



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2025-2026

Between IFSC and IFSC Europe

Approved by the Executive Board on 5 December 2024

1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), 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 Europe in the delivering of the objectives of the IFSC Strategic Plan relevant to Europe.
- 1.2. This MoU 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 MoU is subject to the approval of the IFSC Executive Board upon the recommendation of IFSC Europe 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. DURATION AND RENEWAL

- 3.1. This MoU shall automatically renew for successive one-year periods, unless either party provides written notice to the other party of its intention to amend, replace, or terminate the MoU at least 30 days prior to the renewal date. If no such notice is provided, this MoU will continue in full force and effect under the same terms and conditions until a new version of the MoU is agreed upon by both parties.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

Section 6 – Continental Board

- 4.1. Article 6.3.1 of the IFSC Continental Regulations is adjusted as follows:

The IFSC Europe Board is composed of the following members:

- President
- Vice President for Sport
- Vice President Treasurer
- Secretary General
- One Athletes' Representative
- Two (2) or more General Members

- 4.2. Article 6.3.3 of the IFSC Continental Regulations is adjusted as follows:

Continental Boards should strive for 50-50 gender balance and must reach a ratio of no more than 60-40 in one gender. If this ratio is not respected it shall be adjusted with supplementary elections in the next IFSC Europe Assembly. The position of the the Athletes' representative is excluded from this ratio.

Section 5 – Meetings

- 4.3. Article 5.4 of the IFSC Continental Regulations is adjusted as follows:



The IFSC Secretary General or a member of staff is invited in Continental Board and Assembly meetings to provide information, logistic and technical support.

5. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

The operational guidelines below are drawn from the MOU between IFSC and IFSC Europe stipulated in 2023 and they outline the operational details on how IFSC Europe functions and aligns with IFSC Objectives.

5.1. Finances

Ref. 3.2.3 of the Continental Regulations

Continental Councils are responsible to provide the IFSC with the necessary information and documents to keep the accounts in good order, ensuring that the Financial Regulations are respected and implemented at all times. Specifically, keeping of accounts is coordinated as per the procedure described in the [Financial Regulations](#) approved by the General Assembly. In addition:

- 5.1.1. IFSC Europe may request to have its dedicated bank account.
- 5.1.2. IFSC Europe is responsible for the reporting of budget and profit and loss of European Events.
- 5.1.3. The president of IFSC Europe can – by delegation of power – co-sign the contracts with agents, event organisers and contracts related to sponsorships and media rights of European events (Cups/Youth Cups/Championships) and activities in accordance with the conditions defined in the Financial Regulations, Annex: Delegation of Authority.
- 5.1.4. The IFSC is responsible for events referred to in point 7.2.4 of the Continental Regulations, and the profit and loss of such events are to be shared between IFSC and IFSC Europe in the measure of 50% + 50%.
- 5.1.5. The board of IFSC Europe may receive a compensation according to the “IFSC Europe Board Travel and Compensation Policy”.

5.2. Development and Education

Ref. 8.2 of the Continental Regulations

Continental Councils shall liaise with the IFSC Office to promote development and educational programmes in their region. In addition:

- 5.2.1. It is the responsibility of IFSC Europe to coordinate the action plan and development activities with the IFSC Office. The IFSC Office shall follow up and provide support for the delivery of such action plan.
- 5.2.2. It is the responsibility of IFSC Europe to adopt and utilise IFSC educational material for their educational activity.
- 5.2.3. It is the responsibility of the IFSC Office to create materials and define the career path for international Officials at all levels.
- 5.2.4. It is the responsibility of the IFSC Office to provide IFSC Europe with experts to run development and educational activities.
- 5.2.5. It is the responsibility of the IFSC Office to plan development and educational activities for National Federations and liaise with IFSC Europe.
- 5.2.6. IFSC Europe has the freedom to organize meetings with the NF's for the purpose of exchange, for the purpose of sharing experiences, for the purpose of professionalization of national officials (judges, routsetters, coaches) below the official level 1 of the IFSC.

5.3. COMMISSIONS

Ref. 9.1 of the Continental Regulations

Continental Councils may form working groups or commissions to address specific topics. Such bodies must be validated by the Executive Board to avoid redundancies and overlaps. In addition:

- 5.3.1. The IFSC Executive Board appoints Commissions with the mandate to advise on areas of expertise ranging from sport and events to medical, finance, governance, media, etc. The output and recommendation of IFSC Commissions shall be reported annually to the General Assembly and may directly impact the direction and delivery of strategic objectives. IFSC commission representatives can be invited to plenary assemblies or workshops of the Continental Councils if this has been previously agreed with the IFSC Executive Board, in particular with regard to content.



- 5.3.2. Activities of IFSC Commissions are carried out according to the annual calendar taking in consideration the in- and out-of-season. Input and questions addressed to the Commissions shall be submitted to the IFSC Office.
- 5.3.3. It is acknowledged that IFSC Europe runs the established commissions, namely the Sport Commission, Development Commission, Sustainability Commission, Para Climbing Commission, Health and Safeguarding Commission. Other commissions can be established following 9.1 of the Continental Regulations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.3.4. It is the responsibility of IFSC Europe to inform the IFSC Office of the output and needs emerged in working groups or continental commissions
- 5.3.5. It is the responsibility of the IFSC Office to follow up on the input received by the IFSC Europe on activities and actions emerged during working groups or continental commissions and bring any significant issue to the relevant IFSC Commission. Where necessary, the IFSC Office shall find appropriate means to the extent possible to facilitate communications between the IFSC Europe and the relevant IFSC Commission to deal with such matter.

5.4. CALENDAR

Ref. 7.2 of the Continental Regulations:

In principle, Continental Councils shall determine their calendar of events in autonomy, and such events shall not be in conflict with major IFSC events. In addition:

- 5.4.1. The IFSC Calendar is based on the 4-year Olympic cycle and the intention is to have it published on the IFSC website by the end of September each year at the latest. The European calendar is to be coordinated by IFSC Europe on the basis of the IFSC calendar and published by the end of October at the latest for the coming year. With reference to the responsibilities below, the IFSC Office will provide support to IFSC Europe in case that any difficulties are encountered in the process.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.4.2. It is the responsibility of IFSC Europe to schedule events and meetings in accordance with the IFSC Calendar.
- 5.4.3. It is the responsibility of IFSC Europe to liaise with the IFSC Office to schedule European events and meetings appropriately.
- 5.4.4. It is the responsibility of IFSC Europe to find and contract event organisers for European events, starting from European Championships and/or European Qualifiers, and on to European Cups, Youth Cups, etc.

5.5. EVENT ORGANISATION AND DELIVERY

Ref. 7 of the Continental Regulations. In addition:

- 5.5.1. IFSC Europe shall be the owner of the process of organisation and delivery of European events. The IFSC Office shall provide support in delivering operations and associated administrative portfolio of tasks.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.5.2. It is the responsibility of IFSC Europe to make the nominations of the Officials for European events, in compliance with the relevant IFSC regulations.
- 5.5.3. If necessary, IFSC Europe will ask supplementary support to the IFSC Office in the preparation of its events.
- 5.5.4. This may include but is not limited to dissemination of logistics information, communications on social media platforms, budgeting, management of the results system, among others.
- 5.5.5. It is the responsibility of IFSC Europe to enforce IFSC Rules.
- 5.5.6. IFSC Europe can enforce specific competition regulations, liaising with the IFSC Office for the delivery of discipline formats and implementation of other specific regulations that are not described in the IFSC Rules.