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1. GENERAL

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 The European Council is responsible for and shall approve the following competitions:

- (a) the European Youth Cup series of competitions (EYC).
- (b) the European Youth Championships (EYCH);
- (c) the European Cup series of competitions (EC);
- (d) the European Championships (ECH);

1.2 Applicability

1.2.1 All competitions organised by the European Council adopt the IFSC Rules for International Competition Climbing (the “**IFSC Rules**”) as modified by this document. The analogous provisions of the IFSC Rules shall be as follow:

European Event	Corresponding IFSC Event
European Youth Cup (EYC)	World Cup (WC)
European Youth Championship (EYCH)	Youth World Championship (YWCH)
European Cup (EC)	World Cup (WC)
European Championship (ECH)	World Championship (WCH)

1.2.1 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this document and the IFSC Rules, the provisions of this document shall take precedence.

1.2.2 Terms used in these rules shall have the meanings given to them within the IFSC Rules.

1.2.3 Where some matter concerning the organisation or conduct of a competition is not specified in either the IFSC Rules or these rules, a decision of the European Council Board shall determine the matter.

1.3 Eligibility

1.3.1 The competitions governed by this document shall be open only to competitors who are nationals of countries whose National Federations are members of the European Council (“**Member Federations**”).

1.3.2 Member Federations may register a national team of competitors and officials as set out in sections 5 to 8 of this document.

1.3.3 All competitors and officials proposed for registration by a Member Federation:

- (a) must be in possession of a valid International Licence;
- (b) must be registered within the deadlines published for the competition (or where no such deadlines are published, at least 10 days prior to the first day of the event),

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- (c) Late registration is possible up to 5 days prior to the first day of the event but it will increase the registration fee to three (3) times the respective fee.
- (d) In exceptional cases (e.g. illness or injury), any registered may be replaced within the respective category until the end of the final registration before the technical meeting.
- (e) All registered people must be registered through the IFSC web service.

1.3.4 Registered Team Members shall be afforded free entry to the competition venue.

1.3.5 The time between the end of the registration and the start of the technical meeting will be not less than one (1) hour.

1.4 **Competition Officials**

1.4.1 Unless otherwise specified in these rules:

1.4.2 The Jury President shall be an International Judge. All tasks normally performed by the IFSC Judge shall be the responsibility of the Jury President when there is no IFSC Judge appointed to the competition

1.4.3 The Appeals Jury shall consist of the Jury President and a national judge not involved in the matter under appeal. The Jury President shall take the final decision.

1.4.4 The Chief Route Setter must be an International Route Setter.

1.5 **Closing of Isolation**

1.5.1 The closing time for isolation for any final round may be greater than one hour before the start of the round if a final route is used by several Categories.

1.6 **Flash Modus - Video Demonstration**

1.6.1 Where the qualification round is held up in a flash mode, the qualification routes shall be presented through a demonstration-video (1 video per route) available at the venue of the competition closed to the official board and, where possible, on the IFSC (EFSC) you tube channel. The video should start not less than 1 hour before the first competitor start in his route. The only exception to this will be technical equipment failure and, in that case, a live demonstration organized by the chef routsetter has to take place at least 30' before the first competitor starts.

1.7 **Lead Wall for European Competitions**

1.7.1 Lead competitions subject to these rules shall be staged on either indoor or outdoor (sheltered) walls. The minimum height of the wall shall be 10 metres, and the minimum length of the routes shall be 15 metres.

1.7.2 If the number of registered athletes (at the time of the Registration Deadline) is below the fixed quota of 20 – the qualification round can be skipped.

1.8 **Boulder & Lead**

- 1.8.1 Where no European Championship or European Youth Championship competition in the combined Boulder & Lead discipline is held, a Boulder & Lead Ranking (for each gender and relevant category) shall be prepared like it is set out in the IFSC Rules (Art. 13.5)

1.9 **European Speed Records**

- 1.9.1 The European Council recognises European Speed Records for competitors who are or will be at least 16 years of age in the year of the competition.
- 1.9.2 European Speed Records may be set during any event governed by these rules and in each case subject to the conditions set out in articles 9.3 of the IFSC Rules or if the competition is declared as a “Record Event” by the IFSC-Europe directly.

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2. EUROPEAN YOUTH CUPS

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 In accordance with the Statutes of the IFSC, the European Council shall organise a European Youth Cup series of competitions (EYC) every year.
- 2.1.2 Each EYC competition should take place between the first weekend of March and the last weekend of November, excluding
- (a) the two last weekends of June; and
 - (b) the two first weekends of September.
- 2.1.3 Each EYC should include competitions in the following disciplines:
- (a) Lead (which should be held in the period July to November) (IFSC Rules Art. 7)
 - (b) Boulder (which should be held in the period March to July) (IFSC Rules Art. 8);
 - (c) Speed (IFSC Rules Art. 9);
- 2.1.4 Each EYC competition should not last longer than two (2) days, during weekends and preferably during holiday periods:
- (a) whenever possible, EYC competitions should be completed in one and a half days and end before 16.00 on the Sunday.
 - (b) Event Organisers shall declare clearly on the information sheet for the competition if the competition is planned to finish after 16.00 on the Sunday.
 - (c) The qualification rounds shall be organised on the Saturday, the final rounds shall be organised on the Sunday.
- 2.1.5 If the Event Organiser of a EYC in the Boulder Discipline expects more than 250 competitors, the competition may be held over three days, from Friday to Sunday. In this case, the competition may start on Friday afternoon with the first qualification rounds and last until Sunday afternoon. If the competition lasts more than two days, it shall be clearly visible on the information sheet.
- 2.1.6 The European Council may, in any year, nominate one EYC competition as a test event for new rules formats. Such nomination shall be made prior to the commencement of the season and not less than three months in advance of that competition.
- 2.1.7 During European Youth Cups in the Boulder Discipline each competitor must have a unique Bib number. [i.e. the Event Organiser has to make sure that every Bib number in the event only exists once].

2.2 Registration & quota

- 2.2.1 Each EYC competition shall include Categories for male and female competitors in the Youth B, Youth A, and Junior age groups.

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- 2.2.2 Member Federations may register, within statutory deadlines, Team Officials for one of the following roles:
- (a) One (1) Team Manager
 - (b) Up to three (3) coaches per discipline;
 - (c) Up to three (3) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.
- 2.2.3 Member Federations may register as competitors:
- (a) up to three (3) competitors for each Category in each relevant discipline; and
 - (b) the host federation shall be entitled to register an additional two (2) competitors in each Category for each relevant discipline.
- 2.2.4 The Event Organiser's entry fees shall not exceed € 20,- per competitor per discipline. In addition, each Member federation registering a team within the European Youth Cup shall pay an annual fee and an individual fee per competitor per event in accordance with the European Council fee system
- 2.2.5 In addition to all European Member Federations, the African Continental Council may nominate a maximum of two (2) competitors per Category to compete in each European Youth Cup in 2022. The following regulations appear for these competitors:
- (a) The African competitors will be part of the competitions under the same conditions as European competitors, in general. That means they will have the same registration fees, registration deadlines, same amount of Team Officials to be registered and so on and also need to hold a valid IFSC license.
 - (b) All quotas mentioned in this document for European Youth Cups will remain the same.
 - (c) African competitors will always be ranked in the result for each relevant competition but will not be awarded Ranking Points for the European Youth Cup (and will not appear in the cup rankings).

2.3 **Rankings, medals and prizes**

Competition Rankings, medals and prizes

- 2.3.1 On completion of an EYC competition:
- (a) The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.
 - (b) The competitors ranked first in each Category and discipline shall be awarded a competition trophy.
 - (c) A National Team Ranking shall be calculated for each discipline of the competition. The National Team Ranking shall be calculated by aggregating the ranking points (Article 12.15 of the IFSC Rules) awarded to the best competitor from that team in each Category. No podium ceremony shall be organised for the National Team Ranking.

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Cup Rankings, medals and prizes

- 2.3.2 Cup Rankings shall be calculated separately for each discipline and Category
- (a) where at least three (3) EYC competitions have been held in that year, or
 - (b) where two (2) EYC competitions and any EYCH competition in that discipline have been held in that year:
 - (i) The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.
 - (ii) The competitors ranked first in each Category and discipline shall be awarded a competition trophy.
- 2.3.3 The Cup Rankings proposed in paragraph 7.3.2 shall be calculated using the methodology set out in the IFSC Rules for the calculation of World Cup rankings (Article 12.16 of the IFSC Rules), with the following adaptations:
- (a) When three (3) EYC competitions or two (2) EYC competitions and a relevant EYCH competition have been held, all relevant results shall be counted;
 - (b) When more than three (3) EYC competitions are organised, the number of counting EYC results shall be the number of EYC competitions less one (1).

For the avoidance of doubt, the results of any EYCH competition shall only be counted toward the Cup Rankings where less than three (3) EYC competitions have been held in any Category and discipline.

- 2.3.4 Overall Cup Rankings shall be calculated for each Category by summing the ranking points awarded to each competitor in all disciplines in which that competitor has participated. The maximum number of counting results shall be two (2) in each discipline. Where any competitor has more than two (2) results in any discipline, the competitor's worst results shall not be counted.
- 2.3.5 Any tie for first place in the Cup Rankings at the end of the season shall be resolved in accordance with the IFSC Rules for World Cup rankings (Article 12.17 of the IFSC Rules).

2.4 **Competition Formats**

Lead

- 2.4.1 Competitions shall take place over two (2) rounds (Qualification and Final).
- 2.4.2 The qualification round for each Category should be organized like the qualification round in the IFSC-WC (IFSC-Rules 7.1 c):
- 2.4.3 The final round for each Category shall use a fixed quota of ten (10) competitors.

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Boulder

- 2.4.4 EYC Boulder competitions shall take place over two (2) rounds, a qualification and final round (with respective fixed quota of 10 competitors in each Category) and shall be organized with:
- (a) A qualification round in the flash mode consisting a single course of five (5) boulders for each Starting group and an Attempt Period including 15" (seconds) Preparation Period and 4' (minutes) Climbing Period. No extra observation time is given.
 - (b) A Final round in the mode of the IFSC-WC Series Semi-final Mode consisting a single course of four (4) boulders for each Starting group and an Attempt Period of 4' (minutes) Climbing and 15" (seconds) Preparation Period. No extra observation time is given.

Speed

- 2.4.5 Competitions shall take place over two rounds, other than where the number of competitors register in a Category is less than four (4).
- 2.4.6 Competitors may make one false start within the qualification round. Competitors making a false start shall be recorded as having no valid time (IRM) for the relevant race.
- 2.4.7 Subject to paragraph 7.4.10., the final round for each Category shall have a fixed quota of:
- (a) Eight (8), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is eight (8) or more;
 - (b) Four (4), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is less than eight (8). If in any Category, less than four competitors have at least one valid time from the qualification round, the relevant qualification round shall be repeated (once only). If, following this repeated qualification less than four competitors have at least one valid time, no final shall be held for that Category.

2.5 Anti-doping tests

- 2.5.1 Anti-Doping tests should, where practical, be administered within each discipline of the competition. The recommended test regime is as follow:
- (a) at least three (3) finalists chosen at random (excluding the winners) from the six Categories, or
 - (b) at least three (3) winners from the six Categories, chosen by random.

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3. **EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP**

3.1 **Introduction**

3.1.1 In accordance with the Statutes of the IFSC, the European Council:

- (a) should organise a European Youth Championship (EYCH) every year; and
- (b) shall be entirely responsible for the organization of the European Youth Championship.

3.1.2 EYCH competitions should take place between the first weekend of March and the last weekend of November, excluding

- (a) the two last weekends of June; and
- (b) the two first weekends of September

3.1.3 Each EYCH should include competitions in the following disciplines:

- (a) Lead (IFSC Rules Art. 7)
 - (b) Boulder (IFSC Rules Art. 8);
 - (c) Speed (IFSC Rules Art. 9);
 - (d) Boulder & Lead (IFSC Rules Art. 11),
- any of which may be organised as separate events.

3.2 **Registration & Quota**

3.2.1 Each EYCH shall include Categories for male and female competitors in the Youth B, Youth A, and Junior age groups.

3.2.2 Member Federations may register, within statutory deadlines, Team Officials for one of the following roles:

- (a) One (1) Team Manager
- (b) Up to three (3) coaches per discipline;
- (c) Up to three (3) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.

3.2.3 Member Federations may register as competitors:

- (a) up to three (3) competitors in each Category for each relevant discipline.

3.2.4 Where for any Category:

- (a) no EYCH competition in the Boulder & Lead discipline is held; or
- (b) one or more rounds in any of the Boulder or Lead competitions form part of the Boulder & Lead competition,

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the European Council may specify an Additional Quota for the Boulder and Lead competitions. Competitors registered within this Additional Quota who do not compete in all two of these competitions shall be disqualified for the Boulder & Lead Ranking.

- 3.2.5 The Event Organiser's entry fees shall not exceed € 25,- per competitor per discipline. In addition, each Member Federation registering a team for the EYCH shall pay an annual fee and an individual fee per competitor per discipline in accordance with the European Council fee system.

3.3 **Rankings, medals and prizes**

- 3.3.1 The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively. The competitors ranked first in each Category and discipline shall be awarded a trophy as European Youth Champion ([Discipline Name]).

3.4 **Competition Formats**

Lead

- 3.4.1 EYCH Lead competitions shall take place over three rounds, a qualification, a Semi-final and final (with respective fixed quotas of 20 and 8 competitors in each Category) and shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant IFSC Rules for World Cup competitions (Art. 7):

Boulder

- 3.4.2 EYCH Boulder competitions shall take place over three rounds, a qualification, a semi-final and final (with respective fixed quotas of 20 and 8 competitors in each Category) and shall be organized with:
- (a) A qualification round in the flash mode consisting a single course of five (5) boulders for each Starting group and an Attempt Period including 15'' (seconds) Preparation Period and 4' (minutes) Climbing Period. No extra observation time is given.
 - (b) A Semi-final and Final round in the mode of the IFSC-WC Series Semi-final Mode consisting a single course of four (4) boulders for each Starting group and an Attempt Period including 15'' (seconds) Preparation Period and 4' (minutes) Climbing Period. No extra observation time is given.

Speed

- 3.4.3 EYCH Speed competitions shall take place over two rounds, other than where the number of competitors register in a Category is less than four (4).
- 3.4.4 Competitors may make one false start within the qualification round. Competitors making a false start shall be recorded as having no valid time (IRM) for the relevant race.
- 3.4.5 Subject to paragraph **Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.** the final round for each Category shall have a fixed quota of:
- (a) Eight (8), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is eight (8) or more;

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- (b) Four (4), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is less than eight (8). If less than four competitors complete the qualification round, the round shall be repeated (once only), and if less than four competitors complete the qualification round, following this repeat, no final shall be held.

3.5 Anti-doping tests

3.5.1 Anti-Doping tests shall, in all cases, be administered for the winners of the Junior Category in each discipline of the competition.

3.5.2 Anti-Doping tests should, where practical and in addition to the tests prescribed in rule 6.5.1, be administered within each discipline for:

- (a) at least three (3) finalists chosen at random (excluding the winners) from the six Categories, or
- (b) at least two (2) winners from the Youth A and Youth B Categories, chosen at random.

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4. **EUROPEAN CUPS**

4.1 INTRODUCTION

4.1.1 In accordance with the Statutes of the IFSC, the European Council may organise a European Cup series of competitions (EC) every year.

4.1.2 Each EC competition should take place between the first weekend of May and the last weekend of November, excluding

- (a) the two last weekends of June; and
- (b) the two first weekends of September.

4.1.3 Each EC may include competitions in the following disciplines:

- (a) Lead (IFSC Rules Art. 7)
- (b) Boulder (IFSC Rules Art. 8);
- (c) Speed (IFSC Rules Art. 9);

4.1.4 Each EC competition shall not last longer than two (2) days

4.2 **Registration and quotas**

4.2.1 Each EC competition shall include Categories for male and female competitors. Only competitors who are or will be at least 16 years of age in the year of the competition shall be eligible to compete.

4.2.2 Member Federations may register, within statutory deadlines, Team Officials for one of the following roles:

- (a) One (1) Team Manager;
- (b) Up to two (2) coaches per discipline;
- (c) Up to two (2) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.

4.2.3 Member Federations may register up to four (4) competitors (and in the case of the host Member Federation, eight (8) competitors) for each Category in each relevant discipline.

4.2.4 The Event Organiser's entry fees shall not exceed € 20,- per competitor per discipline. In addition, each Member Federation registering a team for the European Cup shall pay an annual fee and an individual fee per competitor per event in accordance with the European Council fee system.

4.3 **Rankings, medals and prizes**

Competition Rankings, medals and prizes

4.3.1 On completion of an EC competition:

- (a) The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded, respectively, a gold, silver and bronze medal.

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- (b) The competitors ranked first in each Category and discipline shall be awarded a competition trophy;
- (c) Event Organisers may, if they choose, award prize money. Where such prize money is awarded, then at least all competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded (more to the first, then second, then third, and so on).

Cup Rankings, medals and prizes

- 4.3.2 Cup Rankings shall be calculated for each Category and discipline where at least three (3) EC competitions have been held in that year, or where two (2) EYC competitions and any ECH competition in that discipline have been held in that year:
 - (a) The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.
 - (b) The competitors ranked first in each Category and discipline shall be awarded a competition trophy.
- 4.3.3 Cup Rankings shall be calculated for each Category and discipline using the methodology set out in the IFSC Rules for the calculation of World Cup rankings, with the following adaptations:
 - (a) When three (3) EC competitions or two (2) EC competitions and a relevant ECH competition have been held, all results shall be counted;
 - (b) When more than three (3) EC competitions are organised, the number of counting EC results will be the number of EC competitions less one (1).

For the avoidance of doubt, the results of any ECH competition shall only be counted toward the Cup Rankings where less than three (3) EC competitions have been held in any Category and discipline.

- 4.3.4 Any tie for first place in the Cup Rankings at the end of the season shall be resolved in accordance with the IFSC Rules for World Cup rankings.

4.4 Competition Formats

Lead

- 4.4.1 EC Lead competitions shall take place over three rounds, a qualification, a Semi-final and final (with respective fixed quotas of 20 and 8 competitors in each Category) and shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant IFSC Rules for World Cup competitions (Art. 7):

Boulder

- 4.4.2 EC Boulder competitions shall take place over three rounds, a qualification, a semi-final and final (with respective fixed quotas of 20 and 8 competitors in each Category) and shall be organized in the format specified in the IFSC Rules for WC with following modifications:
 - (a) For the Qualification round
 - (i) The round will take place on a course of four (4) boulders and

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- (ii) The Attempt Period for the round will be reduced down to four (4') minutes climbing time where the number of competitors registered in any relevant Category is greater than 60. No extra observation time is given.
- (b) The Semi-Final and Final round shall be organised in the format specified within the IFSC Rules for the Semi-final round of a IFSC-World Cup.

Speed

- 4.4.3 Competitions shall take place over two rounds, other than where the number of competitors register in a Category is less than four (4).
- 4.4.4 Subject to paragraph 8.4.6., the final round for each Category shall have a fixed quota of:
 - (a) Sixteen (16), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is between 16 or more
 - (b) Eight (8), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is between eight (8) or 15;
 - (c) Four (4), where the number of competitors completing the qualification round is less than eight (8). If in any Category, less than four competitors have at least one valid time from the qualification round, the relevant qualification round shall be repeated (once only). If, following this repeated qualification less than four competitors have at least one valid time, no final shall be held for that Category.

4.5 Anti-doping

- 4.5.1 Anti-Doping tests should, where practical, be administered within each discipline of the competition. The recommended test regime is as follow:
 - (a) at least two (2) finalists chosen at random (excluding the winners) from the two Categories, or
 - (b) the winners from each Category.

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5. EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (ECH)**5.1 Introduction**

- 5.1.1 In accordance with the Statutes of the IFSC, the European Council:
- (a) should organise a European Championship (ECH) in the current season (2022); after which the events will be organised on even-numbered years, e.g. 2022, 2024, etc.
 - (b) shall be entirely responsible for the organisation of the European Championship.
- 5.1.2 Each European Championship should include competitions in the following disciplines:
- (a) Lead (IFSC Rules Art. 7)
 - (b) Boulder (IFSC Rules Art. 8);
 - (c) Speed (IFSC Rules Art. 9);
 - (d) Boulder & Lead (IFSC Rules Art. 11),
- any of which may be organised as separate events.
- 5.1.3 The competitors ranked first, second and third in each gender and discipline shall be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively. The competitors ranked first in each Category and discipline shall be awarded a trophy as European Champion ([Discipline Name]).

5.2 Registration & Quota

- 5.2.1 Each European Championship competition shall include Categories for male and female competitors who are or will be at least 16 years of age in the year of the competition.
- 5.2.2 All European Cup and World Cup Events pre July 18th 2022 count for the Qualification System mentioned in 2.2.3
- 5.2.3 Quotas per European Member Federation determined by the IFSC Europe Qualification System:
- (a) European Member Federations may register, within statutory deadlines, Team Officials for one of the following roles:
 - (i) One (1) Team Manager
 - (ii) Up to two (2) coaches per discipline;
 - (iii) Up to two (2) qualified medical or para-medical personnel.
 - (b) Top 10 European Member Federations (gender separated) of World Cup Ranking in each Category receive three (3) spots
 - (c) European Member Federations can gain spots depending on their rank in the IFSC-Europe National Team Ranking (gender separated):
 - (i) Rank 1 - 10 → three (3) additional spots
 - (ii) Rank 11 - 15 → two (2) additional spots

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- (iii) Rank 16 - ∞ → one (1) additional spot
- (d) Member Federations may register a maximum of five (5) competitors in each Category for each relevant discipline.

5.2.4 Where either:

- (a) no European Championship competition in the Boulder & Lead discipline is held; or
- (b) one or more rounds in any of the Boulder or Lead competitions form part of the Boulder & Lead competition,

the European Council may specify an Additional Quota for the Boulder & Lead competitions. Competitors registered within this Additional Quota who do not compete in all two of these competitions shall be disqualified for the Boulder & Lead Ranking.

5.3 **Anti-doping tests**

- 5.3.1 Anti-Doping tests shall, in all cases, be administered for the winners in each discipline of the competition.

APPENDIX

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CATEGORIES FOR YOUTH COMPETITIONS

Year of event	Category / birth years					
	Youth B		Youth A		Juniors	
2022	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
2023	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
2024	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
2025	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
2026	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007