

**RULE 2017**

**EUROPEAN CLIMBING COMPETITIONS**



For the points which are not specified on this rule, the IFSC rules book will be the reference.

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## 1. **EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

1.1.1 In accordance with the Statutes of the IFSC, the European Council:

- (a) will organise a European Championship (ECH) every second, odd-numbered, year. e.g. 2017, 2019, 2021; and
- (b) is entirely responsible for the organisation of the European Championship.

1.1.2 Each European Championship should include competitions in the following disciplines:

- (a) Boulder;
- (b) Lead
- (c) Speed;
- (d) Combined,

any of which may be organised as separate events.

1.1.3 European Championship competitions shall normally take place during weekend periods. The maximum duration of a European Championship shall be five (5) days.

1.1.4 The competitors ranked first, second and third in the male and female categories of each discipline shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively. In addition, the competitors ranked first in each discipline shall be awarded a European Championship trophy.

1.1.5 Where no European Championship in the Combined discipline is held, an overall competition ranking shall be prepared of all competitors who have started in the European Championship competitions for Boulder, Lead and Speed disciplines. The competitors ranked first, second and third in the male and female categories in this overall competition ranking shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively. In addition, the competitors ranked first shall be awarded an Overall European Championship trophy.

### 1.2 ELIGIBILITY

Each European Championship competition:

- 1.2.1 shall include categories for male and female competitors.
- 1.2.2 shall be open only to competitors who are nationals of countries whose National Federations are members of the European Council ("Member Federations"); and
- 1.2.3 shall be open only to competitors who are or will be at least 16 years of age in the year of the competition.

### 1.3 FORMAT

#### 1.3.1 Boulder

The European Championship competition in the Boulder discipline shall be organised as set out in Article 7 (*Bouldering*) of the IFSC Rules for that year.

#### 1.3.2 Lead

The European Championship competition in the Lead discipline shall be organised as set out in Article 6 (*Lead*) of the IFSC Rules for that year.

#### 1.3.3 Speed

The European Championship competition in the Speed discipline shall be organised as set out in Article 8 (*Speed*) of the IFSC Rules for that year.

### 1.4 REGISTRATION OF TEAM OFFICIALS AND COMPETITORS

1.4.1 Member Federations may register a National Team of competitors and team officials as set out in articles 1.4.2 and 1.4.3. All National Team members:

- (a) **must** be in possession of a valid international licence;
- (b) **must** be registered within the deadlines published for the competition (or where no such deadlines are published, at least 5 days prior to the first day of the event), and
- (c) shall be registered through the IFSC web service.

1.4.2 Member Federations may register team officials for the roles and in the numbers following:

- (a) one (1) Head of Delegation;
- (b) up to two (2) coaches per discipline;
- (c) up to two (2) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.

1.4.3 Subject to articles 1.2.3. and 1.2.2, Member Federations may register as competitors:

- (a) any current World/European Champions (who shall be registered for the discipline in which they are champion) and any current Overall World/European Champions; and in addition
- (b) up to five (5) competitors in each category of each discipline of the competition.

1.4.4 Where either:

- (a) no European Championship in the Combined discipline is held; or
- (b) one or more rounds in any of the Boulder, Lead or Speed competitions form part of the Combined competition,

the European Council may specify an Additional Quota for one or more of the Boulder, Lead and Speed competitions for competitors competing in each of these disciplines.

- 1.4.5 [All registered team officials and competitors shall be afforded free entry to the competition venue][<sup>1</sup>]

## 1.5 COMPETITION OFFICIALS

- 1.5.1 The Jury President must be an International Judge. All tasks for the IFSC Judge, as described in the IFSC Rules book, shall be the responsibility of the Jury President when there is no IFSC Judge appointed to the competition
- 1.5.2 The Appeals Jury shall consist of the Jury President and a national judge not involved in the matter under appeal. The Jury President will take the final decision.
- 1.5.3 The Chief Route Setter must be an International Route Setter.

## 1.6 ANTIDOPING TEST

Each European Championship shall comply with article 12.10 (*Anti-Doping*) of the IFSC Rules.

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<sup>1</sup> This should really be within the Event Organisers contract, not these rules

## 2. **EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

2.1.1 In accordance with the Statutes of the IFSC, the European Council:

- (a) will organise a European Youth Championship (EYCH) every year; and
- (b) is entirely responsible for the organization of the European Youth Championship.

2.1.2 Each European Youth Championship competition should include competitions in the following disciplines:

- (a) Boulder,
- (b) Lead,
- (c) Speed;
- (d) Combined,

any of which may be organised as separate events.

2.1.3 European Youth Championship competitions shall normally take place during weekend periods.

- (a) the maximum duration of a European Youth Championship shall be five (5) days.
- (b) special consideration shall be given to determining the dates of such competitions in order to minimise problems associated with attendance at educational institutions.
- (c) any European Youth Championship competition shall take place between the first weekend of March to the last of November, but excluding the two last weekends of June and the first two weekends of September . The recommended period is during summer.

2.1.4 The competitors ranked first, second and third in the male and female categories of each age group and in each discipline shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively. In addition, the competitors ranked first in each age groups and discipline shall be awarded a European Youth Championship trophy.

2.1.5 Where no European Championship in the Combined discipline is held for any age group, an overall competition ranking shall be prepared for of all competitors who have started in the European Youth Championship competitions for Boulder, Lead and Speed disciplines. The competitors ranked first, second and third in the male and female categories in this combined competition ranking for each such age group shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.

### 2.2 ELIGIBILITY

Each European Youth Championship:

2.2.1 shall include categories for male and female competitors.

2.2.2 shall be open only to competitors who are nationals of countries whose National Federations are members of the European Council ("Member Federations"); and

2.2.3 shall be open for the following age groups:

- (a) Youth B: competitors aged either 14 or 15 years in the year of the competition;
  - (b) Youth A: competitors aged either 16 or 17 years in the year of the competition;
  - (c) Juniors: competitors aged either 18 or 19 years in the year of the competition,
- as set out in Table 1 (European Youth Championship age groups);

**Age Groups by Year of Birth**

Year of Event	Youth B		Youth A		Juniors	
2017	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
2018	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
2019	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
2020	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
2021	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002

Table 1 - European Youth Championship age groups.

## 2.3 FORMAT

### 2.3.1 Boulder

The European Youth Championship competition in the Boulder discipline competition shall be conducted in accordance with article 3.5 (*Bouldering*) of these rules with the following exceptions:

- (a) the fixed quota for the final round is six (6) competitors;
- (b) the Final round shall follow the format specified within the IFSC Rules for the Final round of a Boulder World Cup;.

### 2.3.2 Lead

The European Youth Championship competition in the Lead discipline competition shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant IFSC Rules for the Youth World Championship.

### 2.3.3 Speed

The European Youth Championship competition in the Lead discipline competition shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant IFSC Rules for the Speed World Cups with the following adaptations:

- (a) all heats in each stage of the final round (quarter final, semi-final, and heats to determine the third and fourth places) shall be completed for all age groups in both categories, before any heat in the next stage shall commence.

- (b) the quota for the final round of the competition shall be as set out at article 3.6.1 of these rules.

## 2.4 REGISTRATION OF TEAM OFFICIALS AND COMPETITORS

2.4.1 Member Federations may register a National Team of competitors and team officials as set out in articles 2.4.2 and 2.4.3. All National Team members:

- (a) **must** be in possession of a valid international licence;
- (b) **must** be registered within the deadlines published for the competition (or where no such deadlines are published, at least 5 days prior to the first day of the event), and
- (c) shall be registered through the IFSC web service.

2.4.2 Member Federations may register team officials for the roles and in the numbers following:

- (a) one (1) Head of Delegation;
- (b) up to three (3) coaches per discipline;
- (c) up to three (3) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.

2.4.3 Subject to article 2.2.2 and 2.2.3, Member Federations may register as competitors

- (a) Any current Adult/Youth World/European Champions (who shall be registered for the discipline in which they are champion) and any current Adult/Youth Overall World/European Champions; and in addition
- (b) up to four (4) official team members for each category and each age group of each discipline of the competition.

2.4.4 Where for any age group, either:

- (a) no European Youth Championship in the Combined discipline is held for that age group; or
- (b) one or more rounds in any of the Boulder, Lead or Speed competitions form part of the Combined competition for that age group,

the European Council may specify an Additional Quota for one or more of the Boulder, Lead and Speed competitions for competitors competing in each of these disciplines.

2.4.5 The Event Organiser's entry fees shall not exceed €25 per competitor. In addition, each Member Federation taking part in the EYCH shall pay an annual fee and an individual fee per competitor per event in accordance with the European Council fee system

## 2.5 COMPETITION OFFICIALS

2.5.1 The Jury President must be an International Judge. All tasks for the IFSC Judge, as described in the IFSC Rules book, shall be the responsibility of the Jury President when there is no IFSC Judge appointed to the competition

2.5.2 The Appeals Jury shall consist of the Jury President and a national judge not involved in the matter under appeal. The Jury President will take the final decision.



2.5.3 The Chief Route Setter must be an International Route Setter.

## 2.6 ANTIDOPING TEST

2.6.1 Each European Championship shall comply with article 13.10.1 of the IFSC Rules.

2.6.2 Anti-Doping tests shall be administered as a minimum to the following competitors within each discipline of the European Youth Championship:

- (a) three (3) winners chosen by random from the six categories and age groups;
- (b) three (3) finalists chosen at random (excluding the winners)

### 3. **EUROPEAN YOUTH CUPS**

#### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1.1 Each European Youth Cup (EYC) lead, speed or bouldering competition shall include three age groups for each category, in accordance with the IFSC youth age groups shown in Article 2.2.
- 3.1.2 Only climbers of the countries who are members of the European Council shall be eligible to take part in these cups
- 3.1.3 Each European Youth Cup lead, speed or bouldering competition shall take place between the first weekend of March to the last of November. The two last weekend of June and the two first of September are not eligible for an EYC event. Bouldering is recommended from March to July (included), Lead from July to November (included)
- 3.1.4 Each EYC lead competition shall consist of a qualification round to be held on two flash routes and a final round with ten (10) competitors for each age group and category. A speed competition shall be organized in accordance with section 3.6. and speed IFSC rule. A bouldering competition shall consist of a qualification round to be held on eight flash boulders and a final round in accordance with semi-final IFSC rule format with eight competitors for each age group and category.
- 3.1.5 On completion of an EYC event, the winners of the three age groups for males and females shall be awarded a trophy. The first three competitors in all three age groups for males and females shall be awarded, respectively, a gold, silver and bronze medal.
- 3.1.6 On each competition of the European Youth Cup, a national team ranking is done.
  - (a) Calculation:

The team ranking is calculated by adding the results of the best competitor in each category and age group per team. Each competitor is awarded points according the “table award competition points” (see IFSC rule, 11.7.2). If a team doesn’t have a competitor in an age group for males or females, the team gets zero point in this category. No podium ceremony is organized for the national team ranking.
- 3.1.7 On completion of the EYC series of competitions and EY Championship, the winners of the three age groups for males and females shall be awarded a trophy. The first three competitors in all three age groups for males and females shall be awarded, respectively, a gold, silver and bronze medal.
- 3.1.8 Competitors in each age group and category shall be awarded points according to the table award competition points
  - (a) The points gained by tied competitors in a competition will be the average of the points for the tied rank positions. The points will be rounded off to whole numbers.
  - (b) The points awarded after each EYC competition and EYCH shall be aggregated as follows:
    - (i) when 4 or more competitions are organised, the four (4) best results shall count;
    - (ii) when less than 4 competitions are organised, all results shall count.

- (c) The competitors having EYC and EYCH points shall be ranked in descending order of aggregated points. This ranking shall be the official European Youth Cup Ranking (EYCR).

3.1.9 If a tie between two competitors for the first place in the EYC exists at the completion of the final EYC competition of the year, the tied competitors shall be assessed with a view to break the tie by comparing the individual rankings in those competitions (EYC competition or EYCH) in which the competitors have been in direct competition with each other, i.e. the number of "better" places in competitions in which they have competed with each other. If a tie remains unbroken following this assessment, then the highest number of best results, starting with the number of 1st places, then the number of 2nd places and so on, shall determine the first place.

### 3.2 REGISTRATION OF TEAM OFFICIALS AND COMPETITORS

3.2.1 European member federations may register, within statutory deadlines, all their team officials who shall be granted free entry into the competition venue. These officials shall be registered via the IFSC website, must be in possession of a valid international licence and specifically nominated for one of the following roles:

- (a) One (1) Head of Delegation;
- (b) Three (3) coaches per discipline;
- (c) Three (3) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.

3.2.2 Subject to article 2.2., member federations shall be permitted to register on the official IFSC registration form a National Team comprising (where applicable):

- (a) Four (4) official team members in each category in each age group of each discipline of the competition. The hosting country shall be entitled to register two (2) more competitors in each age group and category
- (b) Any current Adult/Youth World/European Champions (who shall be registered for the Discipline in which they are champion) and any current Adult/Youth Overall World/European Champions

3.2.3 For each competitor his/her member federation must apply for an international licence.

3.2.4 Registration of competitors for a EYC competition shall follow the IFSC rules.

3.2.5 A member federation shall be allowed to amend their team quota list until the registration before the competition.

3.2.6 The organisers' entry fees shall not exceed €20 per competitor. In addition, each member federation taking part in the EYC shall pay an annual fee and an individual fee per competitor per event in accordance with the IFSC / European Council fee system

### 3.3 DURATION

- 3.3.1 Each EYC competition shall not last longer than two (2) days, during weekends and preferably in holiday periods. Whenever possible, EYC competitions should be completed in one and a half days and end up before 16.00 on the Sunday. Organisers must announce in advance if the competition will not finish before 16.00 on the Sunday. The qualification rounds shall be organised on the Saturday, the finals shall be held on the Sunday.

### 3.4 LEAD

#### 3.4.1 Climbing wall

Each EYC Lead competition shall be staged on either indoor or outdoor (sheltered) walls. The height of the wall shall be a minimum of 10 metres, and the minimum length of the routes shall be 15 metres.

#### 3.4.2 Rounds and quota

- (a) There shall be one qualification round consisting of two (2) qualification routes for each age group and category, and one final round. The two qualification routes shall be of the same technical difficulty, although not identical.
- (b) The result of the qualification round shall be calculated as follows:

$$TP = \sqrt[2]{(r_1 * r_2)}$$

where:

$TP$  = total points

$r_1$  = ranking on qualification route 1

$r_2$  = ranking on qualification route 2.

A lower number of points represent a better result.

- (i) For each route the following shall apply: in the case of a tie between two or more competitors, each competitor shall be given the average ranking of the tied competitors. For example, if there are 6 ties at 1<sup>st</sup> place then the average ranking points will be 3.5 [1+2+3+4+5+6=21:6=3.5] or if there are 4 ties at 2<sup>nd</sup> place then the average ranking points will be 3.5 [2+3+4+5=14:4=3.5]). All decimals shall be taken into account for the ranking but only two are presented on the official result list.
- (ii) If a competitor for any reason did not start in one of the routes, the competitor shall be given the rank number following that of the last competitor that actually climbed that route. If a competitor did not start on any of the routes, the competitor shall not be ranked.
- (c) The fixed quota for the final round in each age group and category shall be ten (10) competitors.

### 3.4.3 Starting order.

- (a) Qualification round: The starting order shall be in accordance with the Lead IFSC rule
- (b) Final round: the starting order shall be in the reverse order of the ranking of the qualification round. The starting order of tied competitors shall be randomized. The closing isolation can be more than one hour before the start of the final round if a final route is used by several categories.

### 3.4.4 Tie places in the final round

In the case of tied places, the competitors shall be split as specified in the IFSC rule.

## 3.5 BOULDERING

### 3.5.1 General

- (a) This bouldering competition consists of two rounds, named qualification round (8 boulders), and final round. The quota for the final round is 8 competitors.
- (b) No one except the competitors, the jury staff or people allowed by the Jury President can be on the competition area.

### 3.5.2 Climbing procedure

- (a) Climbing procedure for qualification round

- (i) Contest:

8 boulders are proposed for each age group and category. The numbering of the boulders is an indication of the difficulty. Number 1 is the easiest boulder, numbers 2 to 5 are of medium difficulty, numbers 6 to 8 are the hardest boulders. Each competitor has maximum 5 attempts on each boulder.

The qualification round is flash without any demonstration. In case of few competitors, age groups and categories may be joined in the same qualification group.

The climbers may be authorized to use only one color of hold. In this case, a maximum of three colors can be used by the route setters to identified boulders on the same area. Blind colors competitors must be declared by National Federation to the European Council and organizer at least two weeks before the competition.

Each competitor chooses the moment to attempt each boulder in the order he/she wants and gives his score card to the Boulder Judge before making his attempt. All the competitors from a group try together the 8 boulders in the allocated time which can't be less than an hour and half. If the group contains more than thirty climbers, then the time will be increased by ten minutes per each five climbers more. The allocated time must be announced before the round. If necessary the Boulder Judge makes a starting list in the order of the competitors' attempting the boulder.

The beginning and the end of the qualification round will be announced by a loud signal. One minute before the end of the qualification period there will be another signal.

(ii) Technical incidents in the qualification round:

In case of a technical incident on a boulder, the boulder is closed during the restoration.

If the restoration of the technical incident takes less than 10 min, then the boulder is re-opened, without additional time.

If the restoration of the technical incident takes more than 10 min, then the boulder is cancelled.

(iii) Ranking procedure:

The competitors shall be ranked according to the following criteria:

- (1) The number of successfully completed boulders;
- (2) The total number of attempts to complete these boulders;
- (3) The total number of bonus points;
- (4) The total number of attempts to achieve these bonus points.

(b) Climbing procedure for final round

- (i) Final round is taking place as the semi-final round is specified in the World Cup bouldering IFSC rule.
- (ii) The closing isolation can be more than one hour before the start of the final round if some final boulders are used by several categories.

### 3.6 SPEED

#### 3.6.1 Number of competitors in the final round:

- (a) If the number of competitors completing the qualification round is 8 or more, then 8 competitors shall qualify for the final round;
- (b) If the number of competitors completing the qualification round is between 8 and 3, then 4 competitors shall qualify for the final round;
- (c) If the number of competitors completing the qualification round is less than 4, then the qualification shall be re-run until at least 4 competitors qualify for the final round.

The final round may thus consist of the following stages: a quarter final and always a semifinal and a final

#### 3.6.2 Final round is taking place as the final round is specified in the speed IFSC rule.

### 3.7 JURY AND ROUTESETTING

- 3.7.1 The Jury President shall be an International Judge. All tasks for the IFSC Judge, as described in the IFSC Rules book, are taken care of by the Jury President when there is no IFSC Judge on the competition
- 3.7.2 The Appeals Jury shall consist of the Jury President and a national judge (route or bouldering) who did not take part to the first decision. The Jury President takes final decision.
- 3.7.3 The chief Route setter is an International Route setter.

### 3.8 ANTIDOPING TEST

Three (3) climbers per discipline shall be subjected to an anti-doping test: two (2) winners chosen by random among the six (6) categories and age groups and one finalist climber (not winner) chosen by random among the six (6) categories and age groups.

## 4. **EUROPEAN CUPS**

### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

- 4.1.1 Each European Cup (EC) lead, speed or bouldering competition shall include for male and female competitors. Only competitors who are or will be at least 16 years of age in the year of the competition shall be eligible to compete in a Continental Cup competition.
- 4.1.2 Only climbers of the countries who are members of the European Council shall be eligible to take part in these cups
- 4.1.3 Each European Cup lead, speed or bouldering competition shall take place between the first weekend of May to the last of November. The two last weekend of June and the two first of September are not eligible for an EC event.
- 4.1.4 Each EC lead competition shall consist of a qualification round to be held on two flash routes and a final round with ten (10) competitors for each age group and category. A speed competition shall be organized in accordance with section 3.6. and speed IFSC rule. A bouldering competition shall consist of a qualification round to be held on eight flash boulders and a final round on three on-sight boulders with six competitors for each category.
- 4.1.5 On completion of an EC event
  - (a) the winners for males and females shall be awarded a trophy.
  - (b) The first three competitors for males and females shall be awarded, respectively, a gold, silver and bronze medal.
  - (c) The prizes money are not mandatory. But in case of prizes money provided, at least all the three first climbers must be money awarded (more to the first, then second, then third, and so on).
- 4.1.6 On completion of the EC series of competitions:
  - (a) The winners for males and females shall be awarded a trophy.
  - (b) The first three competitors for males and females shall be awarded, respectively, a gold, silver and bronze medal.
- 4.1.7 Competitors in each age group and category shall be awarded points according to the table award competition points (IFSC Rules)

The points gained by tied competitors in a competition will be the average of the points for the tied rank positions. The points will be rounded off to whole numbers.

The points awarded after each EC competition shall be aggregated as follows:

- (a) if 4 or more competitions are organised, the four (4) best results shall count;
- (b) if less than 4 competitions are organised, all results shall count.

The competitors having EC points shall be ranked in descending order of aggregated points. This ranking shall be the official European Cup Ranking (ECR).



- 4.1.8 If a tie between two competitors for the first place in the EC exists at the completion of the final EC competition of the year, the tied competitors shall be assessed with a view to break the tie by comparing the individual rankings in those competitions in which the competitors have been in direct competition with each other, i.e. the number of "better" places in competitions in which they have competed with each other. If a tie remains unbroken following this assessment, then the highest number of best results, starting with the number of 1st places, then the number of 2nd places and so on, shall determine the first place.

## 4.2 REGISTRATION OF TEAM OFFICIALS AND COMPETITORS

- 4.2.1 European member federations may register, within statutory deadlines, all their team officials who shall be granted free entry into the competition venue. These officials shall be registered via the IFSC website, must be in possession of a valid international licence and specifically nominated for one of the following roles:
- (a) One (1) Head of Delegation;
  - (b) Two (2) coaches per discipline;
  - (c) Two (2) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.
- 4.2.2 Subject to article 2.2., member federations shall be permitted to register on the official IFSC registration form a National Team comprising (where applicable):
- (a) Four (4) official team members in each category in each age group of each discipline of the competition. The hosting country shall be entitled to register two (2) more competitors in each age group and category.
  - (b) Any current Adult/Youth World/European Champions (who shall be registered for the Discipline in which they are champion) and any current Adult/Youth Overall World/European Champions
- 4.2.3 For each competitor his/her member federation must apply for an international licence.
- 4.2.4 Registration of competitors for an EC competition shall follow the IFSC rules.
- 4.2.5 A member federation shall be allowed to amend their team quota list until the registration before the competition.
- 4.2.6 The organisers' entry fees shall not exceed € 20 per competitor. In addition, each member federation taking part in the EC shall pay an annual fee and an individual fee per competitor per event in accordance with the IFSC / European Council fee system

## 4.3 DURATION

- 4.3.1 Each EC competition shall not last longer than two (2) days, during weekends.
- (a) Whenever possible, EC competitions should be completed in one and a half days and end up before 16.00 on the Sunday.
  - (b) Organisers must announce in advance if the competition will not finish before 16.00 on the Sunday.

- (c) The qualification rounds shall be organised on the Saturday, the finals shall be held on the Sunday.

#### 4.4 LEAD

##### 4.4.1 Climbing wall

Each EC Lead competition shall be staged on either indoor or outdoor (sheltered) walls. The height of the wall shall be a minimum of 10 metres, and the minimum length of the routes shall be 15 metres.

##### 4.4.2 Rounds and quota

- (a) There shall be one qualification round consisting of two (2) qualification routes for each category, and one final round. The two qualification routes shall be of the same technical difficulty, although not identical.
- (b) The result of the qualification round shall be calculated as follows:

$$TP = \sqrt[2]{(r_1 * r_2)}$$

where:

$TP$  = total points

$r_1$  = ranking on qualification route 1

$r_2$  = ranking on qualification route 2.

A lower number of points represent a better result.

- (i) For each route the following shall apply: in the case of a tie between two or more competitors, each competitor shall be given the average ranking of the tied competitors. For example, if there are 6 ties at 1<sup>st</sup> place then the average ranking points will be 3.5  $[1+2+3+4+5+6=21:6=3.5]$  or if there are 4 ties at 2<sup>nd</sup> place then the average ranking points will be 3.5  $[2+3+4+5=14:4=3.5]$ . All decimals shall be taken into account for the ranking but only two are presented on the official result list.
  - (ii) If a competitor for any reason did not start in one of the routes, the competitor shall be given the rank number following that of the last competitor that actually climbed that route. If a competitor did not start on any of the routes, the competitor shall not be ranked.
- (c) The fixed quota for the final round in each age group and category shall be ten (10) competitors.

##### 4.4.3 Starting order.

- (a) Qualification round: The starting order shall be in accordance with the Lead IFSC rule
- (b) Final round: the starting order shall be in the reverse order of the ranking of the qualification round. The starting order of tied competitors shall be randomized. The closing isolation can be more than one hour before the start of the final round if a final route is used by several categories.

#### 4.4.4 Tie places in the final round

In the case of tied places, the competitors shall be split as specified in the IFSC rule.

### 4.5 BOULDERING

#### 4.5.1 General

- (a) This bouldering competition consists of two rounds, named qualification round (8 boulders), and final round (3 boulders).
- (b) The quota for the final round is 6 competitors.
- (c) No one except the competitors, the jury staff or people allowed by the Jury President can be in the competition area.

#### 4.5.2 Climbing procedure

- (a) Climbing procedure for qualification round

- (i) Contest:

8 boulders are proposed for category. The numbering of the boulders is an indication of the difficulty. Number 1 is the easiest boulder, numbers 2 to 5 are of medium difficulty, numbers 6 to 8 are the hardest boulders. Each competitor has maximum 5 attempts on each boulder.

The qualification round is flash without any demonstration.

The climbers may be authorized to use only one color of hold. In this case, a maximum of three colors can be used by the route setters to identified boulders on the same area. Blind colors competitors must be declared by National Federation to the European Council and organizer at least two weeks before the competition.

Each competitor chooses the moment to attempt each boulder in the order he/she wants and gives his score card to the Boulder Judge before making his attempt. All the competitors from a group try together the 8 boulders in the allocated time which can't be less than an hour and half. If the group contains more than

thirty climbers, then the time will be increased by ten minutes per each five climbers more. The allocated time must be announced before the round. If necessary the Boulder Judge makes a starting list in the order of the competitors attempting the boulder.

The beginning and the end of the qualification round will be announced by a loud signal. One minute before the end of the qualification period there will be another signal.

- (ii) Technical incidents in the qualification round:

In case of a technical incident on a boulder, the boulder is closed during the restoration.

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If the restoration of the technical incident takes less than 10 min, then the boulder is re-opened, without additional time.

If the restoration of the technical incident takes more than 10 min, then the boulder is cancelled.

(iii) Ranking procedure:

The competitors shall be ranked according to the following criteria:

- (1) The number of successfully completed boulders;
- (2) The total number of attempts to complete these boulders;
- (3) The total number of bonus points;
- (4) The total number of attempts to achieve these bonus points.

(b) Climbing procedure for final round

Final round is taking place as the final round is specified in the bouldering IFSC rule.

#### 4.6 SPEED

##### 4.6.1 Number of competitors in the final round:

- (a) If the number of competitors completing the qualification round is 8 or more, then 8 competitors shall qualify for the final round;
- (b) If the number of competitors completing the qualification round is between 8 and 3, then 4 competitors shall qualify for the final round;
- (c) If the number of competitors completing the qualification round is less than 4, then the qualification shall be re-run until at least 4 competitors qualify for the final round.

The final round may thus consist of the following stages: a quarter final and always a semifinal and a final

##### 4.6.2 Final round is taking place as the final round is specified in the speed IFSC rule.

#### 4.7 JURY AND ROUTESSETTING

4.7.1 The Jury President shall be an International Judge. All tasks for the IFSC Judge, as described in the IFSC Rules book, are taken care of by the Jury President when there is no IFSC Judge on the competition

4.7.2 The Appeals Jury shall consist of the Jury President and a national judge (route or bouldering) who did not take part to the first decision. The Jury President takes final decision.

4.7.3 The chief Route setter is an International Route setter.

#### 4.8 ANTIDOPING TEST

The anti-doping test must be in accordance with the IFSC requirements

## **5. EUROPEAN SPEED RECORDS**

### **5.1 QUALIFYING EVENTS**

European Speed Records can be set during the EYCH, EYC, ECH, EC and all IFSC World Cups, World Championships and World Youth Championships, if the conditions are according IFSC standards.

### **5.2 RECORD CATEGORIES**

The European Council recognises European Speed Records for both Male and Female categories, adult and youth (Junior, Youth A, Youth B).