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National Federations

Torino, 18th January 2018

Dear National Federations,

We would like to inform you that the Sport Department Management Committee meeting was successfully held in Torino at the end of last year. In this occasion Sport Department members meet to analyse the past season and prepare for the upcoming one. It is our aim to work towards the development of our sport also in light of the inclusion of our sport in the Olympic Games.

A set of rules changes have been sent for approval to the Executive Board, which on Jan 17th met and approved the following:

1. Update on the Nationality Rule

2.5.4 Each competitor shall be a member of the member federation of the country for which they hold a 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 after the 1st of March, or after the 1st event in the IFSC calendar if it takes place earlier.

With regards to the Athletes, after a change has happened, additional athlete change of nationality should not be allowed before a period of 4 years.

Athletes' change of teams is subject to the agreement of both concerned member federations.

2. Finals shall be split by gender for all events.



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3. Change of the bouldering scoring system

The order of scoring importance has been changed

From: Number of Tops / Number of attempts to top / Number of Bonus / Number of attempts to Bonus

To: Number of Tops / Number of Bonus / Number of attempts to Tops / Number of attempts to Bonus

Additionally, the "Bonus" shall now be called "Zone". Therefore the 2018 bouldering scoring system is:

Number of Tops / Number of Zones / Number of attempts to Tops / [Number of attempts to Zones - only visible in case of ties]

This change has been judged feasible with only limited impact on the final results. However, there are great benefits including an improved logic regarding the athletes' progression throughout the boulder and an easier understanding of standings for a non-endemic audience.

4. Standings during competition

During competition standings will be shown to athletes with a screen in the isolation room. In 2018 season this change will be made in a 'test phase' and re-evaluated at the end of the season.

5. The Combined Format is the 4th IFSC discipline with its own set of rules.

Please note that the full list of changes will be listed in the Rules Modification on the website at the end of January.

Sincerely,

The IFSC Sport Department