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#### Foreword

This working document is meant to be a helpful instrument in making consistent judging and decisions. It shall be read solely in conjunction with the 2023 IFSC Rules.

At present, it is not an official document and should be considered as a set of guidelines rather than a set of rules.

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#### 1. GENERAL

#### 1.1 Result Service

The IFSC Result System can be accessed from: <a href="https://ifsc.results.info/users/login">https://ifsc.results.info/users/login</a>

Familiarize yourself with the Result System by first reading through the <u>Result System Manual</u> and by practicing on the test platform made available to you.

NOTE: Do not forget to check that your login and password are working a few days before the competition.

#### 1.2 Starting List

The Jury President is responsible for creating the initial Start Lists on the Result Service.

The Start Lists for the Qualification round are to be published once registration confirmation has been completed and are to be made available at the Technical Meeting. No substitutions or addition of athletes or Team Officials shall be allowed.

For subsequent rounds, the IFSC Judge is responsible for the creation and publication of the Start Lists.

#### 1.3 Timing management

The Jury President should ensure that the timetable respects the minimum time between the rounds as follows:

- There must be a scheduled 2-hour gap between the time when the last competitor finishes the previous round and the closing of the Isolation Zone for the following round.
- the time gaps between the stages within a combined competition are set out in the Rules.

#### 1.4 Authorizing access to a physiotherapist

The Jury President or the IFSC-Judge can authorize the access to a team physiotherapist for the assessment and treatment of a competitor's injury. No additional relaxation/performance enhancing treatments are allowed.

#### 1.5 Authorizing access of the press in isolation

No press is allowed in isolation after its closure.

Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Jury President or the Event Delegate. The members of the press who may be admitted in this way must be escorted and supervised by an IFSC Official or, where that is not possible, an official from the Event Organiser's team assigned for this purpose by the Jury President or the Event Delegate.

In the event of complaints from the competitors or coaches in the isolation zone, the Jury President will evaluate the decision.

#### 1.6 Restrictions of communication devices

The Jury President should ensure that at the entrance to the isolation zone for any round "on sight" competition, competitors and team officials are requested to handover for safekeeping any:

- mobile telephones;
- tablets/computers; and
- any other devices able to receive/transmit over wireless internet ("Wi-Fi") or Bluetooth, including "Smart watches" and Bluetooth-equipped headphones.

Team Officials and Competitors may be requested to submit for inspection any electronic device (e.g. any device with batteries, etc.) for authorisation prior to entry to the isolation zone.

The Jury President should put in place some measures to check at least the final and semi-final rounds of competition.

Though the IFSC may submit a request, only the Jury President can authorise the presence and use of recording devices necessary for video making or other purposes if needed.

#### 1.7 Behaviour of the coaches in the coaches' area

Only coaches of the current discipline and physiotherapists whose competitors are qualified for the current round are authorised to enter any coaches' area (consider a maximum number if space is limited). Coaches are not allowed to communicate to their competitors when they are on the field of play

#### 1.8 Management of Appeals

#### **General**

• Appeals Fees will not be collected in-competition but invoiced to the NF by the IFSC Office. The Jury President must retain a copy of all appeals forms for this purpose.

#### Appeal time in final

• The Team Official must notify verbally their intention to make an appeal immediately but can have more time to fill in the form.

#### **Appeals on provisional results**

- Where any Team Official identifies mistakes or issues within the provisional results, the IFSC
  Judge should verify that the result written on any scoresheet, topo or tablet used by the
  relevant boulder/route judge is the same as visible on the website or results screen.
   If the IFSC Judge confirms the original result, the Team Official still has the possibility to make
  an official appeal at the appropriate time.
- Any video viewing requested by a coach requires an official appeal.



#### 1.9 Team uniforms

#### Team uniforms colour and design

The design of the team uniform may be different for Male and Female competitors.

Following IOC Gender Equality Guidelines, the colour of the team uniform must be the same for Male and Female competitors.

A collection of approved uniforms for climbing can be found at this dropbox link (to be updated): <a href="https://ifscorg-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/silvia\_verdolini\_ifsc-climbing\_org/EjBlgHKL3jNIoUybBs2NPHUBOywkv0LcP1JP-liutlxIZg?e=RcoKeW">https://ifscorg-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/silvia\_verdolini\_ifsc-climbing\_org/EjBlgHKL3jNIoUybBs2NPHUBOywkv0LcP1JP-liutlxIZg?e=RcoKeW</a>

NOTE: Make sure to have access to this few days before the competition.

Every team is allowed to have different Team tops during the same competition and round (long sleeves, short sleeves, and sleeveless), as long as they have been previously approved. Refer to the Dropbox folder at least 1 week before the competition.

#### **Team uniforms on podiums**

Though not in the rules, all athletes on the podium will wear a national team top (preferably with long sleeves) and **closed shoes.** The same uniform has to be used in interviews and press conferences staged by the IFSC or event organizers. As this is not in the rules, there is no sanction (no yellow card will be given).

#### 1.10 Responsibility and safety

Any technical equipment used in International Climbing Competitions must meet the relevant EN Standard (or comparable international equivalent) unless otherwise specified by the IFSC or, in exceptional circumstances, by the Jury President through the authority delegated to them by the IFSC.

Compliance with specified standards:

- In relation to the preparations, facilities, walls, mats or other fixed objects, is the responsibility of the Event Delegate;
- In relation to the running competition, the routes and the competitors, is the responsibility of the Jury President.

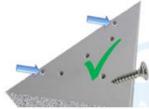
#### 1.11 Black tape

The black tape itself, is part of the allowed climbing surface (in-bounds).



## 1.12 Use of holes on holds, volumes and climbing surface















#### 2. LEAD

#### 2.1 Recuperation period in Qualification

The Jury President must schedule the round such that each competitor has not less than 50 minutes between the time when they finish their first qualification route and the time when they start their second qualification route, as set forth in the rules. In a competition with a small number of competitors, this may require the Jury President to arrange a time gap between the two qualification routes.

#### 2.2 Management of belayers

The Jury President has responsibility for the safety of activities on the Field of Play and must request the replacement of any belayer who is not acting in a safe manner.

#### 2.3 Scoring

A hold is considered as "Used" if and only if a competitor has made use of it to effect **both** a progressive movement of their centre of mass or hips; **and** a movement of either or both hands toward:

- 1. the next sequential handhold along the line of progression; or
- any other handhold further along the line of progression which has been successfully Controlled by another competitor from the same handhold;

These 2 conditions have to be realized in the same sequence (not necessarily at the same time).

#### 2.4 Numbering the topo

The guidelines for the Numbering of Handholds in Lead competitions are described in: <a href="https://cdn.ifsc-climbing.org/images/ifsc/Footer/Officials/IFSC Lead topo 2023.pdf">https://cdn.ifsc-climbing.org/images/ifsc/Footer/Officials/IFSC Lead topo 2023.pdf</a>

#### 2.5 Validation of the topo

The IFSC Judge is responsible for making sure that the topo is numbered correctly:

- make sure to ask the Chief Routesetter for explanations as needed regarding the suggested numbering.
- take particular care to confirm with the Chief Routesetter that any marked duoholds are *necessary* for all (or at least the vast majority of) competitors in the round (and not because the move is easier when the hold is matched).

#### 2.6 Possibility to watch the routes before entering isolation

Competitors and team officials may look at the routes from any area open to the public before entering in isolation.

Routesetters should affix route signs (e.g. Men/Women), only after Isolation has been closed.

#### 2.6 Scoring duoholds

We give the first score for the first hand and the second score for the second hand.

Just for clarification:

That means, that if the competitor chooses to go further on the line of the route with the first hand (without matching) he/she cannot get a plus on the first score.

BUT if a competitor just started to move the second hand towards the duohold he/she may get the plus on the first score

#### 2.7 Route cleaning

Cleaning of the holds: make it logical, divide as even as possible, take into account the other category or age groups and the use of lifts. Inform the competitors when and how long the cleaning will take. Make sure to use a realistic timeframe. Note that in the final round of youth competitions, it may be the case that more than 22 competitors climb the same route. (e.g., sometimes all female climbers climb the same route on a youth competition.)

If more than one age group (U18, U20) is using the same route, one after the other, they are to be considered as having separate competitions. The calculation of cleaning breaks is to be done separately.

For example: the cleaning for 23 U18 (cleaning after 12) is calculated separately from the 18 U20. Make sure cleaning is marked on the Start List.

#### 2.8 Demonstration (qualification round)

- The demonstration videos should be given to the Jury President and controlled by the IFSC-Judge prior to the Technical Meeting.
- The upload of the correct demonstration videos and working of the YouTube link should be controlled by the IFSC-Judge. The IFSC-Judge must ensure that the video field of view and any splicing (combining of videos) correctly shows the entire route, and all climbing movement and positions, including the clipping of protection.
- Live demonstration should be allowed only in cases where unforeseen events took part. In case of live demonstration of the routes, clipping of all quickdraws must be demonstrated. When a forerunner skips a quickdraw during the demonstration, he/she must return to that point and demonstrate the clip.

#### 2.9 The legitimate position for clipping

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[Ref. Glossary definition and Article 7.18]

- Scoring is paused when an athlete reaches the last hold from which the Chief Routesetter
  deems it is possible to clip the first unclipped quickdraw and scoring resumes once that
  quickdraw has been clipped. If the competitor has passed beyond the last hold from which it
  is possible to clip and:
  - the position is dangerous, the IFSC Judge must stop the competitor.
  - the position is not dangerous, the IFSC Judge may allow him/her to continue the attempt with the possibility to clip from a further hold or to climb down to fix the clipping.
- If the competitor is not in a Legitimate Position, the scoring is stopped.
- The quickdraw must be clipped in sequence.

#### 2.10 Technical incidents

In case of a technical incident during the qualification (flash routes), the competitor must wait for the second attempt without having any contact with other competitors or coach (except a physiotherapist-see above).

#### 2.11 Appeal time results qualification round

Other than an appeal against the termination of a competitor's attempt or more generally in relation to an alleged breach of the technical rules for the sport. All regulations concerning appeals make reference to the ROUND of a competition (and not a route.)

Appeals on official results must be possible after the end of the round.

In exceptional cases the Jury President may announce that official results will be published each day (on Youth World Championships where competitors may climb route A on the first day and route B on the second day



#### 3. BOULDER

#### 3.1 Reducing the number of boulders

A boulder may be cancelled only in case of:

- a) unforeseen events (weather, a broken volume beyond repair, etc.); or
- b) a successful Safety Appeal in respect of that boulder.

#### 3.2 Marking Start/Zone/Top holds

The method to mark holds is to use a flash of coloured tape. Tape "boxes" are not to be used. The Rules make no distinction between "volumes" or "holds" so the Jury President and the IFSC Judge must be very careful about the marking of holds used for Starts, Zone and the Top. Markings need to be clear for the judges, the competitors, and the public.

**Recommended markings** 



A standard flash marking designates:

- a) the hold/volume marked by the flash (the "Primary Structure"); and
- b) any other structures fixed **onto** the Primary Structure



## Example usage of markings - Zone/Top

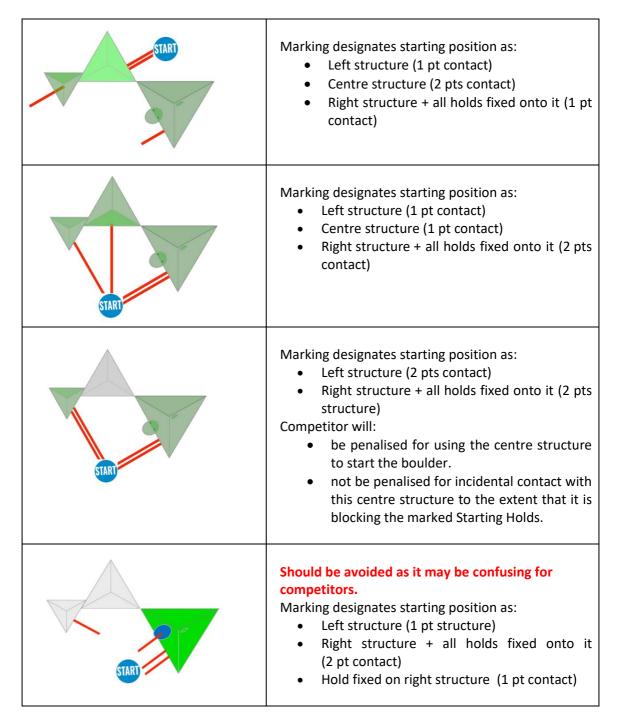
In each example, the hold marked in green is the designated Zone Hold or Top.

TOP TOP	Marking designates single hold as the Zone/Top, in this case fixed onto and fully enclosed within the boundary of a larger hold/volume.
TORE TOP	Marking designates single hold as the Zone/Top, fixed onto and only partially enclosed within the boundary of another hold/volume.
ZONE TOP	Marking designates single volume/hold as the Zone/Top. Any adjacent holds/volumes are considered separate regardless as to whether they are touching or not.
TOP	Marking a designates a Zone Hold/Top consisting or more than one structure.  The marked Primary Structure and all Other holds/structure fixed onto it are collectively considered to be the Zone Hold or Top.  Any adjacent holds/volumes are Considered to be separate regardless as to whether they are touching or not.

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#### Example usage of alternate markings – Start



#### Note that:

- 1. Competitors may touch or use any of the marked holds in any sequence or with hands/feet in any different position so long as at some point in time, the indicated number of contact points are realised simultaneously.
- 2. Routesetters may employ "blocker holds" to limit the usable area of a designated Starting Hold. Competitors may incidentally touch such blocker holds even where they are not marked as part of the start. Note that "blocker holds" are defined by their **effect** of limiting the usable area of a designated Starting Hold, regardless of the **intent** of the Routesetters.

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#### 3.3 Controlling the Zone Hold

The Zone Hold will be considered as "Controlled" where a competitor has made use of the volume/hold **to** achieve or change a stable body position.

Where a competitor has only reached out to touch the Zone Hold from an already controlled position, and made no use of the volume/hold to achieve a new controlled position, the Zone Hold will **not** be considered as "Controlled".

With the aim to have as consistent judgments as possible for all the competitions, some examples of videos and reference decisions are published on the IFSC website:

https://ifscorg-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/silvia\_verdolini\_ifsc-climbing\_org/EjBlgHKL3jNloUybBs2NPHUBOywkv0LcP1JP-liutlxIZg?e=4dLiaU

#### 3.4 Technical Incidents

Where a Technical Incident (such as a broken or spinning hold) can be repaired during the same rotation period and the affected competitor elects not to continue their attempts, the Jury President will create a break or "slot" in the starting order so that the relevant competitor may continue their attempts. The following chart indicates when such slots can be created:

#### **Qualification round (5 boulders)**

TI on boulder 1	The competitor is re-introduced in the next rotation on boulder 1
TI on boulder 2	Create the slot in place of the 6th following rotation
TI on boulder 3	Create the slot in place of the 2nd following rotation
TI on boulder 4	Create the slot immediately
TI on boulder 5	Create the slot immediately

#### Semifinal round (4 boulders)

TI on boulder 1	The competitor is re-introduced in the next rotation on boulder 1
TI on boulder 2	Create the slot in place of the 4th following rotation
TI on boulder 3	Create the slot immediately
TI on boulder 4	Create the slot immediately

Example 1: If the TI occurs in B3 in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  final, send no one to B1 in the next rotation.

Example 2: If the TI occurs in B2 in qualification, check who will be the 6th to go from now on B1 and in place of that competitor, you send no one.

Where a more serious Technical Incident occurs, for example one which cannot be repaired during the same the rotation period, the Jury President may need to freeze the round, or otherwise alter the progression of competitors. The appropriate action is likely to vary on a case-by-case basis.

If a Technical Incident occurs during the Final round, the affected competitor will restart their attempts once the Technical Incident is repaired and in all circumstances before any competitor moves onto the next boulder.

#### 3.5 Successful Tops

Where a boulder can only be finished by reaching a standing position, the competitor must stand up straight before the rotation signal for the TOP to be validated.

In all cases, Boulder Judges are asked to raise one hand when saying "OK" to indicate a successful Top. This action assists the judgment of appeals when reviewing video recordings.

#### Valid 'TOP':





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#### 3.6 Incorrect judging decisions

In the case of a wrong judging decision (incorrectly awarding the top or wrong starting position without being stopped by the judge), **the attempt is counted**.

#### 3.7 Extra rest zone after the last boulder (Qualification and Semi-Final) (Article 8.10 D)

An appeal concerning the judgement of a competitor's attempt which would entitle the affected competitor(s) to make further attempts on the relevant boulder(s) has to be made before the finish of **the next following rotation period**. To make it possible for the coaches to lodge an appeal when the case happened in the last seconds of the rotation period, the Jury President will ensure that competitors are kept in an extra rest zone after the last boulder for one rotation period.



#### 4. SPEED

#### 4.1 Fall during speed

The videos (links and times) following are intended to provide useful examples to promote consistency for judging:

Video 1: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SzKL7xy">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SzKL7xy</a> f0&t=1841s

• Rishat Khaibullin starting at 16:12 on Lane A: NO

#### FALL Video 2:

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9ZQj3758mw&t=3305s

Sergie Rukin starting at 25:35 on Lane A: FALL
 John Brosler starting at 27:20 on Lane B: NO FALL
 Yi Ling Song starting at 1.07.05 on Lane B: NO FALL

#### 4.2 Starting order WC format 2 lanes, qualification round

#### Even number (8)

Route A	Route B
1	5
2	6
3	7
4	8
5	1
6	2
7	3
8	4

#### Odd number (9)

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Route A	Route B	
1	5	
2	6	
3	7	
4	8	
5	9	
6	1	
7	2	
8	3	
9	4	