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**EUROPEAN CLIMBING**  
**COMPETITIONS**

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## GENERAL

### 1. GENERAL

#### 1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 The European Council is responsible for and shall approve the following competitions:

- (a) the European Youth Cup series of competitions (EYC)
- (b) the European Youth Championships (EYCH)
- (c) the European Cup series of competitions (EC)
- (d) the European Championships (ECH)

#### 1.2 Applicability

1.2.1 All competitions organised by the European Council adopt the IFSC Rules for International Competition Climbing (the “**IFSC Rules**”) as modified by this document. The analogous provisions of the IFSC Rules shall be as follow:

<b>European Event</b>	<b>Corresponding IFSC Event</b>
European Youth Cup (EYC)	World Cup (WC)
European Youth Championship (EYCH)	Youth World Championship (YWCH)
European Cup (EC)	World Cup (WC)
European Championship (ECH)	World Championship (WCH)

1.2.1 This ruleset does extend the IFSC-Rules, in the event of any conflict between the provisions of this document and the IFSC Rules, the provisions of this document shall take precedence.

1.2.2 Terms used in these rules shall have the meanings given to them within the IFSC Rules.

1.2.3 Where some matter concerning the organisation or conduct of a competition is not specified in either the IFSC Rules or these rules, a decision of the European Council Board shall determine the matter.

#### 1.3 Eligibility

1.3.1 The competitions governed by this document shall be open only to competitors who are nationals of countries whose National Federations are members of the European Council (“**Member Federations**”).

1.3.2 Member Federations may register a national team of competitors and officials as set out in sections 5 to 8 of this document.

1.3.3 All competitors and officials proposed for registration by a Member Federation:

- (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 10 days prior to the first day of the event)

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- (c) Any additional registration within the specified quota is possible up till 5 days prior to each event, with a significant higher registration fee.
- (d) In exceptional cases (e.g. illness or injury), any registered competitor may be replaced within the respective category until the end of the final registration before the technical meeting
- (e) All registered people must be registered through the IFSC web service.

1.3.4 Registered Team Members shall be afforded free entry to the competition venue.

1.3.5 The time between the end of the registration and the start of the technical meeting will not be less than one (1) hour.

### 1.4 **Competition Officials**

1.4.1 Unless otherwise specified in these rules:

1.4.2 The Jury President must be licensed as a Continental Judge or above for European Cups. For European Youth Cups/Youth Championships, the Jury President must be licensed as an IFSC Judge or above.

1.4.3 All tasks normally performed by the IFSC Judge should be performed by at least a licensed National Judge.

1.4.4 The Appeals Jury shall consist of the Jury President and a National Judge not involved in the matter under appeal. The Jury President shall take the final decision.

1.4.5 The Chief Route Setter must be at least a Continental Chief Routesetter.

### 1.5 **Opening and Closing of Isolation**

1.5.1 The opening time for isolation for any final round shall not be less than two (2) hours before the start of the round (a round starts with the first competitor on the wall or with the presentation of the finalists).

1.5.2 The closing time for isolation for any final round may be greater than one hour before the start of the round if a final route is used by several Categories.

### 1.6 **Flash Format**

1.6.1 Video Demonstration: Where the qualification round is held up in a flash format, there will be no isolation zone and the qualification routes shall be presented through a demonstration-video (1 video per route / boulder) available at the venue of the competition closed to the Official Noticeboard and, where possible, on the IFSC (IFSC-Europe) youtube channel. The video should start no less than 1 hour before the first competitor starts on his route / boulder. The only exception to this will be technical equipment failure

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- (a) In the event of unforeseeable extraordinary circumstances, the Chief Route Setter in consultation with the Jury President is allowed to organize a live demonstration of the flash route. The live demonstration has to take place at least thirty (30) minutes but not more than one (1) hour before the start of the first competitor on his route.

1.6.2 **Call Zone:** In any case of the flash format, the competitor must report to the call zone no later than three (3) times before his / her own start in the round (3 competitors before the Lead attempt or three (3) Attempt Periods before the start on the first Boulder or three (3) pairs before the start in speed competitions).

1.6.3 **Resting Period in Bouldering:** The resting period should be organized in Front of the wall on extra seats which are signed for the next boulder. The competitors may have contact with their coaches and other competitors, and they are allowed to watch the other competitors during their attempt, as long as they are close to the seats for the next boulder attempt.

### 1.7 **Lead Wall for European Competitions**

1.7.1 Lead competitions subject to these rules shall be staged on either indoor or outdoor (sheltered) walls. The minimum height of the wall shall be 12 meters, and the minimum length of the routes shall be 15 metres.

### 1.8 **Skipping Qualification Rounds in Lead and Boulder Competitions**

1.8.1 If the number of registered athletes (at the time of the Registration Deadline) is 24 or lower than the fixed quota of 24 – the qualification round can be skipped.

### 1.9 **Boulder & Lead**

1.9.1 Where no European Championship or European Youth Championship competition in the combined Boulder & Lead discipline is held, a Boulder & Lead Ranking (for each gender and relevant category) shall be prepared like it is set out in the IFSC Rules (Art. 13.5)

### 1.10 **European Speed Records**

1.10.1 The European Council recognises European Speed Records for competitors who are or will be at least 16 years of age in the year of the competition.

1.10.2 European Speed Records may be set

- (a) during any event governed by these rules and in each case subject to the conditions set out in articles 9.3 of the IFSC Rules
- (b) or if it is an IFSC homologated timing system and competition wall and the Jury President appointed by the IFSC-Europe is an IFSC-Jury President and the competition is declared directly by IFSC-Europe as a "record event"

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### 1.11 **Additional Quotas for the African Council for the EYC and EC**

1.11.1 The European Council share a fixed additional registration quota for competitors from the African Council with a valid IFSC license

1.11.2 In addition to all European Member Federation, the African Continental Council may nominate a maximum of two (2) competitors per Category and gender to compete in each European Youth Cup and European Cup in 2023. The following regulations appear for these competitors:

- (a) The African competitors will be part of the competitions under the same conditions as European competitors, in general. That means they:
  - (i) will have the same registration fees,
  - (ii) will have the same registration deadlines,
  - (iii) will have the same amount of Team Officials to be registered.
  - (iv) also need to hold a valid IFSC license.
- (b) All quotas at the competition (Semi-final and Final) mentioned in this document for European Youth Cups and European Cups will remain the same.
- (c) The African athletes are allowed to reach the podium and take part at the day victory. Competitors will always be ranked in the result for each relevant competition.
- (d) African athletes will not be awarded Ranking Points for the European Youth Cup and European Cup Ranking (and will not appear in the overall ranking).

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### 2. EUROPEAN YOUTH CUPS

#### 2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 In accordance with the Statutes of the IFSC, the European Council shall organise a European Youth Cup series of competitions (EYC) every year.
- 2.1.2 Each EYC competition should take place between the first weekend of March and the last weekend of November, excluding
- (a) the two last weekends of June; and
  - (b) the two first weekends of September.
- 2.1.3 Each EYC should include competitions in the following disciplines:
- (a) Lead (which should be held in the period July to November) (IFSC Rules Art. 7)
  - (b) Boulder (which should be held in the period March to July) (IFSC Rules Art. 8);
  - (c) Speed (IFSC Rules Art. 9);
- 2.1.4 Each EYC competition should not last longer than two (2) days, during weekends and preferably during holiday periods:
- (a) whenever possible, EYC competitions should be completed in one and a half days and end before 16.00 on the Sunday.
  - (b) Event Organisers shall declare clearly on the information sheet for the competition if the competition is planned to finish after 16.00 on the Sunday.
  - (c) The qualification rounds should be organised on Saturday, the final rounds should be organised on Sunday.
- 2.1.5 If the Event Organiser of an EYC in the Boulder Discipline expects more than 250 competitors, the competition may be held over three days, from Friday to Sunday. In this case, the competition may start on Friday afternoon with the first qualification rounds and last until Sunday afternoon. If the competition lasts more than two days, it shall be clearly visible on the information sheet.
- 2.1.6 The European Council may, in any year, nominate one EYC competition as a test event for new rules formats. Such nomination shall be made prior to the commencement of the season and not less than three months in advance of that competition.
- 2.1.7 During European Youth Cups in the Boulder Discipline each competitor must have a unique Bib number. [i.e., the Event Organiser has to make sure that every Bib number in the event only exists once].

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**2.2 Registration & quota**

- 2.2.1 Each EYC competition shall include Categories for male and female competitors in the U16, U18, and U20 age groups.
- 2.2.2 Member Federations may register, within statutory deadlines, Team Officials for one of the following roles:
- (a) One (1) Team Manager
  - (b) Up to three (3) coaches per discipline.
  - (c) Up to three (3) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.
- 2.2.3 Member Federations may register as competitors:
- (a) Per Category
    - (i) U16 and U18
      - (i) up to three (3) competitors for each Category in each relevant discipline
      - (ii) up to two (2) competitors for each Category in each relevant discipline for the top ten ranked federations (ranking calculation like it is set out in IFSC-Europe Rules Art. 2.3)
    - (ii) U20
      - (i) up to two (2) competitors for each Category in each relevant discipline
      - (ii) up to two (2) competitors for each Category in each relevant discipline for the top ten ranked federations (ranking calculation like it is set out in IFSC-E rules Art. 2.3)
  - (b) the host federation shall be entitled to register an additional two (2) competitors in each Category for each relevant discipline.
  - (c) up to two (2) competitors for each Category and gender in each relevant discipline for the African council
- 2.2.4 The registration fee shall not exceed € 25,- per competitor per discipline unless in case of late registrations where it cannot exceed € 95,-



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### 2.3 **Calculation of the Team Ranking for the quota places of the top ten ranked federations**

- 2.3.1 Calculation shall take the basic spots for each category and adding the ranking points.
- 2.3.2 For the team ranking the point system of the IFSC (IFSC-Rules Annex 3 – cup Ranking Points) will be used.
- 2.3.3 The team rankings will be calculated using the methodology set out in the IFSC Rules for the calculation of team rankings (Article 12.15 of the IFSC Rules), with the following adaptations:
  - a) The rankings will be calculated only by gender and discipline (Female Boulder, Female Lead, Female Speed, Male Boulder, Male Lead and Male Speed)
- 2.3.4 The three (3) best competition results in each discipline and gender (including EYC and EYCH) will be taken for the ranking calculation for the EYC and EYCH quotas in the upcoming season.

### 2.4 **Rankings, medals, and prizes**

#### **Competition Rankings, medals, and prizes**

- 2.4.1 On completion of an EYC competition:
  - (a) The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals respectively.
  - (b) The competitors ranked first in each Category and discipline shall be awarded a competition trophy.
  - (c) A National Team Ranking shall be calculated for each discipline of the competition. The National Team Ranking shall be calculated by aggregating the ranking points (Article 12.15 of the IFSC Rules) awarded to the best competitors from that team in each Category. No podium ceremony shall be organised for the National Team Ranking.

#### **Cup Rankings, medals, and prizes**

- 2.4.2 Cup Rankings shall be calculated separately for each discipline and Category
  - (a) where at least three (3) competitions (including EYC and EYCH) have been held in that year:
    - (i) The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.
    - (ii) The competitors ranked first in each Category and discipline shall be awarded a competition trophy.
- 2.4.3 Cup Rankings shall be calculated for each Category and discipline using the methodology set out in the IFSC Rules for the calculation of World Cup rankings (Article 12.16 of the IFSC Rules), with the following adaptations:
  - (a) When three (3) competitions (including EYC and EYCH) have been held, all relevant results shall be counted.

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- (b) When more than three (3) competitions (including EYC and EYCH) are organised, the number of counting competition results shall be the number of EYC and EYCH competitions minus one (1). The worst competition result will be deleted.

2.4.4 The “Boulder & Lead Rankings” shall be calculated for each Category by summing the ranking points awarded to each competitor in “Boulder & Lead” disciplines, respectively, in which the competitor has participated (including EYC and EYCH). The maximum number of counting results shall be two (2) in each discipline (“Boulder & Lead”). Where any competitor has more than two (2) results in any discipline (“Boulder & Lead”), the competitor’s best results shall be counted.

- (a) The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category in the “Boulder & Lead” Rankings shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.

2.4.5 Any tie for first place in the Cup Rankings at the end of the season shall be resolved in accordance with the IFSC Rules for World Cup rankings (Article 12.17 of the IFSC Rules).

## 2.5 Competition Formats

### Lead

2.5.1 Competitions shall take place over two (2) rounds (Qualification and Final).

2.5.2 The Qualification round for each Category should be organized like the qualification round in the IFSC-WC (IFSC-Rules 7.1):

2.5.3 The Final round for each Category shall use a fixed quota of ten (10) competitors.

### Boulder

2.5.4 EYC Boulder competitions shall be organized with two (2) rounds for each category and shall be organized with:

- (a) a Qualification round in the flash format consisting of two courses (A and B) of three (3) boulders for each course and will be organized with one (1) starting group.
- (b) a Final round in the format of the IFSC-WC Series Semi-final Format consisting of a single course of four (4) boulders, with a respective fixed quota of 10 competitors.
- (c) The starting order for the Qualification round will be set out as follows:
  - (i) For course A, by random selection; and
  - (ii) for course B, in the same order as for course A but staggered by 50% (IFSC-Rule 7.8)
  - (iii) for each subsequent round, it shall be the reverse of the ranking from the relevant preceding round, i.e., the best ranked starts last.
  - (iv) In case of equal ranking in previous rounds the starting order for the competitors will be randomised

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- (v) There shall be a minimum time gap of not less than 50 minutes between the completion of a competitor's final boulder on their first course (A or B) and commencing their second course. (A or B)
- (d) The Qualification and Final rounds will be organised as a series of attempt rotations for each boulder including:
  - (i) a preparation period of fifteen (15'') seconds and
  - (ii) a climbing period of four (4') minutes
  - (iii) No extra observation time is given in the qualification round
  - (iv) The final round shall be preceded by a collective observation period of eight (8) minutes for all boulders. It is up to the athletes to determine the observation time and order for each boulder.

### **Speed**

- 2.5.5 Competitions shall take place over two rounds, other than where the number of competitors register in a Category is less than four (4).
- 2.5.6 Competitors may make one false start within the qualification round. Competitors making a false start shall be recorded as having no valid time (IRM) for the relevant race.
- 2.5.7 Subject to paragraph 7.4.10., the final round for each Category shall have a fixed quota of:
  - (a) Eight (8), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is eight (8) or more.
  - (b) Four (4), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is less than eight (8). If in any Category, less than four competitors have at least one valid time from the qualification round, the relevant qualification round shall be repeated (once only). If, following this repeated qualification less than four competitors have at least one valid time, no final shall be held for that Category.

### 2.6 **Anti-doping tests**

- 2.6.1 Anti-Doping tests should, where practical, be administered within each discipline of the competition. The recommended test regime is as follows:
  - (a) at least three (3) finalists chosen at random (excluding the winners) from the six Categories, or
  - (b) at least three (3) winners from the six Categories, chosen by random.

## EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

### 3. EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 3.1 Introduction

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

- (a) should organise a European Youth Championship (EYCH) every year; and
- (b) shall be primarily responsible for the organization of the European Youth Championship.

3.1.2 EYCH competitions should take place between the first weekend of March and the last weekend of November, excluding

- (a) the two last weekends of June; and
- (b) the two first weekends of September

3.1.3 Each EYCH should include competitions in the following disciplines:

- (a) Lead (IFSC Rules Art. 7).
- (b) Boulder (IFSC Rules Art. 8).
- (c) Speed (IFSC Rules Art. 9).
- (d) Boulder & Lead (IFSC Rules Art. 11 and IFSC-Europe Rules Art. 1.8),  
any of which may be organised as separate events.

#### 3.2 Registration & Quota

3.2.1 Each EYCH shall include Categories for male and female competitors in the U16, U18, and U20 age groups.

3.2.2 Member Federations may register, within statutory deadlines, Team Officials for one of the following roles:

- (a) One (1) Team Manager
- (b) Up to three (3) coaches per discipline.
- (c) Up to three (3) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.

3.2.3 Member Federations may register as competitors:

- (a) Per Category
  - (i) U16 and U18
    - (i) up to three (3) competitors for each Category in each relevant discipline.
    - (ii) up to two (2) competitors for each Category in each relevant discipline for the top ten ranked federations (ranking calculation like it is set out in IFSC-E rules Art. 2.3).

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(ii) U20

- (i) up to two (2) competitors for each Category in each relevant discipline.
- (ii) up to two (2) competitors for each Category in each relevant discipline for the top ten ranked federations (ranking calculation like it is set out in IFSC-E rules Art. 2.3).

3.2.4 The registration fee shall not exceed € 40,- per competitor per discipline unless in case of late registrations where it cannot exceed € 140,-.

### 3.3 **Rankings, medals, and prizes**

3.3.1 The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals respectively. The competitors ranked first in each Category and discipline shall be awarded a trophy as European Youth Champion ([Discipline Name]).

3.3.2 The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category in the “Boulder & Lead” Rankings like it is set out in the IFSC Rules (Art. 13.5) shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.

### 3.4 **Competition Formats**

#### **Lead**

3.4.1 EYCH Lead competitions shall take place over three (3) rounds, a Qualification, a Semi-final and Final (with respective fixed quotas of 24 and 8 competitors in each Category) and shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant IFSC Rules for World Cup competitions (Art. 7.1):

- (a) If there are less than 36 athletes (24 athletes Semi-final quota + 50%) registered after the registration deadline of the event in a category, this category will run with only two (2) rounds (Qualification and Final) with a quota of 8 competitors for the final stage.

3.4.2 No cleaning break in the Semi-final round.

#### **Boulder**

3.4.3 EYCH Boulder competitions shall take place over three (3) rounds, a Qualification, a Semi-final and Final (with respective fixed quotas of 24 and 8 competitors in each Category) and shall be organized in the format specified in the IFSC Rules for WC (IFSC-Rules 8.1) with following modifications:

- (a) a Qualification round in the flash format consisting of two courses (A and B) of three (3) boulders for each course and will be organized with one (1) starting group.
- (b) a Semi-final and Final round in the mode of the IFSC-WC Series Semi-final Mode consisting of a single course of four (4) boulders.
- (c) The starting order for the Qualification round will be set out as follows:
  - (i) For course A, by random selection; and

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- (ii) for course B, in the same order as for course A but staggered by 50% (IFSC-Rule 7.8)
  - (iii) for each subsequent round, it shall be the reverse of the ranking from the relevant preceding round, i.e., the best ranked starts last.
  - (iv) In case of equal ranking in previous rounds the starting order for the competitors will be randomised
  - (v) There shall be a minimum time gap of not less than 50 minutes between the completion of a competitor's final boulder on their first course (A or B) and commencing their second course. (A or B)
- (d) The Qualification, Semi-final and Final rounds will be organised as a series of attempt rotations for each boulder including:
- (i) a preparation period of fifteen (15'') seconds and
  - (ii) a climbing period of four (4') minutes.
  - (iii) No extra observation time is given.
  - (iv) The Semi-final and Final round shall be preceded by a collective observation period of eight (8) minutes for all boulders. It is free for every athlete to determine the time and order for each boulder
- (e) If there are less than 36 athletes (24 athletes Semi-final quota + 50%) registered after the registration deadline of the event in a category, this category will run with only two (2) rounds (Qualification and Final) with a quota of 8 competitors for the final stage.

**Speed**

- 3.4.4 EYCH Speed competitions shall take place over two rounds, other than where the number of competitors register in a Category is less than four (4).
- 3.4.5 Competitors may make one false start within the qualification round. Competitors making a false start shall be recorded as having no valid time (IRM) for the relevant race.
- 3.4.6 The final round for each Category shall have a fixed quota of:
- (a) Eight (8), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is eight (8) or more.
  - (b) Four (4), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is less than eight (8). If less than four competitors complete the qualification round, the round shall be repeated (once only), and if less than four competitors complete the qualification round, following this repeat, no final shall be held.

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3.5 **Anti-doping tests**

- 3.5.1 Anti-Doping tests shall, in all cases, be administered for the winners of the U20 Category in each discipline of the competition.
- 3.5.2 Anti-Doping tests should, where practical and in addition to the tests prescribed in IFSC Rule 6.5.1, be administered within each discipline for:
  - (a) at least three (3) finalists chosen at random (excluding the winners) from the six Categories,  
or
  - (b) at least two (2) winners from the U18 and U16 Categories, chosen at random

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**4. EUROPEAN CUPS**

**4.1 INTRODUCTION**

- 4.1.1 In accordance with the Statutes of the IFSC, the European Council may organise a European Cup series of competitions (EC) every year.
- 4.1.2 Each EC competition should take place between the first weekend of May and the last weekend of November, excluding
- (a) the two last weekends of June; and
  - (b) the two first weekends of September.
- 4.1.3 Each EC may include competitions in the following disciplines:
- (a) Lead (IFSC Rules Art. 7).
  - (b) Boulder (IFSC Rules Art. 8).
  - (c) Speed (IFSC Rules Art. 9).
- 4.1.4 Each EC competition shall not last longer than two (2) days.

**4.2 Registration and quotas**

- 4.2.1 Each EC competition shall include Categories 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.
- 4.2.2 Member Federations may register, within statutory deadlines, Team Officials for one of the following roles:
- (a) one (1) Team Manager.
  - (b) up to two (2) coaches per discipline.
  - (c) up to two (2) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.
- 4.2.3 Member Federations may register as competitors:
- (a) up to four (4) competitors per gender in each relevant discipline.
  - (b) the host federation shall be entitled to register an additional four (4) competitors per gender in each relevant discipline.
  - (c) up to two (2) competitors per gender in each relevant discipline for the African council
- 4.2.4 The registration fee shall not exceed € 25 per competitor per discipline unless in case of late registrations where it cannot exceed € 95,-.



### 4.3 **Rankings, medals, and prizes**

#### **Competition Rankings, medals, and prizes**

4.3.1 On completion of an EC competition:

- (a) The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded, respectively, a gold, silver, and bronze medal.
- (b) The competitors ranked first in each Category and discipline shall be awarded a competition trophy.
- (c) A National Team Ranking shall be calculated for each discipline of the competition. The National Team Ranking shall be calculated by aggregating the ranking points (Article 12.15 of the IFSC Rules) awarded to the best competitors from that team in each Category. No podium ceremony shall be organised for the National Team Ranking.
- (d) Event Organisers may, if they choose, award prize money. Where such prize money is awarded, then at least all competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded (more to the first, then second, then third, and so on).

#### **Cup Rankings, medals, and prizes**

4.3.2 Cup Rankings shall be calculated separately for each discipline and Category

- (a) where at least three (3) EC competitions have been held in that year, or
- (b) where two (2) EC competitions and any ECH competition in that discipline have been held in that year:
  - (i) The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.
  - (ii) The competitors ranked first in each Category and discipline shall be awarded a competition trophy.

4.3.3 Cup Rankings shall be calculated for each Category and discipline using the methodology set out in the IFSC Rules for the calculation of World Cup rankings (Article 12.16 of the IFSC Rules), with the following adaptations:

- (a) When three (3) EC competitions or two (2) EC competitions and a relevant ECH competition have been held, all results shall be counted.
- (b) When more than three (3) EC competitions are organised, the number of counting EC results will be the number of EC competitions minus one (1).

For the avoidance of doubt, the results of any ECH competition shall only be counted toward the Cup Rankings where less than three (3) EC competitions have been held in any Category and discipline.

4.3.4 The “Boulder & Lead Rankings” shall be calculated for each Category by summing the ranking points awarded to each competitor in the “Boulder & Lead” disciplines, respectively, in which the competitor has participated. The maximum number of counting results shall be two (2) in

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each discipline (“Boulder & Lead”). Where any competitor has more than two (2) results in any discipline (“Boulder & Lead”), the competitor’s best results shall be counted.

- (a) The competitors ranked first, second and third in the “Boulder & Lead Rankings” shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.

4.3.5 Any tie for first place in the Cup Rankings at the end of the season shall be resolved in accordance with the IFSC Rules for World Cup rankings.

#### 4.4 Competition Formats

##### Lead

4.4.1 EC Lead competitions shall take place over three rounds, a Qualification, a Semi-final and Final (with respective fixed quotas of 24 and 8 competitors in each Category) and shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant IFSC Rules for World Cup competitions (Art. 7).

4.4.2 No cleaning break in the Semi-final round

##### Boulder

4.4.3 EC Boulder competitions shall be organized over three (3) rounds for each category and shall be organized in the format specified in the IFSC Rules for WC (IFSC-Rules 8.1) with following modifications:

- (a) a Qualification round in the flash format consisting of two courses (A and B) of three (3) boulders each course and will be organised with one (1) starting group and a respective fixed Semi-final quota of twenty-four (24) competitors.
- (b) a Semi-final and Final round in the format of the IFSC-WC Series Semi-final Format consisting of a single course of four (4) boulders, with a respective fixed Final quota of eight (8) competitors with following modifications:
  - (c) The starting order for the Qualification round will set out as follows:
    - (i) for Course A, by random selection, and
    - (ii) for course B, in the same order as for course A but staggered by 50% (IFSC-Rule 7.8)
    - (iii) for each subsequent round, it shall be the ranking from the relevant preceding round, i.e., the best ranked starter last. (In case of tie from the preceding round, the European Ranking will be used as a tie breaker).
    - (iv) There shall be a minimum time gap of not less than 50 minutes between the completion of a competitor’s final boulder on their first course (A or B) and commencing their second course. (A or B)
- (d) The Qualification, Semi-final and Final rounds will be organised as a series of attempt rotations for each boulder including:
  - (i) A preparation period of fifteen (15’’) seconds and

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- (ii) A climbing period of four (4') minutes for qualification and four (4') minutes for the Semi-final and final round
- (iii) No extra observation time is given in the qualification round
- (iv) The Semi-final and Final round shall be preceded by a collective observation period of eight (8) minutes for all boulders. It is free for every athlete to determine the time and order for each boulder

### **Speed**

4.4.4 Competitions shall take place over two rounds, other than where the number of competitors register in a Category is less than four (4).

4.4.5 Subject to IFSC-Rule 8.4.6., the final round for each Category shall have a fixed quota of:

- (a) Sixteen (16), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is sixteen (16) or more
- (b) Eight (8), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is between eight (8) or fifteen (15);
- (c) Four (4), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is less than eight (8). If in any Category, less than four (4) competitors have at least one valid time from the qualification round, the relevant qualification round shall be repeated (once only). If, following this repeated qualification less than four (4) competitors have at least one valid time, no final shall be held for that Category.

### 4.5 **Anti-doping**

4.5.1 Anti-Doping tests must be administered within each discipline of the competition. The recommended test regime is as follow:

- (a) at least two (2) finalists chosen at random (excluding the winners) from the two Categories,  
or
- (b) the winners from each Category.

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5. **EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (ECH)**

5.1 **Introduction**

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

- (a) Shall organise a European Championship (ECH) on even-numbered years, e.g., 2024, 2026, etc.
- (b) shall be primarily responsible for the organisation of the European Championship.

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

- (a) Lead (IFSC Rules Art. 7).
- (b) Boulder (IFSC Rules Art. 8).
- (c) Speed (IFSC Rules Art. 9).
- (d) Boulder & Lead (IFSC Rules Art. 11 and IFSC-Europe Rules Art. 1.8),

any of which may be organised as separate events.

5.1.3 The competitors ranked first, second and third in each gender and discipline shall be awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals respectively. The competitors ranked first in each Category and discipline shall be awarded a trophy as European Champion ([Discipline Name]).

5.2 **Registration & Quota**

5.2.1 Each European Championship competition shall include Categories for male and female competitors who are or will be at least 16 years of age in the year of the competition.

5.2.2 All European Cup and World Cup events that are completed at least 21 days before the registration deadline of the European Championship count for the Qualification Quota.

5.2.3 Quotas per European Member Federation determined by the IFSC Europe Qualification System:

- (a) European Member Federations may register, within statutory deadlines, Team Officials for one of the following roles:
  - (i) One (1) Team Manager
  - (ii) Up to two (2) coaches per discipline.
  - (iii) Up to two (2) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.
- (b) The number of participating athletes should be around eighty (80) in each category and discipline
- (c) The 10 best ranked Member Federations (gender separated) of World Cup Ranking in each Category receive three (3) spots

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- (d) European Member Federations can gain spots depending on their rank in the IFSC-Europe National Team Ranking (gender separated):
  - (i) Rank 1 - 10 → three (3) additional spots
  - (ii) Rank 11 - 15 → two (2) additional spots
  - (iii) Rank 16 - ∞ → one (1) additional spot
- (e) Member Federations may in any case not register more than five (5) competitors in each Category.
- (f) There is a fixed Quota for the Semi-final with twenty-four (24) athletes and for the final with eight (8) athletes.

5.2.4 The registration fee shall not exceed € 50 per competitor per discipline. Late Registration as of Art. 1.3.3 c) is not applicable for ECH.

**5.3 Anti-doping tests**

5.3.1 Anti-Doping tests shall, in all cases, be administered for the winners in each discipline of the competition.

APPENDIX

**APPENDIX 1**  
**CATEGORIES FOR YOUTH COMPETITIONS**

Year of event	Category / birth years					
	U16		U18		U20	
<b>2023</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
2024	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
2025	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
2026	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007