

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES MADE IN THE UIAA CLIMBING RULES FOR 2006

Section 1. UIAA Climbing

1.4.1 a)

The Jury President has the power to extend the area of his/her authority to, for instance, the small area around the video camera if this has to be placed in the public arena.

It is the responsibility of the Jury President, before the start of each competition, to brief the national judges, that is the Route and/or Problem Judges assigned by the organising federation, on the application of the rules.

Section 3. General

3.3.9

This article now contains a specific description of the test to be used in a case when there is reason to believe that a competitor is unfit to compete. The test has been specified by two members of the UIAA Medical Commission, Volker Schöffl and Christian Schlegel. If, following the test, a competitor is deemed to be unfit to compete, the Jury President is obliged to stop him/her from competing.

3.4.1

The article has been adjusted to the fact that the actual starting list of a competition is not published on the website anymore, just the list of participants.

3.4.3

The starting list for the qualification round shall show the CUWR ranking of each competitor.

3.4.4 a)

The method of preparing the starting lists for the qualification rounds in lead and bouldering (but not for speed) competitions has been changed. Competitors who are not ranked on the CUWR will start after the ranked competitors, who will start in reverse order of the CUWR ranking. The purpose of this change is to reduce the unfairness to the highest-ranked competitors who, with the previous system, always had to stay longest in isolation.

3.5.5

Computers have been added to the list of things that can not be carried or used in the competition area (which includes the isolation zone), other than with the permission of the Jury President.

3.8.2

Three things have been changed in the article on team clothing:

- The team top doesn't have to be worn in competitions such as Masters where the climbers participate in an individual capacity rather than as representatives of their national teams.
- The national sports colour is accepted as a colour for the team top.
- It is no longer specified exactly where the number bib has to be placed.

3.8.5

The rule that regulates the use of other substances than chalk has been shifted from the bouldering Section, meaning it is valid for all the disciplines.

3.11.1

It is now compulsory to have video coverage also at bouldering competitions.

3.12.1

There is now a specific recommendation that provisional results be shown on screen during all rounds of a competition.

3.13.2 and 3.13.4

The combined ranking is now extended to cover all the disciplines including speed, and not as earlier only lead and bouldering.

3.13.6

The publication by UIAA Climbing of the world record in speed has been specified.

3.14.2

A competitor who sets a new world record in speed shall be subjected to an anti-doping test.

Section 4. Lead

4.5.1

It is clarified that the UIAA Judge formally decides on the climbing period, but in consultation with the Chief Routesetter.

4.5.5.b)

If it is decided by the Jury that a particular quickdraw must be clipped from a particular hold, or earlier, this hold and the quickdraw shall be marked preferably with a blue cross.

4.5.6

An interval of 20 climbers has been fixed as a maximum before a route has to be cleaned.

It has been added that it is not allowed for a competitor to clean a hold during the attempt.

4.7.4 and 4.8.5

This is a new rule which states that the Jury President may decide that in the case of a tie in a superfinal, the time used to achieve the result shall determine the ranking of the competitors;

the shorter the time, the better the result. The decision to use this rule shall be announced to the climbers, coaches and the public before the round. The superfinal can be held on the same route as in the final.

Section 5. Bouldering

5.1 – 5.7

Boulder competitions will now consist of three rounds – qualification, semifinal and final – the first two being run with the old rules. In the final round all climbers will finish the problems in turn before they move on to the next problem. The quotas for the semifinal and final rounds are 20 and 6 respectively, and the number of problems is 6 in the quarterfinal and 4 in the semifinal and final rounds, which shall be run on the same day. The rotation period is 6 minutes in all the rounds.

The new rules for the final round are in brief: The round will have only 6 competitors in each category and the competitors will compete on 4 boulder problems. All competitors will finish their attempts on boulder number one before the attempts on boulder number two are started, etc. As soon as a competitor has made a successful attempt, the next competitor follows immediately. The final round shall be run simultaneously for men and women.

5.2.2

The rule on touching holds other than the starting holds during observation has been relaxed slightly. A competitor is not allowed to touch holds other than the starting holds (before this included 'any part of the wall') with his/her 'hands or feet' (added). This means, for instance, that a competitor who touches the wall with his/her shoulder is not penalised.

Section 6. Speed

6.10.2

It has been added that a competitor suffering a technical incident shall be entitled to a minimum recuperation time of 5 minutes.

Sections 7 - 10 World Cup and other types of competitions

7.1.3, 8.1.2 and 10.1.4

The age rule has been changed, now it is enough having one's 16th birthday during the year of the competition (previously one had to be 16 years old at the time of the competition).

7.6.1 c)

The above means that also Youth 'B' climbers might be pre-qualified competitors to the World Cup.

9.4.1 c)

It is clarified that Continental Youth Cup winners are equal to Continental Youth Champions in qualifying directly for WYC.

10.2.1 c)

The World Champion shall get a bye into a Continental Championship provided he/she is eligible federation wise.

11. Disciplinary procedures

11.2.4

It is clarified that a red card with referral to the UIAA Climbing Disciplinary Commission can be issued for infringements committed not only in the competition or public area, but also at the competition venue as such or at any accommodation or facilities used in connection with the competition by a competitor or team member.