara](#) Tel: +421 905 012 386

[Event Information](#)

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental & Youth Cup (Difficulty Only) **Brno, Czech Republic** **6 December, 2025**

Registration Deadline: 4 December

On-site Registration: 5 December

[On-site Registration Address](#)

Details of the Organizer: Climbing club Lokomotiva Brno and Czech Mountaineering federation

[Event Information](#)

**UIAA Ice Climbing Continental & Youth Cup (Difficulty Only)**
Utrecht, Netherlands
13 December 2025

Registration Deadline: 11 December

On-site Registration: 13 December

On-site Registration Address:

Details of the Organizer: [Tim Van der Linden](#)

[Event Information](#)

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental & Youth Cup (Difficulty Only)
Malbun Liechtenstein
1 February, 2026

Registration Deadline: 30 January 2026 at 18:00 CET

On-site Registration: 31 January – Time TBC, online pre-registration required

On-site Registration Address: Malbunstrasse 60, 9497 Malbun, Liechtenstein

Details of the Organizer: [Axel Wachter](#)

Official Website: TBC

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental & Youth Cup (Difficulty Only)
Sunderland, UK
6-8 February, 2026

Registration Deadline: 4 February 2026 at 18:00 CET

On-site Registration: 6 February – Time TBC, online pre-registration required

On-site Registration Address: Doxford Works, Pallion Quay, Sunderland SR4 6TQ, UK

Details of the Organizer: [Willis Morris](#)

Official Website: TBC

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup (Difficulty Only)
Oulu, Finland
7 March 2026

Registration Deadline: 5 March 2026

On-site Registration: 7 March 2026

On-site Registration Address: Alakyläntie 1070, Haukipudas

Details of the Organizer: [Lassi Himanka](#)

Official Website: TBC



6. OFFICIAL UIAA REGULATIONS

6.1 WHERE TO FIND THE LATEST REGULATIONS

Official regulations for the 2026 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour can be found on [the UIAA Ice Climbing Website](#)

6.2 REGULATION CHANGES AT A GLANCE

A summary of modifications made to the 2026 Competition Regulations for International Ice Climbing Competitions relevant to the [2025/26 UIAA Ice Climbing World Tour as agreed by the UIAA can be seen here](#). Minor modifications to format, grammar and wording have not been listed.

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 you guys - the 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. **Also make sure you check the [Therapeutic Use Exemptions Prohibited List before you take anything that might be on the list](#)**

For more information on [Clean Climbing please visit](#).

6.4 NEW – UIAA ICE CLIMBING CODE OF CONDUCT

New for this season we have [a UIAA Ice Climbing Code of Conduct](#) which covers all stakeholders of UIAA sanctioned events under a code of conduct that must be adhered to at all times during the ice climbing season – please make sure you read this carefully and adhere to its contents.

7. UIAA WORLD CUP TOUR – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.1 BACKGROUND

In response to the UIAA's signed commitment in early 2019 and participation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) [Sports for Climate Action](#). As a participant in this initiative, the UIAA is required and expected to adhere to 5 principles (see [here](#)), these being:

Principle 1: Undertake systematic efforts to promote greater environmental responsibility;

Principle 2: Reduce overall climate impact;

Principle 3: Educate for climate action;

Principle 4: Promote sustainable and responsible consumption;

Principle 5: Advocate for climate action through communication.

Under Principle 2: Reduce overall climate impact, the UIAA is expected to "measure and understand" its carbon footprint in order to set targets to reduce overall climate impact. Knowing how to define these targets requires first measuring and understanding how our travel and activities contribute to CO₂ emissions, requiring a 'baseline' to compare progress over time. The initial task is to establish and report on an indicative baseline and continue to gather data to monitor how our emissions trend over time. In parallel to this, the UIAA can also use this data to start seeing where and which activities create biggest impact and then suggest practical means to consider reducing this impact.

Many travel policies to reduce CO₂ impact promote the principle of **"avoid, reduce, compensate"** (in that order). The UIAA will seek to draft such a policy as a next step in its fulfilment of the 5 principles set out by the UNFCCC.

7.2 WHAT YOU CAN DO!

As principle 1 of the UNFCCC highlights, it is important to "undertake systematic efforts to promote greater environmental responsibility". For each and every athlete and federation, this means educating oneself about climate impacts, mitigating them – either by avoiding/reducing those that can be and compensating those that are unavoidable – and then, advocate for climate action by spreading the word.

Actions to mitigate your climate impacts would normally follow a hierarchal approach:

- Avoid – actions designed to eliminate Green House Gas (GHG) emissions occurring in the first place.
- Reduce – actions designed to lower the climate impact of your current activities. This may entail using resources in a more efficient way and thereby reducing the overall need, and associated costs, for such resources.
- Substitute/replace – actions designed to improve efficiency. This may be achieved by switching to more efficient and "cleaner" equipment, fuels, materials or processes.
- Compensate – actions designed to compensate for some or all of your remaining, unavoidable impacts, typically by investing in emission reductions in other projects through UNFCCC recognised mechanisms.

All UNFCCC recognised mechanisms for carbon/GHG [emission compensation can be found here](#).

8. UIAA ATHLETE COMMUNICATION

8.1 UIAA WORLD CUP EVENT WHATSAPP GROUPS

Please join the WhatsApp group of the events you plan to attend by scanning the QR code in the images below – please make sure you join before the event so that you don't miss any important information that gets sent out relevant to the event.

