

NORDIC BOULDERING CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

RULES

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1 GLOSSARY

1.1 Interpretation

1. The following terms shall apply throughout these Rules:

Shall, and the alternative **must**, states a mandatory requirement; **Shall not**, and the alternative **must not**, states a prohibition;

Should and **should not** state recommendations, there may be reasons to ignore a recommendation but the full implications must be understood and the case carefully weighed before choosing a different course;

May references a discretionary matter;

2. The following definitions shall apply throughout these Rules:

Applicable Standards has the meaning given in Article 2.6 of these Rules;

Appeal Fee means the amount published by the IFSC in relation to making in-competition appeals regarding compliance with and interpretation of these Rules;

Artificial Aid means Controlling or Using any of the following:

1. (a) any "T-Nut" placements provided for the fixing of artificial holds;
2. (b) any part of the Climbing Surface demarcated as out of bounds;
3. (c) any advertising or informational placards fixed to the Climbing Surface;
4. (d) any open side or top edges to the Climbing Surface;
5. (e) any bolt hangar fixed to the Climbing Surface; or
6. (f) any Protection Point or the climbing rope;

Artificial Hold means a manufactured climbing hold and attached to the Climbing Surface by means of screws or bolts;

Call Zone means any designated area to which competitors must report prior to commencing their attempt(s) any round of competition;

Category means a group of competitors of one specific gender and age group;

Climbing Surface means the usable surface of a climbing wall:

1. (a) including any Natural Holds; but
2. (b) excluding any Artificial Holds, volumes or other temporary Structures fixed onto the usable surface.

Competition Area means that part of the competition venue allocated for sporting activities forming part of a competition, including:

1. (a) Any Isolation Zone/Warm-Up Area;
2. (b) Any Call/Transit Zone(s);
3. (c) Any Competition Zones, including:
 1. 1) the Climbing Surfaces(s) used within any round of the competition;
 2. 2) the area immediately in front of and next to the climbing wall(s), and
 3. 3) any other area assigned specifically for the safe and fair conduct of a competition, such as additional areas needed for video recording or playback;

Control means, for the purposes of judging and scoring, that a competitor has made use of some object/structure to:

1. (a) achieve a stable body position;
2. (b) successfully brake any dynamic movement; or
3. (c) make a climbing movement not captured by the definition of “Use”,

and the terms “Controls”, “Controlled” and “Controlling” should be interpreted in context;

Isolation Conditions means that competitors within any given round of a competition are to make their attempts on any route/boulder in that round with knowledge of the relevant route/boulder limited to such information:

1. (a) as may be gathered by observation from outside the Competition Area prior to the closing of the Isolation Zone for the relevant Category;
2. (b) obtained during any collective observation period for the relevant route/boulders, from the area designated for such collective observation, including such information as may be shared between competitors participating in that collective observation period (and only where such competitors have not yet made their attempts, or have each completed their attempts); or
3. (c) obtained during the competitor’s attempt(s) on the relevant route/boulders;

Isolation Zone means a Warm-up Area for which access is controlled and limited to: 5

1. (a) competitors qualified for the relevant round of competition;
2. (b) accompanying Team Officials.

Junior means the age group comprising competitors who are or will be 18 or 19 years of age in the year of the competition;

Legitimate Position means, for the purposes of Lead competitions, that a competitor in the course of their attempt on a route:

1. (a) has not used any Artificial Aid;
2. (b) has clipped each preceding Protection Point in sequence; and
3. (c) where the next Protection Point has not yet been clipped, the competitor:
 1. (1) has not yet reached, or has not made any climbing movement to pass beyond any Safety Hold designated by the Chief Routesetter;

2. (2) has not moved both hands past the last handhold from which the Chief Routesetter has deemed it possible to clip the relevant Protection Point.

Member Federation means any National Federation that is a member of the IFSC;

Original Decision has the meaning given in Article 6.8 of these Rules;

Starting Signal means a unique tone broadcast by the automated timing system to indicate the start of a measured climbing time;

Structure means any hollow or solid object providing either a single or multiple holds for either hands or feet and which is attached to the Climbing Surface for the duration of at least one round.

Technical Incident means any event or circumstance that results in a disadvantage or unfair advantage to a competitor and which is not the result of that competitor's action(s).

Top Hold has the meaning given in Article 8.2 of these Rules;

Transit Zone means a specific area(s) within the Competition Area arranged to permit competitors to prepare for (or recover from) their attempts on a boulder/route.

Use means, for the purposes of judging and scoring, that a competitor has made use of some object/structure to:

1. (a) effect a progressive movement of their centre of mass or hips; and
2. (b) effect a movement of either or both hands toward:
 1. (1) the next sequential handhold along the line of progression; or
 2. (2) any other handhold further along the line of progression which has been successfully Controlled by another competitor from the same handhold,

and the terms "Used", "Uses" and "Using" will be interpreted in this context.

Valid Appeal has the meaning given in Article 6.5 of these Rules;

Warm-up Area means any part of the Competition Area designated and equipped for the purposes of athletic preparation;

Youth A means the age group comprising competitors who are or will be 16 or 17 years of age in the year of the competition;

Youth B means the age group comprising competitors who are or will be 14 or 15 years of age in the year of the competition;

2 GENERAL RULES

2.1 Disciplines

3.1 Climbing competitions under these rules include the following Disciplines:

- 1) Bouldering: Competitors are ranked based on the number of boulders completed.

2.2 Safety

3.2 The Event Organiser shall be responsible for maintaining safety within the Competition Area and in the public section of the arena, and in relation to all activities connected to the running of the competition.

3.3 Each competitor shall be regarded as entirely and solely responsible for the equipment and clothing that they intend to wear during their attempt(s).

3.4 The Head Judge, in consultation with the Chief Routesetter, shall have the authority to take decisions in respect to any question of safety within the competition area, including declining to give permission to start or continue any part of the competition. Any official or other person deemed by the Head Judge to have infringed, or being likely to infringe, on safety procedures shall be subject to removal from their duties and/or dismissal from the competition area.

2.3 Medical Personnel

3.6 The Head Judge shall verify that a medical doctor (the "Competition Doctor") is in attendance to attend any accident or injury to a competitor or Team Official. The Competition Doctor shall be present from the scheduled opening of the Isolation Zone/Warm-Up Area until the end of the attempt of the last competitor in any round of the competition.

3.7 If the Head Judge believes that a competitor is unfit to compete for any reason, such as injury or illness, then:

A) the Head Judge has the authority to request a check-up of the competitor by the Competition Doctor who will proceed with the following physical test:

- 1) Lower extremity: the competitor shall be able to do five consecutive single-leg jumps with each leg.
- 2) Upper extremity: the competitor shall be able to perform five consecutive push-ups using both arms.
- 3) Bleeding: the competitor shall be able to stop the bleeding so as to be sure that he will not put blood on the holds. A white handkerchief applied to the wound (after having put a tape on it) must not show any sign of blood.

B) the Head Judge shall stop the competitor from competing if, following the results of this test, the Competition Doctor is of the opinion that the competitor is unfit to compete. Should there later be evidence that the competitor has recovered, then they may request to undergo the relevant physical tests again. The Head Judge shall allow the competitor to compete if, following the results of such tests, the Competition Doctor is of the opinion that the competitor is fit to compete.

3.8 Under no circumstances shall special provisions be made at the request of any competitor, e.g. descent to the ground from the top of a boulder by a ladder.

2.4 The Competition Area

3.9 The Competition Area will be demarcated from any area open to the public.

3.10 Smoking is allowed only in specially designated areas, normally the area immediately outside the door to the Isolation Zone/Warm-Up area but never in or near any Call Zone, Transit Zone or Competition Zone.

3.11 No competitor or Team Official is permitted to carry or use any electronic communication equipment while in the Competition Area unless the Head Judge has permitted such equipment.

2.5 Access to the Competition Area

3.12 Only the persons specified below shall be permitted to enter the Competition Area:

A) IFSC officials;

B) Event Organiser's officials;

C) competitors eligible to take part in the current round of the competition (as directed by or on behalf of the Head Judge);

D) authorised Team Officials (the Isolation Zone/Warm-Up area only);

E) other persons specifically authorised by the Head Judge. Such persons shall, throughout their stay in the Competition Area, be escorted and supervised by an approved official to ensure the maintenance of security of the Competition Area and prevent any undue distraction of, or interference with, any competitor,

3.13 Animals, shall not be allowed in the Competition Area, with the exception of accompanying dogs for Paraclimbing competitors in B1, B2 and/or B3 Categories. Exceptions from this rule can be authorised by the Head Judge.

2.6 Clothing and equipment

3.14 All technical equipment used by a competitor shall comply with the Applicable Standard. Each competitor:

A) must wear climbing shoes and (where relevant) a harness during their attempts;

B) may use at their discretion a chalk bag and chalk (dry or liquid) for their hands. No other performance enhancing agents may be used (e.g. resin).

C) may wear a climbing helmet,

Competitors must not wear or carry audio equipment when climbing.

3.15 An official starting number bib provided by the Event Organiser shall be displayed prominently on the back of the top. The size of the starting number bib shall not exceed the dimensions specified in the Event Organisers' Handbook. The Event Organiser may provide additional starting number bibs to be placed on competitors' trouser leg.

2.7 Team Uniforms

3.16 Competitors and Team Officials representing their Member Federation at official ceremonies and meetings (including interviews, and press conferences staged by the IFSC or Event Organizers) are recommended to wear a distinctive team uniform, which shall include a long-sleeved top bearing:

A) the name of the country or its official IOC three-letter code; and

- B) (optionally) the logo of the Member Federation; and
- C) (optionally) a representation of the relevant national flag.

3.17 Competitors representing their Member Federation can, when climbing, wear a distinctive team uniform. While a team uniform is not required, wearing a shirt and pants is required from all athletes.

2.8 Advertising and equipment

3.18 All equipment and clothing shall be in compliance with the following advertising rules:

- A) Team Tops/Legwear etc.: Sponsors' labels can be displayed as long as they are not distracting for judging the climbers' performance.

- B) Chalk bag: The manufacturer's name and/or logo and sponsors' labels can be shown and climbers can bring their own chalkbags and small (less than 20cm long/ 10cm wide) brushes with them in to the competition area.

2.9 Wall maintenance

3.19 The Chief Routesetter shall verify that an experienced maintenance team is available throughout each round of the competition in order to perform any maintenance and repairs ordered by the Head Judge in an efficient and safe manner. Safety procedures shall be strictly enforced.

3.20 On the instruction of the Head Judge, the Chief Routesetter shall immediately arrange for any repair work. On completion of a repair, it shall be inspected by the Chief Routesetter who shall advise the Head Judge whether the repair results in any unfair advantage or disadvantage to the following competitors. The decision of the Head Judge to continue, or to stop and re-start, that round of the competition shall be final, and no appeal shall be accepted in respect to this decision.

2.10 Rankings and records

3.21 The organiser publishes the following rankings:
Scores of the individual competition will be shown after the competition on the scoreboard and on the organisers website.

3 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Introduction

4.1 The Head Judge has the overall authority over all activities and decisions affecting the competition within the Competition Area.

4.2 The Head Judge shall be authorised to take the following actions in respect to infringements of the competition rules and with regard to matters of indiscipline by any competitor or Team Official registered for a competition:

- A) an informal, verbal warning;
- B) an official warning accompanied by the showing of a Yellow Card.

4.3 At the earliest convenient time after issuing a Yellow or Red Card, the Head Judge shall:

A) submit a written statement to the team manager (or where this is not possible, directly to) the person(s) concerned regarding the offence and whether the Head Judge proposes to refer the matter for consideration in respect to further disciplinary action in accordance with the rules.

3.1 Yellow Card warnings

4.4 A Yellow Card warning may be issued for any of the following infringements of the rules:

A) infringements committed in the Competition Area by a competitor or Team Official:

- 1) unsporting behaviour of a relatively minor nature; or
- 2) use of obscene or abusive language or behaviour of a relatively mild nature.

B) regarding instructions from the any organising Official appointed to the competition, including but not limited to:

- 1) undue delay in returning to the Isolation Zone/Warm-Up Area following the instruction of the IFSC Judge or the Head Judge;
- 2) undue delay in leaving the Call Zone and entering the Competition Zone when instructed to do so;
- 3) failure to start in accordance with the Head Judge's instruction.

C) regarding equipment and ceremonies:

- 1) failure to comply with the rules and regulations governing equipment and clothing;
- 2) failure to wear the starting number bib provided by the Event Organiser;
- 3) non-participation of the medallists in the award ceremony;

4.5 A Team Official in receipt of a Yellow Card shall not, for the duration of that competition, be permitted access to any area set aside within the Competition Area for the benefit of Team Officials.

3.2 Disqualification

4.6 The Head Judge alone shall be authorised to disqualify a person from a competition. The disqualification shall be accompanied by the showing of a Red Card.

4.7 The following infringements of the rules shall result in issuing of a Red Card and the immediate disqualification of the person from the competition without further sanction:

- A) gathering information about the routes/boulders other than as considered by the definition of Isolation Conditions (when such conditions are in force);
- B) the use of non-approved equipment;
- C) unauthorised use while in the Competition Area of any device capable of communicating or receiving communication;

4.8 The following infringements of the rules shall result in the issuing of a Red Card and the immediate disqualification of the competitor from the competition.

3.3 Disciplinary Commission:

A) infringements committed in the Competition Area by a competitor or Team Official:

- 1) in respect of any round conducted under Isolation Conditions, gathering or providing information other than as contemplated by the definition of Isolation Conditions, including but not limited to:
 - a) from any person outside the Competition Area;
 - b) from any person who has already attempted a relevant route/boulder.

For the avoidance of doubt, in competition rounds where Isolation Conditions do not apply, competitors may receive information from other team members who are outside the Competition Zone both prior and during their attempts;

- 2) distracting or interfering with any competitor who is preparing for or is attempting a route;
- 3) failing to comply with the instructions of the judges or organisers or event officials;
- 4) refusing to conform with the advertising regulations governing clothing and equipment;
- 5) unsporting behaviour or other serious disturbance during a competition; or
- 6) abusive, threatening or violent behaviour to event officials, organisers, competitors or Team Officials or to any other person.

B) infringements committed outside the Competition Area but in the public arena or at the competition venue or at any accommodation or facilities used in connection with the competition by a competitor or Team Official:

- 1) serious unsporting behaviour or other serious disturbance; or
- 2) abusive, threatening or violent behaviour to event officials, organisers, team members (including competitors) or to any other person.

3.4 Cumulation of disciplinary offences

4.10 The issue of two (2) Yellow Cards to the same person in one competition shall result in the issue of a Red Card and the disqualification of that person from the competition.

Other persons

4.12 The Head Judge is authorised to demand the immediate dismissal from the Competition Area, of any person in contravention of the rules and, if necessary, suspend all competition activities until this demand has been complied with.

4 ANTI DOPING

4.1 Adoption

5.1 The IFSC has adopted the World Anti-Doping Code (the “Code”). Application

5.2 The Code applies to all competitions that are organised under the authority of the IFSC.

5.3 Any person who enters, prepares for or participates in any manner – as competitor, coach, trainer, official, medical or para-medical personnel – in such competitions is deemed to have agreed to comply with and be subject to the Code and Article 5.5 of these rules.

4.2 Competent bodies within the IFSC

5.4 The competent bodies within the IFSC for the application of the Code are the Anti-Doping and the Disciplinary Commissions.

4.3 Violations and sanctions

5.5 Doping violations will be dealt with in accordance with the IFSC Anti-Doping Policy and Procedure, and the IFSC Disciplinary and Appeal Rules.

5 APPEALS

5.1 General

6.1 An Appeals Jury shall be appointed for each Competition organised under these Rules and should comprise:

- A) the Technical Delegate; and
- B) the Head Judge (or an IFSC Judge if the Appeal concerns a decision made by the Head Judge).

6.2 All Appeals, and all responses to Appeals, must be made in English.

6.3 All Appeals must be presented to the Head Judge, who shall refer the matter to the Appeals Jury.

5.2 Safety Appeals

6.4 Regardless of any other provision in these Rules, an appeal may be submitted where a serious safety issue may exist (a "Safety Appeal"). A Safety Appeal must be:

- A) made in writing and no Appeal Fee will be required;
- B) signed by Team Officials from at least three (3) different teams, and the Appeals Jury must without delay determine and implement a course of action to remedy the identified issue.

5.3 Management of Appeals

6.5 On receipt of an Appeal, the Appeals Jury shall assess whether the relevant Appeal is:

- A) "Invalid", in which case any Appeal Fee and/or Appeals Form will be returned, with the Appeal Form marked as such; or
- B) "Valid", in which case the Appeal Jury shall proceed to determine the Appeal.

6.6 To be considered Valid, an Appeal must, unless specifically stated to the contrary in these Rules:

- A) be made in writing using the form available on the IFSC website (or on a sheet comprising the same information), signed by either:
 - 1) the relevant Team Official, or
 - 2) where no such person is registered for the competition, the relevant competitor.
- B) be accompanied by the relevant Appeal Fee; and
- C) state:
 - 1) the specific article of the Rules on which the Appeal is based; and
 - 2) the competitor or class of competitors affected by the Appeal.

6.7 Notwithstanding Article 6.6, the Appeals Jury may rule as Invalid any Appeal which:

- A) is made outside any relevant time limits specified in these Rules;
- B) proposes a matter not relevant to any article of the Rules; or
- C) the Appeals Jury agrees is otherwise invalid.

6.8 In relation to the competition (the "Original Decision"):

respect of any Valid Appeal concerning some non-compliance with these rules, or some decision

A) if the Appeal concerns the Official Results, the Head Judge will:

- 1) mark the published results as 'Under Appeal', noting which results are the subject of the Appeal;
- 2) have the Event Organiser broadcast an announcement to the public that the results are 'Under Appeal'.

B) the Appeal Jury shall determine the Appeal:

- 1) as soon as is practical with regard to the timetable of the competition;

2) using all personnel and facilities at their disposal, provided that in determining the Appeal, the Appeal Jury shall not consider any video evidence other than:

- a) the Official Video Recordings; and
- b) any official IFSC broadcast video recording.

C) if:

1) the available evidence is inconclusive, or the Appeal Jury is unable to reach a unanimous verdict, then the Appeal shall be “Undetermined”, the Original Decision will stand and the Appeal Fee will be returned.

2) the available evidence is conclusive and the Appeal Jury reaches a unanimous verdict, then the Appeal will be determined as either:

- a) “Successful”, in which case the Appeal Fee will be returned and the Original Decision changed; or
- b) “Unsuccessful”, in which case the Appeal Fee will be forfeited and the Original Decision will stand.

D) the determination of the Appeal shall be made in writing and handed by a member of the Appeals Jury to the person who officially lodged the Appeal.

5.4 Consequences of Appeals

6.9 Any formal determination of the Appeals Jury shall be final and not subject to further Appeal.

6 DISCIPLINE RULES

6.1 BOULDER General

8.1 Boulder competitions shall:

A) take place on short routes (“boulders”) constructed on purpose-designed artificial climbing walls, climbed without ropes;

B) be organised with:

- 1) A Qualification round consisting of eight (8) boulders; and
- 2) A Final round each consisting of a single course of four (4) boulders for each Category, in exceptional circumstances the Head Judge may cancel up to one (1) boulder in any round.

8.2 Design of boulders:

A) each boulder shall be designed:

1) so that the lowest part of the body should not be higher than three (3) meters above the safety matting;

2) to limit the risk that a fall may injure the competitor or any third party, or obstruct any other competitor;

3) without any downward jumps.

B) the maximum number of handholds on one boulder should be 12 and the average number of handholds per boulder in any round should be between four (4) and eight (8).

C) each boulder shall be clearly marked to identify:

1) “Starting Holds” for both hands and both feet which shall not include blank or unbounded parts of the Climbing Surface. The Starting Holds should not be marked with specific positions for the hands.

- 2) a “Zone Hold”, which shall be positioned to aid the separation of competitors with markedly different performance.
- 3) a “Top”, which shall be either:
- a) a marked finishing hold (the “Top Hold”); or
 - b) a standing position on top of the boulder, D) the markings used on each boulder shall indicate:
 - 1) the Starting Holds/Top in the same colour;
 - 2) the Zone Hold using a different colour; and
- in each case using a different colour to any other demarcation on the Climbing Surface. An example of these markings shall be installed within the Isolation Zone, which should be the same for the entire duration of a competition.
- 8.3 A timing system shall be used in each round to display the time remaining within each Rotation Period. The timing system shall:
- A) be visible to all competitors on the Field of Play and in each Transit;
 - B) show the time remaining within the Rotation Period to the nearest second (rounded up);
 - C) provide audio signals to announce: the beginning and the end of each Rotation Period.

6.2 Safety

- 8.4 Safety matting shall be used to protect each boulder:
- A) the Chief Route-Setter shall adjust the number and character of the boulders to the safety matting available. If mats are joined, gaps shall be covered in order to avoid competitors falling in between them.
 - B) the Head Judge and the Chief Route-Setter shall inspect each boulder and the safety matting prior to the start of each round to identify and address any safety risks.

6.3 Starting order and quotas

- 8.5 The qualification round will be organised with one (1) Starting Group for each Category
- 8.6 The quotas for the Final round shall be for youth series maximum of ten (10) climbers and for adults six (6) (with for the adults a possibility to add 2 climbers to the finals in case of a tie):
- 8.7 The qualification is climbed as an open comp so no starting order is used.

6.4 Competition procedure

- 8.8 All rounds of boulder competitions shall be conducted under Isolation Conditions. Competitors eligible to compete in any round of the competition must report to the Isolation Zone by the time stated on the Official Start List for that round, competitors who have not reported to the Isolation Zone or who are not present in the Isolation Zone at such time will not be eligible to start the round.
- 8.10 In the Qualification round, each competitor participating in the round:
- A) will have max 5 tries for each of the eight (8) boulders. The competition time is calculated as follows:

Number of Competitors	Climbing Time
0 - 30	105
31 – 35	115
36 – 40	125
41 - 45	135

8.11 The Final round:

- A) shall be preceded by a presentation of the competitors participating in the round;
- B) for each Category:
 - 1) each boulder will be attempted by all competitors in the order set out on the Official Start List;
 - 2) once a competitor has finished their attempts, they will return to a separate Transit and the next competitor will start;
 - 3) once all competitors have completed their attempts on a boulder, the competitors will move on to the next boulder as a group.

6.5 Observation procedure

8.12 Observation

- A) there will be no separate observation period for the Qualification round.
- B) the Final round shall be preceded by a collective observation for period of two (2) minutes per boulder.
 - 1) during this period, competitors may touch (only) the marked Starting Holds and are prohibited from using any recording equipment.
 - 2) at the end of this period, competitors will return to the Isolation Zone or to a Transit Zone as directed by the event Officials.

6.6 Climbing procedure

8.13 The Rotation Period for:

- A) the final round for the Youth series shall be five (5) minutes;
- B) the Final round for the Adults shall be four (4) minutes, and each competitor may make unlimited attempts on any boulder within the relevant Rotation Period. In certain circumstances, a separate practice period may be defined where the competition is “after-work”, during which competitors may practice or “work” on boulders. Other than during such practice periods, each boulder must be attempted in its entirety and competitors must not practice or “work” any part of a boulder during any Rotation Period.

8.14 Each boulder should be cleaned before any competitor begins their first attempt. Competitors may at any time:

- A) clean any part of the boulder that they can reach without making use of any hold;
 - B) request that any part of the boulder be cleaned,
- and only brushes and other materiel provided by the Event Organiser may be used for these purposes.

8.15 A competitor’s attempt will be deemed to have:

- A) Started when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground.
- B) Finished when:

- 1) Successful;
- 2) they have fallen or touched the ground after starting; or
- 3) the attempt has been terminated by the boulder judge or the Head Judge as:
 - a) Unsuccessful; or
 - b) if a Technical Incident has occurred.

6.7 Judging and scoring

8.16 Each boulder shall be judged by at least one (1) National Judge who shall record:
 A) the number of attempts made by each competitor. An attempt will be counted each time the competitor:

- 1) makes either a Correct or Incorrect start;
 - 2) prior to starting, touches or makes use of any Artificial Hold or Structure other than:
 - a) the Starting Holds, or
 - b) any Artificial Hold or Structure which is fixed or positioned so as to modify the usable part(s) of any Starting Hold (a "Blocker Hold");
 - 3) adds any "tick marks",
- and in respect of (2) and (3), a disciplinary sanction may also be applied. B) on which attempts the competitor Controls or Uses the Zone Hold;
- C) on which attempt the competitor Successfully completes the boulder.

8.17 A competitor's attempt will be:

- A) judged "Unsuccessful" if:
- 1) the competitor has made an Incorrect start;
 - 2) the competitor has touched the safety matting after leaving the ground;
 - 3) the Rotation Period or qualification round time has expired;
 - 4) the competitor has made use of any Artificial Aid,
- and where a competitor makes an Unsuccessful attempt, the boulder judge shall order the relevant attempt terminated, and
- B) otherwise judged "Successful" where the competitor is in a Controlled position:
- 1) with both hands matched on the Top Hold; or
 - 2) standing on top of the boulder,
- and in each case the boulder judge has raised a hand and announced "OK".

8.18 A competitor's start will be judged:

- A) "Correct" where the competitor achieves a stable Controlled position with both hands and both feet on the Starting Holds without Controlling or Using any other Artificial Holds or Structures. For the avoidance of doubt, when starting a boulder, a competitor may:
- 1) touch, Control or Use any part of the Climbing Surface in order to attain the Starting Holds; and/or
 - 2) touch any Blocker Hold(s).
- B) "Incorrect" where the competitor
- 1) Fails to achieve a stable Controlled position with both hands and both feet on the Starting Holds; or
 - 2) Controls or Uses any Artificial Holds or other Structures not marked as Starting Holds before achieving a stable Controlled position with both hands and both feet on the Starting Holds.

6.8 Ranking

8.19 On each course of boulders:

- A) each competitor starting the course shall be ranked using the following criteria:
- 1) in descending order, the number of Successfully completed boulders ("Tops");
 - 2) in descending order, the number of boulders on which the competitor has either:

- a) Controlled or Used (in either case, with one or other hand) the Zone Hold; or
- b) Successfully completed the boulder without having Controlled or Used the Zone Hold, this number being the “Zone Points” awarded;
- 3) in ascending order, the total number of attempts to achieve these Tops;
- 4) in ascending order, the total number of attempts to achieve these Zone Points;
- B) if a competitor fails to start:
 - 1) in the Qualification round, they shall not be ranked;
 - 2) in any other round, they shall be ranked last in the relevant course.

8.20 Final rankings

- A) if following the completion of any Final round any competitors are tied following the ranking of procedure of Article 8.19, their relative ranking shall be determined:
 - 1) by count-back to their rankings from the previous round;
 - 2) if following count-back, any competitors are tied in equal 1st place, the relative ranking of these competitors will be determined:
 - a) by comparing the best results for each such competitor within, starting with the number of Tops attained on the 1st attempt, then the number of Tops attained on the 2nd attempt, and so on;
 - b) where the comparison in (a) cannot break any tie, by comparing the number of Zones attained on the 1st attempt, then the number of Zones attained on the 2nd attempt, and so on.
- where competitors remain tied following (a) and (b), the results of such competitors shall be considered equal.

8.21 General ranking:

The General Ranking shall be determined on the following basis:

- A) competitors having a Final ranking, in that order; and
- B) where applicable, competitors having a Semi-Final ranking, in that order; and
- C) competitors having only a Qualification ranking, in that order, provided that where the Qualification round takes place with two Starting Groups, their General Ranking shall be determined by merging the rankings from each group, treating competitors having equal rankings between the two groups as tied.

6.9 Technical Incidents and Appeals

8.22 Only Official Video Recordings, and at the discretion of the Head Judge any official event broadcast video recording, shall be used for the purposes of determining Technical Incidents and Appeals. The Official Video Recordings must as a minimum record:

- A) the Starting Holds for each boulder;
- B) the Zone Hold for each boulder; and
- C) the Top for each boulder;
- D) any demarcations marked on the Climbing Surface.

8.23 If a competitor, Team Official or boulder judge considers that a Technical Incident has occurred, they must notify the Head Judge prior to commencing any further attempts. No Technical Incident shall be considered where notification is made following the start of the next rotation period.

8.24 The Head Judge, if necessary in consultation with an Head Route-Setter, shall determine whether a Technical Incident has occurred. For the avoidance of doubt, the following matters shall not be considered as Technical Incidents:

- A) the interruption of a competitor’s attempts to stop bleeding;
- 8.25 An Appeal which if upheld:
 - A) would entitle the affected competitor(s) to make further attempts on the relevant boulder(s):
 - 1) if made by the relevant competitor, may be made verbally and no Appeal Fee will be required;
 - 2) if made by a Team Official, must be made in writing,

and in each case must be made:

a) in respect of the Qualification or Semi-Final rounds, before the finish of the next following rotation period; or

b) in respect of the Final round, prior to the next competitor starting their attempts.

B) would not entitle the affected competitor(s) to make further attempts on the relevant boulder(s), must be made in writing and:

1) in respect of any appeal concerning the Qualification or Semi-Final rounds, within five (5) minutes of the publication of the Official Results; or

2) in respect of the Final round, upon the display of the relevant competitor's Provisional Result (or where no Provisional Result is displayed, the Official Result).

8.26 Where a confirmed Technical Incident or an Appeal covered by Article 8.25(A):

A) can be resolved/determined within the relevant rotation period, the relevant competitor shall be offered the opportunity to continue their attempts:

1) if the competitor chooses to continue, then the incident will be considered concluded.

2) if the competitor chooses not to continue, then the competitor shall resume their attempts at a time determined by the Head Judge, having due regard to:

a) any recuperation period appropriate for the affected competitor;

b) minimising the impact on other competitors;

c) the overall competition schedule.

B) cannot be resolved/determined within the relevant rotation period:

1) in the case of a Technical Incident only, the round shall be suspended for the affected competitor and for all competitors on preceding boulders until the matter is resolved/determined; and

2) the affected competitors shall resume their attempts as directed by the Head Judge once the matter is resolved/determined,

and in each case, the affected competitors will act as directed by the Head Judge. For the avoidance of doubt, any competitor who leaves the Competition Area prior to the matter being resolved/determined will not be permitted to resume their attempts.

8.27 When a competitor who has suffered a Technical Incident or who has been the subject of an Appeal resumes climbing:

A) they shall be allowed the time remaining when the relevant incident occurred, with a minimum of two (2) minutes; and

B) their next attempt:

1) in the case of a Technical Incident, shall be deemed a continuation of the prior attempt; and

2) in the case of a determined Appeal, may be deemed as either:

a) a continuation of the prior attempt; or

b) as a new attempt,

in each case as the circumstances dictate.