



IFSC DISCIPLINARY RULES

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DEFINITIONS

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| Athlete | Any individual holding a valid IFSC Licence and participating in IFSC-sanctioned events. The terms athlete, climber, and competitor are mutually interchangeable. In these Rules, the term Athlete is also to be intended as the Respondent for proceedings against athletes. |
| Complainant | The person or entity filing a disciplinary complaint. |
| Complaint | A written report submitted to the Disciplinary Commission detailing the alleged offence and supported by relevant documents and evidence. The terms complaint and report are mutually interchangeable. |
| Disciplinary Commission | The dispute resolution body of IFSC as defined and described in the IFSC Statutes. |
| Disciplinary Panel or Panel | A group formed from the Disciplinary Commission to handle Disciplinary Cases. In ongoing proceedings, the terms Disciplinary Commission and Disciplinary Panel are mutually interchangeable. |
| Disciplinary Proceedings | The formal process by which complaints are reviewed, hearings are conducted, and sanctions are issued. |
| Exceptional circumstances | Specific unusual factors concerning the Athlete/Respondent, and/or the offence, that may be taken into account when determining sanctions. |
| IFSC | International Federation of Sport Climbing |
| IFSC Licence | The annual licence issued by the IFSC and granting Athletes and Team Officials access to IFSC competitions. |
| IFSC-Sanctioned Competition or Event | Any competition or event officially recognised and governed by the IFSC. |
| IFSC Standing Regulations | The set of rules, including the Statutes, Code of Conduct, and other applicable regulations and guidelines that regulate the actions of IFSC stakeholders. |
| Jurisdiction | The authority of the Disciplinary Commission to handle specific complaints. |
| Minor | An individual under the age of 18 years old. |
| National Federation (NF) | The national body governing IFSC Disciplines in any Country which has been accepted as an IFSC member. |
| Notice of Complaint | The formal notification sent by the Panel to an Athlete or Respondent, outlining the details of the complaints and providing relevant documents. |
| Panel Chair or Chair of the Panel | The head of the Disciplinary Panel responsible for overseeing proceedings and communications. |
| Provisional Suspension | A temporary suspension imposed by the Panel for disciplinary infractions. |
| Respondent | The individual or organisation facing disciplinary action. |
| Sanction | The penalty imposed by the Panel for disciplinary infractions. |
| Standard of Proof | The level of certainty required for the Disciplinary Commission to find a complaint valid. The standard is 'comfortable satisfaction' for proving complaints, and 'balance of probabilities' when the Athlete/Respondent presents evidence. |
| Suspension | A penalty that temporarily prevents an Athlete or Respondent from participating in IFSC activities. |
| Warning | A formal disciplinary notice issued for minor infractions, which serves as a record of misconduct and may impact future sanctions. A warning may include additional provisions for mandatory training, community service, counseling, etc. |



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The IFSC Disciplinary Rules establish a comprehensive framework to maintain the integrity, fairness, and professionalism of Sport Climbing competitions governed by the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC). These rules outline the procedure for addressing disciplinary matters involving athletes, Officials, National Federations, and other affiliated parties. The primary objectives of the rules are to ensure transparent, consistent, and impartial proceedings while upholding the values and reputation of the sport.

These rules aim to create a fair and inclusive environment where Athletes, Officials, and National Federations can operate with confidence in the integrity of disciplinary procedures. They ensure swift and just resolutions to complaints while maintaining the values of Sport Climbing on the global stage.

This document is designed to guide all stakeholders, providing clarity on their rights, responsibilities, and the disciplinary processes they may encounter. By adhering to these rules, the IFSC seeks to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct in Sport Climbing.

These rules apply to:

- All individuals bound by the IFSC Statutes, Code of Conduct and other standing regulations, specifically:
- Athletes holding a valid IFSC Licence participating in IFSC-sanctioned competitions.
- Team Officials and representatives holding a valid IFSC Licence.
- Officials, including judges, routesetters, organisers, and other personnel affiliated with IFSC activities.
- National Federations and their representatives.
- Members of IFSC Commissions.
- Members of Continental Councils Boards and their Commissions.
- All other individuals and categories bound by the Code of Conduct and other standing regulations not mentioned above.



PART 1 – INTRODUCTION

1. General Provisions

- 1.1. These rules (“the Rules”) were first approved by the Plenary Assembly of the International Federation of Sport Climbing (“IFSC”) in Frankfurt on 27 January 2007 and all subsequent amendments were approved by the IFSC General Assembly. The Rules apply to proceedings before the IFSC Disciplinary Commission (‘Disciplinary Commission’).
- 1.2. The Rules can be amended by the Disciplinary Commission subject to approval by the IFSC Executive Board and ratification by the IFSC General Assembly.
- 1.3. Disciplinary proceedings can be taken with respect to the offences listed in the attached schedule of offences and sanctions.
- 1.4. The sanctions that can be imposed by the Disciplinary Commission are set out in the schedule of offences and sanctions.
- 1.5. The aim of the Rules is to protect the fairness and integrity of the sport by regulating what actions constitute disciplinary infringements and handle these infringements through quick and fair disciplinary proceedings.
- 1.6. Disciplinary proceedings will be conducted in English. All documents sent to the Disciplinary Commission must be written in English. Note: IFSC is not responsible for providing translations of documents or translators at hearings. Athletes (and other respondents) are responsible for obtaining their own translations and translators, if required.
- 1.7. Part 1 of the Rules concerns disciplinary proceedings against athletes and individuals who take part in IFSC approved competitions. Part 2 of the Rules concerns disciplinary proceedings against other persons and organisations described in Article 16. Part 3 of the Rules concerns the sanctions that can be imposed. Part 4 of the Rules concerns appeals. Part 5 of the Rules deals with disputes between IFSC bodies.
- 1.8. The notes (shown in italics) are part of the Rules



PART 2 – DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST ATHLETES

This part deals with disciplinary proceedings brought against Athletes holding a valid international licence for actions and/or events occurred during or resulting from a competition.

2. The Complaint

- 2.1. The following persons or legal entities (the ‘Complainant’) may file a report (‘Complaint’) to the Disciplinary Commission against an athlete (the ‘Athlete’):
 - 2.1.1. An IFSC Event Delegate (in respect of matters arising during or resulting from a competition at which he/she presided).
 - 2.1.2. The IFSC President, Secretary General or Executive Board Member delegated by the IFSC President
 - 2.1.3. The IFSC General Assembly by means of a resolution.
 - 2.1.4. A National Federation of IFSC: the Complaint must be signed by the legal representative of the National Federation or their delegate.
 - 2.1.5. A Local Organising Committee (LOC) of IFSC-sanctioned event through the Event Delegate assigned to that Competition or the Secretary General.

Note: IFSC delegates, Member Federations and organisers of IFSC-recognised events include delegates, National Federations, and Local Organising Committees (LOC).

- 2.2. The Complaint is to be made in writing, in English language, addressed to the Disciplinary Commission and must:
 - 2.2.1. Provide a summary of the alleged offence including details of the chronology of events, as well as any individual involved;
 - 2.2.2. Attach all relevant documents and evidence which are or could be relevant to the complaint, even if such documents and evidence do not support the complaint. If any such documents or evidence are not currently available, the complaint will state when they are likely to be available;
 - 2.2.3. Be submitted as soon as reasonably possible, and in any case no later than three (3) months from the events.

Note: Except from the written form, the complaint does not have to follow any further formal requirements.

- 2.3 The Complainant must attach to the Complaint all documents and evidence in their possession which are or could be relevant, even if such documents and evidence do not support the complaint.

3. Analysis of the Complaint

- 3.1. On receiving the complaint, the Disciplinary Commission will conduct a check to ensure that:
 - 3.1.1. It complies with and fulfils the requirements set out in Article 2; and
 - 3.1.2. There are sufficient grounds to move forward with disciplinary proceedings.
- 3.2. If the Disciplinary Commission finds that the complaint does not fulfil the requirements of Article 2 or does not provide sufficient grounds, the complaint will be dismissed, and no disciplinary proceedings will be started. The Disciplinary Commission will communicate in writing to the Complainant the reasons for the decision.
- 3.3. The Disciplinary Commission may request further information from the Complainant before deciding whether the complaint provides sufficient grounds to proceed.
- 3.4. If the Disciplinary Commission finds that the complaint fulfils the requirements of Article 2 and provides sufficient grounds, the Disciplinary Commission will constitute itself as the Disciplinary Panel (‘the Panel’) and start disciplinary proceedings.
- 3.5. Where appropriate, the Panel may provisionally suspend the Athlete from IFSC competitions pending the completion of the disciplinary proceedings (see Article 12).
- 3.6. The Panel shall operate as described in the relevant section of the Terms of Reference of the Disciplinary Commission.



4. The Disciplinary Panel

- 4.1. Once the Analysis of the Complaint has been conducted, and the requirements set out in Article 2 have been fulfilled, the Disciplinary Commission shall constitute itself as the Panel ('the Panel') as per the provisions set out in the relevant section of the Terms of Reference of the Disciplinary Commission.
- 4.2. The Panel shall operate as described in the relevant section of the Terms of Reference of the Disciplinary Commission.
- 4.3. Where appropriate, the Panel may provisionally suspend the Athlete from IFSC competitions pending the completion of the disciplinary proceedings (see Article 12).

Note: The constitution of the Panel is the start of the disciplinary proceedings.

5. Notice of Complaint

- 5.1. Within thirty (30) days of receiving the complaint, the Chair of the Panel shall send a Notice of Complaint (by email) to:
 - 5.1.1. The Athlete
 - 5.1.2. Their National Federation
 - 5.1.3. Relevant IFSC officials overseeing the competition/event shall also be informed for their knowledge.This time limit may be extended by the Panel when deemed necessary in light of particular circumstances.
- 5.2. The email address to be used to communicate with the Athlete shall be the one recorded at the time of request of the IFSC licence and stored in the IFSC database.
- 5.3. The Notice of Complaint shall:
 - 5.3.1. Include a summary of the complaint;
 - 5.3.2. Provide, in attachment or through an indicated weblink, copies of all relevant documents, the Rules, extracts of the infringed rules (if relevant) and any other relevant rules and regulations;
 - 5.3.3. Enclose the Reply to Complaint form;
 - 5.3.4. Set out the time limits for replying to the Notice of Complaint;
 - 5.3.5. Be signed by or on behalf of the Chair of the Panel;
 - 5.3.6. Explain the reasons behind any extension of the time limit contained in Article 5.1

6. Reply to Complaint

- 6.1. If the Athlete denies the complaint or admits the complaint but wishes to provide information for the Panel to consider before making a decision on the applicable sanction, his/her Reply to Complaint must be received by the Panel Chair within 21 days of the Athlete's receipt of the Notice of Complaint.
- 6.2. The Athlete may request in writing to the Chair of the Panel, within the time limit set in Article 6.1, to extend the time limit for the submittal of the Reply to Complaint. The Panel will decide whether to extend the time limit and will inform the Athlete in writing of its reasoned decision.
- 6.3. If the Athlete does not complete and return the Reply to Complaint within the time limit in Article 6.1 (or within an extended time limit under Article 6.2), the Panel will make its decision on the complaint (including the sanction) on the basis of the information contained or referred to in the Notice of Complaint and any further evidence obtained under Article 10.
- 6.4. If the Athlete denies the complaint, in the Reply to Complaint he/she must:
 - 6.4.1. State the arguments against the complaint;
 - 6.4.2. Attach all documents and evidence on which he/she intends to rely;
 - 6.4.3. Identify all witnesses (if any), including experts on whose evidence he/she intends to rely.
- 6.5. The Reply to Complaint must be signed by the Athlete or, in case of a minor, by their parent/guardian.
- 6.6. The Reply to Complaint may be signed by the Athlete's legal counsel holding a valid power of attorney.



7. Complaint denied by the Athlete

- 7.1. If the Athlete denies the complaint, he/she has the right to a hearing before the Panel. To exercise this right, the Athlete must inform the Panel in the Reply to Complaint. The rules for hearings are set out in Article 9. If the Athlete does not request a hearing the following Articles 7.2 to 7.5 will apply.
- 7.2. If the Athlete does not request a hearing, the Panel will deal with the complaint on the basis of the information contained or referred to in the Notice of Complaint and the Reply to Complaint and any further evidence obtained under Article 10.

Note: Article 11 indicates the standard of proof to be used.

- 7.3. When the Panel has decided whether the complaint has been sufficiently proven or not, it will inform the Athlete in writing. If the complaint has been sufficiently proven, the Panel will give the Athlete a reasoned explanation in writing and will follow the procedure set out in Articles 7.4 and 7.5 when deciding the sanction to be imposed.
- 7.4. The Panel will allow the Athlete to bring forward any information for the Panel to consider when deciding the sanction to be imposed. The Panel must receive this information within fourteen (14) days of the Athlete receiving notice of the Panel's decision under Article 7.3. The Panel is not obliged to consider any information submitted outside this time limit.

Note: If the complaint is sufficiently proven, the Athlete may send the Panel any information that he/she wants considered when it decides the sanction to be imposed, even if this information was not provided in the Reply to Complaint.

- 7.5. The Panel will decide the sanction to be imposed after the expiry of the time limit in Article 7.4 and will inform the Athlete in writing of its decision.

8. Complaint admitted by the athlete

- 8.1. If the Athlete admits the complaint, he/she may request for the sanction to be decided at a hearing. This request must be made in the Reply to Complaint within the time limit indicated in Article 6.1.

Note: There is an automatic right to a hearing when the complaint is admitted.

- 8.2. If the Athlete does not request a hearing, the Panel will decide the sanction to be imposed on the basis of information contained or referred to in the Notice of Complaint and Reply to Complaint and any further evidence obtained under Article 10. The Panel will inform the Athlete in writing of its decision within thirty (30) days.

9. The Hearing

- 9.1. This Article applies to any hearing held to decide whether a complaint is proven or not, or to decide sanctions.
- 9.2. The location/format and time of the hearing shall be proposed by the Panel and agreed between the Panel and the Athlete. In principle, the hearing shall not take place later than thirty (30) days from the receipt of the Reply to Complaint.
- 9.3. The hearing may be public or not, at the discretion of the Panel. In any event, for sensitive cases such as those involving minors or safeguarding violations, the hearing shall not be public.
- 9.4. Hearings will be conducted fairly, and in a manner decided by the Panel.

Note: Article 11 indicates the standard of proof to be used.

9.5. At hearings:

- 9.5.1. The Panel may call witnesses (including experts).
- 9.5.2. The Panel may accept evidence in writing or by telephone (also during the hearing).
- 9.5.3. The Athlete may be represented by legal counsel holding a valid power of attorney, or who has Parental Authority.



9.5.4. A representative of the Athlete's National Federation may participate as observer. Observers must declare their name, role, and relation to the Athlete and may not speak and/or address the Panel, unless addressed by the Panel itself first.

9.5.5. The Athlete may (subject to compliance with Article 6.4) call witnesses (including experts).

9.5.6. The Athlete (or his/her representative) may question any witness who has given oral evidence at the hearing.

9.5.7. The Athlete (or his/her representative) may address the Panel.

9.6. The Panel shall render its decision in writing within 14 days of the hearing. The decision and the reasoning shall be sent to the Athlete and his/her National Federation.

9.7. If the Panel decides that the complaint has been proven, it shall render its decision and decide the sanction to be imposed after the hearing. The Athlete will be given the opportunity to put forward any information that he/she wants the Panel to consider when deciding the sanction.

9.8. The Panel may adjourn or postpone a hearing at any time.

9.9. Unless the Panel decides otherwise, all hearings will be conducted in English.

Notes: See Article 1.7. If the Athlete requires a translator, then he/she must arrange this him/herself. The Panel shall arrange for a translator to be at the hearing, if any witnesses are unable to give evidence in English or in the language chosen by the Panel.

9.10. The Athlete will be responsible for all costs relating to the hearing (including but not limited to expenses related to translator, representation, etc.), regardless of the outcome of the hearing.

10. Further Evidence

10.1. The Panel may, at any stage in the disciplinary proceedings (including before the Notice of Complaint is sent to the Athlete), request further evidence or information on any matter deemed relevant to the complaint. This may include evidence or information from any party, including:

10.1.1. the Complainant;

10.1.2. any witness or potential witness;

10.1.3. any expert;

10.1.4. the Athlete.

10.2. Any further relevant evidence or information obtained by the Panel shall be disclosed to the Athlete, who may reply to it within a time limit decided by the Panel.

11. Standard of Proof

11.1. The standard of proof applied by the Panel shall be whether the complaint has been established to its comfortable satisfaction, bearing in mind the seriousness of the allegation made.

11.2. Where the Athlete tries to prove any fact, the standard of proof to be applied is the balance of probabilities.

11.3. Facts established by a court or disciplinary tribunal of competent jurisdiction which is not the subject of a pending appeal will be irrebuttable evidence against the Athlete, unless the Athlete establishes that the decision violated essential procedural rules.

11.4. The Panel may draw an inference adverse to the Athlete if the Athlete does not attend a hearing or participate in the disciplinary proceedings or answer questions posed by the Panel without good reason (to be determined by the Panel).

12. Provisional Suspension

12.1. The Panel, once formed, may, at any time after receipt of the complaint and/or during the disciplinary proceedings, provisionally suspend the Athlete from IFSC competitions pending the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings.

12.2. The Panel may review or lift this decision at any time.



13. Time Limits

- 13.1. The Panel may extend any time limit set in these rules if it deems it necessary to ensure the fairness of the disciplinary proceedings.
- 13.2. Time limits shall not be extended after the Panel has taken a final decision in a case, except in exceptional circumstances.

Note: A final decision includes a decision on whether the complaint is sufficiently proven and a decision on the sanction to be imposed.

14. Notices

- 14.1. Notices given by an Athlete under these rules may be given by:
 - 14.1.1. E-mail, to an e-mail address provided by the Chair of the Panel for this purpose.
- 14.2. All notices must be signed with electronic signature.
- 14.3. The Panel may give any notice under these rules to the Athlete by:
 - 14.3.1. E-mail, to an email address provided by the Athlete for this purpose.
 - 14.3.2. The e-mail address of reference should be stored in the IFSC Database.

Note: If any of the parties request to receive a hard copy of the notices, this shall be provided to the address given by the Athlete. In such cases, the digital notices remain the official notices and deadlines, time limits, and provisions to be enforced are the ones established in the digital notices.

15. Minors

- 15.1. A minor is a person under 18 years old. If, under the national law applicable to the Athlete, the age of majority is an age other than 18 years, the Athlete will inform the Panel and provide proof of this and of his/her date of birth.
- 15.2. The Rules will apply to minors with the following modifications:
 - 15.2.1. All notices sent to the Athlete's address shall be addressed to the Athlete's parent or guardian.
 - 15.2.2. The Reply to Complaint must be signed by the Athlete's parent or guardian (it may be signed by the Athlete as well).
 - 15.2.3. The identity of the Athlete will be kept confidential (except to IFSC officials and the Athlete's national federation) and he/she will be referred to by an initial in any documents intended for circulation outside IFSC or the Athlete's National Federation.



PART 3 – DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST OTHER PERSONS AND ORGANISATIONS

This part deals with disciplinary proceedings brought against all individuals and entities covered by the IFSC Statutes, Code of Conduct and other standing regulations while such individuals and entities carry out their function in relation to IFSC.

16. Respondents

- 16.1. Disciplinary proceedings may be taken against any of the following persons or organisations ('Respondents'):
- 16.1.1. National Federations;
 - 16.1.2. Members of any kind of IFSC National Federations (leadership, national technical officials officiating at IFSC competitions); Coaches, medical personnel, and athlete entourage holding a valid IFSC Licence
 - 16.1.3. Members of IFSC Executive Board
 - 16.1.4. Members of IFSC Commissions
 - 16.1.5. All persons participating in IFSC activities, including delegates and representatives of National Federations, Continental Councils, accredited persons, organisers, subcontractors and volunteers.
 - 16.1.6. In relation to breaches of the IFSC Code of Conduct, against persons or entities bound by other persons bound.
 - 16.1.7. In relation to breaches of the IFSC Safeguarding Policy, against all individuals or entities covered by other individuals or entities covered.

Note: IFSC staff and consultants are subject to both the Disciplinary Rules and the terms and conditions of the relevant contract and applicable labour law.

- 16.2. All of the Articles of the Rules apply also to disciplinary proceedings against Respondents. Where necessary, the word 'Athlete' shall be replaced with the word 'Respondent'.
- 16.3. In disciplinary proceedings against Respondents, both the Respondent and the person or organisation that made the complaint (the 'Complainant') shall have the right of appeal under Article 24.

17. Suspension and Expulsion

- 17.1. The Panel may, at any time during the disciplinary proceedings, suspend the Athlete or Respondent from all IFSC activities, including but not limited to competitions and membership of and participation in any and all IFSC bodies, pending the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings.
- 17.2. Where the Respondent is an organisation, the suspension shall also serve as a suspension of all members of that organisation from all IFSC activities.
- 17.3. A Respondent may appeal against a suspension under Article 24.
- 17.4. The suspension of a National Federation from IFSC must be approved by the IFSC Executive Board before it comes into effect. The expulsion of a National Federation from the IFSC must be ratified by the IFSC General Assembly before it comes into effect.



PART 4 – RULES ON SANCTIONS

18. Sanctions

- 18.1. The sanctions for each disciplinary offence are set out in the attached Schedule of Offences and Sanctions. These sanctions include:
- 18.1.1. Warnings for minor offences and, in exceptional circumstances, for more serious offences;
 - 18.1.2. Fines, in addition to or as an alternative to other sanctions, for more serious or repeat offences;
 - 18.1.3. Bans, in addition to or as an alternative to other sanctions, for more serious or repeat offences.
- 18.2. Where a range for a sanction is given, the Panel shall decide the level of sanction to apply after taking into consideration the circumstances of the case and any previous disciplinary proceedings (in which the complaint was proven) against the Athlete / Respondent.
- 18.3. Where the list of sanctions is given for an offence:
- 18.3.1. If “and” appears between items in the list, all of the sanctions must be imposed.
 - 18.3.2. If “and/or” appears between items in the list, the sanctions may be applied in isolation, in any combination, or cumulatively.
- 18.4. In cases involving minors:
- 18.4.1. Fines shall not be imposed;
 - 18.4.2. The Panel shall take the Athlete’s age into consideration when deciding the sanction.

19. Suspension of Sanctions

- 19.1. The Panel may, where it deems appropriate, suspend the operation of a ban or a fine or part of a ban or a fine for a period of up to 2 years.
- 19.2. If during the period of a suspension of a sanction, the Athlete / Respondent is proven to have committed another offence under the Rules, the ban or fine imposed for the original offence shall come into effect immediately (together with any sanction imposed for the further offence). In exceptional cases, the Panel may suspend the original sanction for a further period.
- 19.3. The Panel may not suspend the following sanctions:
- 19.3.1. A life ban;
 - 19.3.2. Any ban or fine described as “automatic” in the Schedule of Offences and Sanctions.
- 19.4. If a ban of two (2) years or more is imposed, no more than half the ban may be suspended.

20. Bans

- 20.1. In the Schedule of Offences and Sanctions, the following ranges of ban shall apply:
- 20.1.1. Range 1: 1 to 3 months
 - 20.1.2. Range 2: 3 to 6 months
 - 20.1.3. Range 3: 6 to 12 months
 - 20.1.4. Range 4: 1 to 2 years
 - 20.1.5. Range 5: 2 to 10 years
 - 20.1.6. Range 6: Life
- 20.2. If an Athlete / Respondent is banned, then he/she cannot be involved, regardless of the role, in any IFSC competition or other activity for the period of the ban.
- 20.3. IFSC competitions include competitions sanctioned by IFSC at all levels.
- 20.4. A ban shall start on the date decided by the Panel. If an Athlete has been suspended under Article 12, the ban shall normally start on the date of the suspension.



21. Fines

21.1. In the Schedule of Offences and Sanctions, the following ranges of fine (in EUR) shall apply:

- 21.1.1. Range A: EUR 25 to EUR 100
- 21.1.2. Range B: EUR 100 to EUR 200
- 21.1.3. Range C: EUR 200 to EUR 400
- 21.1.4. Range D: EUR 400 to EUR 600
- 21.1.5. Range E: EUR 600 to EUR 800
- 21.1.6. Range F: EUR 800 to EUR 1,000

21.2. All fines must be paid within twenty-eight (28) days, unless a longer period is granted by the Panel.

21.3. If a fine is not paid within the required time, the case shall be referred back to the Panel, which can:

- 21.3.1. In cases concerning an Athlete, ban the Athlete until the fine is paid;
- 21.3.2. In cases concerning a Respondent, suspend the Respondent from IFSC until the fine is paid.

Note: The Panel will usually warn the Athlete / Respondent before banning or suspending them under this Article. If an organisation is suspended, then all of its members are suspended automatically (see Article 17.2).

22. Warnings

22.1. Warnings are considered sanctions at all effects.

22.2. Where a warning is given as a sanction, the Panel shall warn the Athlete / Respondent about their future conduct.

22.3. A warning shall be taken into consideration in any subsequent disciplinary proceedings against the Athlete / Respondent.

22.4. When a warning has been given, any further offence of the same type shall be treated as a second offence.

23. Exceptional Circumstances

23.1. When the Panel must decide whether there are 'exceptional circumstances' in a case, it shall consider only specific unusual factors concerning the Athlete / Respondent and/or the offence.



PART 5 – RULES ABOUT APPEALS

24. Appeals

- 24.1. Any decision made by the Panel may be submitted exclusively by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport ('CAS') in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with Articles R47 et seq. of the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration.
- 24.2. All appeals must be filed in accordance with Articles R47 et seq. of the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration, applicable to appeals procedures. The time limit to submit an appeal is twenty-one (21) days after the receipt of the decision under appeal.
- 24.3. The decision appealed against shall remain in force pending the outcome of the appeal, unless, in urgent cases and upon request, the CAS decides to suspend its execution.

PART 6 – RULES ABOUT DISPUTES BETWEEN IFSC BODIES

25. Disputes between IFSC Bodies

- 25.1. This Article deals with disputes between any of the following bodies ('the Bodies'):
 - 25.1.1. The National Federations of IFSC;
 - 25.1.2. The Executive Board;
 - 25.1.3. The Continental Councils;
 - 25.1.4. The Commissions.
 - 25.1.5. All other bodies covered by the Statutes, Code of Conduct, or other standing regulation.
- 25.2. Any of the Bodies may refer a dispute to the Disciplinary Commission. The referral shall not be admitted if there are any outstanding disciplinary or appeal proceedings arising from the same facts that gave rise to the dispute.
- 25.3. The Disciplinary Commission shall appoint a panel of between 2 and 5 people to determine the dispute, of which one shall serve as Chair.
- 25.4. The procedure followed for the determination of the dispute shall be decided by:
 - 25.4.1. Disciplinary Commission, before the appointment of the panel; and
 - 25.4.2. The Panel itself, after the appointment of the panel.
- 25.5. Subject to 25.4 above, the Disciplinary Commission and/or the panel shall in principle follow the procedure set out in these Rules with any necessary modifications.
- 25.6. Necessary modifications will include:
 - 25.6.1. Substituting the word "Body" for the word "Athlete" in the Articles set out in 25.5 above (where appropriate); and
 - 25.6.2. Any other modifications that are considered appropriate by the Disciplinary Commission and/or the Panel for the fair and timely resolution of the dispute.
- 25.7. The Disciplinary Commission and/or the Panel may give directions to the Bodies that are considered to be necessary for the fair and timely resolution of the dispute, including that:
 - 25.7.1. The Bodies shall provide written evidence and/or submissions and answer any questions considered appropriate.
 - 25.7.2. The dispute is dealt with on the basis of written evidence and submissions or at a hearing. For the avoidance of doubt, there is no automatic right to a hearing.
 - 25.7.3. The dispute is referred to mediation or some other form of alternative Dispute Resolution.
- 25.8. Any Body involved in the dispute may appeal against the final determination of the dispute by the Disciplinary Panel to the CAS in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will be dealt with subject to the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration.



PART 7 – URGENT PROCEDURE

26. Purpose

- 26.1. This procedure is designed to handle urgent disciplinary matters that require immediate action to protect the integrity, safety, and fairness of IFSC-sanctioned competitions and activities.
- 26.2. An urgent procedure should aim to be resolved through written submissions; in case a hearing is deemed necessary, the details are described under Article 32 below.

27. Application

- 27.1. This urgent procedure applies to all entities already covered by these Rules.

28. Cause for Urgent Disciplinary Case

- 28.1. An urgent disciplinary procedure may be initiated under the following circumstances:
 - 28.1.1. Serious misconduct during an ongoing competition or official event.
 - 28.1.2. Threats to safety, including violence, harassment, or safeguarding violations.
 - 28.1.3. Integrity violations, such as fraud, cheating, severe breaches of IFSC rules.
 - 28.1.4. Repeated or flagrant disregard for the IFSC Code of Conduct.
 - 28.1.5. Incidents requiring immediate provisional suspension to protect other participants.

29. Filing an Urgent Complaint

- 29.1. An Urgent Complaint must be submitted in writing by one of the following:
 - 29.1.1. The President
 - 29.1.2. The Executive Board
 - 29.1.3. The Secretary General
 - 29.1.4. An IFSC Event Delegate
- 29.2. The complaint must include:
 - 29.2.1. Description of the incident, including date, time, and location.
 - 29.2.2. Names and details – to the extent possible – of the involved parties (athlete, official, federation, etc.)
 - 29.2.3. Supporting evidence, such as photos, videos, or official reports.
 - 29.2.4. Any witness statements, if available.
 - 29.2.5. Recommended immediate action, if necessary.

30. Preliminary Review

- 30.1. Immediate assessment: upon receipt, the Chair of the Panel (or a designated emergency panel member) will review the complaint within 12 hours to determine:
 - 30.1.1. Whether the complaint warrants urgent action.
 - 30.1.2. Whether provisional measures are needed (e.g. suspension).
 - 30.1.3. Whether additional information is required before proceeding.
- 30.2. Notification to the Respondent: if the complaint is deemed valid, the Notice of Complaint shall be sent within 24 hours to:
 - 30.2.1. The Respondent
 - 30.2.2. Their National Federation
 - 30.2.3. The relevant IFSC officials overseeing the competition/event separately, for their information.
- 30.3. The Notice of Urgent Complaint will include:
 - 30.3.1. A summary of the allegations.
 - 30.3.2. A request for a written response within 48 hours.
 - 30.3.3. Notification of provisional suspension, if applicable.

31. Urgent Provisional Suspension

- 31.1. If the severity of the case requires immediate action, the Panel may impose a provisional suspension until a final decision is made. The suspension may include:
 - 31.1.1. Suspension of the IFSC Licence meaning ban from competitions, no access to IFSC facilities and events.
 - 31.1.2. Temporary removal from IFSC roles (for officials)
- 31.2. The Panel will review the provisional suspension within 72 hours and determine if it should be upheld or modified.



32. Urgent Disciplinary Hearing

32.1. If the complaint is not resolved through written submission, the Panel will hold an emergency hearing within five (5) days. The hearing will be:

32.1.1. Conducted online (videoconference)

32.1.2. Attended by the Respondent, the Complainant, legal representatives (if applicable), and key witnesses (if applicable).

32.1.3. Based on available evidence and witness testimony (if any).

32.2. Following the hearing, the decision will be delivered by the Panel within 48 hours.

33. Sanctions and Final Decisions

33.1. If the Panel finds the Respondent guilty of the alleged misconduct, one or more of the sanctions foreseen in the Schedule of Offences and Sanctions may be imposed.

34. Right to Appeal

34.1. The Respondent has the right to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in accordance with the provisions described under Article 24 of these Rules.

APPENDIX 1 – SCHEDULE OF OFFENCES AND SANCTIONS

| | OFFENCE | SANCTION <i>See Articles 20.1 and 21.1, for definitions of the ranges of bans and fines.</i> |
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| (a) Offences committed in the Field of Play and adjacent sport operation areas (e.g. warmup, isolation, and transit zones) by an athlete or team member. | | |
| (1) Sport Rules | | |
| | (i) Gathering information regarding a route which the athlete is to attempt beyond what is permitted by the Sport Rules. | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warning; and/or Range A fine. <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range B fine; and/or Range 1 ban. <p>Third offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range 2-3 ban. |
| | (ii) Gathering and/or communicating information to other athletes beyond what is permitted by the Sport Rules. | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warning; and/or Range 1 ban. <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range 2 ban |
| | (iii) Distracting or interfering with any athlete who is preparing for or is attempting a route/boulder. | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warning; and/or Range 1 ban. <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range 2 ban. |
| | (iv) Failing to comply with the instructions of IFSC Officials | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warning; and/or Range A fine. <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range B-C fine. <p>Third offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range C-D fine and/or Range 1-2 ban. |
| | (v) Failing to comply with the Uniform Code governing clothing and equipment specifications. | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warning; and/or Range B-C fine for non-compliance with the Uniform Code; and/or Range 2 ban for non-compliance with the Uniform Code. <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range D-E fine for non-compliance with the Uniform Code; and/or Range 3 ban for non-compliance with the Uniform Code. |
| | (vi) Unsporting behaviour or other serious disturbance during warmup and competition periods. | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warning; and/or Range 1-2 ban; and/or Range B-C fine. |

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| | | <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range 2-3 ban (except in exceptional circumstances); and Range B-D fine. |
| | <p>(vii) Abusive, threatening, or violent behaviour directed towards IFSC officials, organisers, team members (including athletes), or any other person.</p> | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range 3-5 ban; and Range C-E fine. <p><i>If the abusive, threatening, or violent behaviour is directed towards an IFSC official, the minimum ban will be one year.</i></p> |
| | | <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range 5-6 ban (except in exceptional circumstances); and Range B-D fine. <p><i>If the abusive, threatening, or violent behaviour is directed towards an IFSC official, the minimum ban will be 10 years.</i></p> |
| <p>(b) Offences committed outside the Field of Play but in the public area, any other areas of the competition venue, or at any accommodation or facilities used in connection with the competition by an athlete or team member.</p> | | |
| | <p>(i) Unsporting behaviour or other serious disturbance.</p> | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warning; and/or Range 1-2 ban; and/or Range B-C fine. |
| | | <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range 2-3 ban (except in exceptional circumstances); and Range B-D fine. |
| | <p>(ii) Abusive, threatening, or violent behaviour directed towards IFSC Officials, LOC, Team members (including athletes), or to any other person.</p> | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range 3-5 ban (except in exceptional circumstances); and Range C-E fine. <p><i>If the abusive, threatening, or violent behaviour is directed towards an IFSC official, the minimum ban will be one year.</i></p> |
| | | <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range 5-6 ban (except in exceptional circumstances); and Range B-D fine. <p><i>If the abusive, threatening, or violent behaviour is directed towards an IFSC Official, the minimum ban will be 10 years.</i></p> |
| <p>(2) Theft</p> | <p>Theft by an athlete or team member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During a competition, or At the competition venue, or At any accommodation or facilities used in connection with the competition. | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return of stolen property or reimbursement of its value within one month, and Range 1-3 ban. |
| | | <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return of stolen property or reimbursement of its value within one month, and Range 3-4 ban. |
| | | <p>Third offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return of stolen property or reimbursement of its value within one month, and Range 4-6 ban. |

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| | | <p>Failure to return stolen property or reimburse its value within 28 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic ban until stolen property is returned or its value reimbursed, and • Range A-C fine. |
| (3) Damage to property | <p>Damage by an athlete or team member to any property belonging to another person or organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During a competition, or • At the competition venue, or • At any accommodation or facilities used in connection with the competition. | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reimbursement of the value of damaged property within one month, and • Range 1-3 ban. |
| | | <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reimbursement of the value of damaged property within one month, and • Range 4 ban. |
| | | <p>Failure to reimburse value of damaged property within 28 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic ban until the value of damaged property is reimbursed, and • Range A-D fine. |
| (4) Cheating | <p>Any deliberate action by an athlete or team member, at any time, to try to gain an unfair advantage in a competition for him / herself or any other person.</p> | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range 3 ban, and • Range A-D fine. |
| | | <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range 4-6 ban. |
| (5) Competing whilst banned | <p>(i) Competing or attempting to compete whilst banned.</p> <p><i>Note: For this offence, “banned” includes suspended. This offence occurs when an athlete is banned:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the Rules and competes or attempts to compete in a IFSC competition; or • Under the World Anti-Doping Code (“WADA Code”) of the World Anti-Doping Agency (“WADA”), whether by IFSC, a National Federation or any other signatory of the WADA Code, and competes or attempts to compete in a IFSC competition; or • By IFSC or a National Federation under the WADA Code and competes in any competition organised or authorised by any other signatory of the WADA Code. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Range 3-6 ban. |
| | | <p>(ii) Permitting, assisting, or encouraging an athlete to compete or to attempt to compete whilst banned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the case of Team members, Range 2-6 ban. • In the case of a National Federation, Range D-F fine and/or suspension or expulsion from the relevant competition.. |

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| | <p><i>Note: This offence can be committed by a team member, an official or a National Federation. This offence requires the person committing it to know that the athlete was banned. A National Federation will be assumed to know if one of their members is banned, unless it proves otherwise.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the case of an Official, suspension from acting as an Official in any IFSC competition for a period of between two (2) years and life. |
| <p>(6) Offences by officials (including IFSC officials and organisers) in relation to competitions</p> | <p>(i) The following behaviour by an official at a competition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gross incompetence; Deliberate bias towards an athlete or team; Unauthorised disclosure of restricted information (e.g. concerning routes) to any person; Offensive behaviour towards an athlete or any member of a team; Violence or the threat of violence against any person; Failing to follow the regulations in the IFSC Handbook. | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indefinite suspension from acting as an official in any IFSC competition, until IFSC is satisfied that the official is suitable to do so, and In the case of violence or threatened violence or unauthorised disclosure, the suspension will be for a minimum of one (1) year. The Disciplinary Panel can recommend a minimum period of suspension of up to two (2) years. <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent suspension from acting as an official in any IFSC competition, except in exceptional circumstances when the sanctions for the first offence set out above will apply (any further offence will be treated as a second offence with no reduction for exceptional circumstances). |
| | <p>(ii) The following actions by an official at or after a competition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public criticism (at any time) by an official of any decision of any other official or body at a competition at which that official acted. This does not include discussion or criticism within any IFSC body. A member of an appeal jury disclosing to any person any information about the deliberations of the jury (except for the decision made by the jury). | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A warning, and/or Indefinite suspension from acting as an official in any IFSC competition, until IFSC is satisfied that the official is suitable to do so. The Disciplinary Panel can recommend a minimum period of suspension of up to two (2) years. <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent suspension from acting as an Official in any IFSC competition, except in exceptional circumstances when the sanctions for the first offence set out above will apply (any further offence will be treated as a second offence with no reduction for exceptional circumstances). |
| <p>(c) Other Offences / Misconduct / Breaches of the Code of Conduct</p> | | |
| <p>(7) Offences by National Federations</p> | <p>(i) Failing to pay any sum due to IFSC.</p> <p>Note: National Federations are responsible for paying various fees, including membership, competition entry, international licence, etc.</p> | <p>First offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warning; and/or Suspension from IFSC until the fee is paid; and/or Range C-F fine. <p>Second offence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension from IFSC until the fee is paid; and/or Range C-F fine; and/or Expulsion from IFSC. |

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| | | <i>Note: The suspension of a National Federation results in the automatic suspension of all its members (see Article 17.1).</i> |
| | (ii) Encouraging, aiding, or permitting (failing to duly supervise) its members (athletes, team officials, others) to commit offences under (2) to (6) above. | First offence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warning; and/or Suspension from IFSC until the breach is remedied; and/or Range C-F fine. |
| | | Second offence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension from IFSC until the breach is remedied; and/or Range C-F fine; and/or Expulsion from IFSC. |
| | (iii) Breaching its obligations under the IFSC Statutes and regulations. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warning; and/or Range C-F fine; and/or Suspension or expulsion from IFSC. |
| (8) Bringing the sport into disrepute | | |
| | <p>Any action, omission or statement that has damaged or is likely to damage the reputation of Sport Climbing and/or the IFSC and/or any of its Bodies.</p> <p><i>Note: This offence can be committed by an athlete, a National Federation and an official.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warning; and/or Scale D-F fine; and/or Scale 1-6 ban; and/or In the case of a National Federation, suspension or expulsion from the IFSC; and/or In the case of an Official, suspension from acting as an Official in any IFSC competition for a period of between six (6) months and two (2) years. |
| (9) Serious misconduct | <p>Any serious wrongful action, omission or statement including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abuse of minors Racial abuse or harassment Sexual abuse or harassment Discrimination <p><i>Note: This offence can be committed by an athlete, a National Federation and an official.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scale 1-6 ban, and Scale A-F fine, and In the case of a National Federation, suspension or expulsion from the relevant Competition Body; and In the case of an Official, suspension from acting as an Official in any IFSC competition for a period of between one (1) year and life. |
| (10) Betting, gambling, and competition manipulation offences | <p>(i) Any act of competition manipulation, including betting or gambling in respect of any IFSC competition by anyone involved with that competition or with IFSC, including athletes, team members, coaches, representatives of national federations, organisers and IFSC officials.</p> <p><i>Note: This does not apply to betting or gambling by spectators.</i></p> | Range 3-6 ban; and Range C-F fine. |
| | (ii) Deliberately failing, for reward or for the promise of reward, to perform to your abilities. | Range 5-6 ban; and Range E-F fine. |

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| | <i>Note: Reward includes any type of benefit to the person committing the offence or to another person.</i> | |
| | (iii) Instructing, facilitating, or encouraging others to bet or gamble in respect of any IFSC competition. <i>Note: This does apply to betting or gambling by spectators.</i> | Range 3-6 ban; and Range C-F fine. |
| | (iv) Inducing, instructing, or encouraging any other person to commit a betting or gambling offence. | Range 3-6 ban; and Range C-F fine. |
| | (v) Ensuring or attempting, for reward, to ensure the occurrence of a particular incident that is subject to a bet. | Range 5-6 ban; and Range E-F fine. |
| | (vi) Providing or receiving a reward in circumstances that might reasonably be expected to bring the sport or IFSC into disrepute. | In exceptional cases: a warning. In other cases: Range 3-6 ban; and Range C-F fine. |
| | (vii) Using any ‘sensitive’ or ‘inside’ information for betting or gambling purposes, including disclosing such information (with or without reward) where one knows or might reasonably be expected to know that this information could be used for betting or gambling. | In exceptional cases: a warning. In other cases: Range 3-6 ban; and Range C-F fine. |
| | (viii) Failing to disclose without undue delay to IFSC full details of any approaches, invitations to engage in conduct or incidents that would or could involve a betting or gambling offence. | In exceptional cases: a warning. In other cases: Range 3-6 ban; and Range C-F fine. |
| | (ix) Failing to co-operate with any investigation carried out by IFSC concerning alleged betting or gambling, including failure to provide information, records, and documents (such as itemised telephone bills, bank statements and access to computers and other forms of electronic storage). | Range 4-6 ban; and Range D-F fine. |
| | (x) Assisting or covering up any betting or gambling offence. | Range 4-6 ban; and Range D-F fine. |
| (11) Breaches of the IFSC Code of Conduct | Any breach of the Code of Conduct and its related regulations by persons bound by the Code of Conduct (see Art.1) | All available sanctions (warnings, fines, bans, suspensions, expulsions) are applicable in isolation, in any combination, or cumulatively, at the discretion of the Disciplinary Panel in relation to the gravity of the breach and to the individual or body responsible. |



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| <p>(12) Breaches of the IFSC Safeguarding Policy</p> | <p>Any instance of harassment and abuse carried out by persons bound by the IFSC Safeguarding Policy (see Art. 3.1).</p> | <p>All available sanctions (warnings, fines, bans, suspensions, expulsions) are applicable in isolation, in any combination, or cumulatively, at the discretion of the Disciplinary Panel in relation to the gravity of the breach and to the individual or body responsible.</p> |
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APPENDIX 2 – TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

Ref. IFSC COMMISSIONS TERMS OF REFERENCE, ANNEX 2 – DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

Approved by the Executive Board on 5 February 2025.

To be approved by the General Assembly on 11 April 2025.

In accordance with Article 14.4 of the IFSC Statutes, the Disciplinary Commission of the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) shall investigate, adjudicate, and take appropriate action following any complaint concerning a breach of the IFSC Rules and Regulations or misconduct reported to the IFSC, in accordance with the Disciplinary Rules approved by the General Assembly. The Disciplinary Commission shall not investigate, adjudicate, and take appropriate action in case of violations of the applicable anti-doping rules, which shall be assessed by the Anti-Doping Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The Disciplinary Commission is established to uphold the integrity, ethics, and fairness of IFSC ensuring that disciplinary matters and allegations of misconduct are addressed and adjudicated promptly, transparently and fairly.

In principle, the provisions outlined in Section 1 above apply to the Disciplinary Commission, unless otherwise specified in this section. For practical effectiveness, a copy of these Terms of Reference shall be attached to the Disciplinary Rules and Schedule of Offences.

1. Composition

- 1.1. The Disciplinary Commission shall consist of three (3) ordinary members, including one of which acting as Chair, and two (2) supplementary members, for a total of five (5) members.
- 1.2. All members are appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Executive Board.
- 1.3. Members must have legal background and expertise in sport governance is preferred.
- 1.4. Members may be appointed upon suggestion by National Federations as well as through external candidature.
- 1.5. The Disciplinary Commission shall be balanced in gender and its members shall be of different countries.
- 1.6. In the event of a vacancy, such vacancy shall be filled at the earliest opportunity by the Executive Board pending the ratification of the next General Assembly.

2. Terms and Appointment

- 2.1. Members of the Disciplinary Commission are appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Executive Board.
- 2.2. Members are appointed for a term of four (4) years, not subject to term limits.
- 2.3. A Chair shall be appointed by the Executive Board. In principle, the provisions outlined under Article **Error! Reference source not found.** of Section 1 of this document shall apply to the Chair of the Disciplinary Commission.

3. Ethical Standards

- 3.1. Members of the Disciplinary Commission shall adhere to the principles outlined in the IFSC Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy.
- 3.2. Members must be independent of the parties involved in any proceedings and free of conflicts of interest.
- 3.3. Confidentiality is paramount, and breaches will be considered grounds for removal from the Commission.

4. Scope of Activity

- 4.1. Investigate and adjudicate complaints concerning violations of the Code of Conduct, Safeguarding Regulations, Competition Rules and all other IFSC regulations in place (with the exception of violations of the applicable anti-doping rules), in accordance with the Disciplinary Rules.
- 4.2. Issue sanctions according to the Schedule of Offences and Sanctions.
- 4.3. Resolve disputes between IFSC bodies in compliance with Article 25 of the Disciplinary Rules.



5. Jurisdiction

- 5.1. Athletes and Team Officials participating in IFSC-sanctioned events at all levels.
- 5.2. National Federations and their representatives.
- 5.3. IFSC Officials, members of IFSC Commissions, working groups and other similar bodies.
- 5.4. All individuals and legal entities involved in IFSC activities.
- 5.5. All individuals and legal entities covered by the Statutes, Code of Conduct, and other applicable regulations.

6. Authority and Key Responsibilities

- 6.1. Investigative Oversight: ensure all investigations are fair, thorough, and impartial.
- 6.2. Sanctioning: issue warning, impose fines, and enforce bans or suspensions based on the established Schedule of Offences.
- 6.3. Provisional suspension: enforce provisional suspension of individuals pending investigation and/or case resolution.
- 6.4. Compliance with Rules: ensure proceedings align with IFSC Disciplinary Rules and other applicable Regulations.
- 6.5. Confidentiality and Fairness: Safeguard the confidentiality of ongoing proceedings.
- 6.6. Rules and Policy Review: make recommendations to the IFSC Executive Board about systemic changes to IFSC policies to prevent future misconduct.

7. Reporting to the Disciplinary Commission

- 7.1. Reports to the Disciplinary Commission ('Complaints') shall be made according to the procedure set out in Article 2 of the Disciplinary Rules.

8. Meetings

- 8.1. The Disciplinary Commission shall have a regular schedule of one (1) meeting per month to address cases requiring disciplinary action.
 - 8.1.1. The designated staff member shall keep the Disciplinary Commission informed of any submitted Complaints.
 - 8.1.2. If no Complaints have been submitted, the Commission shall take no action and defer its meeting to the following month.
 - 8.1.3. If a Complaint is submitted, the Disciplinary Commission shall address it at its next monthly meeting.
- 8.2. In addition, the Disciplinary Commission shall meet as often as required by ongoing cases to be addressed.

9. Disciplinary Panel

- 9.1. For each established Complaint submitted to the Disciplinary Commission, the three (3) ordinary members of the Disciplinary Commission will constitute themselves as the Disciplinary Panel (Panel). Therefore, in ongoing proceedings the terms Disciplinary Commission and Disciplinary Panel are considered mutual.
- 9.2. In any event, each Panel must consist of three (3) members of the Disciplinary Commission, and, in principle, the Chair of the Disciplinary Commission is the Chair of the Disciplinary Panel.
- 9.3. In the event that the Chair of the Disciplinary Commission is prevented from overseeing a case, the Chair of the Panel for that specific case shall be appointed internally by the Disciplinary Commission and recorded by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall reserve the right to review and, if necessary, approve or overturn the replacement.
- 9.4. In the event that one of the ordinary members is prevented from being part of the Panel, one of the two (2) supplementary members shall take their place. The same procedure applies if two (2) ordinary members are unable to carry out their Panel duties. Details are set out under Article 12. Replacements below.
- 9.5. Decisions of the Panel are taken by simple majority. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the Panel has the casting vote. In light of Article 9.1 above, the decision of the Panel is, by extension, the decision of the Disciplinary Commission.
- 9.6. The Disciplinary Panel may consult the Ethics Commission, experts or external advisors if specific expertise is required.



10. Functioning

- 10.1. The formation of the Panel marks the official commencement of Disciplinary Proceedings.
- 10.2. The Panel is responsible for:
 - 10.2.1. Evaluating complaints.
 - 10.2.2. Conducting investigations, or requesting additional documents and information, if necessary.
 - 10.2.3. Establishing that the required standard of proof set out in the Disciplinary Rules is fulfilled.
 - 10.2.4. Conducting hearings, where applicable.
 - 10.2.5. Rendering decisions on the case.
- 10.3. All proceedings are conducted in English. IFSC is not responsible for providing translation or translators. Athletes and other respondents are responsible for arranging their own translators if needed.

11. Conflicts of Interest

- 11.1. Panel Members are required to disclose any potential conflicts of interest at the earliest opportunity.
- 11.2. If a conflict of interest arises, the affected member may not act as Chair of the Panel.
- 11.3. If a conflict of interest arises, the Chair of the Panel shall determine whether the affected member shall be replaced by one of the two (2) supplementary members or if they may take part in the proceedings subject to the adoption of mitigating measures and the notice to the Executive Board.

12. Replacements

- 12.1. At any moment during disciplinary proceedings:
 - 12.1.1. A member of the Panel may resign if they can no longer serve because of illness or any other reason. The member shall be replaced by one of the two (2) supplementary members.
 - 12.1.2. If a member of the Panel becomes aware of a conflict of interest that could impair their personal impartiality in the case at hand, such member must bring this to the attention of the Disciplinary Commission. Where no mitigating measures can be implemented, the member shall present their resignation from the Panel and be replaced by one of the two (2) supplementary members,
 - 12.1.3. If the Chair of the Panel becomes aware of a potential conflict of interest that could impair the impartiality of another member of the Panel in the case at hand, they must bring this to the attention of the Disciplinary Commission. Where no mitigating measures can be implemented, the Chair of the Disciplinary Commission may remove such member from the Panel and replace them with one of the two (2) supplementary members.
- 12.2. Removal from the Disciplinary Panel does not mean removal from the Disciplinary Commission.
- 12.3. Any Panel member replacement shall be notified to the Executive Board who reserves the right to review and, if deemed necessary, approve or overturn the replacement decision.

13. Reporting

- 13.1. The Disciplinary Commission shall report annually to the IFSC General Assembly on its activities, excluding sensitive information or ongoing cases.
- 13.2. Decisions of the Disciplinary Commission shall be published on the IFSC website; the Disciplinary Commission shall establish the appropriate level of detail for the publication of its decisions on a case-by-case basis.