



# 2019 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

## FOR INTERNATIONAL ICE CLIMBING COMPETITIONS

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 <a href="#">on the UIAA Disciplinary Action Form</a> 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 <a href="#">and the UIAA Official Appeal Form</a> .
<b>PART 2 – TECHNICAL RULES</b>	
8.1.2	<a href="#">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.</a>
8.2.	<b>NUMBER OF COMPETITORS AND THE STARTING ORDER</b> <a href="#">Multiple changes – see document</a>
8.4.2	Each competitor's attempt shall be deemed to have started <a href="#">when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground</a> and one ice-axe has left the starting point.
8.4.3	<a href="#">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.</a>
8.5.2	e) <a href="#">If a competitor let's go the lower axe just before falling, the score of upper axe shall count.</a>  f) <a href="#">Priority for ranking competitors in case of tied competitors who all topped the route in lead:</a> a. <a href="#">Qualification:</a> i. <a href="#">Attempts - competitors reaching a certain height at first attempt are placed better than the ones reaching the same height at second attempt.</a> ii. <a href="#">Time – if the qualification round included isolation</a> b. <a href="#">Semi-final, final or super final:</a> i. <a href="#">Time</a>
8.6.3	<a href="#">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. If there is no isolation for that round, the climbers will remain tied.</a>
9.1.4	<a href="#">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.</a>
9.1.5	<a href="#">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.</a>

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