



**North American Cup Series  
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**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Each North American Cup Series (NACS) competition shall be organized and executed by the National Federation of the host country.
- 1.2 Each NACS competition shall follow the policies and regulations of the National Federation of the host country.
- 1.3 The National Federation of the host country shall be responsible for providing the following competition officials:
  - 1.3.1 1 Technical Delegate
  - 1.3.2 1 Jury President
  - 1.3.3 1 Head Judge
  - 1.3.4 1 Chief Route Setter
  - 1.3.5 1 Assistant Route Setter
- 1.4 The Event Organizer shall be responsible for providing additional route setters as necessary subject to the approval of the National Federation of the host country.
- 1.5 Each NACS competition should take place between the first weekend of April and the last weekend of October.
- 1.6 Each NACS competition may include competitions in the following disciplines:
  - 1.6.1 (a) Boulder;
  - 1.6.2 (b) Lead; and
  - 1.6.3 (c) Speed.
- 1.7 A NACS competition may include competition in more than one discipline.
- 1.8 Each NACS competition shall be held over a minimum number of days based on the number of disciplines included in the competition:

- 1.8.1 1 Discipline - 2 days
- 1.8.2 2 Disciplines - 3 days
- 1.8.3 3 Disciplines - 4 days

## 2. Registration and Quotas

- 2.1 Each NACS competition shall include a Female and a Male Category. Only competitors who are aged 16 or over in the year of the competition and members of their respective National Federation shall be eligible to compete.
- 2.2 The National Federation responsible for each NACS competition shall publish competition information not less than thirty (30) days in advance of the first day of the competition or event at which the competition will be held, outlining:
  - 2.2.1 (a) the location and dates of the competition or event; and
  - 2.2.2 (b) the eligibility requirements; and
  - 2.2.3 (c) the registration procedure and deadlines; and
  - 2.2.4 (d) the preliminary schedule
- 2.3 National Federations may register any number of Team Officials (Team Managers, coaches, or qualified medical/para-medical personnel) through their respective National Federation according to the registration procedures and deadlines established by the Event Organizer of each NACS competition.
- 2.4 NACS competitions shall be open to all eligible competitors regardless of Nationality. Event Organizers shall not set a maximum quota limiting the number of competitors per category per National Federation however, Event Organizers may limit the total number of competitors at an event to ensure adequate ability to conduct the competition. Should the Event Organizer choose to limit the total number of competitors at an event registration shall occur on a “first paid, first served” basis up to the established limit.
- 2.5 Eligible competitors shall register for NACS competitions through their respective National Federation according to registration procedures and deadlines established by the Event Organizer of each NACS competition.
- 2.6 The Event Organizer’s entry fees shall be paid to the National Federation responsible for each event. The Event Organizer’s entry fees shall be fixed according to the number of disciplines for which a competitor registers as follows:
  - 2.6.1 One (1) discipline: \$125<sup>1</sup>
  - 2.6.2 Two - three (2-3) disciplines: \$175<sup>2</sup>

## 3. Rankings, Medals and Prizes

- 3.1 Event prizes shall be awarded on the completion of a NACS competition:

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<sup>1</sup> Payable in host country currency.

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- 3.1.1 The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded, respectively, a gold, silver and bronze medal.
- 3.1.2 The competitors ranked first in each Category and discipline shall be awarded a competition trophy;
- 3.1.3 Event Organizers may, if they choose, award prize money. Where such prize money is awarded each Category and Discipline shall be awarded equally.
- 3.2 A Series Ranking shall be calculated for each Category and discipline using the methodology set out in the IFSC Rules for the calculation of World Cup rankings, with the following adaptations:
  - 3.2.1 When two (2) NACS competitions have been held, all results shall be counted;
  - 3.2.2 When more than two (2) NACS competitions have been held, the number of NACS results counting will be two (2).
- 3.3 Any tie for first place in the Series Rankings at the end of the season shall be resolved in accordance with the IFSC Rules for World Cup rankings.

#### **4. Boulder Rules**

- 4.1 NACS Boulder events shall follow IFSC World Cup event and Boulder discipline rules except where otherwise noted in this document.
- 4.2 Competitions shall take place over three (3) rounds.
- 4.3 At the discretion of the Event Organizer, the qualification round for each Category shall be organized in either the Boulder Contest format described in this document, or the format specified within the IFSC Rules for the qualification round of a World Cup with the following modifications:
  - 3.3.1 (a) The round will take place on a course of a minimum of four (4) boulders;
  - 3.3.2 (b) The Rotation Period for the round will be four (4) minutes where the number of competitors registered in any relevant Category is greater than 60.
  - 3.3.3 (c) Where the number of competitors registered in any relevant Category is greater than 60, the start of the round will be preceded by a collective observation period of eight (8) minutes duration.
- 4.4 At the discretion of the Event Organizer and with the approval of two National Federations of the NACS, the qualification round for each Category may be organized in a format other than Boulder Contest or IFSC World Cup qualification round. The Event Organizer must submit a description of the proposed format to the National Federations for approval no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the start of the event.
- 4.5 The semi-final round for each Category shall have a fixed quota of twenty (20) competitors and shall be organized in the format specified within the IFSC Rules for the semi-final round of a World Cup competition.
- 4.6 The final round for each Category shall have a fixed quota of six (6) competitors and shall be organized in the format specified within the IFSC Rules for the final round of a World Cup competition.

## 5. Lead Rules

- 5.1 NACS Lead events shall follow IFSC World Cup event and Lead discipline rules except where otherwise noted in this document.
- 5.2 Competitions shall take place over three (3) rounds.
- 5.3 The qualification for each Category should be organized in the format of an IFSC World Cup qualification round.
- 5.4 At the discretion of the Event Organizer and with the approval of two National Federations of the NACS, the qualification round for each Category may be organized in a format other than that of a IFSC World Cup qualification round. The Event Organizer must submit a description of the proposed format to the National Federations for approval no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the start of the event.
- 5.5 The semi-final round for each Category shall have a fixed quota of twenty-six (26) competitors and shall be organized in the format specified within the IFSC Rules for the semi-final round of a World Cup competition.
- 5.6 The final round for each Category shall have a fixed quota of eight (8) competitors and shall be organized in the format specified within the IFSC Rules for the final round of a World Cup competition.

## 6. Speed Rules

- 6.1 NACS Speed events shall follow IFSC World Cup event and Speed discipline rules except where otherwise noted in this document.
- 6.2 Competitions shall take place over two rounds, other than where the number of competitors register in a Category is less than four (4).
- 6.3 Subject to paragraph 6.2, the final round for each Category shall have a fixed quota of:
  - 3.3.4 (a) Sixteen (16), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is between 16 or more
  - 3.3.5 (b) Eight (8), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is between eight (8) or 15;
  - 3.3.6 (c) Four (4), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is less than eight (8). If in any Category, less than four competitors have at least one valid time from the qualification round, the relevant qualification round shall be repeated (once only). If, following this repeated qualification less than four competitors have at least one valid time, no final shall be held for that Category

## 7. Anti-Doping

- 7.1 The anti-doping policies of the National Federation of the host country shall apply to each NACS event and anti-doping testing may be administered in accordance with such policies.



## 8. Boulder Contest Format

- 8.1 The Contest Format is a fixed period, “flash” format, conducted without demonstration.
- 8.2 The Event Organizer shall have the Chief Routesetter prepare six (6) to ten (10) boulders, inclusive, to be assigned to each category.
- 8.3 In Boulder Contest Format, competitors have the goal of completing the highest quantity of boulders, where each boulder has the same value and scores on all boulders are counted.
- 8.4 A competitor shall be scored as for an Isolation Boulder competition.
- 8.5 The Event Organizer may apply a limit on the total number of attempts a competitor may make on a given boulder. Each attempt shall be recorded.
- 8.6 Competitors shall be permitted a minimum of two and a half (2.5) hours to climb. The minimum time requirement may be waived in response to a timely request by the Event Organizer to the National Federation of the host country. At the discretion of the Jury President, the minimum time may be extended, but not shortened.
- 8.7 The start and end of the climbing time shall be announced by a loud signal. The end of the round shall be preceded by a warning signal when five (5) minutes of time remains.
- 8.8 Boulders may be marked using a single colour of holds and shall be marked accordingly where this is the case, any holds in a different colour shall be considered for judging purposes as if demarcated as ‘out of bounds.’ Colour-blind competitors must be identified as such to the National Federation of the host country and to the Event Organiser prior to the registration deadline for the competition.
- 8.9 Competitors may attempt the boulders in any order and shall indicate which boulder they intend to attempt by handing their scorecard to the relevant Boulder Judge. Competitors shall attempt the boulder in the order in which their scorecards are handed to the Boulder Judge. If a competitor is not ready to attempt a boulder when called by the Boulder Judge, the relevant competitor shall be moved to climb last among those who, at that time, have indicated their intent to attempt that boulder.
- 8.10 If a technical incident occurs affecting any boulder:
  - 8.10.1 the boulders affected by a technical incident shall be closed until the incident is cured.
  - 8.10.2 any competitor directly affected by the technical incident shall have the relevant attempt discounted, e.g., if a technical incident occurs on the competitor’s 1st attempt on the relevant boulder, their attempt following restoration of the boulder shall be treated as their 1st attempt. Note that if a competitor achieved the zone hold during the relevant (affected) attempt, then the competitor shall be awarded the zone hold on their attempt following restoration of the boulder, regardless of their progress on that attempt, and if such a competitor does not make another attempt on the boulder, they shall be awarded the zone hold on that affected (technical) attempt.
  - 8.10.3 If the restoration time is less than or equal to 10 minutes, the affected boulders shall be reopened and no additional time allocated. If the restoration time is

more than 10 minutes, the relevant boulders shall be cancelled, unless such cancellation would result in the course comprising less than 6 boulders. In such circumstances, the duration of the round shall be extended by the amount by which the restoration time exceeds 10 minutes.