

Climbing Escalade Canada

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RULES and REGULATIONS



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1.0	October 22, 2013	Craig Eveleigh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final version
1.1	March 24, 2014	Craig Eveleigh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated with 2014 IFSC Rule changes. IFSC has clarified the wording In Sections 6.4.4 Scoring 6.7.10 Competition Procedure and sections 7.9.1, 7.9.2 Climbing Procedure. Added Regionals must use the same format across Canada in Section 1.3 Clarified in Section 7.1.4 l) that only one additional problem will be counted to break tied.
1.1	April 14, 2014	Craig Eveleigh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated CEC logo
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1.3	Sep 6, 2015	Craig Eveleigh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed references to Regional competitions, as they are no longer held. Updated starting order for lead Section 6.6 and bouldering Section 7.6
1.4	Jan 9, 2016	Craig Eveleigh	<p>Updates as per the CEC board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated quotas Section 6.5 & 7.5. Removed Timer rule 7.4.5 as we are now aligned with IFSC. Change co-Jury President to Assistant Jury President Minor word changes to clarify statements.
1.5	Sep. 5, 2016	Paul Ledet	<p>Highlights of some changes to the IFSC Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to the isolation rules 6.7.3 and 7.7.3. Note Strikeout. Clarification of the appeals process 7.13.2, 7.13.4, and 7.13.5

Preface

- The Alpine Club of Canada (ACC) is recognized by the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) as the National governing body for competition climbing in Canada in conjunction with the Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO).
- Canada follows the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) rules with the National amendments documented below.
- This document is intended to be read in conjunction with the IFSC rules.

- Each Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) is responsible for organizing local and provincial events and defines its own Provincial Team selection criteria.
- It is expected that PSOs will conduct all competitions which provide points to the National Ranking in Open and Youth in accordance with these rules. This is desirable, so that climbers are not impacted as they move up from local competitions to the Provincial, National and International competitions.
- It is expected that the amendments to these rules, where different from IFSC rules, will be related to administration (e.g. quotas, venues, legal requirements, etc.) and not the actual climbing rules.
- IFSC publishes rule updates in March/April of each year. As this does not align with the CEC season, when IFSC updates the rules, they will be reviewed to see if they impact CEC rules and if it's a major impact to CEC they may be adopted by CEC for the remainder of the season. It is expected that IFSC rule changes will **NOT** be implemented until the following season

These rules are based on the IFSC Rules 2015 Version No. 2.3 dated July 2016.

The IFSC rules can be found at:

http://www.ifsc-climbing.org/images/World_competitions/Event_regulations/IFSC-Rules_2016_V2_2.3.pdf

Amendment Guidelines

1. Common practices are identified with '**Note: and the text in italics**'.
2. Within a rule (where differing from IFSC rules): additional words are shown in **bold**, deletions of words are shown as ~~struck out~~.
3. New rules are shown in **bold**, including the rule number (e.g. **3.1.2 All Open....**).

Wording changes with respect to the IFSC Rules

When reading the IFSC rules, the following should be taken into account.

1. References to 'IFSC' replaced with 'National' (or 'the PSO' for provincial competitions) where relevant.
2. Replaced: references to 'Member Federations' with 'PSO' where relevant.
3. Replaced: references to 'international' with local, provincial or national where relevant.
4. Replaced: references to 'world rankings' with local, provincial or national rankings where relevant.
5. Replaced: references to 'medical doctor' with 'first aid person'.

6. 'Lead' refers to both lead and top-rope.

1. INTERNATIONAL FEDERAL OF SPORT CLIMBING ESCALADE CANADA

1.3 COMPETITIONS

1.3.3 Among the ~~international~~ climbing competitions requiring the specific approval of the National organization are the following:

- a) ~~The World Cup series;~~
- b) ~~b) World Championships;~~
- c) ~~e) World Youth Championships;~~

- a) **National bouldering series**
- b) **National lead series**
- c) **National speed series**
- d) **National Championships**

Among the competitions requiring the specific approval of the PSOs are the following:

- a) **Local and Provincial bouldering series**
- b) **Local and Provincial lead series**
- c) **Local and Provincial speed series**

1.4 IFSC COMPETITION OFFICIALS

Note: *It is common practice to have a Jury President and an Assistant Jury President. The Jury President has overall authority for the competition.*

Note: *The Delegate is often not assigned.*



2. MEMBER FEDERATIONS

2.5 INTERNATIONAL LICENSES

- 2.5.4 Each competitor and team official **representing Team Canada** shall be a member of **Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC)** ~~a member federation of the country for which they~~ and hold a valid Canadian national passport. In the case of competitors who hold dual nationalities, such competitors and team officials shall select one member federation to represent in competitions approved by the IFSC. Mid-season change of teams is not allowed.

All competitors must register with the Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) or the National Sport Organization (NSO) (if no PSO exists in their province).

3. GENERAL RULES

3.1 Disciplines

Categories

- 3.1.2 All Youth competitions will include the following categories:

- Youth C – Age 12-13
- Youth B – Age 14-15
- Youth A – Age 16-17
- Junior – Age 18-19

Local and Provincial competitions will usually include:

- Youth D – Age 11 and Under

A youth climber's category is determined by their age on December 31 of the year that the National competition is held. (e.g. A climber born any time in 1998 would be 17 by December 31 and therefore in Junior for the 2015-2016 season).

- 3.1.3 Adult competitions may include the following categories:

- Open – Youth A, Junior and older (lead/boulder with finals)
- Other - the competition organizer may define other adult categories. These categories may include finals and can be in various formats. Two common formats are:
 - Format 1:
 - Recreational (usually top-rope)
 - Experienced (usually lead)
 - Format 2:
 - Sport (age 20-29 - top-rope and/or lead)

- **Master (age 30-44 - top-rope and/or lead)**
- **Veteran (age 45+ - top-rope and/or lead)**

3.2 Safety

Equipment

- 3.2.4 **Note:** *Climbing holds must be sourced from a reputable manufacturer, but do not specifically need to meet standard EN12572-3:2008.*

Medical Personnel

- 3.2.5 The Jury President shall verify that a **first aid person** ~~medical doctor (the Competition Doctor)~~ is in attendance to ensure a rapid response to any accident or injury to a competitor or official working inside the competition area. The ~~Competition Doctor~~ **first aid person** 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.

3.3 The Competition Area

General

- 3.3.3 **Note:** *Smoking is allowed in designated areas only. Most venues do not have a smoking area.*

3.4 Clothing and Equipment

- 3.4.3 **Note:** *Bib rules apply only if the bibs are provided.*

Team Uniforms

- 3.4.4 **Competitors and officials shall wear appropriate clothing including a top.** ~~Competitors and officials representing their national teams at official ceremonies and meetings (including interviews, and press conferences staged by the IFSC or event organizers) shall 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 optionally~~
- b) ~~the logo of the member federation; and~~
- c) ~~a representation of the national flag.~~

- 3.4.5 Competitors representing Canadian national teams shall, when climbing, wear **appropriate clothing including a top.** ~~a distinctive team uniform, which shall include:~~

- a) ~~the name of the country or its official IOC three-letter code and optionally~~
- b) ~~the logo of the member federation; and~~
- c) ~~a representation of the national flag.~~

3.6 RANKING AND RECORDS

- 3.6.3 *Each Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) and the National Sport Organization (NSO) shall publish the Provincial/National team selection criteria and current rankings on their respective websites.***
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6. LEAD & TOP ROPE

6.1 General

- 6.1.1 Lead competitions shall take place on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls having a minimum height of 12 metres.

Note: *Youth C & D compete on top rope only.*

Note: *Local competitions can be any format approved by the PSO (Redpoint, flash, onsight or a combination).*

Note: *For National competitions, all walls must be stripped (holds that are not part of a route shall be removed from the wall). For locals the routes can be taped without stripping the walls. It is recommended that Provincial competitions also strip the walls.*

6.2 CLIMBING STRUCTURE

- 6.2.2 The climbing surface shall permit routes to be constructed with a minimum length of 12-15 metres and a minimum width of three (3) metres for each route. At the discretion of the Jury President, a width of less than three (3) metres may be accepted for limited sections of the wall. **Note:** *There is no minimum length for the climbing routes.*

6.3 SAFETY

- 6.3.2 All routes shall be climbed with the competitor belayed from below, securing themselves by clipping the rope to protection points during their attempt on the route using a climbing rope meeting the requirements of the Applicable Standard for single ropes. The **Jury President** IFSC Judge shall decide the frequency with which the rope is changed. **Note:** *Clipping rules only apply to lead.*

Belaying

- 6.3.13 **Note:** *UIAA approved belay devices must be used. A Gri-Gri should only be used for top-rope.*

6.4 SCORING AND TIMING

- 6.4.1 The jury for each route shall be:
- a) In respect of the Qualification and Semi-Final rounds, a minimum of one (1) **qualified** Route Judge, ~~who shall be at least a National Judge~~; and
 - b) In respect of the Final round, a **minimum of one (1)** Route Judge ~~and the IFSC Judge~~.

Scoring

- 6.4.3 For the purposes of scoring:
- a) Each hold shall be deemed as such either:
 - i) By the Chief Route-Setter before the start of a round of the competition; or
 - ii) Following positive use by a competitor,
 - iii) and shall be marked on the route sketch used by the Route Judge(s), numbered in sequential order along the line of the route, as defined by the Chief Route-Setter.
 - b) Only holds used by the hands shall be considered.
 - c) Only such parts of an object that are usable for climbing shall be considered.

Note: If a competitor touches a point where there are no holds (as determined by the Chief Route-Setter), then this point shall not be considered when determining the competitor's score.

Interpretation: As per the current IFSC interpretation, a hold not assigned by the route-setter (e.g. a foot hold), can only be assigned a value (e.g. 21.5) after any climber successfully uses it and moves on to control the **next** hold. A climber must have used the unvalued hold and controlled the next hold in order for the judge to assign new values. Once a climber successfully uses a hold, previous scores may need to be adjusted.

6.5 QUOTA FOR EACH ROUND

6.5.1 Open Category:

The quota of competitors qualifying for the Semi-Final and Final round shall be: 26 and eight (8) competitors respectively. **If a non-Canadian places within the quota advancing to the next round of any National Series or National Championship event, the next highest ranked Canadian(s) will be included in quota.**

Youth Categories:

The quota of competitors qualifying for the Semi-Final and Final round shall be as follows: sixteen (16) and eight (8) competitors respectively. **If a non-Canadian places within the quota advancing to the next round of any National Championship event, the next highest ranked Canadian(s) will be included in quota.**

6.6 STARTING ORDER

Qualification

- 6.6.1 **Note:** As route qualifiers are 'flash' format, the starting order for the first Qualification round shall be randomized.

6.7 COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Isolation Rules: After entering isolation, any exit will be definitive.

- 6.7.3 Once the closing time for the Isolation Zone has passed, Competitors and/or Team Officials must remain within the Isolation Zone unless otherwise instructed.

Note: Competitors/Team Officials or other persons authorised by the Jury President to enter the Isolation Zone may choose to leave the Isolation Zone at any time, but having left the Isolation Zone they may not then return **once the closing time has passed**, and must leave the Competition Area, unless specifically authorised to remain by the Jury President.

Cleaning

- 6.7.10 The holds on each route shall be cleaned at a frequency determined by the Jury President in consultation with the Chief Route-Setter. Cleaning operations should be evenly distributed during the round; the interval between cleaning operations should not normally be greater than twenty (20) competitors and may not exceed 22. The frequency and duration of the cleaning shall be announced and indicated on the starting list published in the Isolation Zone. Competitors are not allowed to clean any hold on the route during their attempt. **Interpretation:** The 10% allowance (21/22 climbers) is to be used only to allow flexibility when there are only 1 or 2 climbers extra. (E.g. With 20/21/22 climbers no cleaning is required, with 23 climbers a cleaning is required after the 11th climber.

6.9 CLIMBING PROCEDURE

The Start

- 6.9.1 An attempt shall be deemed to have started, and measurement of the climbing time shall start, when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground. **Where the Head Route Setter and/or Jury President deem it required (e.g. where the walls have not been stripped or a route starts with a traverse), the start holds will be taped as per bouldering rule 7.2.5. When the start holds are taped the climber must start the same as in bouldering using the taped holds (reference bouldering rule 7.9.1).**

Completion of Attempt

- 6.9.2 An attempt on a route shall be considered successful if the route has been climbed in accordance with these rules and if the rope has been clipped into the karabiner on the final quickdraw of the route within the fixed time period for attempts defined in Articles 6.7.13 and 6.7.17. **Top-rope competitors shall be considered successfully completed when the route judge determines the climber has control of the final hold with both hands.**
- 6.9.9 The attempt of a competitor on a route shall be considered unsuccessful if the competitor:
- c) Uses any part of the wall, holds or features demarcated using continuous and clearly identifiable black tape (or if another colour is required to be used, as specified by the Jury President in a technical briefing to competitors); **Interpretation:** *The purpose of the black tape is to stop the use of holds, volumes, features, walls, etc. on the other side of the tape, usually between two routes. The Jury President and the Chief route-setter will define if crossing the tape is acceptable. (e.g. A flag or dab across the black tape on a flat wall may not end the attempt. A hand or foot going past black tape on an arête (but not using the arête) would not end the attempt). This would be communicated during the technical meeting.*

6.12 USE OF VIDEO RECORDING

6.12.1 Official Video Recordings shall be made of all competitors' attempts.
Note: *The video should be high definition where possible. Video recording is optional for local competitions.*

6.12.2 Official Video Recordings shall be made using:

- a) For the Qualification round, not less than one (1) video camera for each route;
- b) For other rounds, not less than ~~two (2)~~ **one (1)** video cameras for each route,

which shall be capable of tracking a competitor's attempt on the relevant route from start to finish.

7. BOULDERING

7.1 General

7.1.2 Bouldering competitions shall normally consist of:

- a) A Qualification round with a course of five (5) boulders for each Starting Group and Category; **Note:** *Only Provincials and Nationals follow this format; other competitions normally use a scramble format for qualification (see below).*
- b) A Semi-Final round with a course of four (4) boulders for each Category; and **Note:** *Semi-Finals is optional for Provincial/local events.*
- c) A Final round with a course of four (4) boulders for each Category. **Note:** *Finals are usually held only for the open category for local competitions and for all categories for Provincial and National championships. The classic format is also available (see below).*

7.1.4 Scramble Guidelines:

- a) **Format will usually be the redpoint (scramble) format. (This format consists of multiple boulder problems that are climbed by all competitors in any order, each problem receiving a point value only when completed, with values in ascending order of difficulty.)**
- b) **All competitors climb during a set time period determined by the Jury president and hosting gym (usually 3 hours).**
- c) **There is no isolation zone in effect. Competitors are allowed to observe other climbers prior to their attempts.**
- d) **Only completed ascents count towards the final score in the qualifying round.**
- e) **Ascents are only completed if they are successfully matched with two hands and the boulder judge deems the competitor has shown control.**
- f) **All sanctioned competitions must have route judges.**
- g) **The Head Route-setter, prior to the competition, assigns numbers to each problem. The more difficult the problem the higher the point value. (all competitions must use the official score sheet)**
- h) **Falls on problems that are not completed do not count against a competitor's final score.**
- i) **If a competitor falls without controlling the starting hold(s) or feature they may be allowed a second try without going to the back of the line, however, the failed attempt does count on their scorecard.**
- j) **Competitors choose which and how many problems they will attempt.**
- k) **The ranking in each category will be determined from the competitor's top climbs (Top 5-8 problems, determined by the hosting gym). These numbers will be announced in the technical meeting. In the case of a tie between competitors,**

those competitors' next best score (one problem only) will be added to determine the finishing order.

- l) **Winners for Youth, Recreational and Experienced competitors may be calculated at this point. The competition organizer may hold finals for one or all of these categories.**

7.1.5 Classic Format:

- a) This is an alternative finals format, which the NSO/PSO may select.
- b) The final round format is the same as the qualification round in Section 7. **BOULDERING (5 minutes on, 5 minutes off).**
- c) There will be four (4) problems in the finals.

7.2 CLIMBING STRUCTURE

The Climbing Structure

- 7.2.3 ~~All boulders shall be constructed on an elevated platform and aligned in such a way that they are visible from any point in the public arena. Each boulder shall include a clearly marked area from which the competitor can see the boulder, and which shall include the safety matting.~~

7.4 SCORING AND TIMING

- 7.4.1 The jury for each route shall be:
- a) In respect of the Qualification and Semi-Final rounds, a minimum of one (1) qualified Boulder Judge, ~~who shall be at least a National Judge;~~ and
 - b) In respect of the Final round, a minimum of one (1) Boulder Judge ~~and the IFSC Judge.~~

7.5 QUOTA FOR EACH ROUND

7.5.1 Open Category:

The quota of competitor qualifying for the Semi-Final and Final round shall be twenty (20) and six (6) competitors respectively. **National Championships will always run Semi-Finals. When Semi-Finals is not held the quota will be eight (8). If a non-Canadian places within the quota advancing to the next round of any National Series or National Championship event, the next highest ranked Canadian(s) will be included in quota.**

Youth Categories:

The quota of competitors qualifying for the Semi-Final and Final round shall be as follows: sixteen (16) and eight (8) competitors respectively. If a non-Canadian places within the quota advancing to the next round of any National Championship event, the next highest ranked Canadian(s) will be included in quota.

7.6 STARTING ORDER

Qualification

- 7.6.2 The starting order for the Qualification round within each Starting Group shall be as follows:
- First, any competitors having a Current World **Canadian National** Ranking, in ascending order of their Current World **Canadian National** Ranking (i.e. the highest ranked competitor starts first) **Note:** *Does not apply to Provincial/Local/Youth competitions; and*
 - Second, any competitors having a Provincial Ranking, in ascending order, with ties being randomized; and**
 - All un-ranked competitors in random order.*

7. COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Isolation Rules

- 7.7.2 Articles 7.7.3 to 7.7.6 (the “Isolation Rules”) shall apply to all rounds of Boulder competitions. **Note:** *When a scramble format is used for qualifying rounds, the “Isolation Rules” only apply to the Final.*

Isolation Rules: After entering isolation, any exit will be definitive.

- 7.7.3 Once the closing time for the Isolation Zone has passed, Competitors and/or Team Officials must remain within the Isolation Zone unless otherwise instructed.

Note: Competitors/Team Officials or other persons authorised by the Jury President to enter the Isolation Zone may choose to leave the Isolation Zone at any time, but having left the Isolation Zone they may not then return **once the closing time has passed**, and must leave the Competition Area, unless specifically authorised to remain by the Jury President.

Final

- 7.7.15 The Final round shall be preceded by a presentation of the competitors eligible to participate in the round. **Note:** *This requirement may be waived by the Jury President.*

Completion of Attempt

- 7.9.5 An attempt on a boulder shall be considered unsuccessful if the competitor fails to control with both hands the marked finishing hold or, if relevant, achieve a standing position on top of the boulder; or the competitor:
- Uses any part of the wall, holds or features demarcated using continuous and clearly identifiable black tape (or if another colour is required to be used, as specified by the Jury President in a technical briefing to competitors); **Interpretation:** *The purpose of the black tape is to stop the use of holds, volumes, features, walls on the other side of the tape, usually between two routes. The Jury President and the Chief route-setter*

will define if crossing the tape is acceptable. (e.g. A flag or dab across the black tape on a flat wall may not end the attempt. A hand or foot going past black tape on an arête (but not using the arête) would not end the attempt). This would be communicated during the technical meeting. Cross hatching the area not to be used with black tape may be used to help clarify when a dab on the wall ends the attempt.

7.12 USE OF VIDEO RECORDING

- 7.12.1 Official Video Recordings shall be made of all competitors' attempts. **Note:** *The video should be high definition where possible. Video recording is optional for local competitions.*
- 7.12.2 Official Video Recordings shall be made using at least ~~two (2)~~ **one (1)** video cameras in a fixed position for each course of boulders, which together must show:
- The starting position for each boulder in the course; and
 - The Bonus Hold for each boulder in the course;
 - The finishing hold or position for each boulder in the course; and
 - Any demarcations made pursuant to Article 7.9.5b

7.13 APPEALS

- 7.13.2 Excluding appeals made under **Articles 7.13.4 by competitors themselves (disagreement with a judging decision or on the result of their scorecard) and 7.13.3**, 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, the appeals fee shall be returned. If an appeal is rejected, the appeals fee shall not be returned.
- 7.13.4 An appeal concerning the judgement of a competitor's **attempt requiring possible further attempts (wrong start, a top non controlled, the use of the wall beyond the a black tape demarcation,...)** must be made immediately and:
- In the case of the Qualification or Semi-Final rounds, within the current or next following rotation period;
 - In the case of the Final round, before the start of the following competitor's attempts, and where such an appeal is made the affected competitor shall, if necessary, be treated as though a Technical Incident had occurred and Articles 7.11.5(a) and 7.11.6 shall apply. In the case of the Final round, any such appeal must be resolved (and any action required as a consequence completed) prior to the competitors moving on to the next boulder.
- 7.13.5 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:

- a) 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
 - b) In respect of any appeal concerning the Final round, immediately following the publication of a result for the relevant competitor.
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8. SPEED

8.1 GENERAL

- 8.1.1 Speed competitions shall take place on climbing routes with a nominal length of either 10m (the “10m Event”) or 15m (the “15m Event”), constructed on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls. **Note:** *The standard 15m speed route will only be used for Youth B, Youth A, Junior and Open Categories.*

8.7 COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Final

- 8.7.6 The last stage of the Final round shall be preceded by a presentation of the competitors eligible to participate in the round (i.e. immediately prior to the Small Final). **Note:** *This requirement may be waived by the Jury President.*

8.12 USE OF VIDEO RECORDING

- 8.12.1 Official Video Recordings shall be made of all competitors’ attempts. **Note:** *The video should be high definition where possible. Video recording is optional for local competitions.*
- 8.12.2 Official Video Recordings shall be made using least ~~two (2)~~ **one (1)** video camera, which must as a minimum show:
- a) The starting position for both lanes at the start of any race;
 - b) The timing pad/switch for both lanes at the completion of any race; and
 - c) The attempt of each pair of competitors in any race.
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9. 15. SPEED CLASSIC

15.12 USE OF VIDEO RECORDING

- 15.12.1 Official Video Recordings shall be made of all competitors' attempts. **Note:** *The video should be high definition where possible. Video recording is optional for local competitions.*
- 15.12.2 Official Video Recordings shall be made using least ~~two (2)~~ **one (1)** video camera, which must as a minimum show:
- a) The starting position for both lanes at the start of any race;
 - b) The timing pad/switch for both lanes at the completion of any race; and
 - c) The attempt of each pair of competitors in any race.

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