

## MEMBERSHIP: DETERMINATION OF ACTIVE STATUS PROCESS

In accordance with the IFSC Statutes, Article 8.2.3, to be considered active, a National Federation (NF) is required to:

1. Attend the Ordinary General Assembly,
2. Hold national championships annually in at least one IFSC Discipline,
3. Have an athletes' commission or other form of athletes' representation,
4. Comply with anti-doping rules, and
5. Be in good standing and adhere to IFSC governance standards.

This guideline document outlines the procedures established by the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) for identifying, evaluating, and addressing inactive membership among National Federations (NFs). Membership engagement and adherence to IFSC standards are essential to fostering a thriving international sport climbing community, and this document defines specific criteria by which inactivity can be assessed and addressed in accordance with the IFSC statutes.

The objective of this guideline is to provide a clear and transparent process for monitoring and evaluating the engagement of NFs, based on participation in General Assemblies, organisation of national championships, establishment of athletes' representation, compliance with anti-doping standards, governance practices, and involvement in IFSC events. This document provides a step-by-step framework for identifying inactive NFs, issuing warnings, and recommending further actions if necessary. By maintaining these standards, the IFSC aims to uphold a high level of commitment across all NFs, support the federation's values, and ensure the sustainable growth of climbing and Para Climbing worldwide.

This guideline serves as a reference for IFSC leadership and National Federations, outlining a structured approach to assess membership activity and take corrective action when necessary to maintain an active, engaged membership body.

### Evaluation Criteria and Steps

#### 1. Attendance of IFSC General Assembly

Objective: Ensure NFs participate in annual IFSC General Assemblies, as required by Article 8.2.3.1.

##### Steps:

- 1.1. Review attendance records from the last three General Assemblies.
- 1.2. Document whether the NF has missed multiple consecutive assemblies, as consistent absence may indicate disengagement.

#### 2. National Championship Documentation

Objective: Verify that the NF organises a national championship annually in at least one IFSC discipline, covering all categories (Article 8.2.3.2).

##### Steps:

- 2.1. Request the NF submit proof of recent national championships, such as event schedules, results, or official reports.
- 2.2. Document whether the NF failed to provide evidence or the NF has not held championships in the past two years.

#### 3. Athletes' Representation Verification

Objective: Ensure each NF has an athletes' commission or similar representation in place, per Article 8.2.3.3.

##### Steps:

- 3.1. Require the NF to submit organisational documents confirming the presence and structure of an athletes' commission or other form of representation.
- 3.2. Document whether the NF failed to provide evidence of an athletes' commission or other form of athletes' representation.

#### 4. Compliance with Anti-Doping Standards

Objective: Confirm adherence to anti-doping regulations, as mandated by Article 8.2.2.8.

Steps:

- 4.1. Assess the NF compliance history, including participation in any IFSC-led or WADA-related anti-doping programmes.
- 4.2. Record whether the NF lack proper doping controls or have had recent anti-doping violations.

#### 5. Good Standing and Governance

Objective: Confirm that the NF upholds IFSC governance practices, including diversity in leadership, timely fee payments, and commitment to IFSC values (Articles 8.2.2 and 8.2.3.5).

Steps:

- 5.1. Review the IFSC financial records to identify any unpaid dues of the NF in question.
- 5.2. Examine the NF governance practices, such as proof of adherence to diversity and gender equality initiatives, based on their submissions and reports.
- 5.3. Record whether the NF failed to meet these governance expectations or are in financial arrears.

#### 6. Review Participation in IFSC Events

Objective: Verify active engagement in IFSC events, including World Championships, World Cups, and other sanctioned events.

Steps:

- 6.1. Compile attendance records for IFSC events over the past two years, noting whether the NF has minimal or no participation.

### Conclusions and Recommendations

This consolidated assessment enables the IFSC to identify patterns of inactivity and make data-informed recommendations to the Executive Board for appropriate action. For NFs demonstrating recurring non-compliance or minimal engagement, a structured system is in place for escalating interventions.

1. **Initial Warning:** NFs identified as inactive or non-compliant in key areas will receive a formal warning, clearly outlining the areas of concern and specifying a timeframe for corrective action.
2. **Follow-up Review:** Following the initial warning, the IFSC will review the NF's response and any remedial measures taken within the specified timeframe. NFs showing substantial improvement will remain in good standing, while those failing to address issues will proceed to the next step.
3. **Recommendation for Suspension:** If inactivity persists or corrective actions are deemed insufficient, the IFSC may recommend the NF for suspension. This recommendation, based on documented evidence of non-compliance, will be presented to the Executive Board, which has the authority to enact suspension measures as per the IFSC statutes.
4. **Consideration for Termination:** For NFs failing to engage in corrective measures during suspension, the IFSC may recommend termination of membership to the Executive Board. This recommendation would be presented at the next General Assembly, in accordance with IFSC procedures for membership termination.

By following this structured process, the IFSC can clearly identify inactive members and encourage re-engagement or initiate corrective actions as needed.

If the NF does not respond within the given time frame set out in the initial warning, the Executive Board may consider immediate suspension and/or a recommendation for termination to the General Assembly.