



## National Federations Quotas

### 2025 IFSC season

#### 1. Introduction

At the end of 2023, the IFSC has released the updated quotas regulation concerning the 2025 IFSC World Cup season. Additionally, the 2025 IFSC World Championships quotas will be reviewed. All the necessary information are included in the following document.

#### 2. Executive summary – 2025 World Cups quotas

- Guaranteed fixed quotas of two (2) athletes per gender/discipline/Country
- Variable quotas, up to a maximum of four (4) athletes per gender/discipline/Country, depending on performance (ref. chapter 4)
- Host Country quotas, four (4) athletes per gender/discipline/Country

#### 3. Executive Summary – 2025 WCH quotas

- Guaranteed fixed quotas of two (2) athletes per gender/discipline/Country
- Variable quotas, up to a maximum of three (3) athletes per gender/discipline/Country, depending on performance (ref. chapter 4)
- Pre-qualification (by name) of the winner of the previous WCH\*
- Pre-qualification (by name) of the winner of the Continental Championships held on previous year (2024)\*

\* = pre-qualification by name are added on top of the maximum Team quotas (5 athletes per gender/discipline/Country)

#### 4. Variable quotas - performance based

##### 4.1. General principle

The variable quotas for the IFSC World Championships and IFSC World Cups are based on the IFSC World Ranking, at 31<sup>st</sup> December of the previous year. The quotas are assigned to each Country, which will be entitled to allocate them to athletes belonging to the National Federation.

##### 4.2. World Cups variable quotas

Number of competitors ranked between 1 <sup>st</sup> and 40 <sup>th</sup> place in the relevant World Ranking	Additional Quota
≥ 4	4
3	3
2	2
1	1
0	0

4.3. World Championships variable quotas

Number of competitors ranked between 1 <sup>st</sup> and 40 <sup>th</sup> place in the relevant World Ranking	Additional Quota
≥ 3	3
2	2
1	1
0	0

For the World Championships only, the total number of assigned extra quotas is fixed to forty (40). Consequently, the ranking positions which generates extra quotas might be lower than 40<sup>th</sup>. For example, if a Country has 4 athletes in the top-40 of the Boulder MEN World Ranking, athlete number 41 of the ranking will generate an extra quota for his Country.

Example:

<i>Boulder MEN – 31/12/2024</i>			
<i>Rank</i>	<i>Athlete</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Extra quota</i>
1	Athlete A	JPN	YES - 1
2	Athlete B	FRA	YES
3	Athlete C	USA	YES
4	Athlete D	JPN	YES - 2
5	Athlete E	JPN	YES - 3
6	Athlete F	JPN	NOT
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40	Athlete U	RSA	YES
41	Athlete V	AUS	YES
42	Athlete Z	ARG	NOT

## Appendix = WCH quotas

### 1. Principles

- IFSC World Championships is the pinnacle of the IFSC events and therefore a significant portion of athletes' quotas shall be based on performance
- Among different criteria, the number of Countries attending the IFSC WCH is an important indicator of the sport development. Therefore, a portion of quotas should be allocated for the worldwide representation of Countries
- Take into account the special circumstances of 2024 IFSC season. World Ranking is already used to generate 2025 extra quotas for the National Federations at IFSC World Cups. The IFSC should keep a simple system, incentivising the athletes to perform at the main IFSC events
- For Event Organiser's and sport perspective, the ideal scenario is to fix a clear range of athletes to attend the event. This will be very helpful for event planning, routesetting and general quality of the event
- The IFSC World Championships quota system shall be further reviewed. With the growth of sport climbing worldwide, the trend concerning the number of athletes attending will increase. It is IFSC duty to keep the number of athletes to a sustainable number

### 2. Current situation and reasons to change

The previous WCH IFSC regulation outlines the following maximum quotas:

- Five (5) athletes per gender and discipline, for each Member Federation
- Any current (adult) World Champion in the Category in which they are champion
- No performance-based quotas

The current World Championships regulation creates the following challenges:

- Risk management = delivery of the event. The high number of attending athletes might create difficulty to deliver the event. The current quota system creates difficulties to keep the athletes to a sustainable number
- Event concept: the most important IFSC event shall include performance-based quotas, to protect the event value and quality
- Sport problems: long isolation time and presence of low-performing athletes. Such elements create general decrease of event value and quality
- Financial impact and LOC's planning. Difficulty for the Event Organisers to create safe conditions for the number of athletes (i.e. space in isolation, size of the warm-up wall). Additional costs generated by the high number of athletes

Registration numbers from the previous WCH editions:

Year	City	Continent	BOULDER		LEAD		SPEED		NF
			MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	
2018	Innsbruck	Europe	150	112	124	101	125	94	49
2019	Hachioji	Asia	104	89	99	92	99	83	39
2021	Moscow	Europe	100	83	99	74	52	37	41
2023	Bern	Europe	132	110	129	101	78	58	54