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## **INTRODUCTION**

This Competition Regulation is the framework that regulates the development of the tests of the following modalities:

World Tournament in Speleological Techniques RONDA 2020

World Canyoning Tournament RONDA 2020 that will take place in the city of Ronda (Málaga - Spain) during the days 10 to 12 October 2020.

### **CHAPTER I - Categories**

**Art. 1.-** Age and sex categories for all the rules:

- a) By age reached in 2020:
  - 1) Youth: 14 to 17 years old
  - 2) Adults: 18 to 34 years old
  - 3) Veterans A: 35 to 49 years old
  - 4) Veterans B: over 50 years old
- b) By sex, the categories in section a) above will be subdivided into:
  - 1) Male
  - 2) Female
- c) In the tests for couples there will be the MIXED category, being able to be composed of a competitor of each sex and / or any category of those established, different for each of the components of the couple. In a couple that competes a youth, your partner will have to be of a higher category.

### **CHAPTER II - General Participation Requirements and Registration.**

**Art. 2.-** Registry:

- a) It can participate all athletes worldwide, meeting the conditions of sex and age required for each of the categories do not exceed the quota of established participants, and in accordance with the following rules:
  - 1) Accredited specific knowledge at the level of technical improvement of the modality in which they register, or have participated in a national competition in the years 2016 to 2020, which will be accredited with the appropriate certification or degree.
  - 2) The pre-registration of each competitor must be completed by completing the electronic form that will be available on the F.A.E. [www.espeleo.com](http://www.espeleo.com) and the ASEDEB [www.asedeb.es](http://www.asedeb.es) from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 both inclusive.
  - 3) At the time of completing the form, the following pre-registered documentation must be sent to the organization's email [fae@espeleo.com](mailto:fae@espeleo.com):
    - Photocopy of the ID or passport.
    - Photograph for card.
    - Photocopy of the Family Book for minors who do not have a DNI or passport.
    - Minors, a parental and / or maternal authorization as appropriate, or the guardian, according to the official model published on the indicated

web pages, together with a photocopy of the National Document of the authorizing parent / guardian.

- Statement responsible for technical knowledge and physical fitness according to the official model published on the indicated web pages.
  - Caving curriculum.
  - Proof of having a sports accident insurance policy in effect, as well as another one of Third Party Civil Liability (including the CR Crusade), which covers contingencies in Spanish territory for participation in competitions of the modality in which it is registered. If you do not own it, you can obtain them through F.A.E. by paying the corresponding fees.
- 4) Registrations that do not comply with the regulations in this section will be rejected.
- 5) Once the pre-registration is accepted, an email will be sent with the bank details and amount to make the deposit; Once done, you will be enrolled in the selected tests.
- b) Registration is limited to the following number of athletes by modalities:
- 1) Vertical Skill Circuit: 80 athletes (55 from Spain and 25 from other countries).  
Multi-technical: 80 athletes (55 from Spain and 25 from other countries).
  - 2) Individual Canyon: 80 athletes (55 from Spain and 25 from other countries).
  - 3) Canyon Team: 40 couples (25 from Spain and 15 from other countries).
  - 4) These figures may be modified upwards by the organization and in the percentages of Spaniards and Europeans if the indicated amounts are not covered.
- c) The participants who wish may register in parallel in the modalities of Speleology Technique and those of Canyoning, for which the organization will arrange its participation in each of them.
- d) The entries of participants who do not meet the requirements established in the preceding paragraphs will not be accepted.

**Art. 3.-** Participation order:

- a) The order of participation will be by absolute order of its final time obtained in its participation in the 1<sup>st</sup> European Open 2016; and then those who had not participated in said test, in order of registration, at the date and time of registration in the Secretariat of the Organization, and with the adjustments at the discretion of the Organization for those who register in various tests.
- b) At the beginning of each day, and once the order of participation of the competitors in their respective tests and categories has been designated, it will be made public without exact schedule previously established, the competitor must control the moment of his call to the point of the Exit, due to possible advances due to possible abandonments or inconsistencies of other participants, or delays due to delays in the development of the tests, having to be 10 minutes before for review.

**Art. 4.-** Final classification

- a) The classification of the tests will be established according to the times obtained by the participants from least to greatest. If there is a tie in time, the top place will be the one that has committed the least fouls, and if the tie continues, it would be the youngest in juveniles and adults, and the oldest in veterans A and veterans B.

**Art. 5.-** Communication of results

- a) The total results of each test and category will be made public at the end of the test, with the necessary timeframe to be computerized the data provided by the judges, these being exposed to the public before delivering the medals.
- b) At the end of the test, the Chief Judge will review and analyze with the circuit or track judges the faults recorded by each of them to the different competitors, after which the provisional results will be exposed for at least 15 minutes, before proceeding to the medal delivery act.
- c) Competitors may request from the Chief Judge technical information about the faults that may have been assigned to them, without this implying any claim on them that could lead to modifying the proclaimed results, except for administrative or data transcription errors, being able to claim in writing to the Competition Committee.
- d) The Competition Committee will understand and resolve the written claims that are raised in the course of the competition until the signing of the minutes by the Director of Judges, the Chief Judge and the Table Judge for public reading and medal delivery. Any request from a minor participant will be submitted to the Competition Committee by a representative of the same.
- e) The resolution of the Competition Committee to the claims made will be final, and against them there will be no further appeal.

**CHAPTER III - Awards**

**Art. 6.-** The prizes that will be delivered in each of the modalities and tests will be:

- a) Gold medal and Trophy for the first classified.
- b) Silver medal and Trophy for the second classified.
- c) Bronze Medal and Trophy for the third classified.
- d) In team tests, prizes will be awarded to each of its two components.

**Art. 7.-** In the Canyon Competition (Individual Test and Team Test) and Speleological Techniques Competition (Vertical Skill Circuit and Multi-technical), there will be an absolute classification for men and for women, awarded by the ASEDEB - FAE to the best time called: Best Canyoning Singles, Best Canyoning Couples, Best Speleologist in TPV and Best Speleologist in Multi-Technics.

**Art. 8.-** In the absolute classification will be delivered to each of the tests:

- a) Trophy and 300€ for the first classified.
- b) In the team tests, the Trophy and the 300€ will be given to each of its two components.

**Art. 9.-** If there is a tie in time, the tied athletes occupy the same place in the classification of the event, leaving the following lower position deserted (if they tied in a first position, they will remain deserted the second and continue the classification with the third, or if they tied in a second place, the classification will have a first place, two second places, the third would be deserted).

**CHAPTER IV - The Competition Directorate**

**Art. 10.-** All the tests of this competition will take place under the Direction of the Competition Committee, which will be composed of three people with the following organization chart:

- a) Director of Organization, who will be a Qualified Judge and Sports Technician in Speleology of the FAE. He will act as a representative of the organized entity of the event and will be responsible for the logistics of the event, organizing and arranging according to his own criteria or under the specific indications of the Technical Director or the Chief Judge in the criteria of their respective competences.
- b) Director of Judges, who will be a certified FAE Judge, being the highest authority during the Competition with respect to the application of these Regulations. Organize the work of the judges giving the appropriate guidelines and giving conformity to the technical facilities, requiring the remaining members of the Competition Committee in their competition controls, modifications or corrections that on the same entrances necessary for the proper development of the competition.
- c) Technical Director, who will be a Sports Technician in Speleology of the FAE, responsible for the installation of the technical infrastructures of the tests, requiring in his modifications of competition the modifications or remedies that on the same entrances necessary for the good development of the competition.
- d) It is the responsibility of the Competition Committee to ensure the proper development of each competition in accordance with the rules established for it, resolving in practice any doubts that may arise in the interpretation of said rules.

**Art. 11.- Judges.**

- a) **The Director of Judges.** Functions, competences and obligations:
  - 1) Appoint all judges to arbitrate a Competition, specifically assigning two of them the functions of Chief Judge and Table Judge.
  - 2) Do not authorize the start of the test or suspend it, when there are reasons and / or causes that do not guarantee its normal development.
  - 3) Organize the order of the tests and their schedules, and see for compliance with the program and the established schedules.
- b) **The Chief Judge.** Functions, competences and obligations:
  - 1) Transfer to the Director of Judges all incidents, misconduct or other circumstances caused by competitors and / or their assistants, or any other circumstance that occurs in the event.
  - 2) Start the tests at the established times.
  - 3) Apply the regulations of the Competition Regulations.
  - 4) Raise Minutes of the incidents that occur in the competition.
  - 5) Warn, disqualify or expel, according to the importance of the offense, any athlete who presents an incorrect conduct, as well as the other persons involved.
  - 6) Attend the technical information of the competitors.
  - 7) Sign, together with the Board Judge and the Director of Judges, the minutes of the test results; and write the final report in a faithful, concise, clear, objective and complete way.
- c) **The Table Judge.** Functions, competences and obligations:
  - 1) It will be responsible for coordinating the control and identification of athletes through ID, Passport or Family Book in the delivery of numbers, contacting the assistants they need.

- 2) Coordinate the computer processing of the times and penalties of the competitors through the data provided by the track games, preparing the final minutes with the results of the tests, which will be signed together with the Chief Judge.
  - 3) Write the complications to the claims that are raised during the competition.
- d) **The Security Judge.** Functions, competencies and obligations:
- 1) Qualify the participation of the competitors in the tests assigned to them by the Chief Judge, in accordance with the Competition Regulations.
  - 2) Comply with the specific instructions indicated by the Chief Judge.
  - 3) Transfer to the Chief Judge of all incidents, misconduct or other circumstances caused by the competitors and / or their assistants, so that they take the appropriate disciplinary and controlled measures.
  - 4) Do not talk to the competitor, except to give safety instructions.

## **CHAPTER V - Speleological Techniques Competition.**

**Art. 12.-** The Speleological Techniques Competition will include the following tests:

- a) Vertical Skill Circuit.
- b) Multi-Technical Circuit.

**Art. 13.-** The Vertical Skill Circuit in Speleology competition will consist of overcoming in the shortest possible time, complying with all the technical and safety requirements detailed in this Regulation, of a vertical progression circuit on the walls of the Puente Nuevo of the Tajo de Ronda.

**Art. 14.-** The competition will consist of the overcoming in the shortest possible time, complying with all the technical and safety requirements detailed in this Regulation, of a circuit composed of four difficulties: 1º confined space, 2º load lifting, 3º self-rescue y 4º accuracy, in the Plaza España of Ronda.

- a) 1º Confined space. Tour of a zone that simulates catches or narrow steps typical of caving.
- b) 2º Load lifting. Lifting of a load by means of a hoist consisting of 1 load distributor, 1 stop descender, 1 ascension handle, 1 pulley and 2 carabineers witch lock.
- c) 3º Self-rescue. Descent of a "pretend victim" to the ground with the technique "croll vs croll" or "haul system" simulating a real rescue in caving.
- d) The "pretend victim" will be provided by the participant with a 60 kg minimum wight with the equipment of SRT. If it doesn't have, it will have to notify to the Chief Judge on the explanation.
- e) 4º Accuracy. Transport of a bucket of water of 5 liters with 5 level marks, anchored to the harness by means of a cord of 100 cm long, through a circuit of 35 meters consisting of an ascent, a fixed traverse line, a small tyrolean and a guide rappel.

**Art. 15.-** Common rules for the development of tests in both modalities.

- a) The test consists of the progression of the circuit in Ronda's New Bridge and Plaza España.
- b) Prior to the start of the test by the first competitor, a technician and / or a judge determined by the Competition Committee will explain the route.
- c) It is forbidden to use another impulse apart of the own muscular strength to go up on the rope, being able to be used as support any existing natural or artificial element, as long as there is no fall factor.
- d) It is forbidden to move or modify the installation by the competitor. If this anomaly is detected, it will be communicated to the judge for rectification, and time will be stopped
- e) The competitors will begin the test when the starting judge gives them the order, with the time interval between them marked by the Chief Judge.
- f) The official timing will always be the one made by the judges, with their measuring devices.
- g) The judges control the time and technique of the competition. Athletes will be request to be 10 minutes before their departure for the review of the material. The time of the tour will begin to have the following guideline: the athlete will be located behind the starting mark, with the vertical progression devices -blockers and descending- closed. The starting judge will ask the competitor if he is "ready", and the athlete's confirmation will pronounce the word "ready" and after a minimum



pause the word "go", from our moment the timing of the test will begin to be timed. Time will stop when the competitor touches the goal mark, with the rope out of the vertical progression apparatus and the necessary protocols to be closed.

- h) In order not to unnecessarily delay the development of the test, competitors who exceed the times listed below, according to their category and sex, will be out of time, so they must withdraw from the circuit. And those who exceed them in total times with fouls included will be classified out of time as well.

<b>Vertical Skill Circuit</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Sex</b>	
<b>Age</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Youth</b>	60'	70'
<b>Adults</b>	50'	60'
<b>Veterans A</b>	60'	70'
<b>Veterans B</b>	70'	80'

<b>Multi-Technical</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Sex</b>	
<b>Age</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Youth</b>	18'	21'
<b>Adults</b>	15'	18'
<b>Veterans A</b>	18'	21'
<b>Veterans B</b>	21'	24'

In addition, in the Vertical Skill Circuit, there will be an intermediate time upon arrival at the upper right eye of the Ronda's New Bridge: competitors that exceed the times listed below, according to their category and sex, they will be out of time, and so they must withdraw from the circuit.

<b>Vertical Skill Circuit – Check Point</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Sex</b>	
<b>Age</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Youth</b>	40'	45'
<b>Adults</b>	30'	40'
<b>Veterans A</b>	40'	45'
<b>Veterans B</b>	45'	50'

**Art. 16.- Vertical progression equipment.**

- a) The equipment will be of free choice as long as it is CE certified or legally marketed. The use of prototypes or adaptations is forbidden.
- b) It is mandatory to port out the material specified in these regulations, and the competitor who does not meet the requirements may be disqualified from the competition.
- c) The judges will supervise the good condition of the material and may ban the participation of an athlete if they consider it appropriate, and the athlete may modify the his material within 5 minutes before being disqualified from the test, or the full team if it were a team test, without any reclamation for the participants because he/she is the responsible of their own equipment.
- d) During the tour, if the judges detect any anomaly in the mandatory use material, they will require the competitor to correct it without neutralizing the time, once again the mandatory use material is reviewed by the Table Judge upon arrival at the same, penalizing or disqualifying in case of deficiencies or lack of any element.
- e) At the time the material is presented to the judges for inspection, it cannot be modified without their prior authorization, with the possible disqualified of the participant.
- f) The equipment must have at least the following elements:
  - 1) Helmet, with CE certified, covering the entire head and buckled.
  - 2) Ded System progression with two blockers, the hand blocker and the ventral blocker, another third lanyard one attached to the hand blocker. It's possible the foot blocker.
  - 3) Closed pelvic harness (climbing, caving or canyoning) with a semi-circular carabineer with factory closure with chest harness joined to the pelvic harness directly or with a ventral blocker
  - 4) Two lanyards with two carabineers attached to the factory way or knotted with eight knots, single or semi fisherman with rope of 9 mm minimum.
  - 5) Pulley with CE certified.
  - 6) Descender with brake lever.
  - 7) The descender will be accompanied by two carabineers, one for coupling to the central carabineer and the other one made of braking steel. The system with Freino isn't allowed.

**CHAPTER VI - Classification System and Penalties**

**Art. 17.- Classification system:**

- a) The correct execution of the vertical progression maneuvers and the time invested in traveling the circuit will be scored.
- b) There will be an individual or team classification, depending on the type of test in each category.
- c) The penalties will add time according to their value, over the total obtained in the execution of the test.

**Art. 18.-** Failure to respect the common and specific rules developed in articles 12, 13 and the safety rules listed below, will mean the automatic elimination of the evidence:

- a) Running out of any of the mandatory progression elements to compete, such as safety equipment, descent or ascent material, ropes, the helmet itself, etc.
- b) On the descents of fixed pulleys and mobile plates, the rope mustn't be passed in zero position.
- c) When a difficulty is equipped, it will be mandatory to use such equipment, and no competitor can modify or alter them. If during the course of the test, a competitor became confused and did not follow the circuit itinerary correctly - for example, on a guided descent, he descended without anchoring the rope that serves as a guide - and only if the maneuver did not entail danger, The judge who controls the area where the mistake occurred must warn the competitor of his mistake. The warning will be made when the competitor already has the devices completely installed in the wrong section of rope, and tries to ascend or descend through it. There will be no additional penalty, since it is not a failure in the technique, but it is misleading, and the rectification of the maneuver already entails sufficient time penalty; if the competitor doesn't meet the rectification of the maneuver will be automatically removed from the test.
- d) If in any event there are three null exits attributable to the competitor, he will be disqualified.
- e) If the pelvic harness was opened during the course of the test.
- f) Progress through the circuit in a way that endangers one's own physical integrity, or that of third parties.
- g) Not having visible the personal identification number at all times the competitor, not being able to carry another number other than his, since he is called to start the test; and in case of deterioration, do not identify yourself verbally before the judge that requires it.
- h) In self-rescue, "pretend victim" help's.
- i) In self-rescue, misplacing the descender of the "pretend victim" and using it, as well as damaging the "pretend victim".
- j) In accuracy, the emptying of the bucket below the last mark.

**Art. 19.- Penalties:**

- a) **Very serious faults.**
  - 1- The use and proper positioning of each element on the rope is obligatory according to the norms of its manufacturer, same for the locking descender.
  - 2- In pitch head or rebelay's in descent, excluding the exit of the fixed traverse lines, do not anchor with one of the lanyards.
  - 3- Do not anchor to the carabineer of knot steps.
  - 4- Stay suspended with a single blocker without additional insurance.
  - 5- Remove a device from the rope of the deviation.
  - 6- Opening of the ventral carabineer or the helmet straps.
- b) **Serious faults.**
  - 1- Don't use locking key of the descender.
  - 2- Don't use the braking steel carabineer.

- 3- Release the rope of the hand in the descent without having an additional insurance or have the locking key.
- 4- Breaking the descent abruptly with the self-locking mechanism of the descender.
- 5- Uncontrolled progression.
- 6- On descending pendulum, do not perform locking key when picking up rope.
- 7- On ascending pendulum, do not tighten the ventral blocker before releasing the lanyard.
- 8- Moving on the rope from a fixed traverse line with a single lanyard, to be suspended from a single rope at the time of rope from the handrail change, not allowing overcoming a fixed traverse line with a single lanyard.
- 9- In fixed traverse line, skip a stretch.
- 10- In tyrolean, do not use two ropes for the progression.
- 11- Causing a fall factor or abrupt movements removing the lanyard or other movements.
- 12- Remove the rope from one of the carabineers of the installation.
- 13- Messy installation.
- 14- Cause or perform the accidental opening of any of the carabineers of the installation.
- 15- In self-rescue, do not anchor to the "pretend victim" with lanyard as the first instruction when accessing it, with the carabineer trigger out / up and on the top of the carabineer.
- 16- In self-rescue, do not perform the locking key on the victim's descender before removing the croll.
- 17- In Self-rescue, it will be mandatory to have at least 1,5 insurances between rescuer and "pretend victim" at the moment in which both are united by their ventral carabineers. The procedure to post the insurance will be:
  - Each blocker (regardless of who they are) will add 0.5 insurance
  - The descender with brake carabineer of the "pretend victim" will add 1.5 insurance
  - The descender of the rescuer will add 1 insurance
  - The haul system will add 1 insurance
  - The standing block (regardless of who) will not add insurance
- 18- In self-rescue, do not accommodate the victim in the Recovery Position after arrival to the ground.
- 19- Descent of the water level to each mark indicated in the cube of the precision test.

c) **Lights faults.**

- 1- Head discovered by the helmet, without putting the helmet in their position.
- 2- Leave any mechanical element open in the vertical progression equipment.
- 3- Do not carry the hand blocker on the harness when not in use.

- 4- Abandon non-mandatory material.

**Art. 20.-** The faults scored by the judges will involve a sum of the penalty times indicated for each type of foul over the time obtained in the execution of the test.

a) **Very serious faults (VS): + 3 minutes**

- 1- The use and proper positioning of each element on the rope is obligatory according to the norms of its manufacturer, same for the locking descender
- 2- In pitch head or rebelay in descent, excluding the exit of the fixed traverse lines, do not anchor with one of the lanyards
- 3- Do not anchor to the carabineer of knot steps
- 4- Stay suspended with a single blocker without additional insurance
- 5- Remove a device from the rope of the deviation
- 6- Opening of the ventral carabineer or the helmet straps

b) **Serious faults (S): + 2 minutes**

- 1- Don't use locking key of the descender
- 2- Don't use the braking steel carabineer
- 3- Release the rope of the hand in the descent without having an additional insurance or have the locking key
- 4- Braking the descent abruptly with the self-locking mechanism of the descender
- 5- Uncontrolled progression
- 6- On descending pendulum, do not perform locking key when picking up rope
- 7- On ascending pendulum, do not tighten the ventral blocker before releasing the lanyard
- 8- Two lanyards in fixed traverse line
- 9- In fixed traverse line, skip a stretch
- 10- In tyrolean, do not use two ropes for the progression
- 11- Causing a fall factor or abrupt movements removing the lanyard or other movements
- 12- Remove the rope from one of the carabineers of the installation
- 13- Messy installation
- 14- Cause or perform the accidental opening of any of the carabineers of the installation
- 15- In self-rescue, do not anchor to the "pretend victim" with lanyard as the first instruction when accessing it, with the carabineer trigger out / up and on the top of the carabineer
- 16- In self-rescue, do not perform the locking key on the victim's descender before removing the croll
- 17- In self-rescue, do not have at least 1,5 insurance between rescuer and "pretend victim"

- 18- In self-rescue, do not accommodate the victim in the Recovery Position after arrival to the ground
- 19- Descent of the water level to each mark indicated in the cube of the precision test

c) **Lights faults (L): + 1 minute**

- 1- Head discovered by the helmet, without putting the helmet in their position
- 2- Leave any mechanical element open in the vertical progression equipment
- 3- Do not carry the hand blocker on the harness when not in use
- 4- Abandon non-mandatory material

## **CHAPTER VII - *Canyoning Competition. Tests.***

**Art. 21.-** The Canyoning Competition will include the following tests:

- a) Individual: A single competitor progress the previously installed cannon.
- b) Teams: Two competitors progress the canyon, installing with their means the different obstacles they find that have not been installed by the organization.

**Art. 22.-** Common rules for the development of tests in both modalities.

- a) The test consists of descending the Tajo de Ronda canyon, according to specific sketches, with all its obstacles and verticals, in the shortest possible time. It will be mandatory to pass each and every one of the difficult difficulties in the order prescribed, following the marked route and it is expressly forbidden to avoid them, and complying with all the usual technical and safety requirements in the descent of canyons, plus those that are They are specifically detailed in the following sections or that can be established and made public prior to the development of the tests.
- b) Prior to the start of the test by the first competitor, a technician and / or a judge determined by the Competition Committee will explain the route.
- c) It is forbidden to use another impulse apart of the own muscular strength to go up on the rope, being able to be used as support any existing natural or artificial element, as long as there is no fall factor.
- d) It is forbidden to move or modify the installation by the competitor. If this anomaly is detected, it will be communicated to the judge for rectification, and time will be stopped
- e) The competitors will begin the test when the starting judge gives them the order, with the time interval between them marked by the Chief Judge.
- f) In the event of being reached by another competitor or team, overtaking will be facilitated, both in horizontal and vertical development. If the previous team has begun to install or rappelling, the team that comes behind will have to wait, and in that case, the Judge will neutralize the delayed time and then discount it from the resulting chronometer.
- g) The official timing will always be the one made by the judges, with their measuring devices.
- h) The judges control the time and technique of the competition. Athletes will be request to be 10 minutes before their departure for the review of the material. The time of the tour will begin to have the following guideline: the athlete will be located behind the starting mark, with the vertical progression devices -blockers and descending- closed. The starting judge will ask the competitor if he is "ready", and the athlete's confirmation will pronounce the word "ready" and after a minimum pause the word "go", from our moment the timing of the test will begin to be timed. Time will stop when the competitor touches the goal mark, with the rope out of the vertical progression apparatus and the necessary protocols to be closed.

- i) The participant will have to run the test run only with the material he was carrying when he was checked before departure, not being able to receive any help from a third party, except from his partner if the test is in pairs.
- j) The participant must carry the food and / or beverage supplies that he considers necessary for consumption during the test.
- k) When overcoming each obstacle, the components of the equipment must put the ropes used in the bags, being able to use it without picking it up whenever the vertical ones are chained with each other, according to indications in the technical data sheet.
- l) In order not to unnecessarily delay the development of the test, competitors who exceed the times listed below, according to their category and sex, will be out of time, so they must withdraw from the circuit. And those who exceed them in total times with fouls included will be classified out of time as well.

<b>Canyoning – Individual Test</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Sex</b>	
<b>Age</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Youth</b>	55'	65'
<b>Adults</b>	45'	55'
<b>Veterans A</b>	55'	65'
<b>Veterans B</b>	65'	75'

<b>Canyoning – Team Test</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Sex</b>	
<b>Age</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Adults</b>	60'	70'
<b>Veterans A</b>	70'	80'
<b>Veterans B</b>	80'	90'
<b>Mixed</b>	60'	

**Art. 23.-** Vertical progression equipment.

- a) The equipment will be of free choice as long as it is CE certified or legally marketed. The use of prototypes or adaptations is forbidden.
- b) It is mandatory to port out the material specified in these regulations, and the competitor who does not meet the requirements may be disqualified from the competition.
- c) The judges will supervise the good condition of the material and may ban the participation of an athlete if they consider it appropriate, and the athlete may modify the his material within 5 minutes before being disqualified from the test, or



the full team if it were a team test, without any reclamation for the participants because he/she is the responsible of their own equipment.

- d) During the tour, if the judges detect any anomaly in the mandatory use material, they will require the competitor to correct it without neutralizing the time, once again the mandatory use material is reviewed by the Table Judge upon arrival at the same , penalizing or disqualifying in case of deficiencies or lack of any element.
- e) At the time the material is presented to the judges for inspection, it cannot be modified without their prior authorization, with the possible disqualified of the participant.
- f) The equipment must have at least the following elements:
  - 1) Helmet, with CE certified, covering the entire head and buckled.
  - 2) Closed pelvic harness (climbing, caving or canyoning) with a semi-circular carabineer with factory closure with chest harness joined to the pelvic harness directly or with a ventral blocker.
  - 3) Two lanyards with two carabineers attached to the factory way or knotted with eight knots, single or semi fisherman with rope of 9 mm minimum.
  - 4) Descender (canyoning or caving CE certified) with a carabineer for coupling of the central carabineer.
  - 5) In the tyrolean on the Tajo de Ronda it will be mandatory to use two tandem pulleys of steel with CE certification, which will be provided by the organization in case of not having them.
  - 6) Clothing consisting of full wetsuit completely covering arms and legs, as well as suitable gloves.
  - 7) Adequate footwear (specific for canyons or mountains).
  - 8) Whistle and knife by hand, and thermal blanket.
- g) In addition, in the Team mode, they will collectively:
  - 1) Wide neck drums in each bag.
  - 2) Vertical progression equipment (blockers) available for use by each participant, of those marketed by national or foreign manufacturers destined for speleological or canyoning, always using them according to the manufacturer's specifications for use.
  - 3) Ropes type A or B, carabineers and other auxiliary material sufficient for the development of the test, according to the technical characteristics of the test.

## **CHAPTER VIII - Classification System and Penalties**

**Art. 24.-** Classification system:

- a) The correct execution of the vertical progression maneuvers and the time invested in traveling the circuit will be scored.
- b) There will be an individual or team classification, depending on the type of test in each category.
- c) The penalties will add time according to their value, over the total obtained in the execution of the test.

**Art. 25.-** Failure to respect the common and specific rules developed in articles 19, 20 and the safety rules listed below, will mean the automatic elimination of the evidence:

- a) Running out of any of the mandatory progression elements to compete, such as safety equipment, descent or ascent material, ropes, the helmet itself, etc.
- b) On the descents of fixed pulleys and mobile plates, the rope mustn't be passed in zero position.
- c) When a difficulty is equipped, it will be mandatory to use such equipment, and no competitor can modify or alter them. If during the course of the test, a competitor became confused and did not follow the circuit itinerary correctly - for example, on a guided descent, he descended without anchoring the rope that serves as a guide - and only if the maneuver did not entail danger, The judge who controls the area where the mistake occurred must warn the competitor of his mistake. The warning will be made when the competitor already has the devices completely installed in the wrong section of rope, and tries to ascend or descend through it. There will be no additional penalty, since it is not a failure in the technique, but it is misleading, and the rectification of the maneuver already entails sufficient time penalty; if the competitor doesn't meet the rectification of the maneuver will be automatically removed from the test.
- d) If in any event there are three null exits attributable to the competitor, he will be disqualified.
- e) If the pelvic harness was opened during the course of the test.
- f) Progress through the canyon in a way that endangers one's own physical integrity, or that of third parties.
- g) Jump in the canyon lakes, unless otherwise specified by the organization in the technical data sheets.
- h) Do not make sure at all times in the pitch heads and their approach, by means of the anchoring ends; or by a partner in team mode.
- i) The use of any progression or installation technique that is not specified in this regulation.
- j) Not having visible the personal identification number at all times the competitor, not being able to carry another number other than his, since he is called to start the test; and in case of deterioration, do not identify yourself verbally before the judge that requires it.

**Art. 26.- Penalties:**

- a) **Very serious faults.**
  - 1- The use and proper positioning of each element on the rope is obligatory according to the norms of its manufacturer, same for the locking descender.
  - 2- In pitch head or rebelay in descent, excluding the exit of the fixed traverse lines, do not anchor with one of the lanyards, interchangeably, in any of the anchors of the installation if it is equalized. Next, the corresponding elements will be placed. In pitch heads that aren't equalized, do not anchor the two lanyards, one at each anchor.
  - 3- In the pitch head, at the time of mounting the ropes, at least two anchors must be used, unless the installation is mounted with anchors equalized by chain or other device.
  - 4- Stay suspended with a single blocker without additional insurance.
  - 5- Remove a device from the rope of the deviation.

- 6- Opening of the ventral carabineer or the helmet straps.
- 7- In team tests, two people using the same rope of progression simultaneously.

b) **Serious faults.**

- 1- Don't use locking key of the descender.
- 2- Release the rope of the hand in the descent without having an additional insurance or have the locking key.
- 3- Each team member must circulate in sight or within the reach of their partner's voice.
- 4- Moving on the rope from a fixed traverse line with a single lanyard, to be suspended from a single rope at the time of rope from the handrail change, not allowing overcoming a fixed traverse line with a single lanyard.
- 5- In fixed traverse line, skip a stretch.
- 6- In tyrolean, do not use two ropes for the progression.
- 7- Causing a fall factor or abrupt movements removing the lanyard or other movements.
- 8- Remove the rope from one of the carabineers of the installation.
- 9- Messy installation.
- 10- Cause or perform the accidental opening of any of the carabineers of the installation.
- 11- Do not put the rope in the bag that is carried for the installation tests.

c) **Light faults.**

- 1- Head discovered by the helmet, without putting the helmet in their position.
- 2- Leave any mechanical element open in the vertical progression equipment.
- 3- Do not carry the hand blocker on the harness when not in use.
- 4- Abandon non-mandatory material.
- 5- Progress uncontrollably.
- 6- Carry the knife open.

**Art. 27.-** The faults scored by the judges will involve a sum of the penalty times indicated for each type of foul over the time obtained in the execution of the test.

a) **Very serious faults (VS): + 3 minutes**

- 1- The use and proper positioning of each element on the rope is obligatory according to the norms of its manufacturer, same for the locking descender
- 2- In pitch head or rebelay in descent, excluding the exit of the fixed traverse lines, do not anchor with one of the lanyards, interchangeably, in any of the anchors of the installation if it is equalized. Next, the corresponding elements will be placed. In pitch heads that aren't equalized, do not anchor the two lanyards, one at each anchor
- 3- Do not use two anchors in pitch head installation
- 4- Stay suspended with a single blocker without additional insurance

- 5- Remove a device from the rope of the deviation
- 6- Opening of the ventral carabineer or the helmet straps
- 7- In team tests, two people using the same rope of progression simultaneously

b) **Serious faults (S): + 2 minutes**

- 1- Don't use locking key of the descender
- 2- Release the rope of the hand in the descent without having an additional insurance or have the locking key
- 3- Each team member must circulate in sight or within the reach of their partner's voice
- 4- Two lanyards in fixed traverse line
- 5- In fixed traverse line, skip a stretch
- 6- In tyrolean, do not use two ropes for the progression
- 7- Causing a fall factor or abrupt movements removing the lanyard or other movements
- 8- Remove the rope from one of the carabineers of the installation
- 9- Messy installation
- 10- Cause or perform the accidental opening of any of the carabineers of the installation
- 11- Do not put the rope in the bag that is carried for the installation tests

c) **Lights faults (L): + 1 minute**

- 1- Head discovered by the helmet, without putting the helmet in their position
- 2- Leave any mechanical element open in the vertical progression equipment
- 3- Do not carry the hand blocker on the harness when not in use
- 4- Abandon non-mandatory material
- 5- Uncontrolled progression
- 6- Carry the knife open