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1. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the Statutes of the World Climbing, the European Council may organise a World Climbing Europe Series of competitions every year. The current document only outlines the amendments of World Climbing Series regulations for World Climbing Europe Series.

- 1.1. Each World Climbing Europe Series competition should take place between the first weekend of March and the last weekend of October,
- 1.2. Each World Climbing Europe Series should include competitions in the following disciplines:
 - (a) Lead (World Climbing CR-WC / Annex A).
 - (b) Speed (World Climbing CR-WC / Annex B).
 - (c) Boulder (World Climbing CR-WC / Annex C).
- 1.3. Each World Climbing Europe Series competition shall not last longer than two (2) days.

2. REGISTRATION & QUOTA

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

- (a) One (1) Team Manager
- (b) Number of coaches per discipline:
 - (i) EC Lead: 3 Coaches
 - (ii) EC Speed: 2 Coaches
 - (iii) EC Boulder: 4 Coaches
- (c) Up to two (2) qualified medical or personnel.

2.2. Member Federations may register as competitors per Category:

- (a) up to three (3) competitors for each Category in each relevant discipline
- (b) plus, one (1) U21 competitor for each Category in each relevant discipline
- (c) up to one (1) competitor for each Category in each relevant discipline for the top ten (10) ranked federations, based on the Team Ranking by gender, calculated in accordance with Article 3.2.
- (d) the host federation shall be entitled to register an additional three (3) competitors per gender in each relevant discipline
- (e) exceptionally, other spots might be open to athletes from different Continental Councils with a valid World Climbing license, subject to validation of World Climbing Executive Board with the following limitation:
 - (i) Maximum two (2) athletes per gender and discipline
 - (ii) Athletes from other Continents are allowed to reach the podium and take part at the day victory.
 - (iii) Athletes from other continents will not be awarded Ranking points for any World Climbing rankings.

2.3. Member Federations might be entitled to apply late registrations, subject to communication and validation to World Climbing office and payment of penalty fees.

3. RANKING, MEDALS AND PRIZES

Competition Rankings, medals and prizes

3.1. On completion of a World Climbing Europe Series competition:

- (a) The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals respectively.
- (b) A European National Team Ranking shall be calculated for each discipline of the competition, using the same methodology as World Climbing Series National Team Ranking. No podium ceremony shall be organised for the European National Team Ranking.
- (c) 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)

Series Rankings, medals, and prizes

3.2. Series Rankings and European National Team Series Ranking shall be calculated separately for each discipline and Category

- (a) where at least three (3) competitions have been held in that year or
- (b) where two (2) Europe Series competitions and any European Championship competition in that discipline have been held in that year

3.3. Series rankings and European National Team Series Rankings shall be calculated for each Category and discipline using the methodology set out in the World Climbing rules for the calculation of the World Series, with the following adaptations:

- (a) Where three (3) competitions are held, the three (3) results shall be counted toward the Series Rankings.
- (b) Where less than three (3) European Series competitions are held, the results of the relevant World Climbing Europe Championship shall be included in the calculation of the Series Rankings.
- (c) Where more than three (3) European Series competitions are held, only the three (3) best results shall be counted, and the lowest result shall be disregarded.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, a maximum of three (3) results may be counted toward the Series Rankings in any Category and discipline.

3.4. A separate individual World Climbing Europe Series Ranking shall be calculated for the U21 age group

3.5. Any tie for first place in the Series Rankings at the end of the season shall be resolved in accordance with the World Climbing Competition Regulations.

3.6. At the end of the overall season, medals and trophies will be given to the top three (3) ranked athletes in each category and discipline. The athlete in first place will receive a trophy and a gold medal, second place will receive a silver medal, and third place will receive a bronze medal.

4. COMPETITION FORMATS

Lead

4.1. World Climbing Europe Series 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 World Climbing Regulations for World Series – Annex A Lead with the following modifications:

4.2. No cleaning break in the Semi-final round.

Speed

4.3. Brushing regulations

- (a) The cleaning breaks of the Speed route will be decided by the World Climbing Jury President. The regulations shall be communicated before the start of the competition at the day of the Technical Meeting.

Boulder

4.4. World Climbing Europe Series Boulder competitions shall be organized over three (3) rounds for each category and shall be organized in the format specified in the World Climbing Competition Regulations for World Series Annex C – Boulder Events with following modifications:

- (a) A Qualification round in the flash format consisting of two courses (A and B) of three (3) boulders for course (A) and two (2) boulders for course (B). Each course and will be organised with one (1) starting group and a respective fixed Semi-final quota of twenty-four (24) competitors.
- (b) 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%
 - (iii) for each subsequent round, it shall be the ranking from the relevant preceding round, i.e., the best ranked starter last.
 - (iv) There shall be a minimum time gap of not less than 30 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)
- (c) The climbing time will be fixed to four (4) minutes for Qualification and Semi-Final rounds
- (d) 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