

PAC

The Pan-American Council for Sport Climbing

PAC REGULATIONS

## **BASIS**

### ***Article 1***

The PAC is responsible for the administration, development and furtherance of sport climbing in The Americas (according to IOC meaning). The PAC operates in concert with and as the approved continental body of the International Federation for Sport Climbing (IFSC) (Art. 31 IFSC Regulations). Any changes of the PAC regulations are subject to approval of IFSC Executive Board.

## **HEADQUARTERS**

### ***Article 2***

The location of the headquarters and offices of the PAC will be decided by the PAC Executive Board.

## **PURPOSE AND TASKS**

### ***Article 3***

The PAC is a body of the IFSC and, as such, subject to the IFSC Statutes, By-Laws and Regulations. The PAC is organized to direct, regulate, promote, develop, and further the cause of sport climbing in The Americas and to represent the interests of The Americas climbing within the IFSC. Its mission is to foster links, networks, and friendly relations both among its members, their

climbers and their officials, and between those entities and individuals and their international counterparts.

#### ***Article 4***

All activities of the PAC are independent of any political or governmental influence. The PAC does not allow any discrimination for political, racial or religious reasons. The PAC promotes and supports with all means gender equality in its activities. The responsibilities of the PAC are:

- a. to establish and maintain rules and standards for continental competition climbing in The Americas and for participation in such competition;
- b. to establish and maintain rules and regulations for the selection process for competitors in international competition;
- c. to organize Pan-American Continental Climbing Championships, as well as other events which are approved by the PAC Executive Board, and to decide which climbing competitions are officially recognized as Pan-American competitions;
- d. to work together with the IFSC on matters of international competition climbing, education and the participation in international events by PAC member climbers, judges and route setters;
- e. to serve as a conduit of information from the IFSC to their member federations in The Americas and PAC member organizations and vice versa;
- f. to authorize and oversee Pan-American competitions in The Americas;
- g. to promote good sporting practices and to combat doping and all other unhealthy processes concerning the sport of climbing specifically;
- h. to generally promote the sport as a healthy and educational activity;
- i. to endorse and implement anti-doping rules under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- j. to promote the spirit of the Olympic Movement, respect the Olympic Charter, and to support program status in the Olympic Games and Pan American Games;

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## **MEMBERS**

### ***Article 5***

All IFSC members (with voting rights in the IFSC) from The Americas (according to IOC regulations) can become members of PAC. The following categories of membership are available:

1. MEMBERS of PAC will be associations which act as the national representatives of the sport of sport climbing in their countries:
  - a. Only one association from each American country can be affiliated as a full member of the PAC.
  - b. The admission fee for members is fixed by the Plenary Assembly of PAC.
  
2. The PAC may accept associations as Aspirant member which are Aspirant member of IFSC.
  - a. Aspirant -members are entitled to participate in all climbing competitions organized by the IFSC, according to the relevant regulations and fee system.
  - b. Aspirant members are exempt from paying the annual membership fee.

## **Obligation of Members**

### ***Article 6***

All members of the PAC have to comply with the PAC Regulations as approved by the PAC Plenary Assembly as well as Regulations set by the IFSC and Executive Board and by the PAC Executive Board.

All members must be recognized by their respective National Olympic Committees or else must actively be seeking such recognition.

### ***Article 7***

All members respect the mutual autonomy and rights of other member organizations.

### ***Article 8***

All members must pay membership fees as may be fixed by the PAC Plenary Assembly.

### ***Article 9***

A member organization may be suspended by the Plenary Assembly from membership, and thus participation in PAC approved competition and events for any of the following reasons:

Non-payment of IFSC/PAC fees for 12 months;  
Failure to abide by PAC regulations;

A member organization may be expelled from membership by the Plenary Assembly for the following reasons:

Non-payment of IFSC/PAC fees for 24 months;  
Failure to abide by PAC regulations;

Cessation of activity as an active organizer of competition climbing within their member nation.

## **BODIES**

The PAC functions through its Plenary Assembly, and its Executive Board, each with separately defined powers and duties.

### **Plenary Assembly**

### ***Article 10***

The Plenary Assembly is the highest body of the PAC and has ultimate authority for all activities of the PAC. All the member countries of PAC shall be represented in the Plenary Assembly of PAC. The Plenary Assembly convenes every year. The organization of the Plenary Assembly will be entrusted alternately to one of its members. The date and venue for the assembly will be agreed at the Plenary Assembly meeting at least the year prior. The calling notice must be sent to all members at least 2 months prior to the date set for the Assembly.

## **Powers of the Plenary Assembly**

### **Article 11**

The Plenary Assembly has the following duties and powers:

- a. to elect the Executive Board, including the Representative to the IFSC Board from among the Executive Board members;
- b. to fix admission, membership and other fees;
- c. to approve plans for activities;
- d. to adopt and amend these Regulations, such decisions needing a quorum and majority as described in Art. 18;
- e. to adopt and amend all regulations; the Plenary Assembly can, however, authorize other bodies to independently establish technical rules where this seems appropriate;
- f. to decide the suspension or expulsion of members which do not comply with the obligations as stated in these Regulations;
- g. to approve the Minutes of meetings of Plenary Assembly;
- h. to receive, discuss and approve the report of the Executive Board;
- i. to elect the auditors;
- j. to review and approve the annual accounts after having heard the report of the auditors and to give discharge to the Treasurer and to the other members of the Executive Board;
- k. to approve the budget;
- l. to decide all matters which no other body is competent to decide or which other bodies refer to the Plenary Assembly for final decision.

## **Voting Rights**

### **Article 12**

Each Member of the PAC, which has the voting right in IFSC, has one vote.

### **Article 13**

At any Plenary Assembly, each Member shall be represented by its President or one delegate who may be assisted by up to two official advisors. A Member which has not paid its dues in full prior to the Plenary Assembly is not entitled to vote. Any Member may be represented by the delegate of another Member being duly entitled to vote by means of a written proxy. One delegate may not represent more than two other Members at the same time.

## **Quorum**

## **Article 14**

Changes and amendments of these Regulations may only be considered if at least half of the Members of PAC are present or represented. To be adopted, such items must receive the approval of two thirds of the votes cast. For all other decisions of the Plenary Assembly there is no quorum. Decisions are taken with the majority of votes cast.

## **Taking of Votes**

## **Article 15**

Voting at the Plenary Assembly is conducted by show of hands. Elections will always be decided by secret ballot.

## **Agenda and the Right to Introduce Proposals**

## **Article 16**

Items for inclusion in the Agenda of any Plenary Assembly may be presented by:

- a. the Executive Board;
- b. any Member.

Items presented by PAC Members are to be sent to the PAC Executive Board at least six weeks before the Plenary Assembly. Aspirant Members are entitled to speak, but not to present motions to the Plenary Assembly, in accordance to the relevant regulations.

## **Article 17**

The full Agenda of a Plenary Assembly shall be sent to all Members of PAC at least 4 weeks before the Plenary Assembly. Upon affirmative vote of no less than two thirds of the Members being present and having voting rights, the Plenary Assembly itself may add items to the Agenda of any meeting. The full Agenda of a Plenary Assembly shall be sent to the members of the Executive Board of IFSC.

## **Extraordinary Plenary Assembly**

## **Article 18**

The Executive Board may at any time call an Extraordinary Plenary Assembly. At the written request of the majority of the Members entitled to vote, the Executive Board shall convene an extraordinary Plenary Assembly within 3 months of receipt of such request. The request must be substantiated and accompanied by a proposal for the Agenda. The Extraordinary Plenary Assembly may be conducted via electronic or other means if necessary, as decided by the Executive Board.

## **Executive Board**

### **Article 19**

The Executive Board of PAC consists of the following officers:

- President
- Vice President
- Vice President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- General Secretary
- Athletes' representative

The Plenary Assembly, at its discretion may add up to four 'at large' members to the Executive Board All officers must be from Member associations entitled to vote who have organized one or more IFSC/PAC approved competitions.

### **Article 20**

Candidates standing for election to any post in the Executive Board shall be presented by the Member association of the country (except athletes' representative) where he/she holds citizenship. The members of the Executive Board are elected by the Plenary Assembly for a term of four years. Executive Board members are re-eligible at will.

### **Article 21**

The Executive Board is responsible for implementing all the policy directives and decisions made by the Plenary Assembly. This includes in particular:

- a. to prepare the agenda of the Plenary Assembly meetings;
- b. to prepare the annual accounts (consisting of the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet);
- c. to prepare the PAC budget;
- d. to make recommendations to the Plenary Assembly about:
  - the long-term strategies of the PAC;

- regulations and rules to be decided by the Plenary Assembly;
  - the admission, suspension and expulsion of Member associations
- e. to set up the calendar of PAC approved competitions and to coordinate schedules after IFSC has approved the international calendar;
  - f. to decide the terms and conditions of contracts between the PAC and organizers of PAC approved competitions;
  - g. to recommend any proposed changes to the PAC Regulations;
  - h. to appoint and remove persons (employees) entrusted with the management of PAC's day-to-day operations;
  - i. to decide the terms and conditions of all contracts to be concluded with third parties outside PAC, subject to the approval of the IFSC;
  - j. to decide on membership issues between Plenary Assembly meetings;
  - k. to decide the official means of information of the PAC.

## **Article 22**

The Executive Board will meet at least twice every year, upon the President's call. The organization of its meetings shall be entrusted alternately to one of the member associations being represented in the Executive Board. The Executive Board will meet also upon the request of the majority of its members. Such meetings may occur in person or via teleconference. The calling notice must occur at least one month prior to the meeting.

## **Article 23**

The Agenda for the Executive Board meetings is prepared by the President. However, any member of the Executive Board is entitled to present proposals for the agenda. Such proposals must be submitted, with relevant documentation, at least one month before the date set for any Executive Board meeting. The full agenda shall be sent to the Executive Board members at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.

## **Article 24**

Every member of the Executive Board has one vote. All decisions of the Executive Board are taken by majority of the members present, and no voting rights may be exercised by proxy. The quorum of the Executive Board consists of a majority of its members.

## **Article 25**



The members of the Executive Board or its designates are responsible for carrying out all those routine duties and specific tasks that have to be fulfilled between meetings of the Executive Board.

- a. to undertake administrative duties and tasks;
- b. to control PAC finances;
- c. to initiate and undertake negotiations with third parties;
- d. to appoint advisory commissions as necessary;
- e. to develop and approve programs;
- f. to appoint an PAC delegate for PAC events as necessary;
- g. to supervise PAC approved competitions;
- h. to decide the composition of the jury president and of the chief routesetter at PAC approved competitions;
- i. to make recommendations to the IFSC regarding rules, standards and other issues of concern;
- j. to adopt and maintain regulations and to establish technical rules as appropriate;
- k. to establish and maintain a schedule of competition events and training for officials in The Americas.

All statements and contracts which bind the PAC must be signed by the President and one other member of the Executive Board. In case of absence, the President may be replaced by another member of the Executive Board. The Executive Board is responsible for the functioning of the administrative office of the PAC.

All employees are hired by the Executive Board and employed in accordance with the annual budget.

## **Article 26**

The Executive Board may take decisions by correspondence and/or by any other means of communication. To be valid, decisions taken in this way have to be approved by a minimum of three officers.

## **VI. COMMISSIONS**

### ***Article 27***

The Executive Board may authorize and appoint any other technical or advisory commissions it seems necessary to carry out the duties of the PAC. An Athletes' Commission is mandatory. Any of the duties and responsibilities of the Executive

Board may be transferred to those commissions at the discretion of the Executive Board, which shall remain responsible for their decisions and actions.

## **VII. FINANCES AND ACCOUNTING**

### ***Article 28***

The PAC is responsible for financing its own activities. It is free to obtain income for that financing from membership fees, additional membership fees or any other source it may deem appropriate. All income from fees or any other sources is only to be used for PAC purposed and tasks as set out in Section III. The PAC's bank account(s) will be opened and held in the name IFSC and managed by the PAC officials having been designated by the PAC Executive Board to have signature over that account(s).

### ***Article 29***

The business year for the annual accounting begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December. The currency for annual accounting purposed is the US dollar. The annual accounts, consisting of the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet shall be drawn up in accordance with the directions set forth by the IFSC. The annual accounts of PAC shall be integrated in the annual accounts of the IFSC and must be audited by a professional auditor and be approved by the PAC Plenary Assembly and the IFSC Plenary Assembly.

### ***Article 30***

The activities of all bodies of the PAC are conducted without compensation to the individuals who serve thereon. The expenses of the Executive Board shall be borne by the PAC according to guidelines established by the Executive Board and approved by the Plenary Assembly.

The Executive Board of the PAC is empowered to authorize, within the parameters of an approved budget, reimbursement of expenses to individuals acting on its behalf. It is further empowered to pay fees and expenses to individuals or organizations providing professional advice or service to the organization.

## **VIII. CORPORATE IDENTITY**

### ***Article 31***

The PAC Plenary Assembly decides about the Corporate Identity of PAC and the PAC logo, and other items of image and identity, upon the recommendation of the Executive Board and in accordance with IFSC Executive Board. Corporate identity will employ the IFSC logo, with the print addition of Pan-American Council or PAC as wordmark.

***Article 32***

The official languages of the PAC are English and Spanish, however the reference language in case of dispute is English.

**XI. DISPUTES**

***Article 33***

Disputes arising under the PAC Regulations shall be adjudicated by the Executive Board. Any decision of the Executive Board can be appealed to the IFSC Board.