



EUROPEAN TREE CLIMBING OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

RULES.

The International Tree Climbing Championship Rules book is available for download from the ISA web site and is freely available to everyone.

It is the responsibility of all those involved with the Competition to have read and to understand the Rules. The following rules are additional to the ITCC Rules.

ELIGIBILITY

- Prior to their selection for a European Team, competitors must be a member of the ISA or (where a local ISA Chapter does not exist) a member of an Affiliated Organization or a member of a Nationally recognized body, of the country they are representing,
- they must have been a citizen or official resident of that country for a minimum of 6 months in the current year
- European ISA members whose own country does not have an ISA Chapter, or whose National or Affiliated Organisation does not hold their own Climbing Competition, may apply for inclusion in the European event as European guest climbers provided they have competed in another countries Nationally recognized event and been placed within the three top places, but were not eligible to compete as a member of that countries team.
- European Members may not apply for inclusion as guest climbers if their own country, or the country they generally reside and work in has an ISA chapter of which they could be eligible to represent
- European members applying to compete as European guest climbers must pre-register and all entry fees must be paid prior to the European Event taking place. Applications for inclusion will not be accepted on the day of the event.
- International climbers who are members of non-European ISA Chapters may be proposed for inclusion by their own Chapter, who must be able to validate their current year's performance.

- International climbers applying to compete as International guest climbers must pre-register and all entry fees must be paid prior to the European Event taking place. Applications for inclusion will not be accepted on the day of the event.
- A maximum of 5 international guest climbers may take part in the competition of which no more than three may be male and this "International Guest Team of up to 5" may only compete in the preliminaries.
- No International guest climber may compete in the Masters round of the competition but if time permits, may be allowed to demonstrate the Masters Climb.
- In the event of there being more than 5 applications for the International guest climbing team, 5 names will be randomly drawn, and this draw will exclude the names of any International climbers who competed as guests in the previous year.

EQUIPMENT

All Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) shall be manufactured to meet or exceed minimum European Industry Standards for Work at Height. If equipment is not clearly labelled with a relevant marking, it is the competitors' responsibility to provide evidence to the Head Judge that the equipment has been manufactured to meet the accepted European Standard for that piece of equipment and its application.

OTHER

- A European country may have a team of up to 5 competitors, no more than 3 of which may be male.
- The returning European Champion competes as an additional climber and not as a member of their country's team and their points scored will not be counted as part of the overall team score.
- The European Team Competition will be scored on the preliminary round results, and will be based on the total individual points scored, averaged between the number of team members.
- During the competition and the presentation of prizes, all competitors/judges/technicians must wear the official T-shirts.