

ICC

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMPETITION CLIMBING

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PREAMBLE

The International Council for Competition Climbing ICC has been founded in 1997 as an internal body of the UIAA Union International Associations Alpinisme.

The ICC was created to govern and administer the sport of competition climbing, replacing the “Commission d’Escalade de Compétition” and the Comité International d’Escalade which were respectively the political and executive bodies formed by UIAA itself in 1987.

According to the decision of the UIAA General Assembly (Banff Canada October 14th 2006), the ICC continues to administer the sport of competition climbing as an independent International Federation with its own legal entity.

These statutes are an adaptation of the previous existing ICC statutes.

ICC - STATUTES

I. BASIS

Article 1

The International Council for Competition Climbing (ICC) is the International Federation (IF) responsible for all aspects of international competition climbing.
The ICC is the final authority for all matters concerning competition climbing.

Article 2

The principal purposes of the ICC are the direction, regulation, promotion, development and furtherance of the sport of competition climbing on a world-wide basis.
The ICC fosters links, networks, and friendly relations among its members, their climbers and officials.

II. LEGAL FORM OF ASSOCIATION, HEADQUARTERS AND LANGUAGE

Article 3

The ICC is a non-governmental international association with a non-profit-making purpose of international interest, having legal personality pursuant to Art. 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code, The ICC has its seat in Bern, Switzerland
The headquarters and the secretariat of the ICC may be located in a country other than Switzerland, upon the decision of the Management Committee.

Article 4

The official language of the ICC is English.

III. OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES

Article 5

All activities of the ICC are independent of any political or governmental influence.
The ICC does not allow any discrimination for political, racial or religious reasons.
The ICC promotes and support with all means gender equality in its activities.

The ICC is in particular responsible for and undertakes:

- a) to encourage, promote, develop and supervise climbing competitions worldwide;
- b) to promote the spirit of the Olympic Movement, respect the Olympic Charter, and to seek programme status in the Olympic Games;
- c) to fight against doping and all other processes and procedures that might undermine sporting equality; to implement Anti-doping Rules in accordance with the World Anti-doping Code;
- d) to promote good sporting practice;
- e) to generally promote the sport as a healthy and educational activity for youth;
- f) to establish and maintain rules and standards for competition climbing;
- g) to establish and maintain rules for international climbing competitions and for the participation in such competitions;

- h) to organise World Climbing Championships, World and Continental Cups, as well as other competitions which are approved by the ICC Plenary Assembly, and to decide which international climbing competitions are officially recognised;
- i) to award licences and contracts to ICC members and other organisations that seek authority to organise official international climbing competitions and associated activities;
- j) to establish training courses for all ICC officials in order to guarantee the highest possible standards for all ICC officials;
- k) to consider the protection of the environment when organising and promoting its activities.

IV. MEMBERS

Article 6

Membership in the ICC is open to associations being actively involved in competition climbing. The following categories of members are available:

1. MEMBERS of the ICC will be Associations which act as the national representatives of the sport of competition climbing in their countries.
 - a) Only one association from each country can be affiliated as a full member of the ICC
 - b) The admission fee for members is fixed by the Plenary Assembly of ICC
2. ASPIRANT MEMBERS of the ICC may be admitted under special circumstances. The ICC may accept associations from countries where no ICC member exists (6.1) as Aspirant members.
 - a) Aspirant members are entitled to participate in all climbing competitions organized by the ICC, according to the relevant regulations and fee system
 - b) Aspirant members are exempt from paying the annual membership fee
3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS of the ICC will be Associations who are affiliated with the sport of competition climbing, or associations in countries where an ICC member already exists (6.1). These organizations may be admitted by the Plenary Assembly.
 - a) Associate member admission fee is fixed by the Plenary Assembly.
 - b) Associate members are entitled to organize ICC approved events, provided they are approved by the relevant ICC national Member (6.1).
 - c) Associate members are also entitled to propose members for all ICC Commissions.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Article 7

Applicant associations shall send to the ICC Office all required information in the official language and in the format required by the Management Committee as required by the relevant regulations.

OBLIGATION OF MEMBERS

Article 8

All members and aspirant members should be member of their National Olympic Committee or actively seeking such membership.

All Members, Associate Members and Aspirant Members shall comply with the Statutes and Regulations of the ICC and with any resolutions adopted by the ICC. All Members, Associates, and Aspirants will undertake to request the same of their individual members participating in activities of the ICC.

All Members, Associate Members and Aspirant Members agree to respect each other's mutual autonomy and shall in no way harm the development of other members.

All Members and Associate Members shall pay membership fees as fixed by the Plenary Assembly.

Article 9

Any member wishing to terminate membership at the end of the year shall inform the ICC Office in writing before the end of June of that year. Fees for the current year remain payable in full.

SUSPENSION OF A MEMBER**Article 10**

A member may be suspended from membership and/or from participating in ICC approved International Climbing Competitions by the Plenary Assembly, for the following reasons:

- non-payment of any liabilities to the ICC;
- failure to comply with these Statutes or other Regulations of the ICC.

This decision requires at least half of the members of the ICC having the right to vote be present or represented. To be adopted, such item must receive the approval of the majority of votes cast.

EXCLUSION OF A MEMBER**Article 11**

A member may be excluded from the ICC by the Plenary Assembly for failure to comply with these Statutes or other regulations of the ICC. This decision requires at least half of the members of ICC having the right to vote be present or represented. To be adopted, such items must receive the approval of two thirds of the votes cast.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER AWARDS**Article 12**

The Plenary Assembly may confer the title of Honorary President of the ICC; as well as conferring the title of Honorary Member. Other awards may be conferred by the Management Committee.

V. BODIES**Article 13**

The ICC functions through nine bodies, each with separately defined powers and duties:

- Plenary Assembly
- Management Committee
- Executive Board
- Continental Councils
- Technical Commissions
- Anti-doping and Disciplinary Commissions
- Athletes' Commission
- Paraclimbing Commission

PLENARY ASSEMBLY**Article 14**

The Plenary Assembly is the highest body of the ICC and has ultimate authority for all activities of the ICC. It convenes every year.

Organisation of the Plenary Assembly shall be entrusted alternately to one of its members. The date and venue for the assembly shall be agreed at the Plenary Assembly meeting two years prior

The calling notice must be sent to all members at least 3 months prior to the date set for the Assembly.

POWERS OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Article 15

The Plenary Assembly has the following duties and powers:

- a) to elect the Management Committee
- b) to appoint members to the Anti-doping and Disciplinary Bodies, and to appoint the Auditor;
- b) to fix admission, membership and other fees;
- c) to approve of plans for future activities;
- d) to adopt and amend these Statutes, such decisions needing a quorum and majority as described in Art. 14;
- e) to adopt and amend all regulations; the Plenary Assembly can, however, authorise other bodies to independently establish technical rules where this seems appropriate;
- f) to decide the suspension or expulsion of members which do not comply with the obligations as stated in these Statutes;
- g) to approve the Minutes of meetings;
- h) to receive, discuss and approve the report of the Management Committee;
- i) to review and approve the annual accounts after having heard the report of the auditors and to give discharge to the Treasurer and to the other members of the Management Committee;
- k) to approve the budget;
- l) to approve the ICC logo, and other items of image and identity, upon the recommendation of the Management Committee
- l) to decide all matters which no other body is competent to decide or which other bodies refer to the Plenary Assembly for final decision.

VOTING RIGHTS

Article 16

Each Member of the ICC has one vote. Associate and Aspirant members have no voting rights.

Article 17

At any Plenary Assembly, each Member shall be represented by one delegate who may be assisted by one or two advisors.

A Member which has not paid its dues in full prior to the Plenary Assembly is not entitled to vote.

Any Member having voting rights may be represented by the delegate of another Member being duly entitled to vote by means of a written proxy. One delegate may not represent more than two other Members at the same time.

QUORUM

Article 18

Changes and amendments of these Statutes may only be considered if at least half of the Members of ICC having the right to vote are present or represented. To be adopted, such items must receive the approval of two thirds of the votes cast.

For all other decisions of the Plenary Assembly there is no quorum. Decisions are taken with the majority of votes cast.

TAKING OF DECISIONS

Article 19

Voting at the Plenary Assembly is conducted by show of hands. Upon the request of any delegate entitled to vote, supported by at least one other delegate, any vote must be taken by secret written ballot.

Elections shall always be decided by secret written ballot.

AGENDA AND THE RIGHT TO INTRODUCE PROPOSALS

Article 20

Items for inclusion in the Agenda of any Plenary Assembly may be presented by:

- a) the Management Committee
- b) any Member

Associate and Aspirant Members are entitled to speak, but not to present motions to the Plenary Assembly, in accordance to the relevant regulations.

Article 21

The full Agenda of a Plenary Assembly shall be sent to the all Members of ICC at least 4 weeks before the Plenary Assembly.

Upon affirmative vote of no less than 2/3 of the Members being present and having voting rights, the Plenary Assembly itself may add items to the Agenda of any meeting.

EXTRAORDINARY PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Article 22

The Management Committee may at any time call an extraordinary Plenary Assembly.

At the written request of the majority of the Members entitled to vote, the Management Committee shall convene an extraordinary Plenary Assembly within 3 months of receipt of such request. The request must be substantiated and accompanied by a proposal for the Agenda.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Article 23

The Management Committee of ICC consists of the following officers:

- President/ICC
- Vice-President/ICC
- Vice President - Treasurer/ICC
- General Secretary/ICC

as well as of:

- six representatives from Member associations entitled to vote who have organised one or more ICC approved competitions in the two calendar years prior to the date of election

- one representative from each approved Continental Council
- one representative from the Athletes' Commission.

Article 24

Candidates standing for election to any post in the Management Committee (with the exception of the representatives of the Continental Councils) shall be presented by the Member association of the country where he/she holds citizenship.

The members of the Management Committee (with the exception of the representatives of the Continental Councils) are elected by the Plenary Assembly for a term of four years.

Management Committee members are re-eligible at will.

Article 25

The Management Committee is responsible for implementing all the policy directives and decisions made by the Plenary Assembly. This includes in particular:

- a) to prepare the agenda of the Plenary Assembly meetings;
- b) to prepare the annual accounts (consisting of the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet)
- c) to make recommendations to the Plenary Assembly about:
 - the long-term strategies of the ICC;
 - regulations and rules to be decided by the Plenary Assembly;
 - the candidates to be appointed by the Plenary Assembly as members of Anti-doping and Disciplinary Bodies;
 - the admission and expulsion of Member associations
- d) to decide about the creation and dissolution of Technical Commissions and appoint a Director for each Technical Commission;
- e) to set up the calendar of ICC approved competitions;
- f) to decide the terms and conditions of contracts between the ICC and organisers of ICC approved competitions;
- g) to recommend any proposed changes to the ICC Statutes
- h) to appoint and remove persons (employees) entrusted with the management of ICC's day-to-day operations;
- i) to make recommendations on the terms and conditions of contracts to be concluded with third parties outside ICC.
- j) to decide on membership issues between Plenary Assembly meetings
- k) to decide the official means of information of the ICC.

Article 26

The Management Committee will meet twice or three times every year. The organisation of its meetings shall be entrusted alternately to one of the member associations being represented in the Management Committee.

Article 27

The Agenda for the Management Committee meetings are prepared by the Executive Board. However, any member of the Management Committee is entitled to present proposals for the agenda. Such proposals must be submitted, with relevant documentation, at least one month before the date set for any Management Committee meeting. The full agenda shall be sent by the Executive Board to the Management Committee members at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.

Article 28

Every member of the Management Committee has one vote. All decisions of the Management Committee are taken by majority of the members present, and no voting rights may be

exercised by proxy. The quorum of the Management Committee consists of a majority of its members.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 29

The four officers of the ICC as mentioned in Article 23 para.1 form the Executive Board of the Management Committee.

The Executive Board is responsible for carrying out all those routine duties and specific tasks that have to be fulfilled between meetings of the Management Committee. This includes in particular:

- a) to undertake administrative duties and tasks;
- b) to supervise ICC approved competitions;
- c) to decide the composition of the jury and of the routesetting team at ICC approved competitions;
- d) to supervise and co-ordinate the work of the Technical Commissions;
- e) to control ICC finances;
- f) to appoint an ICC delegate for ICC events as necessary
- g) to initiate and undertake negotiations with third parties.

All statements and contracts which bind the ICC must be signed by the President and one other member of the Executive Board. In case of absence, the President may be replaced by another member of the Executive Board

The Executive Board is responsible for the functioning of the administrative office of the ICC. All permanent employees are hired by the Executive Board and employed in accordance with the annual budget

Article 30

The Executive Board meets as often as business requires. Decisions are taken by a simple majority, the President's vote being cast in case of a tie.

The Executive Board may take decisions by correspondence and/or by any other means of communication. To be valid, decisions taken in this way have to be approved by a minimum of three officers.

THE PRESIDENT

Article 31

The President chairs all meetings of the Plenary Assembly, the Management Committee and the Executive Board. He represents competition climbing in all important matters, especially those pertaining to the IOC and other International organisations.

The President may, from time to time, delegate various aspects of ICC management to other members of the Management Committee.

The President, or a Board member designated by the President, is entitled to attend and participate in all Commission meetings, but without vote.

Article 32

If the President is prevented from attending a meeting of the Management Committee or a Plenary Assembly, the Management Committee will appoint one of the Vice Presidents to chair those meetings.

In case of death or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the President's duties until the next Plenary Assembly. Should the Vice-President in turn be unable to fulfil his/her obligations, the Treasurer/Vice President and/or the member of the Management Committee who has served on the Management Committee the longest shall assume his/her duties and convene an Extraordinary Plenary Assembly in order to elect appropriate replacements.

CONTINENTAL COUNCILS

Article 33

Continental Councils are responsible for the administration, development and furtherance of competition climbing in a specific continent or geographic entity. The Continental Councils shall comply with and enforce the rules and regulations of the ICC and co-operate with ICC bodies. They organise continental championships and other competitions in their area.

The Continental Councils are:

- Africa
- Asia
- Europe
- Central-South America
- North America
- Oceania

The Statutes and Regulations of the Continental Councils must be submitted to the Management Committee for approval.

TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

Article 34

The Management Committee appoints Technical Commissions for specific tasks, in particular it will form an Event Commission, a Rules Commission and a Commission for Education and Training. The mandate of each Commission is reviewed by the Management Committee to determine its future validity and effectiveness.

Members of the Commission are proposed by Member associations. Their membership expires at end of the term of the Management Committee.

Each Commission is directed by one of its members (Director), who is appointed by the Management Committee

ANTI-DOPING AND DISCIPLINARY RULES AND BODIES

Article 35

The Anti-doping and Disciplinary rules shall comply with the World Anti-Doping Association Code and be approved by the WADA. The designation of Anti-doping and Disciplinary Bodies are drawn up by special Regulation of the Plenary Assembly.

The members of the Anti-doping and Disciplinary bodies are appointed by the ICC Plenary Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Management Committee

DISPUTES**Article 36**

All disputes arising under the ICC Statutes shall, in accordance with its provisions, be subject to an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne (CAS).

The decision of CAS shall be final and binding on the parties and no right of appeal will lie from the CAS decision.

ATHLETES' COMMISSION**Article 37**

The Athletes' Commission provides a permanent liaison between active athletes and the ICC. One representative appointed by the Athletes' Commission is elected by the Plenary Assembly as member of the Management Committee.

Composition and functioning of the Athletes' Commission are described in the relevant regulations as approved by the Plenary Assembly.

PARACLIMBING COMMISSION**Article 38**

Composition and functioning of the Paraclimbing Commission are described in the relevant regulations as approved by the Plenary Assembly.

VI. FINANCES**Article 39**

The ICC will finance its own activities through sources such as:

- Membership and subscription fees of its Members;
- The organization and authorization of Competitions, competitor entry fees, and any other fees relating to official competitions;
- Any other sources that may be available (sponsorships, TV rights, donations, etc.).

Article 40

The activities of all bodies of ICC are conducted without compensation to the individuals who serve thereon. The expenses of the Executive Board are borne by the ICC according to regulations of the Management Committee.

Within approved budgets, the Plenary Assembly of the ICC or the Management Committee shall be empowered to authorise payment of fees and expenses to individuals and/or organisations to provide specific professional service or advice.

Article 41

The financial year of the ICC shall run from the 1st January to the 31st December annually.

Article 42

The Plenary Assembly of the ICC shall receive and approve annual budgets detailing the forecast income from all sources and the proposed annual expenditure and shall establish and

maintain financial accounting system and produce annual accounts audited by the accredited Auditor, appointed by the Plenary Assembly of the ICC.

Article 43

The basic currency for annual accounting purposes will be the Euro.

VII. DISSOLUTION OF ICC**Article 44**

A three quarter majority of the ICC members may propose the dissolution of the ICC. The dissolution becomes effective on approval of the proposal by a three quarter majority at the Plenary Assembly, providing that at least two third of the members entitled to vote are present or represented at the Plenary Assembly

The disposal of the assets of the ICC shall be decided by the Plenary Assembly dissolving the ICC and shall be in keeping with the aims of the ICC and transferred to a tax exempt Swiss legal entity.

VIII. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS**Article 45**

In order to ensure that the transformation of ICC from a branch of UIAA into a new independent international federation under these Statutes, the following transitory provisions apply:

- I. All UIAA Climbing-ICC members are considered members of the new ICC, unless they express opposite willing
- II. The current Management Committee officers and the Auditor of UIAA Climbing-ICC are to continue their mandate within the new ICC until the end of the term (2009)
- III. Decisions taken by the UIAA Climbing-ICC Plenary Assembly held in Banff, on October 13th, 2006, are to be considered as confirmed
- IV. Technical Commission membership will continue until the end of the term

This Article 45 shall cease to apply and shall be automatically cancelled from these Statutes after the 2009 Plenary Assembly