



SPORT CLIMBING HANDBOOK

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1. THE HISTORY OF SPORT CLIMBING IN FISU

Sport Climbing entered the programme of the FISU World University Championships officially in 2013. The first World University Sport Climbing Championship was held in 2016 in the city of Shanghai, in China. The second edition took place in Bratislava (SVK) in 2018.

The 2020 edition was supposed to take place in Torino, Italy but has unfortunately been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2022 the FISU Championship Sport Climbing was held in the magnificent Kletterzentrum Innsbruck. The 2024 edition will take place in Koper (SLO).

2. STATISTICS

EDITION	YEAR	COUNTRY	CITY	COUNTRIES	MEN	WOMEN	ATHLETES	OFFICIALS	TOTAL
1	2016	CHN	Shanghai	17	69	46	115	23	138
2	2018	SVK	Bratislava	24	79	63	142	26	168
3	2022	AUT	Innsbruck	20	69	51	120	33	153

3. SCHEDULE

ARRIVALS	ARRIVALS	OPENING DAY	COMPETITION DAY 1	COMPETITION DAY 2
			Boulder Qualification	Boulder Semi-Finals Speed Practice 7 Qualifications Boulder Finals
COMPETITION DAY 3	COMPETITION DAY 5 & CLOSING CEREMONY	DEPARTURES		
Lead Qualifications Speed Finals	Lead Semi Finals Boulder Team Event Lead Finals			

4. SPORT REGULATIONS (TECHNICAL REGULATIONS)

4.1. GENERAL TERMS

The climbing competitions shall be run in accordance with the most recent technical regulations of the “International Federation of Sport Climbing” (IFSC).

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee and the ITC. The competitions shall last four days and include the following events:

Men’s and women’s events:

- Boulder
- Lead
- Speed
- Combined classification

(Optional) Boulder team event

- Same infrastructure and Delegations
- Format possibilities:
 - Multiple athletes on Field Of Play (ensuring action and entertainment)
 - Active coaches’ role, sharing of information among the team
 - Strategic allocation of team based on Boulders and athletes’ characteristics

The Organising Committee shall propose a list of events and disciplines to FISU at the latest eighteen (18) months prior to the Championship.

Each country may enter a maximum of 30 athletes (5 per gender and discipline) and 5 officials, including medical delegates.

At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm the official list of competitors accredited by the CIC as per the IFSC procedure.

Every competitor and delegation officials must have an IFSC international licence that is valid for the year of the Championship and issued by his/her national federation, which shall be affiliated to the IFSC.

4.2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Three months before the Championship, the Organising Committee has the right to collect 50% of the total cost of stay per athlete and official from participating countries.

All procedures concerning the registration and the start list set-up shall follow the IFSC procedures. The schedule of registration deadlines shall follow the FISU regulations.

4.3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Nomination and cost

International referees shall be appointed jointly by the IFSC and FISU. The Organising Committee shall bear their costs of travel, board and lodging (from two days before the opening ceremony to one day after the closing ceremony).

Other costs are referenced in the FISU – IFSC partnership agreement.

Number of Technical Officials needed and qualification

The number of Technical Officials needed is specified per discipline and per event in the following table:

	ITO		NTO	
	OFFICIALS*	ROUTESETTERS	OFFICIALS**	ROUTESETTERS
Boulder	3	3	10 (TBC by Jury President)	2
Lead		3	4-8 (2 per route)	1
Speed		-	2	-
Total	3	6		3

*ITOs Officials include: Technical Delegate, Jury President and IFSC Judge

**NOTs Officials include: Result Services Manager, Boulder/Route Judges

5. SERVICES

The Organising Committee shall inform the participating countries through the bulletins and its website about the possibilities and potential services and their possible costs.

Wi-Fi shall be available for all delegations for free, while it is strongly advised to provide a laundry service costs to be given as early as possible to ease the building of the delegations' budget.

Technical Officials

Management of NTOs and ITOs involves:

- Recruitment of NTOs to complete the ITOs nominated by the IFSC
- Coordinate the arrival of ITOs: Visa & Invitation Letters
- Coordinate the stay of the ITOs:
 - Accreditation
 - Accommodation
 - Food & beverage
 - Transportation

For all these points: Take into consideration that especially ITOs might arrive early (route setters)

- Flow of Information: Early and full information is key for the most important officials: Jury President, Chief Route Setter, Technical Delegate
- Financial aspects: payment of per diems & Insurance

6. COMPETITION VENUE

The Organising Committee shall present during the inspection visit the layout of the competition venue(s). The complete layout must be sent to FISU WUC Department and FISU TCC for approval. This layout should include all competition and training areas as well as the different areas, accesses and services allocated for each client group taking part in the competition or involved in its delivery.

7. EQUIPMENT

Equipment must be IFSC approved.

Equipment is listed in the FISU Sport Climbing Venue Minimum Requirements.

8. ISOLATION ZONE AND WARM-UP AREA

Warm-Up Area:

- Open from 2 hours before the start of each round of the competition. Additional times for free training of the teams is not mandatory but can be provided if possible (e.g. free access to the gym at all times, except while isolation zone)
- Minimum 60 square meters space, 1 sqm per athlete
- Climbing Wall for warm-up of the athletes:
 - Needs to fulfill general safety standards regarding height, mats and construction
 - Size described in the IFSC Wall Requirements (<https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/events/rules/2-uncategorised/61-event-organisers-resources>)
 - Needs to be filled with appropriate holds: different shapes, sizes and brands
- Space for athletes to warm up off the wall (gymnastics etc.)
- Basic offer of food & drinks (water, energy bars, fruit,...)

Isolation Zone:

- Can be (and is most of the times) the same space as the warm-up area
- Isolation Zone is a warm-up area for which access is controlled and limited to a) competitors qualified for the relevant round of the competition b) accompanying team officials
- Same wall requirements as for the warm-up area
- Isolation means:
 - As soon as athletes and team officials enter this area, they are only allowed to go out of it once, for their climbing attempt / for watching their athletes climb, and are not allowed back inside
 - Communication to anyone outside the isolation area is forbidden, therefore:
 - Athletes and team officials are not allowed to bring any mobile devices such as phones or tablets.

- With respect to the IFSC Rules, Isolation Zone is required for the following rounds:
 - Boulder Qualification
 - Boulder Semifinal
 - Boulder Final
 - Lead Semifinal
 - Lead Final

- For each round of the competition that requires athletes to be in isolation, an observation is held right before the start of the round, so that athletes can inspect their boulders or routes.

9. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The competition programme shall be approved by the FISU Technical Committee Chair during the inspection visit and published on the website as soon as approved.

10. SPECIFIC MEDICAL AND ANTI DOPING CONTROL REQUIEREMENTS

The venue medical plan shall be presented by the OC and approved by the FISU TCC during the inspection visit.

Doping Control

TESTING DAY(S)	NUMBER OF TESTS	ESA	GHRF
3	6	0	0

11. SPORT PRESENTATION

Sport presentation is the audio-visual presentation of a sport in each competition venue of a FISU World University Championship.

Sport presentation has become a vital instrument of major sport events and is key to delivering the Championships sports successfully. It aims to attract, educate, and entertain live audiences at the competition sites and elevates the sport experience for all client groups.

Sport presentation comprises elements such as video clips, sounds, announcements, Championship mascots, creation of fan teams, the involvement of cheerleaders and other innovative elements that increase the understanding of the sport and the attractiveness of the competitions.

It is complex and must be carefully planned to the second, as it can have a substantial impact on the operation of broadcasters and venue teams. Therefore, close collaboration and early communication with broadcasting, awarding ceremonies and the ICT is essential.

Sport presentation planning should ground on one common creative theme that fits with the specific the Championship concept. Nonetheless, as every sport has its own unique characteristics, it is important that each sport presentation is tailored to the particular sport while still embracing the main theme.

Due to its complexity, FISU suggests the OC to consult expert advice for assisting the OC in developing their sport presentation strategy in an early stage of the event lifecycle.

Considering the importance of sport for the sport presentation planning, the OC is recommended to place sport presentation under the responsibility of the sport manager of the Organising Committee.

12. TIMELINE

DEADLINES	ACTIONS
Event -12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection Visit – Venue visit & equipment approval (FISU TCC) - Competition programme and venue medical plan approval (FISU TCC)
Event -6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General entries (NUSFs)
Event -3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quantitative entries (NUSFs) - 50% payment from the participating countries (NUSFs – OC) - ITO list (FISU - IFSC)
Event -1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual entries (NUSFs) - Event Handbook (OC - FISU TCC) - Payment of the 100% of the participation fee from the participating countries
Event -1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accreditation & teams' confirmation (NUSFs) - Referee meeting (ITOs - NTOs - FISU TCC - OC) - General Technical Meeting (NUSFs - OC - FISU)
EVENT	
Event +1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final report to FISU

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