



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2024-2026

Between IFSC and IFSC Pan America

Approved by the Executive Board on 17 November 2024
Amendment to participation rules approved on 17 July 2025

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 Pan America in the delivering of the objectives of the IFSC Strategic Plan relevant to Pan America.
- 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

- 3.1. Article 6.3.1 of the IFSC Continental Regulations is adjusted as follows
 - 1 Chair
 - 3 Regional Vice Chairs (North, Central, South) in accordance with geographic division in appendix to this document.
 - 1 Secretary
 - 2 Athletes' Representatives (must represent different regions and different genders)
 - Up to 3 Members at Large (One to act as Treasurer)
- 3.2. Based on Article 2.7.2 of the Continental Regulations, the Pan American Council identifies three regional sub-regions, including North, Central, and South America.
 - 3.2.1 The adopted geographic division of the three sub-regions is in appendix to this document.
 - 3.2.2 Each of the sub-regions will manage its own regional calendar of competitions.
 - 3.2.3 Development programmes will be run in accordance with the needs of the region, continent, and broader IFSC development plan and in balance with the other Continental Councils.



3.2.4 Each sub-region will operate independently in its day-to-day activities and event management, but all activities and financial operations will consolidate under the Pan American Board for final oversight and reporting to the Executive Board in accordance with the Financial Regulations.

3.3 In addition to Article 4 of the IFSC Statutes:

3.3.1 The Pan American Council shall recognise both English and Spanish as its official languages.

3.3.2 For all official communications and in the case of disputes, English will be used as the reference language.

3.4 Section 5 of the IFSC Continental Regulations shall include the following participation provisions drawn and adapted from the Commissions Terms of Reference, Art. 8:

- **Participation and Protocol**

- Members are expected to carry themselves with professionalism and actively participate in meetings and other Continental activities.
- Members must communicate and justify absence during meetings and other Board activities as soon as practically possible to the Chair and the designated staff member.
- Before considering a member inactive, the Chair shall attempt to re-establish communication with the inactive member and give them the possibility to return, explaining that they may be removed from the Board.
- After two (2) consecutive no shows, and/or no active participation for a period longer than two (2) months, and/or failure to respond to the Chair's attempt to re-establish communication, a member is considered inactive.
- The Executive Board may remove inactive members upon receipt of notification by the Chair of the Continental Council. The interested member shall be notified in writing of their removal and shall be entitled to deliver their objection to the Executive Board, which will finally decide on the matter upon receipt of the objection.
- When invited to attend official IFSC meetings, whether in-person or virtual, such as Executive Board, General Assembly, Climbing Summit, etc., members shall respect the given protocols and dress code.



APPENDIX

Geographic Division of the three IFSC Pan America Sub-Regions in accordance with PASO Division (41 NOC)

NORTH AMERICA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Canada (CAN)2. Mexico (MEX)3. United States of America (USA)
CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Antigua and Barbuda (ANT)2. Aruba (ARU)3. Bahamas (BAH)4. Barbados (BAR)5. Bermuda (BER)6. Belize (BIZ)7. Cayman Island (CAY)8. Costa Rica (CRC)9. Cuba (CUB)10. Dominica (DMA)11. Dominican Republic (DOM)12. El Salvador (ESA)13. Grenada (GRN)14. Guatemala (GUA)15. Haiti (HAI)16. Honduras (HON)17. Virgin Islands (ISV)18. British Virgin Islands (IVB)19. Jamaica (JAM)20. Saint Lucia (LCA)21. Nicaragua (NIC)22. Panama (PAN)23. Puerto Rico (PUR)24. Saint Kitts and Nevis (SKN)25. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VIN)26. Trinidad and Tobago (TTO)
SOUTH AMERICA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Argentina (ARG)2. Bolivia (BOL)3. Brazil (BRA)4. Chile (CHI)5. Colombia (COL)6. Ecuador (ECU)7. Guyana (GUY)8. Paraguay (PAR)9. Peru (PER)10. Suriname (SUR)11. Uruguay (URU)12. Venezuela (VEN)