



SANCF Policy Document	
Title:	Provincial Demarcation and Affiliation and Club and Individual Affiliation.
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Purpose of Policy:	This policy puts in writing the requirements for affiliation by members, clubs and provinces and the movement of individual club members between clubs and the provincial affiliations of clubs. This will ensure continuity through the structures and hence the eligibility of all registered climbers to gain provincial and national colours.

**Introduction:** SANCF is a member of SASCOC. It is noted in point 9.1 of the SASCOC constitution that it has a subordinate status:

#### 9. SUBORDINATE STATUS OF MEMBERS

- 9.1. Members shall be subordinate to SASCOC and must comply with the Constitution of SASCOC and any directives issued by SASCOC from time to time subject to the proviso that any directive shall not be in conflict with any requirement of the relevant international body to which the Member is affiliated.

It is further noted that the Provincial and District boundaries are determined in the SASCOC Constitution:

#### 8.6. Provincial Sports Confederations

Provincial Sports Confederations are structures recognised by SASCOC as the coordinating body of sport in each province of South Africa as per the nine geopolitical demarcation of the country, and notified as such will be entitled to 1 (one) vote per Provincial Sports Confederation at a General Meeting of SASCOC subject to Article 18.

#### Climbing Club Membership:

1. Climbers wishing to compete in provincial, national or international competitions must be members of a club registered with a provincial federation. The club must register its athletes wishing to compete with SANCF via the relevant provincial federation for a competition climbing license. Registered climbers must agree to abide by the rules of their club, provincial and national federation.
2. Members of a club wanting to move to another club must obtain a release from the original club and must be accepted by the club they wish to join.
3. It is the duty of the new club to inform the provincial federation of the move.
4. A climber may join any SANCF registered club within the province within which they reside.

#### Provincial Affiliation of Clubs and Individuals:

1. Clubs
  - a. must apply for membership of the district and provincial structures as defined in the SASCOC constitution.
  - b. All clubs must abide by the SANCF policy in terms of the compliance and reporting to the provincial structure.
2. Individual climbers who wish to compete (i.e., "competitors")
  - a. can only apply for membership of the district and provincial structure in which they and their members are geographically located.
  - b. must abide by the SANCF and their club rules, bylaws and policies.
  - c. must be South African citizens and resident in the province and must be able to provide upon request proof of date of birth, SA ID number (through providing a certified copy of a birth certificate, passport or SA ID document) and proof of residence.



## Exceptions and Handling Ambiguity:

Situations may arise in which:

- a climber may live in one province but the club or gym most convenient is actually in a different district or province.
- the climber may move back and forth between regions as in school or university terms in one district or province and home is in another.

In these cases the climber may request to be affiliated with either district or province. This request must be approved by the SANCF. Both provincial federations concerned must be notified of the decision as the climber may only be registered in one club, district or province.

*Should a climber transfer from one province to another and has already paid provincial and SANCF fees for that year in the province he is leaving, no fees will be due in the province he is transferring to for the year in question. Note that there may be pro-rata competition costs payable.*

*A transferring climber having already qualified for and been selected for a team place may continue to compete for the original province until after the national championships for which s/he was selected.*

Where an entity has branches in different Provinces, each branch has to register with their Provincial federation as defined by SASCOC. If a Provincial or any other boundary is in dispute, then Statistics South Africa is the custodian of all official statistics in South Africa and must be asked to generate maps of the official Provincial boundaries to enable a decision to be made.

## Independent Climbers:

These exceptions were based and will continue to be based on exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the competitor and where all compliance in terms of selection criteria either were met or were not able to be met due to the aforesaid exceptional circumstances (for example, no Provincial Federation in the Province in which the climber resides). The exceptional circumstances were assessed and will continue to be assessed in light of King IV principles around responsibility, accountability, fairness and transparency. In the course of making a decision in this regard, the SANCF MANCO has previously ensured and will continue to ensure a stakeholder-inclusive approach. MANCO will consider legitimate and reasonable needs, interests and expectations but MANCO will also adhere to the laws of the land.

## Guest Climbers – Non-SA Citizens:

Climbers who are not South African citizens can apply to be invited to climb at provincial and national competitions. These climbers would be considered to be guest climbers, not competitors. An application fee and/or guest climber fee will be levied. Their acceptance into a provincial or national competition will be at the discretion of the province and SANCF respectively. It is noted that guest climbers cannot be considered for provincial or SANCF or Protea Colours or selection for the SA team nor could they count towards the provincial or national quota, nor can their scores be counted towards provincial trophies. Guests will be able to climb and be scored but cannot podium or be ranked.

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