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## **ABOUT THESE REGULATIONS**

The Competition Rules apply to all competitions, regardless of level or format, and set out the fundamental principles that must be followed in all international competitions. These regulations provide the framework for World Climbing Para Championship and World Climbing Para Series events and how the Competition Rules are applied in these events.

## **CHANGES TO THESE REGULATIONS**

World Climbing plans to publish these regulations in stable form on a biennial basis. The notes and guidance to these regulations may be updated more frequently to incorporate experience from individual events.

## **NOTES ON THESE REGULATIONS**

World Climbing publishes these regulations in English.

National federations which produce a translated version of these regulations are invited to send a copy to World Climbing, clearly stating on the front cover that it is their official translation, so it may be posted on the World Climbing website for others to use. If there is any divergence in the wording/meaning in or between any translation of the rules, the English text is authoritative.

World Climbing Continental Councils are authorised to use these regulations without modification for events under their jurisdiction. When used in this way, expressions in these regulations such as "World Climbing Para Championship" may be understood to have the corresponding meaning in that context.

World Climbing Continental Councils may adapt elements of these regulations, such as the number of rounds, quotas, or routes/boulders, and the use of flash/on-sight formats, to suit their specific circumstances. However, any substantive changes to these regulations require prior approval from World Climbing to maintain consistency with the established competition structure.



## 1 GENERAL

1.1 World Climbing may approve the organisation of:

- A) an annual cup series with up to 8 competitions in the top-rope discipline (the **World Climbing Para Series**).
- B) a bi-annual championship competition in the top-rope discipline (the **World Climbing Para Championship**).

1.2 Each competition must include events for both men's and women's categories and may, at the discretion of World Climbing, include mixed-category events (§1.6).<sup>1</sup>

1.3 World Climbing will issue a preliminary **Event Information Sheet** not less than 90 days in advance of the competition confirming its location, registration deadline and arrangements as described in §6. The registration deadline should not be less than 30 days prior to the first day of the competition.

1.4 Each national federation will be entitled to enter a team per the quota regulations published by World Climbing for the relevant year, provided that the federation is not in default of:

- A) any regulation governing financial obligations to World Climbing,
- B) any decision, or required action, under the Disciplinary Rules,

All team members must hold an International Licence.

### Minimum Registration Requirements

1.5 No event will be scheduled or held for a Sport Class where, at the registration deadline, the number of national federations and competitors registered for that event having a Sport Class Confirmed or Sport Class Review with Fixed Review Date status is lower than the numbers set out in Table 1 (the **minimum registration requirement**):<sup>2</sup>

Nr. Nations	Nr. Athletes
3	4 (World Climbing Para Series)
3	5 (World Climbing Para Championship)

**Table 1 – Minimum Registration Requirement**

1.6 If at the registration deadline the minimum registration requirement is not satisfied for an event, World Climbing may propose either:

- A) a Combined Class Event, following the principles set out in Annex A, or
- B) in respect of the AL1 Sport Class only, a mixed-category event (i.e., with men and women competing together).

1.7 Where a mixed-category event or Combined Class Event is proposed, the national federations affected will have 10 days to re-confirm participation. If, at the end of this time, the minimum registration requirements are not satisfied for the proposed mixed-category event or Combined Class Event, the event will be cancelled.

1.8 A finalised **Event Information Sheet** identifying confirmed individual Sport Class events, mixed-category events and/or Combined Class Events will be issued not less than 15 days

prior to the first day of the competition.

### **Registration Fees**

- 1.9 Registration fees payable by a national federation will be calculated from the number of persons registered at the registration deadline, amended only by withdrawals where a mixed-category or a Combined Class Event is proposed following that date.
- 1.10 National federations must comply with any reasonable request from World Climbing or the event organiser to provide contact information (such as accommodation details, scheduled dates/times of arrival and departure) for all team members.

## **2 APPLICABLE CODES AND REGULATIONS**

- 2.1 Each person taking part in a para-climbing event must comply with the *Competition Rules*, these regulations, and any amendments noted in the Event Information Sheet.
- 2.2 The following sporting codes have the status of rules for the purposes of these regulations:

**World Climbing Anti-Doping Rules**

**World Climbing Betting and Anti-Corruption Code**

**World Climbing Disciplinary Rules**

**World Climbing Eligibility Code**

**World Climbing Equipment Code**

**World Climbing Uniform Code**

**World Climbing Para climbing Classification Rules**

## **3 SAFETY**

- 3.1 The Jury President may make special provisions for individual competitors only upon the written request of the Classification Panel.

### **Injuries**

- 3.2 The Medical Delegate (\$12) will confirm that a medical doctor is available to attend any accident or injury to any team member (the **Competition Doctor**). The Competition Doctor must be present for all scheduled warm-up and competition activities.
- 3.5 The Medical Delegate is responsible for deciding whether an injured climber may continue or return to competition. The Medical Delegate will consult with the Competition Doctor, and the relevant team's medical staff<sup>3</sup> when making their assessment. The priority must be to safeguard the health and safety of the climber. The potential outcome of the competition must never influence such decisions.

### **Safety Petitions**

- 3.3 Team officials may make a Safety Petition where a serious safety issue is believed to exist.

Safety Petitions must be made in writing and signed by the Team Managers from 3 separate teams. If the Jury President agrees that a serious safety issue exists, they must address the issue without delay. Any Safety Petition, and its resolution, must be reported to World Climbing.

## 4 THE COMPETITION AREA

4.1 Only the following persons may enter the Competition Area:

- International and National Technical Officials,
- World Climbing and event staff,
- anti-doping agency staff,
- competitors participating in current round, plus the accredited team officials for those competitors,
- other persons authorised by the Jury President. Such persons must be supervised and must not distract or interfere with any climber.

4.2 With the exception of Sight Guides for competitors in the B1, B2 and B3 sport classes, team officials are not allowed to enter the Field of Play, Call Zones, or adjacent transit areas, without the express permission of the Jury President.<sup>4</sup>

4.3 If attempts are made **on-sight** in any round of an event, and with the exception of competitors in the B1, B2 and B3 sport classes and their Sight Guides (**Competing Pairs**), no team member may carry or use any electronic communication equipment while in the Competition Area without the approval of the Jury President. Competing Pairs may carry and use audio communications devices when making attempts.

4.4 No animals shall be brought onto the Call Zone or Field of Play, including guide, medical assistance, emotional support or any other animals subject to special certification.

## 5 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

5.1 Climbers may take into the Call Zone personal belongings essential for preparation, including items for temperature regulation, management of perspiration, equipment maintenance, or hydration.<sup>5</sup> The Jury President may withdraw permission where such articles would inconvenience other climbers.

5.2 Other than as specifically allowed by these rules, climbers are not allowed to bring personal belongings onto the Field of Play.<sup>6</sup>

5.3 Climbers must wear an identifying bib on the back of their top when in the Call Zone and on the Field of Play.

## 6 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

6.1 The Event Information Sheet will specify the location, date, time and other arrangements for

confirming participation in each event, and for any planned meetings in connection with the competition schedule, logistics or technical matters.

### **Confirmation of participation**

- 6.2 The participation of all team members must be confirmed by the deadline specified in the Event Information Sheet or, if no separate deadline is specified, 30 minutes before the start of the Technical Meeting (§6.3). Climbers not confirmed by the deadline will not be included on the Official Start List. Confirmation should be made by the in-person attendance of at least one team official (or if no such person is registered, a team member).<sup>7</sup>

### **Technical Meeting**

- 6.3 The Event Delegate will chair a meeting to expand on the information contained within the Event Information Sheet, inform teams of the detailed event schedule, and advise specific information related to the application/interpretation of the rules (the **Technical Meeting**).

### **Event Schedule**

- 6.4 Event schedules must respect the following constraints for each round:
- A) the opening time for the warm-up area should not be less than 2 hours before the scheduled Start of Play (and never less than 90 minutes),
  - B) the closing time for the warm-up area should not be less than 30 minutes before the scheduled Start of Play.
  - C) there should be a 2-minute break between the conclusion of any presentation of finalists and the first competitor re-entering the Field of Play to start their attempt(s).

## **7 START LISTS, RESULTS AND RANKINGS**

- 7.1 All start lists, results and rankings will be prepared and published using the World Climbing Results Service. If the World Climbing Results Service is unavailable, the Jury President may authorise use of a backup system and in this case the results of the competition will remain provisional until verified using the World Climbing Results Service.
- 7.2 All start lists, results and rankings will be distributed to team officials in electronic form, or where that is not practical, published on an official notice board.

### **Starting orders**

- 7.3 The starting order within each round of an event will be determined as set out in annex B.
- 7.4 Event Seedings will be determined from the World Ranking on the day preceding the start of the competition.
- 7.5 Official Start Lists will be produced:
- A) for the qualification round: after the confirmation of participation, either at or shortly after the Technical Meeting for the relevant event,
  - B) for each other round: immediately after publication of the Official Results and the conclusion of any appeals procedure for that round.

Additional copies may be made available to the event organiser, team officials, the competition speaker, and media.

- 7.6 Where following publication of an Official Start List, any climber withdraws or otherwise is ineligible to start, the list will be re-issued with the relevant Invalid Result Mark (DNS/DSQ/DBQ) added.<sup>8</sup>

### **Event results/rankings**

- 7.7 Official Results will be published as soon as possible after completing the relevant round. Official Results will be published with a timestamp and, if modified, an amendment notice. Additional copies may be made available to the event organiser, team officials, the competition speaker, and media.
- 7.8 A General Result will be published at the end of each event showing the General Ranking and results for each round.

## **8 CEREMONIES, MEDALS, AND PRIZES**

### **Medal Ceremonies**

- 8.1 Medal ceremonies will be held as soon as practical following the end of each event. Any alternative schedule/arrangements for medal ceremonies must be set out in the Event Information Sheet.
- 8.2 In exceptional circumstances, the Event Delegate may authorise the participation of a team official or another person in lieu of the relevant climber. Any use of this discretion must be reported to World Climbing.

### **Event trophies, medals, and prizes**

- 8.3 A trophy will be awarded to the winner of each event. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded:
- A) In the B1, B2 and B3 sport classes, to the competitors and sight guides placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the General Ranking.
  - B) In each other sport class, to the climbers placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the General Ranking.

In each case, multiple medals will be awarded if climbers are tied.

## **9 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

- 9.1 Disciplinary sanctions may be imposed by officials as follow:

<b>Caution</b>	<b>Disqualification</b>
Jury President	Jury President
International Judge	



## Consequences

- 9.2 As soon as possible after imposing a sanction, World Climbing will publish a sport communication summarising the matter, including whether the matter is to be referred to the Disciplinary Commission.
- 9.3 If a person receives 3 cautions in the same year, their International Licence will be suspended after the competition where they received the last caution. The duration of this suspension will be decided by the Disciplinary Commission and the national federation's team quota reduced during this period.
- 9.4 A competitor also registered as a team official will be considered as the same person in relation to any disciplinary sanctions and any cumulation of sanctions.

## 10 APPEALS

### Appeal Jury

- 10.1 Appeals will be decided by the Jury President or, if the appeal relates to some judgement on the Field of Play made by the Jury President, an International Judge.

### Appeal Process

- 10.2 For the purposes of these regulations:

**Appeal Eligibility** means a team official who:

- is registered for the relevant event in the capacity of team manager or team coach, and
- represents a competitor participating the current round of the event.

**Admissible Evidence** means:

- the statements made on the relevant appeal form,
- official video recordings, and
- statements collected from on-field officials.

**Official Video Recordings** means:

- video recordings produced by an organiser-approved video system, operated under controlled conditions for the purpose of officiating, review, or verification of competitors' attempts.
- Video recordings produced from an authorised broadcast stream

- 10.3 Appeals relating to a competitor's attempts in any round must be made within the time limits set out in annex B.
- 10.4 Appeals relating to an error in the Official Results must be made immediately on publication for the medal phase of an event, or within 5 minutes of publication for any other round.

## 11 UNPLANNED EVENTS

- 11.1 Unplanned events and weather-related interruptions will be handled according to the relevant protocols for managing event schedule disruption. These protocols may involve adjusting event timelines, rescheduling, or cancelling rounds or stages. If an event is cancelled, no

medals, prizes, or ranking points will be awarded.

## 12 TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

12.1 World Climbing will appoint the following technical officials:

- A) an Event Delegate,
- B) a Jury President,
- C) a Head Routesetter, and one or more international routesetters,
- D) one or more International Judges to act in the capacity of category judge, and to replace the Jury President should he/she be unable to start or continue.

12.2 World Climbing may also appoint:

- A) a Medical Delegate,
- B) a Chief Classifier, where classification activities are scheduled.

12.3 The event organiser will appoint:

- A) a medical doctor (the **Competition Doctor**) as part of their medical team. The Competition Doctor will chair the medical panel if a Medical Delegate is not appointed or is unable to perform their duties.
- B) a team of route judges, assigned on a 1:1 basis for each route in a round and responsible for the judging and scoring of competitors on that route. Each route judge should be assisted by a second official to record climbing times and results.
- C) a team of belayers.
- D) a team of routesetters to work with the Head Routesetter.
- E) an on-venue results service manager to assist the international technical officials in the preparation and publication of start lists and results.

## NOTES AND GUIDANCE

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- <sup>1</sup> The `IFSC policy statement on Gender Identity and Transsexuality` (2018) sets out the basis for the participation of Trans Persons in either category.
- <sup>2</sup> Athletes not having a **Sport Class Confirmed** or **Sport Class Review with Fixed Review Date** status at the registration date for a competition may compete in the event in whichever Sport Class they are subsequently confirmed or for which a mixed-category or Combined Class Event has been organised. An athlete confirmed into a Sport Class for which an event has not been organised will be ineligible to compete.
- <sup>3</sup> The World Climbing Medical Commission recommends that a team's medical staff include a medical doctor, ideally a sports medicine doctor.
- <sup>4</sup> The Jury President may permit members of a team's medical staff to enter a Call Zone to assist in the treatment of an injured athlete.  
  
Any area provided for the use of team officials during a round (i.e., coaches zone/corridor) is considered part of the Competition Area.
- <sup>5</sup> Any liquids must be in sealable, leak-proof containers.
- <sup>6</sup> Climbers are permitted to bring personal belongings such as bags/rucksacks or other luggage, battery-powered fans, spare/street clothing, etc. into the Call Zone. The Jury President may withdraw permission where such articles would inconvenience other climbers.
- <sup>7</sup> In exceptional circumstances **only** (e.g., strikes, traffic delay), alternative confirmation methods, such as SMS or email to the Event Delegate, may be accepted.
- <sup>8</sup> The starting order and any Fixed or NET times on the Official Start List will not be changed. No substitute/replacement competitors will be advanced.

## ANNEX A – COMBINED CLASS EVENTS

### 1 GENERAL

- 1.1 Given the purpose, principles, and rationale behind classification, it follows that athletes should be grouped for competition only with athletes from the same Sport Class to ensure fair and meaningful competition. This is not always possible in practice (for example, where there are an insufficient number of athletes within a single Sport Class to ensure that an event remains viable). Consequently, in certain circumstances, World Climbing may propose to allow athletes with different Sport Classes to compete against each other in Combined Class Events.
- 1.2 World Climbing acknowledges the general principles for Combined Class Events set out by the International Paralympic Committee. In particular, World Climbing may propose Combined Class Events to provide opportunity for participation competition. However Combined Class Events should not be used where they would create a structural bias between the participating athletes.

### 2 PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 World Climbing may propose Combined Class Events where a Sport Class does not meet the Minimum Registration Requirements of Annex B, and where:
  - A) the relevant Sport Classes would normally or typically compete on common routes. The underlying point here is not principally the grade or difficulty of the routes, but rather that their design is impairment-agnostic.
  - B) all Sport Classes being combined would be invalid in the absence of a Combined Class Event. The purpose here being to provide opportunity for participation to athletes who would otherwise lose that opportunity in the absence of a Combined Class Event.<sup>9</sup>
  - C) the higher impairment Sport Class being combined would be invalid in the absence of a Combined Class Event. The underlying rationale here is to allow athletes who would otherwise be unable to participate the choice to ‘compete upward’ against athletes with reduced impairments.<sup>10</sup>
- 2.2 Combined Class Events may **not** be proposed where:
  - A) The relevant Sport Classes have different functional impairments, regardless as to whether the Sport Classes typically compete on common routes. e.g., A Combined Class Event grouping athletes with a Visual Impairment together with athletes with Range/Power impairments is not permitted.
  - B) only the lower impairment Sport Class would be invalid in the absence of a Combined Class Event. In this case, the creation of a Combined Class Event would impose an unnecessary competitive disadvantage on the [lower] Sport Class being grouped.<sup>11</sup>

### 3 PERMITTED COMBINED CLASS EVENTS

- 3.1 Following the general principles set out in this annex, the Combined Class Events may be proposed for the Sport Classes and in the circumstances as follow:

Combined Class Event	Notes
B2+B3 (Men)	Only where the B2 Sport Class is below the Minimum Registration Requirement.
B2+B3 (Women)	

**Table 1 – Permitted Combined Class Events**

## NOTES AND GUIDANCE

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- <sup>9</sup> e.g., A Combined Class Event grouping athletes from the B2 and B3 visually impaired Sport Classes may be proposed where the number of athletes registered in **each of** the B2 and B3 Sport Classes are below the Minimum Registration Requirement.
- <sup>10</sup> e.g., A Combined Class Event grouping athletes from the B2 and B3 visually impaired Sport Classes may be proposed where the number of athletes registered in the B2 Sport Class is below the Minimum Registration Requirement and the number of athletes registered in the B3 Sport Class is above the Minimum Registration Requirement.
- <sup>11</sup> e.g., A Combined Class Event grouping athletes from the B2 and B3 visually impaired Sport Classes may **not** be proposed where the number of athletes registered in the B3 Sport Class is below the Minimum Registration Requirement and the number of athletes registered in the B2 Sport Class is above the Minimum Registration Requirement.

## ANNEX B – TOP-ROPE EVENTS (PARA CLIMBING)

### 1 GENERAL

- 1.1 Top-rope events take place on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls having a minimum width of 3 meters for each route on the wall. The height of the wall will not be less than 12m.

### 2 FORMAT

- 2.1 Top-rope events will be organised with 2 rounds as follows:

Round	Nr Routes	Modus	Climbing Time	Starting Order	Quota
Qualification	2	Flash	6'	Seed Group, Offset	--
Final	1	On-Sight	6'	Rank Descending	\$2.2

**Table 1 – Event Formats**

**Seed Group Order** is a modified form of **Rank Ascending Order** in which competitors are ordered in groups of 10 by seeding, and the starting order for the first route within each seed group determined at random.<sup>12</sup> The starting order for the second route will use an Offset Order with a shift of one half the number of starters (rounded down).<sup>13</sup>

- 2.2 The quota for the final round will be determined from the number of competitors who have completed qualification with a valid result as follows:<sup>14</sup>

Competitors with a qualifying result	Final quota
4, 5, 6	3
$6 < n < 15$	4
$14 < n < 24$	6
$n \geq 24$	8

**Table 2 – Final Quota**

- 2.3 The quota for each round will be filled by the best ranked competitors from the preceding round, including any competitors tied in the last qualifying position.

### 3 SAFETY

- 3.1 Each competitor will be secured using either:

- A) a single rope pre-clipped through a single quickdraw at the top of the route; or
- B) two ropes pre-clipped through two separate anchors on the route, one of which must be the anchor at the top of the route. The second anchor will be positioned to limit any pendulum effect should the climber fall on the lower part of the route.

- 3.2 Competitors are not permitted to unclip any anchor on a route.

- 3.3 Each climbing rope will be controlled from the ground by 1 belayer for each rope.<sup>15</sup>

- 3.4 The Jury President may also require a “spotter” to provide added security for the lower part of

the route.<sup>16</sup>

## 4 COMPETITION ORGANISATION

### General

- 4.1 Competitors must report to the warm-up area by any closing time stated on the Official Start List for the round. Competitors who are not present in the warm-up area at this time will not be eligible to start and will be marked as DNS.
- 4.2 Where a route is to be attempt on-sight, competitors must remain in the warm-up area until called for observation, presentation or to climb. Competitors (including team officials designated as sight guides for athletes competing in the B1, B2 or B3 Sport Classes) who leave the warm-up area without permission will not be eligible to start and will be marked as DNS.
- 4.3 If the number of starters is greater than 22, the route will be cleaned at evenly distributed intervals. The interval should not exceed 20 and must not exceed 22 competitors. Cleaning intervals will be marked on the Official Start List.
- 4.4 Each competitor must start in the order set out on the Official Start List. Where a round includes more than one route, each competitor will be entitled to a minimum time gap of not less than 50 minutes between the completion of their attempt on one route and the start of their attempt on the next.
- 4.5 Where consecutive rounds of an event take place on the same day, there must be a minimum time gap of 2 hours between the publication of the Official Results for the round and the Start of Play for the next round.
- 4.6 The Final round should be preceded by a presentation of the finalists (including for this purpose any team officials registered as sight guides for finalists in the B1, B2 or B3 Sport Classes).

### Route Previews/Observation

- 4.7 If route is to be attempted **flash**, a route demonstration will be made available at least 60 minutes prior to the scheduled Start of Play either as a video recording made available for individual download/streaming (or as an alternative, continuously played back in the warm-up area) or where video recordings cannot be provided, as a live demonstration.<sup>17</sup>
- 4.8 If a route is to be attempted **on-sight**, a 6-minute collective observation period will be held. Team officials are not allowed to take part in any collective observation. Competitors may, before entering the warm-up area, make limited observation of the route from areas open to the public.<sup>18</sup>
- 4.9 Team officials registered as sight guides for athletes competing in the B1, B2 or B3 Sport Classes are allowed to take part in any collective observation period for those sport classes. Team officials registered as sight guides must be individually paired with climbers. i.e., they cannot guide multiple climbers where a route is attempted **on-sight**.
- 4.10 The Jury President will arrange for images of the route to be placed in the warm-up area when it opens. Only images of the route provided by the event organiser and approved by the Jury



President may be brought into the warm-up area.

### Organisation of attempts

- 4.11 Each competitor will report to the Call Zone for final preparation ahead of their attempt in the order set out in the Official Start List for the route. A competitor not in the Call Zone at the relevant time will not be entitled to climb and will be marked DNS on the route<sup>19</sup>.
- 4.12 Prior to a competitor entering the Field of Play and/or starting their attempt, the belayer must check that the climbing rope is coiled or arranged in a manner without kinks or knots, the competitor's harness is properly fastened; and the rope is securely connected to the competitor's harness via two karabiners (either screwgate or self-locking) arranged in opposition with the rope attached to these using a Figure 8 knot with an added safety knot.
- 4.13 On entering the Field of Play, each competitor will be entitled to a period of 40 seconds for individual route observation and to complete final preparation ahead of making their attempt on the route.
- 4.14 The belayer must ensure that the competitor is not hindered in any way by the rope being either too tight or too loose, any fall is stopped in a dynamic and safe manner, and the competitor is safely lowered to the ground at the end of their attempt.

## 5 SCORING

- 5.1 A Scoring Topo will be prepared by the Head Routesetter in consultation with the on-field officials before the start of each round. Scoring holds and values will be annotated on this topo, which may not be changed or amended following the Start of Play but may be varied where multiple Sport Classes share a common route.<sup>20</sup> Only holds used by either hand will be considered for scoring purposes. The Scoring Topo:
  - A) may be made public after the closing time for the warm-up area,<sup>21</sup>
  - B) should be distributed to team officials with Appeal Eligibility in any coaches' zone following the end of any collective observation period and/or prior to the Start of Play.
- 5.2 The scoring of top-rope attempts for para-climbing follows the Competition Rules, other than in respect of the determination of **successful** attempt, since the final anchor on the route is pre-clipped. A top-rope attempt will be ruled **successful** if a climber Controls the marked finishing hold with a **single** hand and having done so:
  - A) achieves a stable position before the allowed climbing time expires, and
  - B) demonstrates clear and intentional Control of the marked finishing hold.<sup>22</sup>

## 6 TIMING

- 6.1 Actual climbing times will be recorded by the technical officials and, where necessary, verified by reference to official video recordings.

## 7 RANKING

### General

7.1 Competitors will be ranked on any single route in the following order:

- A) first: all competitors who made successful attempt, and
- B) second: all competitors who made an unsuccessful attempt in descending order of their score on the route.

### Qualification

7.2 Competitors who do not start at least one route in the round will be unranked and marked NDS in the round. Competitors who start at least one route in the round will be ranked on each route in ascending order of the Qualification Points awarded to each competitor (i.e. lower Qualification Points is better) according to the following formula:

$$QP = \sqrt[n]{\prod_{r=1}^n Pr}$$

where:

QP = Qualification Points, rounded to 3 decimal places.<sup>23</sup>

Pr = the competitor's *fractional ranking* on route "r".<sup>24</sup>

n = the number of routes

### Final

7.3 Competitors who do not start the round will be unranked and marked DNS in the round. Competitors starting the round will be ranked using §7.1. Ties will be broken:

- A) first: by count-back to the General Ranking, unless the preceding round used multiple starting groups.
- B) second: breaking podium ties remaining after countback by using climbing times, lower times being better.

## 8 SPORTING & TECHNICAL INCIDENTS

- 8.1 If a competitor, team official, belayer, or on-field official believes that some event has occurred which may be (or may cause) a Technical Incident, they must immediately report the matter to an International Judge who will determine whether to confirm a Technical Incident. No potential Technical Incident may be claimed following the start of the next scheduled competitor on the relevant route.
- 8.2 If a competitor elects to continue an attempt after a potential or confirmed Technical Incident occurred which had an adverse effect on a competitor's attempt, the Technical Incident will be considered closed for that competitor.
- 8.3 If a competitor has fallen or their attempt has been stopped as the direct result of a potential

or confirmed Technical Incident,

- A) they will be held in a separate area with access to warm-up facilities to await the completion of any investigation into and/or rectification of the Technical Incident and for the duration of any allowed recuperation period. The competitor may communicate only with competition officials during this period. The Technical Incident will be closed, and no supplementary attempts allowed, if the affected competitor leaves this area without permission; and
  - B) the Jury President will fix a recuperation period, calculated as 1 minute for each scoring hold used prior to the Technical Incident, to a maximum of 20 minutes. The Jury President will schedule a restart for the affected competitor to follow as soon as practical following this recuperation period. The affected competitor and any other competitors yet to climb must be informed about this decision,
- 8.4 A restart will be cancelled if the restarted attempt cannot affect the competitor's ranking at the end of the round.
- 8.5 When a restart occurs, the competitor's result will be the better of their original and restarted attempts.

## **9 APPEALS**

- 9.1 An appeal relating to the termination of a competitor's attempt must be made prior to the next competitor starting their attempt. Notice of an intention to appeal under this paragraph may be made verbally and the appellant will be allowed up to 5 minutes to submit a written appeal.<sup>25</sup> The affected competitor will be managed as described in §8.3 until the appeal is resolved.
- 9.2 An appeal relating to the scoring or ranking of any competitor must be made in writing and:
- A) in the final round: immediately following the publication of the competitor's Provisional Result,
  - B) in any other round: within 5 minutes of the publication of the Official Result.



## NOTES AND GUIDANCE

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- <sup>12</sup> Seed Group Order preserves the overall seeding hierarchy - competitors are not mixed between seed groups. Randomisation applies only to the starting order within each seed group and only for the first route. e.g., competitors seeded 1–10 form the 1<sup>st</sup> seed group, 11–20 the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and so on. Within each group, the starting order for the first route is drawn at random.
- <sup>13</sup> e.g., where 16 or 17 competitors are scheduled to start, the offset follows 8<sup>th</sup> place and the competitor scheduled to start 9<sup>th</sup> on route A will start 1<sup>st</sup> on route B.
- <sup>14</sup> i.e., excluding any competitors who are recorded with an Invalid Result Mark for the round (DNS, DSQ, DQB).
- <sup>15</sup> Both assisted and manual belay devices may be used in top-rope events.
- <sup>16</sup> Wherever possible, the design of the route should make such precautions unnecessary, and such precautions must be implemented for all competitors or none. The Jury President will not consider requests for added security measures by or on behalf of individual competitors.
- <sup>17</sup> In deciding which video distribution method is appropriate, the Jury President must consider the availability of wireless connections and the accessibility of video hosting services.
- <sup>18</sup> Enforcing strict on-sight regulations in climbing competitions presents challenges in outdoor venues. The integrity of individuals and teams, as well as their adherence to a shared ethos is fundamental to maintaining the spirit of fair play. Where the competition venue is open to the public or overlooked by a public area, competitors may observe routes/boulders from these areas whilst they are open, however the following actions are prohibited:
- entering any part of the Competition Area or any other area not open to the public.
  - watching, recording, or making use of any recordings of the work of the routesetters.
  - using drones or other devices to gain a closer or detailed view not generally available to the public.
- <sup>19</sup> The Jury President will allow a competitor not in the Call Zone at the relevant time to climb where their absence is the result of factors outside the control of the competitor.
- <sup>20</sup> The Scoring Topo may allow multiple holds to have the same scoring value where left/right route variations have been created to accommodate left/right impairments.
- <sup>21</sup> The Scoring Topo may be distributed internal to the IFSC prior to the closing of the warm-up area. The Event Delegate may authorise release of the Scoring Topo to media ahead of this time where suitable embargo arrangements are in place.
- <sup>22</sup> Control of the marked finishing hold is demonstrated where a climber either:
- a) uses the hold to arrest the movement to gain it; and/or
  - b) maintains a stable position while holding it.

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The ability to perform an action common to the sport **may** also demonstrate Control, provided the climber maintains a stable position while doing so. Common actions in this context include:

- shaking out (relaxing a limb to manage fatigue); or
- celebrating (acknowledging a successful ascent).

Conversely, Control is not indicated where the climber:

- merely touches or 'slaps' the hold;
- is unable to maintain a stable position; or
- is carried away from the hold by their momentum.

<sup>23</sup> Points data presented on the Official Results will be presented rounded to 3 decimal places.

<sup>24</sup> A competitor who has a result on only one route will be ranked equal last on the other route.

<sup>25</sup> If a verbal notice is given, the Appeal Jury will register the appeal so that affected parties are aware that the appeals process has been initiated. The Appeal Jury may begin reviewing admissible evidence but must not decide on the merit of the appeal until a written submission is received. If a written appeal is not submitted within the required timeframe, the appeal will be recorded as unsuccessful (**rejected**) and an appeal fee charged.