



International federation of sport climbing

Major changes in the 2010 Rules

1. General part

Technical meeting

- The IFSC shall publish the list of participants, at least 4 days prior to the competition.
- Confirmation of competitors before the technical meeting is compulsory.

Article 2.5: At least one competitor or coach from each team registered for the competition must be present themselves at the competition venue at the hour specified on the information sheet provided by the organiser (or if no such time is specified, not be later than 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the technical meeting) to confirm the presence of the registered competitors for that team. Registered competitors not confirmed prior to the start of the Technical Meeting will be deleted from the Starting List.

In special circumstances (airline strike, traffic jams....) an SMS can be send to the Jury President or the IFSC Delegate to confirm the presence of the registered competitors.

- At the technical meeting, the Official Starting Lists will be handed out (and the event schedule confirmed).
- Prior to each round, all competitors eligible to enter that round, shall **reconfirm** their presence at the registration desk (Article 3.4.1 and 3.5.1). This also applies to flash rounds. Any absent competitors shall be deleted from the Official Starting list but the starting order and, if applicable, the allocation to groups, shall remain unchanged.

Competition doctor

Article 3.3.8 The Competition Doctor shall be present from the scheduled opening of the isolation zone or warming-up wall until the end of the attempt of the last competitor in any round of the competition.

Starting lists

The method of preparing the starting lists can be found under the specific discipline.

Video recordings

Official video recordings shall be made of competitors' attempts for all disciplines.

2. Lead

Video demonstration for flash routes (Article 4.4.2)

Video recordings of all flash routes should be continuously played back in the warming-up area, using one screen for each route. If video recordings are not possible, a live demonstration of each flash route shall be done before the attempt of the first competitor. Routes for male competitors should be demonstrated by men and routes for female competitors should be demonstrated by women.

Fixed length of climbing period

This remains unchanged (6 minutes for the qualification round and 8 minutes for all other rounds). However, the 40 second final observation period prior to the attempt applies also for flash routes (Article 4.6.2).

Superfinals

There shall be no more superfinals in (adult) World Cups. If necessary, superfinals can be used in Youth Series and Championships to separate competitors that are still tied after the final round.

Belaying

Due to the specific nature of lead competitions, only Manual Breaking Devices shall be used. All Manual Breaking Devices used in the competition must be approved by the Jury President;

Countback

There shall be no countback to the qualification round when there were 2 sets of routes (Article 4.9.2). Note: it is very rare that there are two sets of routes in a lead qualification round.

Clipping (Article 4.6.5)

- Clipping the first quickdraw from the ground is permitted.
- Un-clipping and re-clipping the last clipped quickdraw is permitted (unless the competitor has skipped a quickdraw)
- Un-clipping and re-clipping the top quickdraw is permitted (unless the competitor has skipped a quickdraw)
- A Z-clip must be fixed by un-clipping and re-clipping (if necessary, by down-climbing) any of the karabiners involved.
- A competitor is in a legitimate position to clip (or to downclimb to clip) as long as the the competitor is able to touch any part of the quickdraw with any part of his/her body.

3. Bouldering

Superfinals

There shall be no more superfinals in Boulder World Cups. If necessary, superfinals can be used in Championships to separate competitors that are still tied after the final round.

Starting order qualification round

The starting order of the qualification round shall be the order of the World Ranking for bouldering on the day of the technical meeting. The highest ranked competitor will start first. Non ranked competitors shall start after ranked competitors in randomised order.

Rotation time semifinal

The rotation time for the semifinal round will be 5 minutes.

	Number of boulders	Rotation time
Qualification round	5	5
Semifinal round	4	5
Final round	4	4+

Countback

There will be no countback to the qualification round when there were 2 sets of boulders (Article 5.7.2).

Final round

What used to be a common practice has become a rule (Article 5.4.3): men and women categories commence each boulder at the same time, i.e. if all competitors in one category have completed their attempts on a boulder, that category shall wait for the other before starting the next boulder.

4. Speed

The wording has been updated to make it clear that there are “heats” (i.e. a knock-out system) only in the final round.

Qualification round Records format

In the qualification round of all types of the Records Format, the competitors will climb twice (they will climb once, switch places and then climb on the other route). Only the best attempt counts. This means that in the qualification round, the competitors are allowed to fall once.

Representation climbing time

The climbing time shall be represented with two decimals (0.01 second).

Qualification ranking Records format 4 lanes

A Qualification Ranking shall be prepared in accordance with the competitors results in the qualification round so that the competitor with the lowest climbing time is ranked first.

The previous rule is no longer valid : All winners of heats in the qualification round shall qualify for the final round. The remaining places in the final round shall be filled by those competitors who have achieved the lowest climbing times among the remaining competitors”.

Starting signal

- The position of the starting signal should be equidistant from both/all competitors.
- The pause between “attention” and the starting signal shall vary during the course of the competition, but shall be shorter than 2 seconds.

Starter

- The starter shall not be one of the IFSC officials.
- The starter shall select a position where he/she is not visible to the competitors.

Starting position

The competitors shall be motionless in the starting position before the starter shall ask “Ready”?

Speed Relay

- Until further experience has been achieved, the rules for Speed Relay will be published separately.
- Competitors will be allowed to fall and swing back onto the route. The amount of slack will vary (within a safety margin) but this has to be accepted by the competitors.

5. Appeals

If the Jury can not come to a unanimous decision on the appeal, the original decision shall stand and the appeal fee shall be returned.

The Appeals Jury shall make sure that any competitor being downgraded after an appeal from another competitor is informed.

Appeal after an appeal

An appeal against the consequences of the decisions made by the Appeals Jury of another appeal shall be lodged within 10 minutes after the publication of the decision of the Appeals Jury. For the final and superfinal rounds such an appeal shall be made immediately after publication