



Competition Policy

Head Judge – Job Description

The Head Judge assists the Jury president in all Judging related matters.

1 Before the Competition

- Plans and presides over all meetings of judges.
- Is responsible for briefing all officiating Judges on the application of the Competition Rules
- Inspects each route with regard to safety aspects prior to start
- Inspects each route with regard to the general path (boundaries, blue crosses, clipping position) and hold numbering
- **Lead:** makes sure there is a numbered topo (drawn by a routesetter or a judge) for each route and that the numbering is correct. Note: it is helpful to put the name of the routesetter on each topo.
- **Lead:** makes sure that the competitors are fully informed when there is a break for route cleaning.
- **Boulder:** checks if there is an example of how the starting holds, bonus hold and topholds are marked, in the warming-up zone.
- **Boulder:** checks the resting area's for each boulder (qualification round and semi-final round).
- **Boulder:** checks if the transit area (second isolation) for the final round is OK.
- Verifies the isolation room (warm-up facilities etc.) and the call-zone.
- Verifies that there is a separate isolation zone in case of a technical incident or immediate appeal.
- Checks that the starting list for the qualification round is correct. It is mandatory that the routes are cleaned at least after each 20 competitors.
- Makes sure that food and beverages are provided for the judging team.
- Checks with the Chief Route Setter if there are any problems related to the route setting.

2 During the Competition

- Organises and supervises the work of the Route/Boulder Judges and Isolation Stewards.
- Is responsible for safety (can, for instance, stop a competitor).
- Organise Judge briefings before each round
- Assigns Judges to routes. Experience will be considered for the most important categories. Also, any conflict of interest will be avoided.
- Checks the provisional result list after each round. Signs the list at the end of the appeal time and makes sure it is posted on the official notice board.
- Has the responsibility for making sure that the publication of starting and result lists, the lodging and results of appeals, and any important changes in the competition programme are being adequately announced.
- Checks and approves the starting list for the next round and makes sure all concerned are informed.



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- May issue warnings (informal and official).
- Forwards appeals to the Jury President.
- Organises the observation (makes sure the observation time is recorded). Note: it is a common practise to announce the last minute of the observation time.
- Takes the decision whether to confirm or not confirm a technical incident (if necessary in consultation with the Chief Routesetter).
- Answers questions of competitors during the observation time.
- May inform competitors when they are about to pass an unclipped quickdraw.
- Decides when a rope needs to be changed.
- Collect results from each Judge and ensure the good entering of results in the ranking program
- Makes sure the judging team and isolation stewards get good working conditions and get sufficient rest between two rounds.

3 After the Competition

- Submits a detailed report on the competition to Jury President
- Submits a detailed report about each Aspirant Judge to the Jury President
- Organises a debriefing for the Judges if possible.