

Dear Friends

The UIAA Climbing Events Commission would like to inform you of the method of applying for events in 2007.

The system for applying will be different from that in previous years and we would like to give you as much warning as possible about the system.

Forms will be sent out in May for applications for events in 2007.

The deadline for applications to be received by the UIAA Climbing Events Commission will be 31st July 2006.

The UIAA Climbing Events Commission will vet applications during August 2006 and will communicate with applicants on 1st September 2006 as to whether an application has been successful (see below for details of this vetting procedure).

Calendar fee invoices will be sent out on 1st September 2006 for those applications that have been accepted. The absolute deadline for payment of these invoices will be 30th September 2006, i.e. payment must be received by UIAA Climbing by this date.

The final Calendar will be approved by the UIAA Climbing Plenary assembly in Banff, Canada on 13th October 2006

Applications received after 31 July 2006 will not be accepted.

Applications for the European Championships 2008, the World Youth Championships 2008 and the World Championships 2009 must be made by 31st July 2006.

The UIAA Climbing Events Commission would like to remind you of the following:

1. The following events are guaranteed dates on the Calendar 2007 (subject to the voting at the Plenary Assembly and/or satisfactory reports from UIAA Climbing Officials)

Bouldering World Cup, Birmingham (GBR) 16-18 March 2006.

Leading World Cup, Imst (AUT)

Bouldering World Cup, Fiera di Primiero (ITA)

WYCH, Ecuador, late August

WCH, Marbella (ESP) 10-16 September 2006.

2. UIAA Climbing would like to encourage blocks of events in different continents, for example the block of Leading & Speed events in Asia in August is very good. Also the block of Boulder World Cups in Europe in June is very good. We would like to see more co-ordination of the Calendar in a similar way for 2007 and beyond. Please contact the regional co-ordinators listed below to find out what other events are being planned.

3. The development of the sport will be taken into account when applications are vetted. For example a World Cup event in North America, South America, Africa, The Middle East or Oceania would be considered favourably by the Events Commission. However the Events Commission is of course aware that there have been a number of events planned in the past, in particular in North America, that did not happen and we will not blindly accept applications from unproven organisers to the detriment of established organisers. The Events Commission will talk with 'new' organisers and will seek to establish whether potential new events have some solid foundation.
4. The vetting procedure for existing or established will consist of the Event Commission studying the various reports compiled by UIAA Climbing Officials present at each event. Negative points within these reports, in particular those relating to mandatory aspects of the Organisers Handbook (the latest version is the 2005 Handbook) will be taken into account during the vetting procedure.

It is important to be aware that the maximum number of events per discipline currently allowed each year is 10, however this does not mean that if 10 events apply then they will all be automatically accepted. If the events fail the vetting procedure then it is possible that we will only recommend 8 events despite there being more than 8 applications.

5. The following rules will apply:
 - i) It is not possible to have 2 World Cups, even of different disciplines, at the same time.
 - ii) It is not possible to have 2 World Cups of the same discipline on different continents on successive weekends
 - iii) It is not possible to have an EYC at the same time as a Lead World Cup
 - iv) It is not possible to have a World Cup (any discipline) at the same time as a Continental Championships.
6. The Calendar will be co-ordinated by the following:
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 - ii) In America (North & South) by Lluís Giner (ESP)
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 - iii) In Europe by Graeme Alderson (GBR)
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Best regards
UIAA Climbing Events Commission