



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

IFSC Headquarters, Torino

3-4 December 2018

On 3-4 December, the IFSC Executive Board held an extraordinary meeting at the IFSC headquarters in Torino.

On the way to the Olympic Games, the Executive Board deliberated on the following topics:

1. Combined Format

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The combined format saw its first appearance at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games and, although this format worked from many perspectives, it was noted that a few adjustments need to be implemented on the way to Tokyo2020. The following recommendations were discussed and approved by the Executive Board:

- a. Increase the number of athletes in the final round (Lead, Speed, Boulder) from 6 to 8
- b. Reduce the number of boulder problems in final round from 4 to 3

2. Olympic Qualifying Event

- a. National Federations may register a maximum quota of 2 athletes per gender, per country, per discipline, qualified through the Overall World Cup Ranking, at the Olympic Qualifying Event in Toulouse
- b. Athletes already qualified through WCH cannot attend the Olympic Qualifying Event in Toulouse



Given the increasing size and requirements of the IFSC events, the IFSC appointed an Event Working Group and consulted with technical experts, with the goal to come up with solutions in making next season's competitions more sustainable, with a particular attention to the interest of athletes, event organisers, and IFSC Officials.

1. YWCH Format

Following the objective difficulty in finding organisers able to accommodate a complex event such as the Youth World Championships, the Event Working Group proposed a series of recommendations. The following ones have been approved by the IFSC Executive Board:

- a. Reduction of quota from 4 to 3 athletes per gender, per country
- b. Allowing YWCH Organisers to host disciplines separately, in case there are no organisers willing to host the usual three disciplines event
- c. The only pre-qualified athletes are the current Youth Champions (for each discipline/gender/age category)

2. World Cup Format

After an analysis of the trend in participation at World Cups over the last 3 years, it has become clear that World Cups also present a big risk of overloading, with severe consequences for all stakeholders. For this reason, the following provisions were approved:

- a. Set registration deadline at 15 days before the start of the event
- b. Possibility to have 3-day event for 1 and/or 2 discipline WCs
- c. The only pre-qualified athletes are the top 10 of the World Ranking at the start of the calendar year (for each discipline/gender)
- d. Reduction of WC quota from 6 to 5 athletes (for each country/discipline/gender)
- e. Set the maximum of the Host Country Quota to 10 athletes (for each discipline/gender)



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3. World Championships 2019

- a. The only pre-qualified athletes are the current World Champions (for each discipline/gender)
- b. One extra-quota is granted for the combined, on top of the 5 (for each discipline/gender/country) allowed in IFSC rules
- c. The combined extra-quota has to register and will be considered registered for all three disciplines

