

## MEMBERSHIP FEE WAIVER PROGRAMME

**Goal:** Make World Climbing membership more financially sustainable to all National Federations (NFs).

**Beneficiaries:** National Federations members of World Climbing.

**Duration:** each application is valid for one year only.

**Criteria for application:** National Federations with financial constraints may apply for the programme if they comply with one of the following criteria:

1. Annual income criterion: NFs from countries included in the [UN list of least developed countries \(LDCs\)](#) at the time of the request are eligible for application. The list of LDCs is reviewed every three years, and the next review is scheduled to take place in 2027,

Or

2. *Force majeure* criterion: NFs from countries affected by *force majeure* events are eligible for application.

Definition of *force majeure*: an unforeseeable, unavoidable and insurmountable event, such as war, acts of terrorism, pandemics, epidemics, natural disasters, and civil unrest.

**Scope of application:** the programme applies to the annual membership only; other fees such as annual licences and competition registrations are outside the scope of the programme and remain payable.

**How to apply:** submit an official letter to [administration@worldclimbing.com](mailto:administration@worldclimbing.com), cc: [office@worldclimbing.com](mailto:office@worldclimbing.com). The following information shall be included in the request:

- Reason for application.
- Reference to criteria 1 or 2. In case of application of the second criteria, add documentation/evidence in support.
- Reference to the invoice subject to the waiver.

The Office will review the application and submit it to the Executive Board for approval.