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RULES 2019 CHANGES

GENERAL

The number of the document has been revised to provide for clearer referencing.

A standard form of language has been adopted, with a view to clarify where statements set out in the rules are mandatory, recommendations, or optional.

A glossary has been added to provide a central reference for key terms used throughout the rules.

DOCUMENT CHAPTERS

1. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING

No substantive changes

2. MEMBER FEDERATIONS

No substantive changes

3. GENERAL RULES

3.1 The Combined Discipline has been added.

3.14 Wearing climbing shoes has been made obligatory

3.17 For the 2020 season, the colour of the team uniform must be the same for Male and Female competitors.

3.21 Clarification has been added that only World Cup and/or World Championship events are counted when calculating the Continuously Updated World Rankings (CUWR)

4. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

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4.4 Unsporting behavior and use of obscene language have been made general offences.

5. ANTI DOPING

No substantive changes

6. APPEALS

New section added setting out general provisions relating to the sentencing of Appeals.

6.6/7 Clarification on the definition of Valid/Invalid Appeals

6.9 The concept of “an Appeal on the consequences of an Appeal” has been removed

7. LEAD

The definition of “Legitimate Position” has been amended with the aim of providing more clarity. In simple terms:

- (a) where a Safety Hold has been marked (the “Blue Cross”), scoring is “stopped” at the marked hold until the relevant protection point has been clipped.
- (b) in all other circumstances, scoring stops when a climber has let go with both hands of the last hold from which it was possible to clip the last unclipped Protection Point.

Provisions concerning the location of video review facilities have been removed as being more appropriately included within the Event Organisers’ Handbook

7.1 Provisions concerning the cancellation of rounds have been moved to the relevant “Events” rules.

7.6 Provisions have been added concerning when two starting groups may be used for qualification.

7.17 The “small hop” guidance from the Judges Handbook is incorporated into the rules.

7.20 Topos for the Semi-Final and Final routes should be made available to relevant Team Officials as soon as practical, but not prior to the observation period for the relevant route and only once they have left the Competition Area.

7.22 Where a competitor Controls/Uses a hold not marked on the Topo, the IFSC Judge and Chief Routesetter shall determine what scoring value should be assigned to this new hold. For the avoidance of doubt, this value may be the same as an existing hold or some new value.

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- 7.31 If no provision Result is displayed in the Final round, appeals must be taken when the Official Results are published. The obligation to look at all competitors on hold “x” where an appeal has been submitted has been made a recommendation.

8. BOULDER

Provisions concerning the location of video review facilities have been removed as being more appropriately included within the Event Organisers’ Handbook

- 8.1 Provisions concerning the cancellation of rounds have been moved to the relevant “Events” rules.
- 8.3 Precision has been added in relation to the timing system to be used in each round.
- 8.16 Provisions concerning the recording of attempts have been modified to clarify that touching any “blocker hold” is permitted when starting a boulder. The provision now also allows for a disciplinary sanction to be applied in addition to recording an attempt where a competitor touches or makes use of any artificial hold or structure not part of the start.
- 8.17 The drafting concerning the start position has been amended with the aim of preventing problems experienced during the 2018 season. Specifically, a competitor must be in a stable position with four points of contact to the marked starting position in order for a start to be judged correct.

Clarification has been added that competitors may use any part of the fixed climbing surface in order to gain the starting position.

- 8.24 A “for the avoidance of doubt” provision has been added in relation to bleeding.
- 8.25 Drafting has been amended to clarify when an appeal must be made “immediately” and when an appeal can be made at the end of the round.
- 8.27 The language is modified to allow the Jury the option of making any post-appeal attempt either a new attempt or a continuation of the last attempt.

9. SPEED

The “Classic” format is removed from the 2019 rules. Event Organisers may apply to the IFSC to use earlier issues of the rules where the Classic format is proposed.

- 9.12 Drafting has been added to clarify that where both climbers record a reaction time of less than 0.1s, the climber with the lowest reaction time will be deemed to have made the False Start No appeals may be made against the validity of a reaction time recorded by an approved timing

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system. This is without prejudice to the ability to claim a Technical Incident.

9.15 All Rankings will be calculated based on times recorded to 1/1000 second.

9.18 Where all stages in the final round cannot be completed, a final result will be determined based on the General Result following those completed stages.

9.22 Drafting has been added to clarify the options available to the Jury President where a technical incident cannot be remedied in good time.

10. SPEED

The IFSC may authorise Team Speed competitions using the 2018 rules.

11. COMBINED

General

11.2 The Final round will be run with a fixed quota of eight (8) competitors in each Category,

11.8 The Boulder heat of the Final round will be run with three (3) boulders.

11.10 Within the final round, the Speed heat will have additional races for competitors who would otherwise have been “eliminated” in either the 1/4 or 1/2 stages so that all competitors run in the same number of races.

12. WORLD CUP SERIES

General provisions

12.2 The recommended durations for World Cup events have been amended to allow additional time where the event included two or more disciplines (Events may also exceed the recommended durations where the IFSC has approved this)

12.5 Quotas and extra-quota are reduced and the registration deadline moved forward to 15 days prior to the first day of the competition. Substitutes may be made up to 5 days before the start of the competition.

12.7 Additional provisions have been added governing the suspension, abandonment and cancellation

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of individual rounds and of the competition itself.

Medal and prizes

12.19 The medal ceremony protocol is changed. Any competitor who fails to attend the ceremony (unless specifically authorised) will not receive the relevant medal or prize money.

13. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

13.3 The extra-quota is reduced and the registration deadline moved forward to 15 days prior to the first day of the competition.

13.5 A Combined Champion will be declared using the results from the individual Boulder, Lead and Speed disciplines when no competition is organized in the Combined discipline.

13.6 Additional provisions have been added governing the suspension, abandonment and cancellation of individual rounds and of the competition itself.

13.13 The medal ceremony protocol is changed. Any competitor who fails to attend the ceremony (unless specifically authorised) will not receive the relevant medal, prize money or title:

14. YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Registration of Teams

14.1 Drafting has been added to specify the recommended duration of the Youth World Championship depending on the number of disciplines at the event.

14.2 Drafting has been added concerning the timing for publication of the event Information Sheet.

14.3 Quotas and extra-quota are reduced and the registration deadline moved forward to 15 days prior to the first day of the competition.

14.4 Provisions concerning the allocation of competitors to Starting Groups (where two Starting Groups are used) have been amended, allocation will be random. A Combined Champion will be declared when no competition is organized in the Combined discipline.

14.5 Additional provisions have been added governing the suspension, abandonment and cancellation of individual rounds and of the competition itself.

14.13 The medal ceremony protocol is changed. Any competitor who fails to attend the ceremony (unless

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specifically authorised) will not receive the relevant medal, prize money or title:

15. **PARACLIMBING**

IFSC may authorise Paraclimbing competitions using the 2018 rules.

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