



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2024 - 2025

Between IFSC and IFSC Oceania

Approved by the Executive Board on 9 October 2024

**1. PREAMBLE**

- 1.1. This Memorandum of Understanding, in accordance with Article 15 of the IFSC Statutes, is subject to the IFSC Continental Regulations and its purpose is to further define the roles and responsibilities between the IFSC and IFSC Oceania in the delivering of the objectives of the IFSC Strategic Plan relevant to Oceania.
- 1.2. This Memorandum of Understanding is designed to be in alignment with the IFSC Continental Regulations in place. The IFSC recognises that there are different developmental and operational needs across continents and geographic areas that might affect the Continental Councils' ability to comply with all regulations. Therefore, the following adjustments acknowledge that certain continental regulatory structures cannot be met. At no time shall any modification allow a Continental Council to subvert the IFSC Statutes.
- 1.3. This Memorandum of Understand is subject to the approval of the IFSC Executive Board.

**2. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1. The strategic objectives that impact the continental level are set out in Article 1.4 and 2.3 of the IFSC Strategic Plan 2020 – 2028. More specifically:
  - 2.1.1. Develop a layered event structure of events based on athletes' performance to allow maximum athletes' participation across all continents (Article 1.4.4.);
  - 2.1.2. Ensure pathways for athletes striving to climb from national to continental, to world level, to build a qualification pyramidal system for World Cups in collaboration with the Continental Councils (Article 1.4.5.);
  - 2.1.3. Develop training camps for climbers, paraclimbers, routesetters, para routesetters, judges and coaches in cooperation with the Continental Councils and NFs (Article 2.3.2.).

**3. ADJUSTMENTS**

**Section 6 – Continental Board**

- 3.1. Article 6.1.3 of the IFSC Continental Regulations does not apply, due to the current limited number of National Federations members of IFSC Oceania. This exception shall allow more than one member per National Federation in the IFSC Oceania Board, ensuring that the Board is able to carry out its work.
- 3.2. Article 6.2.2 of the IFSC Continental Regulations is adjusted as follows:
  - 3.2.1. "A National Federation can propose up to four (4) Candidates in total. Accordingly, a Candidate cannot be nominated for more than one position. If a National Federation submits two (2) Candidates, they shall be of different gender; if three (3) Candidates are submitted, at least one (1) must be of different gender; if four (4) Candidates are submitted, they must be equally divided between different genders.
- 3.3. Article 6.2.3 of the IFSC Continental Regulations is adjusted as follows:
  - 3.3.1. "Candidates may or may not be citizens (i.e. holding a valid passport) of the nominating National Federation. Suspended National Federations are not allowed to submit nominations of Candidates. Otherwise, in principle, Continental Councils may establish their own rules for nomination of candidates. In case of conflict with IFSC regulations, the IFSC regulations shall prevail."
- 3.4. Article 6.3.1 of the IFSC Continental Regulations is adjusted as follows.

The IFSC Oceania Board is composed of the following members:

  - a. Chairperson
  - b. Two (2) Athletes' Representatives, of different genders
  - c. Six/Seven (6/7) General Members, with a maximum of three (3) per National Federation