

Rules for the Iceclimbing-World-Cup

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1. COMMON

1.1. Participation:

- 1.1.1. Every athlete who reaches the following requirements is authorised to enter the open.
- 1.1.2. The athlete has to be at least 18 years old and physically and mentally in good shape.
- 1.1.3. Athletes under 18 years have to bring a confirmation from a responsible person.
- 1.1.4. The athlete has to rate his ability by his own.
- 1.1.5. The athlete has to sign a form, that he agrees with the rules.
- 1.1.6. The athlete has to be a member of any national sport association.

1.2. Categories:

- 1.2.1. Women and men compete in separate categories.

1.3. Worldcup Ranking:

- 1.3.1. The athlete gets points according to the ranking in every competition:

1 st place	100 points	9 th place	37 points
2 nd place	80 points	10 th place	34 points
3 rd place	65 points	11 th place	31 points
4 th place	55 points	12 th place	28 points
5 th place	51 points	13 th place	26 points
6 th place	47 points	14 th place	24 points
7 th place	43 points	15 th place	22 points
8 th place	40 points	16 th place	20 points

- 1.3.2. The winner is the athlete with the maximum points.
- 1.3.3. When two athletes have the same number of points, they are compared in the ranking of competitions where both took part. If there is also no difference, they are ex-aequo.

1.4. Equipment:

- 1.4.1. Equipment effected by EN- Norms has to be CE marked, especially harnesses, helmets, iceaxes and crampons.
- 1.4.2. No other equipment must be used.
- 1.4.3. Maximum length of the shaft of the iceaxe is 60 cm.

1.5. Runs, Ranking:

- 1.5.1. There shall be 3 runs: open, ½ final, final.
- 1.5.2. The official ranking has to be presented to the public at least 1 hour after the last athlete has finished the climb.
- 1.5.3. The ranking has to be written on the official paper of the IWC.
- 1.5.4. It has to be put: Name and country of the climber, place, height, time, location, time of the publication, signature of the head of the jury.

1.6. Starting order:

- 1.6.1. The starting order for the open is drawn by lots in the public.
- 1.6.2. The IWC ranking list will be updated after each competition.
- 1.6.3. The first 16 of the open reach the ½ final.
- 1.6.4. The starting order of the ½ final is inverse to the ranking of the open.
- 1.6.5. The first 8 of the ½ final reach the final.
- 1.6.6. The starting order of the final is inverse to the ranking of the ½ final.

1.7. Route preview:

- 1.7.1. Before the beginning of the run there will be a route preview (maximum time 10 minutes).
- 1.7.2. The time schedule for the route preview is given by the jury.

1.8. Isolation:

- 1.8.1. During the ½ final and the final the athletes have to be in isolation and must not leave before the official call.
- 1.8.2. The time when isolation opens and closes is given by the jury.
- 1.8.3. If athletes are late, or leave the isolation without the authorisation of the officials, he will be disqualified.
- 1.8.4. The isolation zone can only be entered by authorised persons.

1.9. Safety:

- 1.9.1. The athlete is tied in by a qualified person with a figure of 8 not.
- 1.9.2. The athlete is belayed by a qualified person, using a figure of 8 attached to his harness.
- 1.9.3. The belayer has to watch the climber all the time carefully and must not hinder the climber.
- 1.9.4. The climber has to clip all the fixpoints, before passing with the whole body (in the sense of movement).
- 1.9.5. The climber has to wear a helmet.
- 1.9.6. The climber is responsible for his own safety and has to prove his ability carefully.
- 1.9.7. The organisation takes no liability for any kind of insurance, the athlete has to sign this at the registration.
- 1.9.8. The organisation is not responsible for any injuries that happen to the athlete. The athlete has to be informed about this and has to sign this at the registration.

1.10. Jury:

- 1.10.1. The jury consists of a minimum of 3 independent persons.
- 1.10.2. The jury is represented to the public by the president of the jury.

1.11. Disqualification:

- 1.11.1. The jury has the possibility to ban or disqualify an athlete for specific reasons (e.g. doping, unfairness, disciplinary reasons).

1.12. Common regulations:

- 1.12.1. The athlete has to wear the official start number in a correct way.
- 1.12.2. Not to wear, or to change the start numbers means disqualification.
- 1.12.3. The whole competition is documented by video, which the jury can take for decisions any time.
- 1.12.4. A protest can only be made within 15 minutes after the climb or after the appearance of the official ranking list directly to the jury.
- 1.12.5. The protest fee is \$200.- and is given back if the athlete is right.

1.13. Quotation

- 1.13.1. Maximum number of participants in the open: 50 women, 50 men.
- 1.13.2. Maximum participants per nation: 5 women, 5 men.
- 1.13.3. The nation where the competition takes place has the double number of startplaces: 10 women, 10 men.
- 1.13.4. If the number of 50 is not reached, more climbers of one nation are allowed to participate.
- 1.13.5. The 16 best climbers of the open reach the ½ final

2. DIFFICULTY COMPETITIONS

2.1. Criteria for the ranking:

- 2.1.1. Height
- 2.1.2. Time

2.2. Height:

- 2.2.1. The highest point reached with the iceaxe is measured.
- 2.2.2. The athlete has climbed to the top, if the topanchor is clipped.
- 2.2.3. In case of a fall, the highest point reached is measured.
- 2.2.4. Criteria for measurement are the last clipped quickdraw. The distance between two quickdraws is divided into 3/3 (reached height e.g. is 7.2/3).

2.3. Time:

- 2.3.1. The time is measured, when the climber leaves the ground with the second foot.
- 2.3.2. There is a maximum time, which is decided by the jury.
- 2.3.3. When the athlete is over the maximum time, he has to stop climbing. The reached height is measured.
- 2.3.4. The time is measured electronically, or by hand.
- 2.3.5. The time is stopped, when the athlete clips the last fixpoint.

2.4. Ranking:

- 2.4.1. If two or more athletes reach the same height, the run before is taken into account (in the ½ final the open, in the final the ½ final).
- 2.4.2. If they are ex-aequo, the athlete with the faster time is ahead in the ranking.
- 2.4.3. If two or more athletes are similar in those criteria, they are ex-equo, the following place does not exist (two first, no second).

2.5. The route:

- 2.5.1. The route is defined with a good visible boundary.
- 2.5.2. The athlete has to move within the boundary. The mark itself must not be touched.
- 2.5.3. The athlete has to climb between the lines and must not touch them.
- 2.5.4. If the route changes during the competition (ice breaks) it cannot be taken into account.
- 2.5.5. To guarantee similar conditions for all the climbers, the route has to be climbed before the first competitor at least twice.

2.6. End of a attempt:

- 2.6.1. The athlete has one try on the route.
- 2.6.2. The athlete reached top.
- 2.6.3. The athlete falls.
- 2.6.4. The athlete passes the maximum time.
- 2.6.5. The athlete steps back to the ground.
- 2.6.6. The athlete puts the iceaxes or crampons out of the boundary.
- 2.6.7. A carabiner is not clipped properly.
- 2.6.8. The athlete uses a fixpoint for aid.
- 2.6.9. The athlete touches the ice outside the boundary and the jury considers it as a useful touch for progress.

3. BOULDER COMPETITIONS

3.1. The route:

- 3.1.1. The route is marked with coloured lines. The line itself is out of the route.
- 3.1.2. The athlete has to climb between the boundary without touching it.
- 3.1.3. If the route changes during the competition (ice breaks) it can not be taken into account.
- 3.1.4. To guarantee similar conditions for all the climbers, the route has to be climbed before the first competitor at least twice.
- 3.1.5. Start and finish of the boulder are marked with a colour different to the colour of the boundary (holes to hook). Those lines can be outside the boundary.

3.2. Isolation, rest areas:

- 3.2.1. The athletes have to be in isolation until the start of the first boulder.
- 3.2.2. The athlete has to go to the rest area between two boulders.

3.3. Attempts:

- 3.3.1. The number of attempts is not taken into account.
- 3.3.2. The attempt starts when the athlete puts his iceaxes to the start line (3.1.5.), hooks with the other axe and leaves the ground with both feet.
- 3.3.3. The attempt ends when the climber puts his iceaxe to the finish line and hooks with the other axe.
- 3.3.4. The attempt ends if the climber takes a fall.
- 3.3.5. The attempt ends if the climber puts one of his iceaxes or crampons out of the boundary or touches the ice with his body outside the boundary.
- 3.3.6. The attempt ends if the maximum time is over.

3.4. Time:

- 3.4.1. The time of each boulder consists of two parts.
 - 1- Time before the start (to reach the boulder and if necessary get tied in).
 - 2- Time for the attempt and rest.
- 3.4.2. Each part of the time is decided by the jury and is valid for each boulder.

3.5. The rest:

- 3.5.1. During the rest the athlete must not watch the following boulders.

3.6. Criteria for the ranking:

- 3.6.1. The only criteria are the reached distance.
- 3.6.2. With two lines of the same colour like the start- and finish line the boulder is divided in three zones.
- 3.6.3. Those zones are valued differently.
 - Start-line: 0 points
 - Zone 1: 50 points
 - Zone 2: 100 points
 - Zone 3: 150 points
 - Finish line (top): 600 points.
- 3.6.4. The zone is valid when the climber puts two iceaxes and one foot (crampon) into this zone and no part of the body touches the previous zone (direction of the boulder).
- 3.6.5. The finish line is valid see 3.2.3.

3.7. The result:

- 3.7.1. The result of each boulder is listed officially for information.
- 3.7.2. The result of each round is the total of the point of each boulder of the round.
- 3.7.3. If two or more climbers have the same total of points in the open or ½ final they are ex-aequo. The following rankings are cancelled (two first, no second).
- 3.7.4. If two or more athletes have the same total of points in the final, the points of the ½ finale are added.
- 3.7.5. If two or more athletes have the same total of points in the ½ final and final they are ex-aequo. The following places are cancelled (two first, no second).

3.8. General

- 3.8.1. Four boulders per round are the minimum (two boulders for the open).
- 3.8.2. If the colours of the boundary are no more visible, they have to be redone.
- 3.8.3. The marks of the zone have to be that far from the crux, that the climber has to manage the crux, before he is in the next zone (for example: if the crux is a roof, the climber could make a foothook and so he is in the next zone, if the colour mark is not high enough).
- 3.8.4. The single boulders have to be in a sequence, that the athlete can reach the next boulder in a minimum amount of time, and to make it possible, that the boulders can be climbed simultaneous.
- 3.8.5. Proposed times: Transfer time 2 min, Climbing time 10 min (the rest time is included).
- 3.8.6. The ground has to be padded, in order to have a minimum of risk of injury, when the athlete takes a fall.
- 3.8.7. If it is necessary for the safety a toprope has to be used.
- 3.8.8. Maximum height of the boulder: 6 meters. Minimum distance to climb: 6 meters.