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# OCEANIA COUNCIL FOR SPORT CLIMBING

## REGULATIONS



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## 1. BASIS

### Article 1

The Oceania Council for Sport Climbing (OCSC) is responsible for the administration, development and furtherance of sport climbing in Oceania, according to IOC meaning. The OCSC operates in concert with and as the approved continental body of the International Federation for Sport Climbing (IFSC) (Ref. Art. 32 IFSC Statutes). Any changes of the OCSC REGULATIONS are subject to approval of IFSC Executive Board.

## 2. HEADQUARTERS

### Article 2

The location of the headquarters and offices of the OCSC are decided by the OCSC Executive Board.

## 3. PURPOSE AND TASKS

### Article 3

The OCSC is a body of the IFSC and, as such, subject to the IFSC Statutes, Bye-Laws and Regulations. The OCSC is organised to direct, regulate, promote, develop, and further the cause of sport climbing in Oceania and to represent the interests of Oceania 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 OCSC are independent of any political or governmental influence. The OCSC does not allow any discrimination for political, racial, or religious reasons. The OCSC promotes and supports with all means gender equality in its activities.

The responsibilities of the OCSC are:

- a. to encourage, promote, develop and supervise climbing competitions within the Oceania region;
- b. to promote the spirit of the Olympic Movement, respect the Olympic Charter, and to seek programme status in the Olympic Games;



- c. to fight against doping and all other processes and procedures that might undermine sporting equality; to implement Anti-doping Rules in accordance with the World Anti-doping Code;
- d. to promote good sporting practice;
- e. to generally promote sport climbing as a healthy and educational activity for youth;
- f. to establish and maintain rules for Oceania climbing competitions and for the participation in such competitions (within the limits of the IFSC Statutes, Bye-Laws and Regulations);
- g. to monitor and enforce the application of those rules by the member federations
- h. to organise Oceania Climbing Championships as well as other competitions within the Oceania region, and to decide which Oceania climbing competitions are officially recognised;
- i. to award licences and contracts to IFSC members and other organisations that seek authority to organise official Oceania climbing competitions and associated activities;
- j. to establish training courses for all OCSC officials in order to guarantee the highest possible standards for all OCSC officials;
- k. to consider the protection of the environment when organising and promoting its activities.

## 4. MEMBERS

### 4.1. Membership

#### Article 5

All members of the OCSC must hold a membership with the IFSC. Membership to the OCSC is open to the following categories:

- a. Full Member

With the exception of IFSC Observer Members, all IFSC Members from the Oceania region, as defined by the IOC regulations, are Full Members of OCSC.

- b. Territorial Member

IFSC Members based in another continent than Oceania and ruling a territory in the Oceania region may defer the governing power within the territory to another organisation. In this case, the IFSC Member Federation may request the status of Territorial Membership status for the



organisation governing the sport in the said territory. This request must be approved by the OCSC Plenary Assembly and IFSC Plenary Assembly.

Territorial Members are entitled to:

1. nominate individuals for a position on the OCSC board;
2. vote at the OCSC Plenary Assembly;
3. participate in all Oceania climbing competitions organised by the OCSC, according to the relevant regulations and fee system
4. organise IFSC approved events

Territorial Members are not entitled to nominate a candidate to represent the Oceania Continent within the IFSC Executive Board.

c. Observer Member

All IFSC observer members from the Oceania region (as defined by the IOC regulations) are Observer Members of OCSC unless they have been granted the status of Territorial Member (4.1.b). The admission fee for Observer Members is fixed by the Plenary Assembly of the OCSC.

## 4.2. Obligation of Members

### Article 6

All members of the OCSC have to comply with the OCSC REGULATIONS as approved by the OCSC Plenary Assembly and the IFSC Executive Board, as well as the rules set by the OCSC Executive Board.

### Article 7

All OCSC members shall respect the mutual autonomy and rights of other member organisations.

### Article 8

All OCSC members shall pay membership fees as fixed by the OCSC Plenary Assembly.

### Article 9

All decisions concerning the status of OCSC Members, including suspension and/or exclusion, are subject to the approval of the IFSC Plenary Assembly and may be dealt with by the IFSC executive board in between Plenary Assemblies.



## 5. ILLEGAL AND IRREGULAR BETTING

### Article 10

All forms of participation in, or support for illegal and irregular betting and gambling are prohibited. Any infringement of this prohibition will result in disciplinary sanctions by the IFSC Disciplinary Commission.

## 6. BODIES

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

### 6.1. Plenary Assembly

#### Article 11

The Plenary Assembly is the highest body of the OCSC and has ultimate authority for all activities of the OCSC. All the members of OCSC as defined in Art. 5.a, 5.b and 5.c shall be represented in the Plenary Assembly of OCSC. The Plenary Assembly convenes every year. The calling notice must be sent to all members at least 45 days prior to the date set for the Assembly.

### 6.2. Powers of the Plenary Assembly

#### Article 12

The Plenary Assembly has the following duties and powers:

- a. to elect the OCSC Executive Board;
- b. to fix admission, membership and other fees; to approve plans for activities;
- c. to adopt and amend these REGULATIONS, such decisions needing a quorum and majority as described in Art. 15;
- d. to adopt and amend all regulations; the Plenary Assembly can, however, authorise other bodies to independently establish technical rules where this seems appropriate;
- e. to decide the suspension of members which do not comply with the obligations as stated in these REGULATIONS;
- f. to approve the Minutes of meetings of Plenary Assembly;
- g. to receive, discuss and approve the report of the Executive Board;
- h. to elect the auditor(s); to review and approve the annual accounts after having heard the report of the auditor(s) and to give discharge to the Treasurer and to the other members of the Executive Board; to approve the budget;



### 6.3. Voting Rights

#### Article 13

Full Members (5.a) and Territorial Members (5.b) have one vote. Observer members (5.c) of the OCSC have no voting rights.

#### Article 14

At any Plenary Assembly, each Member shall be represented by one delegate who may be assisted by up to two 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.

### 6.4. Quorum

#### Article 15

Changes and amendments of these REGULATIONS may only be considered if at least half of the Members of OCSC entitled to vote are present or represented. To be adopted, such items must receive the approval of two thirds of the members present or represented.

For all other decisions of the Plenary Assembly there is no quorum. Decisions are taken with the majority of the members present or represented.

### 6.5. Taking of Decisions

#### Article 16

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

### 6.6. Agenda and the Right to Introduce Proposals

#### Article 17

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

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



c. IFSC Executive Board

Items presented by OCSC Members are to be sent to the OCSC Executive Board at least six weeks before the Plenary Assembly.

**Article 18**

The full Agenda of a Plenary Assembly shall be sent to all Members of OCSC as well as the IFSC Executive Board 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.

**7. Extraordinary Plenary Assembly**

**Article 19**

The OCSC 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 2 months of receipt of such request. The request must be substantiated and accompanied by a proposal for the Agenda.

**8. Executive Board**

**Article 20**

The Executive Board of OCSC consists of the following officers:

- d. President
- e. Vice-President
- f. Treasurer
- g. Secretary
- h. Athletes' Representative

As well as:

2 general members.

Candidates standing for election to any post in the Executive Board shall be nominated by their Member Federation. The members of the Executive Board are elected by the OCSC Plenary Assembly for a term of four years.

**Article 21**





For the purpose of regional balance, each member of OCSC as defined in Art. 5 is entitled to at least one representative on the OCSC board. If, following the election, a member does not have a representative on the OCSC Executive Board, they will be entitled to put forward a representative to become a general member of the OCSC Executive Board.

#### **Article 22**

The president of the Executive board will act as representative of the OCSC on the IFSC board provided that:

- they have not exceeded the term limit to sit on the IFSC board as defined by the IFSC statutes
- they have been nominated by one of the full members of the OCSC (i.e. not a territorial member)

If the above is not satisfied, the OCSC plenary assembly will elect another representative to sit on the IFSC board. Nominations for such position may only be presented by OCSC full members.

#### **Article 23**

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); to prepare the OCSC budget;
- c. to make recommendations to the Plenary Assembly about the long-term strategies of the OCSC;
- d. regulations and rules to be decided by the Plenary Assembly;
- e. the suspension of Member associations
- f. to set up, in collaboration with the IFSC Sport Department, the calendar of OCSC approved competitions;
- g. to decide, in collaboration with the IFSC Sport Department, the terms and conditions of contracts between the OCSC and organisers of OCSC approved competitions;
- h. to recommend any proposed changes to the OCSC REGULATIONS;
- i. to appoint and remove persons (employees) entrusted with the management of OCSC's day-to-day operations;



- j. to make recommendations on the terms and conditions of contracts to be concluded with third parties outside OCSC;

#### **Article 24**

The OCSC Executive Board will meet at least twice every year, upon the President's call. The Executive Board will meet also upon the request of the majority of its members.

#### **Article 25**

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.

#### **Article 26**

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 27**

Decisions are taken by a simple majority, the President having the casting vote in the event of a tie. The Executive Board may take decisions by correspondence and/or by any other means of communication.

### **9. COMMISSIONS**

#### **Article 27**

The Executive Board may authorise and appoint any other technical or advisory commissions deemed necessary to carry out the duties of the OCSC.

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

The mandate of any appointed commission shall be reviewed and reauthorised annually by the OCSC Executive Board. Members in commissions should come from different federations and not exceed the number of 6 per commission. Where possible commissions should be regionally balanced.



## 10. FINANCES AND ACCOUNTING

### Article 28

The OCSC is responsible for financing its own activities. Sources of income may come 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 OCSC purposes and tasks as set out in Section 3 above.

The OCSC bank account(s) will be opened by the IFSC or hosted in the IFSC bank accounts and managed, with the help of the IFSC Office, by OCSC officials having been designated by the OCSC Executive Board to have signature over said 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 purposes is the Euro. 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 OCSC shall be integrated in the annual accounts of IFSC and be approved by OCSC Plenary Assembly.

### Article 30

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

## 11. CORPORATE IDENTITY

### Article 31

The OCSC corporate identity shall follow the IFSC guidelines decided by the IFSC Executive Board.

The OCSC may implement some adjustment or change upon the approval of the IFSC Executive Board

### Article 32

The official language of the OCSC is English.



## 12. DISPUTES

### Article 33

Disputes arising under these OCSC Regulations or otherwise, will be dealt with by the OCSC Executive Board. If the OCSC Executive Board cannot find a solution, the dispute will be referred to the IFSC Executive Board.