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## PART 1 – GOVERNANCE

	<b>Member federations</b>
2.5.5	<p><b>Possibility to register a coach which has not the same nationality as his team.</b></p> <p>Each team official shall be accredited by the member federation of the country for which they are appointed.  <b><i>Representing several countries is allowed. However, for safety Appeal the Team Manager is only counted as one person</i></b></p>

## PART 2 – TECHNICAL RULES

	<b>General Rules</b>
3.4. 7 a)	<p><b>Precisions concerning the size of advertising on headwear, team top and shoe</b></p> <p>a) Headwear: The manufacturers and/or Sponsors' label in the total size limit of 18 square centimeters</p>
	<b>Lead Rules</b>
6.7.17	<p><b>The maximum climbing time in ½ final and final is reduced to 6 minutes</b></p> <p>The fixed length of the climbing period in the Semi-Final and Final rounds shall be <b><i>six (6) minutes</i></b> for each route.</p>
6.9.3	<p><b>Art. 6.9.3 c) i) is deleted for safety reason</b></p> <p>During an attempt on a route:</p> <p>a) The competitor must clip the quickdraws in sequence.          Note: Clipping the first quickdraw from the ground is permitted.</p> <p>b) A competitor shall be allowed to un-clip and re-clip the last clipped karabiner.</p> <p><b><i>c) The competitor must be in a legitimate position at all times. Subject to Article 6.9.4, this will be the case if the competitor's entire body has moved beyond an unclipped quickdraw but the competitor is in a position:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>* from which another competitor in the same category/age group has demonstrated that it is possible to clip the unclipped quickdraw without it being necessary to haul up the quickdraw with a foot; or otherwise</i></b></p> <p><b><i>* deemed by the Chief Routesetter as a position from which it is similarly possible to clip the unclipped quickdraw.</i></b></p>
6.13.1	<p><b>Appeals must make reference to a specific rules' point to be accepted.</b></p> <p>All appeals and official responses to appeals shall be made in English and</p> <p><b><i>a) only in written, using the form available on the IFSC website or on a sheet comprising the same informations, making reference to the specific article of these rules in respect of which the appeal is being submitted,</i></b></p> <p><b><i>b) signed by a team official from the relevant team; or only where no such person is registered for the competition, by the relevant competitor.</i></b></p>
6.13.2	<b>Return of appeals fee</b>

	Excluding appeals made under Articles 6.13.3, an appeal shall only be accepted if accompanied by the official appeals fee. The appeals fee payable shall be in accordance with the list of fees published annually by the IFSC. If an appeal is upheld <b>or not accepted</b> , the appeals fee shall be returned. If an appeal is rejected, the appeals fee shall not be returned.
6.13.3	<p><b>Precision concerning the appeal form</b></p> <p>A Safety Appeal may be submitted if the coaches from at least three different teams are of the opinion that safety is seriously jeopardized. <b>Such appeal shall be made in writing and signed by the relevant team officials</b>. The Jury President shall consider the matter and, if applicable, take the necessary actions.</p>
6.13.4	<p><b>Precision concerning the appeals process</b></p> <p>An appeal concerning or requiring the termination of a competitor's attempt must be made immediately <b>and at least before the start of the next competitor</b>. Where such an appeal is made, the affected competitor shall if necessary be treated as though a Technical Incident had occurred and Articles 6.11.5 to 6.11.8 shall apply.</p>
6.13.5	<p><b>Precision concerning the appeals process</b></p> <p>Any appeal against the scoring of a competitor must be submitted to the Jury President in writing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In respect of any appeal concerning the Qualification or Semi-Final round, within five (5) minutes of the publication of all Official Results for that round; and</li> <li>In respect of any appeal concerning the Final round, immediately following <b>the display of the relevant competitor's provisional result</b>.</li> </ol> <p>Note: Where an appeal is made concerning the scoring of any competitor in relation to a particular hold, the Appeals Jury shall review the results of all competitors who have been scored as controlling or using that same hold in order to ensure consistency of the scoring.</p>
	<b>Boulder Rules</b>
7.7.14	<p><b>Possibility to organize the Final with one category after the other</b></p> <p>The Final round shall take place on one (1) course of boulders for each Category. <b>Unless decided otherwise by the Technical Delegate and announced during the Technical Meeting</b>, both Categories shall compete simultaneously, with competitors paired by their ranking after the Semi-Final and/or their Starting Order for the final. e.g. the competitors ranked first after the semi-final within each Category shall normally start each boulder at the same time.</p>
7.7.17	<p><b>The "+" of the "4 minutes + " of authorized climbing time is removed and athletes will be stopped if they are still climbing at the end of the 4 minutes</b></p> <p>The climbing period during the Final round shall be <b>four (4) minutes</b> for each competitor.</p>
7.13.1	<p><b>To be valid, an appeal must cite a specific rule.</b></p> <p>All appeals and official responses to appeals shall be made in English and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>only in written, using the form available on the IFSC website or on a sheet comprising the same information, <b>making reference to the specific article of these rules in respect of which the appeal is being submitted</b>,</li> <li>signed by a team official from the relevant team; or only where no such person is registered for the competition, by the relevant competitor.</li> </ol>
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7.13.5	<p><b>Precision concerning the appeals process</b></p> <p>Any appeal against the ranking of a competitor (i.e. in relation to some error/inconsistency or number of attempts for bonuses or tops in the published results) must be submitted to the Jury President in writing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In respect of any appeal concerning the Qualification or Semi-Final round, , within five (5) minutes</li> </ol>

	of the publication of all Official Results for that round; and b) In respect of any appeal concerning the Final round, immediately following <b>the display of the relevant competitor's provisional result.</b>
	<b>Speed Rules</b>
<b>8.7.2</b>	<b>Adjustment due to the change of the rule concerning the false start</b>  The Qualification round shall take place on two lanes with competitors climbing in pairs. Other than for re-runs required following a false start or Technical Incident, each competitor shall make one attempt on each of the two lanes.  Note: If a competitor has made <b>a</b> false start, the remaining competitor may complete any uncompleted attempts on either or both lanes, but will climb alone.
<b>8.7.9</b>	<b>Adjustment due to the change of the rule concerning the false start</b>  If no competitor in a race records a valid time: a) Where one competitor has made <b>a</b> false start, the winner shall be the other competitor; b) Where both competitors have made <b>a</b> false start or fallen, the race shall be considered tied and Article 8.7.10 shall apply.
<b>8.9.5</b>	<b>Once all competitors are motionless in their starting position, the Starter shall initiate the timing system which will provide a fixed signal</b>  Once all competitors are motionless in their starting position, the Starter shall initiate the timing system. Note: <b>the timing system will provide a succession of three (3) beeps spaced one (1) second apart. The two first beeps having identical tone and the last a higher pitch.</b>
<b>8.9.6</b>	<b>after the first beep, the athletes have no possibility to raise hand and stop the starting procedure</b>  <b>When not ready, the competitor must call the jury by clearly raising a hand. No appeal against the starting instruction shall be allowed after "Ready".</b>
<b>8.9.9</b>	<b>Athletes doing one false start shall be immediately eliminated of the competition</b>  <b>If a competitor makes a false start within the competition:</b> a) he shall be recorded as having no valid time for the race in which <b>the</b> false start was made and shall not participate further in the competition; b) the ranking of a competitor who has made <b>a</b> false start shall be calculated as follow: i) where <b>the</b> false start is during the Qualification round, the competitor shall be ranked last in that round; ii) where <b>the</b> false start is during the Final round, the competitor shall be ranked last in the stage, or in the case of the last stage of the competition the race, during which <b>the</b> false start occurred and their ranking assessed as set out in Article 8.10  The competitor who has not made a false start must complete their attempts in the relevant stage.
<b>8.11.4</b>	<b>Adjustment concerning the possibility to a competitor to finish his run before making an appeal</b>  If a competitor or Team Manager considers that a Technical Incident has occurred, they must notify the IFSC Judge (or if none is present, the Jury President) of the incident immediately <b>after the race</b> and in any case prior to the start of the next race. No Technical Incident will be considered where notification is made following the start of the next or subsequent races.
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<b>8.13.2</b>	<p><b>Return of appeals fee</b></p> <p>Excluding appeals made under Articles 8.13.3, an appeal shall only be accepted if accompanied by the official appeals fee. The appeals fee payable shall be in accordance with the list of fees published annually by the IFSC. If an appeal is upheld or <b><i>not accepted</i></b>, the appeals fee shall be returned. If an appeal is rejected, the appeals fee shall not be returned.</p>
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## PART 3 – EVENT RULES

	<b>World Cups</b>
<b>11.7.8</b>	<p><b>New calculation of the combined ranking</b></p> <p><b><i>A “Combined Ranking” shall be calculated by adding the highest Ranking Points awarded to the competitor in each World Cup series and each of the 3 disciplines, ranking competitors in descending order of the total number of Ranking Points accumulated. For each discipline, if the number of World Cups is five (5) or less, all results shall count, and if there are six (6) or more, the number of counting results will be the number of competitions less one (1).</i></b></p>
<b>13.4.2</b>	<p><b>Registration of competitors in case of creation of 2 groups</b></p> <p><b><i>In case of the creation of 2 groups, the NFs needs to inform the IFSC which Athlete goes into each group. If the NF team cannot be cut in two, the remaining athlete will be subject to a randomised group attribution. Confidentiality shall be maintained on the athletes’ repartition.</i></b></p>