

# ParaClimb Scotland & British Paraclimbing Series 2018 Regulations

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## 1. GENERAL

### 1.1 The Climbing

- 1.1.1. A Paraclimbing Series shall be organised each year.
- 1.1.2 The event shall involve four rounds.
- 1.1.3 Each paraclimbing Series competition shall include for each category:
  - a) 3 routes
  - b) 3 boulder problems.
- 1.1.4 No routes or problems will be demonstrated.
- 1.1.5 All climbers will be allowed up to three attempts at each boulder problem, climbing in turn if necessary.
- 1.1.6 All climbers will be allowed only one attempt at each route. All categories will top-rope.
- 1.1.7 There will be no isolation except in the case of a super-final or climb-off.
- 1.1.8 At the conclusion of the final round of the annual Series, the Championship trophies shall be awarded to the competitor(s) in each category achieving the highest number of points in accordance with these regulations.

### 1.2 Eligibility

- 1.2.1 The paraclimbing series is open to competitors of all ages.
- 1.2.2 Paraclimbing Series competition entry is open to competitors of all nationalities.

### 1.3 Categories

- 1.3.1 The paraclimbing competition includes the following disability categories:
  - 1. (B1) Visually Impaired
  - 2. (B2) Visually Impaired
  - 3. (B3) Visually Impaired
  - 4. (AL1) Leg Amputee
  - 5. (AL2) Leg Amputee
  - 6. (AU1) Arm Amputee
  - 7. (AU2) Arm Amputee
  - 8. (RP1) Neurological and Physical Disability
  - 9. (RP2) Neurological and Physical Disability
  - 10.(RP3) Neurological and Physical Disability
  - 11. Open Category (for anyone not covered by the above categories)

- 1.3.2 There are no separated age categories. Each disability category will include all age ranges. The minimum age is 14yrs (in the year of the competition). There is no upper age limit.
- 1.3.3 There are separate male and female categories. Competitors should compete within the gender category they identify with.
- 1.3.4 Disability Categories may be combined if there are less than three entries. They will be combined as defined by the following merge guidance:

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IFSC Category Selection and merge Guidance

IFSC Cat	IFSC Desc	Merge options if not 3 in each category					New Cats	
		Not enough RP1	Not Enough AU1	Not Enough AU2	Not Enough AL1	Not Enough AL2		
B1	Blind					MO3-1	PG1	
B2	Blind - 5% vision or less					MO3-1	PG2	
B3	Blind - between 5% and 20% vision					MO3-1	PG2	
AU1	Arm Amputee - 1 or 2 arms full		MO2-1				PG3	
AU2	Arm Amputee - 1 arm partial		MO2-1	MO2-2			PG4	
AL1	Leg amputee - 2 legs				MO2-3		PG5	
AL2	Leg amputee - 1 leg full or partial					MO2-4	PG6	
RP1	Neurological and Physical Disability	MO1-1	MO2-1	MO2-2	MO2-3		PG7	
RP2	Neurological and Physical Disability	MO1-1	MO2-1	MO2-2	MO2-3		PG8	
RP3	Neurological and Physical Disability	MO1-1	MO2-1	MO2-2	MO2-3	MO2-4	PG9	
n/a	Open						PG10	
	Not enough RP1	Merge with RP2	Still not enough	Merge with RP3				
	Not enough AU1	Merge with AU2	Still not enough	Merge with RP1	Still not enough	Merge with RP2	Still not enough	Merge with RP3
	Not enough AU2	Merge with RP1	Still not enough	Merge with RP2	Still not enough	Merge with RP3		
	Not enough AL1	Merge with RP1	Still not enough	Merge with RP2	Still not enough	Merge with RP3		
	Not enough AL2	Merge with RP3						
	Not enough B1	Merge with B2	Still not enough	Merge with B3				
	Still not enough	Compete as Open						

  

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    AU1 --> AL1
    AU2 --> AL1
    AU1 --> AL2
    AU2 --> AL2
    AL1 --> RP1
    AL2 --> RP1
    RP1 --> RP2
    B1 --> RP2
    B2 --> RP2
    B3 --> RP2
    RP2 --> RP3
    AL2 --> RP3
  
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- 1.3.5 Disability Category 11 (in clause 1.3.1) “Open” may be subdivided.

## 2. ORGANISERS AND OFFICIALS

### 2.1 Belaying and security

- 2.1.1 All competition routes shall be climbed with the competitor belayed from below.
- 2.1.2 At the start of each attempt on a competition climb:
  - a) Each competitor shall be equipped in accordance with the regulation 3.1 governing equipment;
  - b) The climbing rope shall be tied to each competitor's climbing harness using a figure of eight knot and a stopper knot.
  - c) Before the competitor begins their attempt on a route, the belayer shall check that the rope is secured to the competitor's harness in accordance with the above, and that the harness is properly fastened;

- 2.1.3 The belayer must at all times during a competitor's attempt on a route pay careful attention to the progress of the competitor to ensure:
- a) That the competitor's movements are not assisted or hindered in any way by the rope being too tight;
  - c) That all falls are stopped in a dynamic and safe manner; (see “NGB Advice for Belaying at Climbing Competitions”)
  - d) That no excessive falls shall be experienced by the competitor being belayed;
  - e) That great care be taken to ensure that in stopping a fall a competitor shall not be exposed to injury caused by the edge of an overlapping section or any other feature of the climbing wall.
- 2.1.4 On successfully completing a route or in having stopped a fall, the competitor shall be lowered to the ground. Care shall be taken to ensure that the competitor does not come into contact with any ground-based equipment.
- 2.1.5 The Category Judge may replace any belayer at any time during the competition. If replaced, a belayer shall not be permitted to perform that role for any further competitor at that event.

## **2.2 Height Measurement and Time Keeping**

- 2.2.1 The organisers shall arrange a judging team, specifically responsible for providing a height measurement, time keeping and results. The results will be given to the NGB, wall and competitors at the end of the competition. The belayer and judge may be the same person.
- 2.2.2 A results service will be provided if possible.
- 2.2.3 The route setters will provide judges with route maps.
- 2.2.4 Routes:
- a) The final hold on each route shall be assigned a point value of 99.
  - b) On routes to be top-roped, matching the final hold with both hands scores 100. Each successive hold beneath the top shall be assigned two points fewer (i.e. 97, 95, 93, etc.). Each competitor will have a maximum time of 6 minutes on each route.
- 2.2.5 Boulder Problems:
- a) The final hold on each problem shall be assigned a point value of 59.
  - b) Matching the final hold with both hands scores 60. Each successive hold beneath the top shall be assigned two points fewer (i.e. 57, 55, 53, etc.). Each competitor will have a maximum time of 6 minutes on each problem.
- 2.2.6 No hold shall be assigned a value less than zero.
- 2.2.7 The number of falls prior to gaining the highpoint on problems shall be recorded and used to split tied competitors where applicable.

2.2.8 A climb shall be considered successfully completed if it is climbed in accordance with the regulations and rules and the climber holds the last marked hold in control from a legitimate position with either:

- a) one hand for climbers in the arm amputee disability categories.
- b) both hands for climbers in all other disability categories.

### **2.3 Competition Starting Lists**

2.3.1 Due to the drop in nature of these events, there will be no competitor start lists, competitors may attempt the routes and boulder problems in any order they wish.

### **2.4 Climbing Wall**

2.4.1 The side-edges and the top-edge of the wall shall not be used for climbing unless specifically marked.

2.4.2 If there is a need to demarcate a climb on the wall in order to clearly separate it from another, the demarcation shall be made using clearly identifiable colouring and marking of holds.

2.4.3 The starting position for each route must be clearly marked.

### **2.5 Wall Maintenance**

2.5.1 The Forerunner shall ensure that an experienced and practised maintenance team is available throughout each round of the competition in order to perform any maintenance and repairs ordered by the Chief Judge in an efficient and safe manner. Safety procedures shall be strictly enforced. The Chief Judge shall be authorised to demand the dismissal from the competition area of any person who fails to observe safety procedures.

2.5.2 Repair of holds: On the instruction of the Chief Judge, the Forerunner shall immediately arrange for any repair work. On completion of a repair the Forerunner shall advise the Chief Judge whether the repair results in any unfair advantage or disadvantage to the following competitors. The decision of the Chief Judge to continue, or to stop and re-start, that climb of the competition shall be final and no appeal shall be accepted in respect to this decision.

### **2.6 Medical Facilities**

2.6.1 The organisers shall arrange skilled and experienced medical support to be available throughout the whole of the competition. During every competitor's attempt on a climb, at least one qualified, experienced and equipped member of the medical team should remain within, or in very close proximity to, the competition area in order to provide a rapid response following any injury or need for medical attention.

## 2.7 Photographers and Television Camera Crews

2.7.1 With the approval of the Event Coordinator and Chief Judge, photographers and television camera crews may be permitted to operate in the competition wall area. They shall be allowed to do so on the understanding that:

- a) All photographers obtain authorisation from the event coordinator and sign the register of photographers;
- b) They do not distract or interfere with a competitor during their preparation for, or their attempt on, a climb;
- c) They do not distract or interfere with any belayer and her/his assistant;
- d) That any mechanical equipment used to support camera crews and equipment does not interfere with the competitors and/or belayers. Special care shall be taken to ensure that any fall does not result in a competitor coming into contact with any camera crew personnel, cameras or associated equipment.
- e) That all camera crew personnel obey immediately any instruction given to them by an official event Judge;
- f) Photographers and television camera crews may operate from the top of the wall subject to the approval of the Chief Judge. No use of excessive or changing lighting patterns, or any activities which might interfere with a competitor during their attempt on a climb, shall be permitted.

## 2.8 Ranking After Each Event of the Series

2.8.1 After each event of the competition series, the competitors shall be ranked in their categories. Ranking points for that round for the overall series championship are awarded to a competitor if three or more other climbers compete in their category at that round (4 competitors in total).

2.8.2 In the case of a tie for first, second or third place after the final climb of any event, a count-back procedure shall be used such that the results of the individual climbs (boulder problems and routes) in that event shall be taken into account in separating tied competitors. The winner will be the tied climber to have gained the greatest number of 1<sup>st</sup> place results, or if this is the same 2<sup>nd</sup> place results, etc.

2.8.3 If after applying the procedure in Article 2.8.2 there are still competitors tied for first, second or third place the sum of the number of 'tops' is compared and the greater number is considered better.

2.6.4 If after applying the procedures in Article 2.8.2 and Article 2.8.3 there are still competitors tied for first, second or third place the sum of the number of attempts a competitor took to reach their high point on all boulder problems is compared and the lower number of attempts shall be considered better.

2.8.5 If after applying the procedure described in Article 2.8.2, Article 2.8.3 and Article 2.8.4, there exists a tie for the **second** or **third** place, those competitors shall be deemed equal.

## 2.9 Points Awarded for Each Competition Event

2.9.1 At the end of each event, the first thirty (30) competitors in each category not excluded under section 1.2 shall be awarded the following points:

1 <sup>st</sup>	100 pts	11 <sup>th</sup>	31 pts	21 <sup>st</sup>	10 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	80 pts	12 <sup>th</sup>	28 pts	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	65 pts	13 <sup>th</sup>	26 pts	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8 pts
4 <sup>th</sup>	55 pts	14 <sup>th</sup>	24 pts	24 <sup>th</sup>	7 pts
5 <sup>th</sup>	51 pts	15 <sup>th</sup>	22 pts	25 <sup>th</sup>	6 pts
6 <sup>th</sup>	47 pts	16 <sup>th</sup>	20 pts	26 <sup>th</sup>	5 pts
7 <sup>th</sup>	43 pts	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 pts	27 <sup>th</sup>	4 pts
8 <sup>th</sup>	40 pts	18 <sup>th</sup>	16 pts	28 <sup>th</sup>	3 pts
9 <sup>th</sup>	37 pts	19 <sup>th</sup>	14 pts	29 <sup>th</sup>	2 pts
10 <sup>th</sup>	34 pts	20 <sup>th</sup>	12 pts	30 <sup>th</sup>	1 pt

2.9.2 The aggregate points shall be recalculated after each competition and the competitors having points shall be ranked in descending order of points accumulated. The ranking shall be made available after each event of the Series.

## 2.10 Ranking After the Last Round of the Series

2.10.1 After the final event of the series, those competitors that have accrued ranking points shall be ranked, and overall champions crowned in these categories only. Series prizes and national titles are awarded to a competitor only if they;

- i. accrue ranking points at two or more rounds in the Series **and**
- ii. participate in at least two rounds in the Series

2.10.2 In the case of a tie for first place, a count-back procedure shall be used such that the results of the individual climbs (boulder problems and routes) in the final be taken into account in separating tied competitors. The winner will be the tied climber to have gained the greatest number of 1<sup>st</sup> place results, or if this is the same 2<sup>nd</sup> place results, etc.

2.10.3 If after applying the procedure in Article 2.11.2 there are still competitors tied for first place the sum of the number of 'tops' is compared and the greater number is considered better.

2.10.4 If after applying the procedures in Article 2.11.2 and Article 2.11.3 there are still competitors tied for first place the sum of the number of attempts a competitor took to reach their high point on all boulder problems is compared and the lower number of attempts shall be considered better.



- 2.10.5 If after applying the procedure described in Article 2.11.2, Article 2.11.3 and Article 2.11.4 there exists a tie for the first place a super-final shall be held.
- 2.10.6 If a tie exists at the end of a super-final, the competitors that remain tied shall be deemed equal and the competition will be terminated.
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### **3. COMPETITORS**

#### **3.1 Competitors' Climbing Equipment and Clothing**

- 3.1.1 All equipment used by a competitor in a competition shall comply with CE standards unless otherwise specified by the IFSC and be in good serviceable condition. Each competitor shall be free to use whatever CE-marked make of harness (NOTE: the wearing of a seat/hip or full-body harness is compulsory), climbing shoes, chalk bag, climbing helmet (where the competitor chooses to do so), and clothing he/she prefers in accordance with the regulations specified in 3.1.
- 3.1.2 Failure to comply with these regulations shall result in disqualification from the competition.

#### **3.2 Registration**

- 3.2.1 All competitors eligible and wishing to compete in an event of a Series shall register no later than the time specified by the Chief Judge and published/announced by the Competition Organiser. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that he/she is fully informed of all details appertaining to a competition.

#### **3.3 Preparation Prior to Climbing**

- 3.3.1 All climbing equipment and the knot used shall be inspected and approved by an authorised official
- i. both for safety and compliance with other regulations
  - ii. before the competitor shall be permitted to proceed to their attempt on their climb.
- 3.3.2 The approved knot is the "figure of eight" knot with a stopper knot.
- 3.3.3 Each competitor shall be regarded as entirely and solely responsible for the equipment and clothing that he/she intends to wear during his/her attempt on a climb.
- 3.3.4 Use of non-approved equipment, knots and/or clothing, or any non-approved modification of any climbing vest provided, or any infringement of any part of the regulations shall make the competitor liable for immediate disqualification.

### 3.4 Technical Incidents

3.4.1 A technical incident is defined as:

- a) A tight rope which either assists or hinders a competitor;
- b) A broken or loose hold;
- c) An improperly positioned quickdraw or karabiner;
- d) Any other occurrence that results in a disadvantage or unfair advantage to a competitor which is not the result of an action on the part of the competitor;

3.4.2 The belayer must leave an appropriate amount of slack in the rope at all times. Any tension on the rope may be deemed as an artificial aid or hindrance to a competitor and a technical incident shall be declared by the Category Judge.

3.4.3 A technical incident shall be dealt with as follows:

- a) If a technical incident is indicated by the Category Judge:
  - i) If the competitor wishes, and is still in a legitimate position, he/she may choose to continue to climb or accept the technical incident. If the competitor chooses to continue to attempt the climb no further appeal connected with that technical incident shall be accepted;
  - ii) If the competitor is in a non-legitimate position due to the technical incident, the Category Judge shall make an immediate decision on whether to declare a technical incident and thereby terminate the competitor's attempt on the climb (and in accordance with the rules governing technical incidents, permit the competitor a subsequent attempt).
- b) If a technical incident is indicated by a competitor:
  - i) While the competitor is climbing, the competitor must specify the nature of the technical incident and, with the agreement of the Category Judge, may continue or cease climbing. If the competitor is in a non-legitimate position due to the incident the Category Judge shall make an immediate decision and that decision shall be final. If the competitor elects to continue to climb, no subsequent appeal shall be accepted in respect to that technical incident.
  - ii) If a competitor falls and claims that a technical incident precipitated the fall, the Chief Routesetter shall immediately check (and where appropriate correct) the claimed technical incident and report to the Forerunner, Category Judge and the Chief Judge. The decision of the Chief Judge (having taken into account the technical incident and any misuse of a hold by a competitor) shall be final and no appeal shall be accepted in respect to this decision.
- c) The competitor subject to a confirmed technical incident shall be allowed a recuperation period. The competitor must decide immediately when he/she wishes to start his/her next attempt on the climb which must be after the immediately following competitor and before the fifth following competitor. The competitor shall be allowed a minimum of 20 minutes between attempts on the climb;
- d) On completion of a legitimate attempt on a climb, a competitor shall be recorded as having achieved the best result of their permitted attempts on the climb.

- 3.4.4 A climb shall be considered successfully completed if it is climbed in accordance with the regulations and rules and;
- a) in the case of a top-rope or boulder problem, if the climber 'holds' the last marked hold from a legitimate position with both hands.

### 3.5 Climbing Procedure

- 3.5.1 Individual routes or problems will be allocated a maximum of 6 minutes during which a competitor may attempt the climb (or, in the case of a boulder problem, complete their turn).
- 3.5.2 An attempt by a competitor shall be deemed to have started when all parts of the body have left the ground.
- 3.5.3 A competitor may ask the Category Judge at any time during their attempt how much of their allotted time remains and the Category Judge shall immediately inform the competitor of the remaining time. When the allocated time has ended, the Category Judge shall stop the competitor and instruct the measurement procedure to take place. A competitor who fails to obey the Category Judge's instruction to stop climbing shall be liable to the disciplinary procedures.
- 3.5.4 During their attempt on a route:
- a) The competitor shall clip the quickdraws in sequence. A competitor is in a legitimate position to clip a quickdraw either as long as his/her entire body has not moved beyond the karabiner at the lower end of the quickdraw in the line of the route, or as long as the competitor can clip the quickdraw without having to back climb along the line of the route. Back climbing means that a competitor leaves holds with both hands when moving from the original position. Any violation of this rule shall result in the competitor's attempt on the route being terminated and a measurement taken. The refusal by a competitor to obey the instruction of a Category Judge to terminate their attempt on a route shall make the competitor liable to the disciplinary procedures.
  - b) In special circumstances (e.g. in the interests of safety) the Chief Judge shall be authorised to amend Article 3.5.4a) above and decide that a particular quickdraw shall be clipped from a particular hold, or earlier. This information shall be announced to the competitors during the briefing, and the actual hold and the quickdraw shall be clearly marked, preferably with a blue cross, and pointed out immediately prior to the competitor's attempt at the route. Any movement made by a competitor after the marked hold without him/her having clipped the marked quickdraw shall not be taken into account for scoring.
  - c) A competitor may down-climb at any point during their attempt on a route as long as he/she is not in violation of Article 3.5.4a) or returns to the ground.
  - d) Where a competitor clips the rope into a karabiner in accordance with Article 3.5.4a) above but where some technical error has occurred, the competitor shall be permitted to clip the next karabiner in sequence and then unclip and re-clip (if necessary, by down-climbing) the previous karabiner. At the end, all the protection points must be clipped in.

Note: Back clipping is not classified as a technical error.

e) The Category Judge may order that the attempt be terminated and the greatest height (or greatest distance) measured if he/she decides that to proceed further would contravene the safety regulations.

### 3.6 Height Measurement

3.6.1 In the event of a fall or the Category Judge instructing a competitor to stop climbing, the highest handhold held (or in the case of a traverse or roof section of a climb, the furthest handhold held), in the line and in the climbing sequence of the climb as determined by the Forerunner, shall be measured. Each handhold shall be deemed as such by the Forerunner before the start of the competition or following positive use by a competitor during the competition.

3.6.2 As determined by the Category Judge:

- a) A climber having 'held' a hold shall be awarded the point value of the hold;
- b) A climber having 'held' a hold and having made a climbing movement in the interest of progressing along the climb shall be awarded the point value of the hold plus one point.
- c) A climber will be awarded 100 points for successfully completing a route in accordance with Article 2.2.4
- d) A climber will be awarded 60 points plus two bonus points for successfully completing a boulder problem in accordance with Article 2.2.5 at their first attempt.
- e) A climber will be awarded 60 points plus one bonus point for successfully completing a boulder problem in accordance with Article 2.2.5 at their second attempt.
- f) A climber will be awarded 60 points for successfully completing a boulder problem in accordance with Article 2.2.5 at their third attempt.

3.6.3 If a competitor touches a point devoid of holds (as specified by the Forerunner), this shall not affect the assessment of the number of points achieved by the competitor which shall be made according to Article 3.6.2.

### 3.7 Termination of an Attempt on a Climb

3.7.1 Successful Attempt on a Climb:

A competitor shall be deemed to have successfully completed an attempt on a climb if that attempt is in accordance with Article 3.5 above.

3.7.2 Unsuccessful Attempt on a Climb:

A competitor shall be deemed to have unsuccessfully completed an attempt on a climb if he/she:

- a) Falls;
- b) Exceeds the permitted time for the climb;

- c) Makes use for climbing of any part of the wall, holds or features which have been demarcated against use for climbing;
  - d) Makes use for climbing, with his/her hands, of holes provided in the climbing wall for the placement of bolt-on holds;
  - e) Makes use of the side edges or top edges of the wall for climbing;
  - f) Makes use of hangers (including its bolts) or quickdraws for climbing;
  - g) Once having started, touches the ground with any part of the body;
  - h) Uses any artificial aid;
- 3.7.3 In cases where walls have not been stripped of out of bounds holds the category judge shall use discretion where a competitor mistakenly uses a wrong hold. It is often enough to inform the competitor to move their hand or foot off the offending hold, especially if no advantage has been gained.
- 3.7.4 Each competitor has only one attempt on a route and up to three attempts on a boulder problem.
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## **4. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES DURING COMPETITION**

### **4.1 General**

- 4.1.1 Paraclimbing Series is a fun competition and the rules in this section are to be used as a guide only. Strict enforcement should only be considered in extreme circumstances.
- 4.1.2 The Chief Judge shall have overall authority for all activities and decisions affecting the competition within the competition zone; i.e. the competition registration area, the competition area immediately in front of the climbing wall and on the climbing wall.

### **4.2 Competitors**

- 4.2.1 The Chief Judge and the Category Judges shall be authorised to take the following actions, as specified below, in respect to infringements of the competition regulations and in regard to matters of indiscipline by any competitor whilst in the competition area:
- a) Informal, verbal warning
  - b) The Chief Judge only shall be authorised to take the following sanction:
    - i) An official warning - accompanied by the showing of a 'Yellow Card';
    - ii) Disqualification from the competition - accompanied by the showing of a 'Red Card';
- 4.2.2 A Yellow Card warning may be issued for any of the following infringements of the regulations:
- a) Failure to start in accordance with a Category Judge's instruction;
  - b) Failure to obey the instruction of a Category Judge and/or the Chief Judge;

- c) Directly questioning or challenging a Category Judge about his/her ruling;
- d) Use of obscene or abusive language or behaviour of a relatively mild nature;
- e) Unsporting behaviour of a relatively minor nature.

4.2.3 Appeals against such decisions shall follow the procedure specified in article 5 below.

4.2.4 Disqualification without Further Sanction:

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

- a) Failure to report properly equipped at the start of a climb;
- b) The use of non-approved equipment;
- c) Unapproved modification of, and/or failure to wear, any competition vest and/or competitor's number as provided by the competition organiser;
- d) The issue of a second yellow card in one Series;

4.2.5 Appeals against such decisions shall follow the procedure specified in article 5 below.

4.2.6 Disqualification with Immediate referral to the Disciplinary Body:

The following infringements of the regulations shall result the issuing of a Red Card and the immediate disqualification of the competitor from the competition with referral to the Disciplinary Body, following the related procedure, the further sanction of suspension from one successive Youth Climbing Series competition:

- a) Infringements of the regulations committed in the competition area:
  - i) Distracting or interfering with any competitor who is preparing for, or in the process of attempting, a climb;
  - ii) Failure to comply with the instructions of the official judges and/or organiser's officials.
- b) Infringements committed anywhere at the competition venue (including the competition area):
  - i) Unsporting behaviour or other serious disturbance to the competition;
  - ii) Unsporting behaviour or other serious disturbance, and/or abusive, insulting and/or violent words and/or behaviour to NGB officials, Organiser's officials and/or other competitors and/or members of the public.

4.2.7 The decision of the Chief Judge in respect to Article 4.2.6a) and 4.2.6b) shall be final and no appeal against this decision shall be accepted.

4.2.8 At the earliest convenient time after issuing a 'Yellow' or 'Red Card', the Chief Judge shall:

- a) Submit a written statement to the competitor regarding the offence and whether the Chief Judge proposes to refer the matter for consideration in respect to further disciplinary action in accordance with the regulations.

- b) The Chief Judge shall submit a copy of this written statement together with a detailed report of the offence against the regulations, any evidence, and any recommendations regarding consideration of additional sanction to the NGB for referral to the NGB's Disciplinary Body.

### 4.3 Other Persons

4.3.1 The Chief Judge and Category Judges shall be authorised to take the following actions, as specified below, in respect to infringements of the competition regulations and in regard to matters of indiscipline by any persons anywhere at the competition venue:

- a) Informal, verbal warning
- b) The Chief Judge only shall be authorised to demand the following sanction:
  - i) Immediate dismissal from the competition venue of any person in contravention of these regulations and, if necessary, suspend all competition activities until this demand has been complied with.

4.3.2 Immediate dismissal from the competition venue may be demanded for any of the following infringements of the regulations:

- a) Coaching, or providing climbing instructions to, a competitor in the process of attempting a climb.
- b) Directly questioning or challenging a Category Judge about his/her ruling;
- c) Distracting or interfering with any competitor who is preparing for, or in the process of attempting, a climb;
- d) Failure to comply with the instructions of the official judges and/or organiser's officials.
- e) Unsporting behaviour or other serious disturbance to the competition;
- f) Unsporting behaviour or other serious disturbance, and/or abusive, insulting and/or violent words and/or behaviour to NGB officials, Organiser's officials and/or other competitors and/or members of the public.

## **5. COMPETITION APPEALS**

### **5.1 Procedure**

- 5.1.1 All oral and written appeals and official responses to appeals shall be made in English.
- 5.1.2 An appeal against a ruling by a Category Judge during a round of the competition must be made to the Chief Judge by the competitor no later than 30 minutes after the ruling.
- 5.1.3 An appeal against the ranking of a competitor after the completion of a round of the competition and after the official results have been published must be made no later than 30 minutes after the publication of the results. The appeal must be made following the publication of the results at the end of each round of the Series. The appeal may be made in writing to the Chief Judge by the competitor.
- 5.1.4 In the event of an appeal, the Chief Judge shall convene an Appeals Jury comprising the Chief Judge, the Category Judges not involved in the case (if available) and the NGB Delegate (if available). A decision shall be made as rapidly as circumstances allow. In the case of written appeals, the decision of the Competition Appeal Jury shall be made in writing and handed by the Chief Judge to the person who officially lodged the appeal.
- 5.1.5 The decision of the Appeal Jury in respect of these regulations shall be final and not subject to further appeal.
- 5.1.6 In those cases where the Chief Judge assesses that an infringement of the regulations merits consideration by the NGB's Disciplinary Body, the matter shall be referred to the Disciplinary Body together the Chief Judge's report, copies of written communications between the Chief Judge and the competitor concerned, and all relevant evidence.
- 5.1.7 The composition and the procedures of the Disciplinary Body are defined in the NGB's referred documents.

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