

Rules Light 2008

SPORT



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Attention: these are not the complete rules and should never be referred to when making an appeal during a competition. The document is made just to help competitors understand the rules.

1 General part

1.1 Competition Jury

The competition Jury consists of the Jury President, the IFSC Judge, the Chief Routesetter and the IFSC Delegate. The Jury President has overall authority within the competition area.

1.2 Team clothing

All competitors, while climbing, shall wear their national team top (T-shirt) with the starting number bib on the back. The starting number must be clearly visible (take attention if you have long hair!).

The national federation must make sure the team top is made according to the IFSC regulations.

1.3 Coaches

Each team is allowed to register:

- 1 team manager
- 2 team coaches
- 2 qualified medical or para-medical personnel

They shall be permitted to enter and leave the isolation zone under the same conditions as the competitors.

1.4 Technical meeting

The evening before the competition a technical meeting is held. It is not compulsory for the competitor or coach to attend the meeting but it might be very useful (the provisional starting list will be published).

Organisers website: All information about the competition should be on the organisers website (such as the opening and closing time of the isolation).

IFSC website: A list of competitors will be published at the latest 4 days before the competition.

1.5 Starting list

The starting order of the qualification round shall be the reverse of the current WR. Non-ranked competitors shall start first in the round in randomised order. At the closure of the isolation, the official starting lists of the qualification round will be prepared. Any absent or additional competitors will be deleted from/added to the list which was published at the technical meeting without re-doing the randomisation.

1.6 Isolation

When isolation is used, the closing time is very strict! No cameras, no mobile phones, no other communication devices are allowed. No communication with persons outside the isolation is permitted (red card!). Only competitors for the actual round of the competition, and official coaches/managers/ medical personnel + competition officials can enter.

1.7 Call Zone

The Call Zone is an area between the isolation zone and the competition zone. A competitor will receive the official instruction to go to the call zone when it is his/her turn to climb. Team managers or coaches can not accompany the competitor in the Call Zone.

The competitor shall make the last preparations to be ready to start: for instance the team top (with bib number), harness...

2 Competition procedure

2.1 General

Speed competitions normally consist of a qualification round and a final round. The routes are climbed top-rope.

The climbing time is determined by mechanical-electrical timing (the competitor strikes a switch at the top of the route) but manual timing is also possible. When mechanical-electric timing is used, the climbing time shall be measured with an accuracy of 0.01 second.

The route(s) will be demonstrated, first at slow speed and then at race speed. After the demonstration of the routes there will be an observation period of 4 minutes. During the observation period, competitors are allowed to touch the first holds without leaving the ground with both their feet.

On being called to the start of a route, the competitor has to stand in a position approximately 2 meters in front of the wall. At the command "At your marks", each competitor shall take a starting position: the competitor has one foot on the floor (or on an electronic device), the other foot in any position and one or both hands on the first handhold. The IFSC Judge shall ask "ready" then say "attention", and then (less than 2 seconds later) say "go" (or give a loud signal). At the top of the route the competitor shall stop the timing device by striking the switch with his/her hand.

False starts: in the case of a false start, the IFSC Judge shall stop both/all competitors immediately. A competitor committing two false starts in the same heat shall be eliminated. The mechanical-electrical timing system shall incorporate a reaction time of 0.1 second, i.e. a starting pad signal within the first 0.1 second after the starting signal implies a false start.

2.2 Qualification round

A competitor who fails to successfully complete his/her attempt on the route(s) shall be eliminated and ranked in the last position.

Classic Format (two routes of the same length and of similar profile and difficulty)

Each competitor shall first climb route 1. Following the successful completion of this, he/she shall proceed to climb route 2.

Records Format (two or more parallel routes of identical length, design and profile)

The qualification round is carried out in heats (*). Each competitor shall only climb one of the routes.

(*) heat = when two or more competitors compete directly against one another.

2.3 Final round

The final round is always carried out in heats.

Classic Format:

The competitors will be ranked by adding the climbing times of both qualification routes.

Competitors still in the competition after the qualification round	Number of competitors proceeding to the final round
16 or more than 16	16
8 to 15	8
4 to 7	4
Less than 4	the qualification round shall be re-run until at least 4 competitors qualify for the final round.

The competitors will climb 2 routes in each heat. The winner of the heat is decided by adding the climbing times of both routes.

Example with 16 finalists: The competitor ranked nr. 1 will climb against the competitor ranked nr. 16 (nr. 2 against nr. 15 etc.). They both will climb the two routes. The winner of the heat will return to a separate isolation, the loser is (knocked) out. The 8 winners will proceed to the next stage. Then 4 to the next stage. The competitors ranked 1st and 2nd will compete for the first place. The competitors ranked 3rd and 4th will compete for the 3rd place (called small final).

Records Format, two lanes (routes):

The competitors will be ranked according to their climbing time in the qualification route.

Competitors still in the competition after the qualification round	Number of competitors proceeding to the final round
16 or more than 16	16
8 to 15	8
4 to 7	4
Less than 4	the qualification round shall be re-run until at least 4 competitors qualify for the final round.

The competitors will climb one route in each heat. The winner of the heat is the one with the fastest climbing time.

Example with 16 finalists: The competitor ranked nr. 1 will climb against the competitor ranked nr. 16 (nr. 2 against nr. 15 etc.). They will climb one route. The winner of the heat will return to a separate isolation, the loser is (knocked) out. The 8 winners will proceed to the next stage. Then 4 to the next stage. The competitors ranked 1st and 2nd will compete for the first place. The competitors ranked 3rd and 4th will compete for the 3rd place (called small final).

Records Format, 4 lanes (routes):

All winners of the heats in the qualification round shall qualify for the final round. The remaining places in the final round shall be filled by those competitors with the best climbing times.

Registered competitors	Number of competitors that may qualify for the final round
16 or more than 16	16
8 to 15	8
4 to 7	4

The competitors shall climb one route in each heat. The two competitors who have successfully completed their attempt with the lowest climbing time in each heat shall qualify for the subsequent stage of the final round. The other competitors shall be ranked in accordance with their climbing time in that stage of the final round.

3 Appeals

All appeals shall be made in English. The appeal fee is 70 Euro. In the case of an appeal, the Jury President shall convene an Appeals Jury, which normally consists of the Jury President and the IFSC Delegate. A decision shall be made as quickly as circumstances allow.

If an appeal is upheld, the appeals fee shall be returned. If an appeal is rejected, the appeals fee shall not be returned.

Appeals against published results

An appeal against the ranking of a competitor after a round shall be made within 20 minutes after the results of the qualification round have been published, within 10 minutes after the final round. The appeal shall be made to the Jury President. The appeals fee shall be paid to the IFSC Delegate.

Attention:

Appeals made during a knock-out heat must be made immediately and are free of charge.

4 Award ceremony

The best 3 finalists must be present at the award ceremony.