

SPORT & TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

TERM 2021-2025



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING



1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.1. COMPOSITION

Sport and Technical Commissions are formed by the IFSC Executive Board following the IFSC General Elections. As per Art. 13 of the IFSC Statute, the newly elected Executive Board received the proposal of the Sport Department and form the Sport and Technical Commissions for the next 4-year term, 2021-2025. The Executive Board appoints a Chair and a Vice Chair of each commission.

1.2. TERM LIMITS AND REPRESENTATION

Members of the Sport and Technical Commissions are not subject to term limits and are nominated by the Executive Board abiding by the principles of gender and geographical balance, fairness, and transparency; their appointment is based on specific and technical expertise upon proposal of their relevant National Federation of Sport Climbing as well as spontaneous candidatures.

1.3. SCOPE

The Sport and Technical Commissions act as advisory bodies to the Sport Department to ensure a fair and informed decision-making process in the best interest of the IFSC and the sport; fluency in English is preferable but not mandatory and it may be aided by an own interpreter.

1.4. CONFIDENTIALITY

Members of the Sport and Technical Commissions shall keep confidentiality on all information shared and on all discussions happening within the commissions. In case of media requests, members of commissions are requested to contact communications@ifsc-climbing.org before responding and disclosing any information.

1.5. OPERATIONS

All Sport and Technical Commissions have a dedicated space on an online platform for discussion. Each commission has a dedicated member of the staff to help with coordination of the work.

All Sport and Technical Commissions shall meet on a regular basis, and at least once – preferably in person – ahead of the annual Sport Department Management Committee Meeting.

1.6. SPORT DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Sport Department Management Committee meeting is held annually generally in the month of December. Every Chair and Vice Chair of the Sport and Technical Commissions and Technical Delegates are invited to the Sport Department Management Committee meeting. Chairs of other Commissions may be invited to contribute, as well as other specialists to report or to input on a specific subject and/or to participate in the discussion.

The agenda of the meeting is set by the Sport Director based on the input received by various commissions. Projects and proposals are discussed by the group taking into account various perspectives. Outcomes of the meeting are elaborated and presented to the Executive Board.



2. RULES COMMISSION

Purpose

The Rules Commission is responsible for maintaining and updating the official international rules of Sport Climbing.

Functions and Activities

- To analyse the requirement for improvement of all Sport Climbing disciplines, and to consider proposals received from other Sport and Technical Commissions, Officials, and IFSC Staff;
- To identify proposals that impact on the work of other Sport Commissions and bring those for discussion to the Sport Department Management Committee;
- To monitor the functioning of IFSC Rules throughout the competition season, evaluate possible amendments, and make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding Rules changes;
- To analyse amendment of rules coming from the Continental Councils.

Composition

- [Required] Active Jury Presidents / Judges with expertise in all disciplines
- [Required] Experience in writing/updating national rules
- [Preferred] Technical Delegates (upon Executive Board nomination)
- [Desired] Routesetters' representative
- [Desired] Coaches' representative
- [Desired] Athletes' representative



3. EVENT COMMISSION

Purpose

To support and to advise the IFSC on event-related matters regarding the venue, the technical requirements, the safety of climbers, and the general organisation and delivery of IFSC events.

To investigate and make recommendations on the implementation of the official sport equipment.

Functions and Activities

- To advise the Sport Department to develop and refine event models that are financially and operationally sustainable for event organisers at all levels;
- To support the IFSC in staging innovative Sport Climbing formats to expand the portfolio of IFSC events;
- To support the Continental Councils in the development of high-quality Continental events;
- To support the Paraclimbing Committee in the development of Paraclimbing events.

Composition

- [Required] Experience with organisation of elite events
- [Preferred] Experience with organisation of other formats events
- [Preferred] Experience with organisation of continental events
- [Preferred] Experience with organisation of Paraclimbing events
- [Desired] Technical Delegates' representative (upon Executive Board nomination)



4. ROUTESETTERS' COMMISSION

Purpose

To act as the highest reference for international routesetting.

To develop and maintain the highest standards in routesetting IFSC Sport Climbing competitions in all disciplines and categories.

To develop, improve, and standardise the career path for Continental and International Routesetters.

To pledge for building an ethical culture, striving towards openness and transparency; to promote [Our Ethics as IFSC Officials](#).

Functions and Activities

- To oversee the annual evaluation of Routesetters based on experience and on peer reports;
- To monitor the quality of active Routesetters and update the annual list ahead of the annual nominations;
- To coordinate with the Technical Delegates and the Judges' Commission and to propose nominations for Chief Routesetters and Routesetters officiating at IFSC events;
- To monitor IFSC events' routesetting and make recommendations to the Sport Department in the endeavour to continuously improve routesetting standards;
- To support the development of new Routesetters globally;
- To create and maintain material to support National Federations and Continental Councils in the continued education of Routesetters.

Composition

- [Required] Active International Routesetters
- [Preferred] Experience at developing and teaching Routesetters' trainings and/or workshops
- [Desired] Technical Delegates' representative (upon Executive Board nomination)
- [Desired] Judges' representative



5. JUDGES' COMMISSION

Purpose

To act as the highest reference for international judging.

To develop and maintain the highest standards in judging IFSC Sport Climbing competitions in all disciplines and categories.

To develop, improve, and standardise the career path for Continental and International Judges and Technical Delegates.

To pledge for building an ethical culture, striving towards openness and transparency; to promote [Our Ethics as IFSC Officials](#).

Functions and Activities

- To oversee the annual evaluation of Judges based on experience and on peer reports;
- To monitor the quality of active Judges, Jury Presidents, and Technical Delegates; to update the annual list ahead of the annual nominations;
- To coordinate with the Technical Delegates and the Routesetters' Commission and to propose nominations for Jury Presidents and Judges officiating at IFSC events;
- To monitor IFSC events and make recommendations to the Sport Department in the endeavour to continuously improve judging standards;
- To support the development of new Judges, Jury Presidents, and Technical Delegates at Continental and International level;
- To create and maintain material to support National Federations and Continental Councils in the continued education of Judges, Jury Presidents, and Technical Delegates.

Composition

- [Required] Technical Delegates' representatives (upon Executive Board nomination)
- [Required] Active Jury Presidents / Judges
- [Preferred] Experience in developing and teaching judges' courses
- [Preferred] Experience with continental events
- [Desired] Routesetters' representative



6. COACHES' COMMISSION

Purpose

To act as a centre of excellence in the coaching field.

To represent coaches globally and to provide support to regions to develop sustainable coaching education.

To make recommendations on adequate requirements for training climbing walls and facilities.

To promote a culture of integrity during competitions, resisting doping, cheating, fraud, manipulation or corruption.

Functions and Activities

- To collect proposals from coaches and to make recommendations to other sport commissions for the improvement of all Sport Climbing disciplines;
- To create a multi-level coach-licensing programme to support the development of Member Federations and training of coaches;
- To create and maintain material to support National Federations and Continental Councils for the continued education of Sport Climbing coaches.

Composition

- [Required] Active Coaches with expertise in all disciplines
- [Preferred] Coaches with expertise in other sports
- [Desired] Routesetters' representative
- [Desired] Judges' representative
- [Desired] Athletes' representative