



SANCF Policy Document	
Title	Provincial Demarcation and Club and Individual Affiliation.
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Purpose of Policy	This policy puts in writing the existing practice of the Federation and its Members with regard to the movement of individual club members between clubs and the provincial affiliations of the clubs. This will ensure continuity through the structures and hence the eligibility of all registered climbers to gain provincial and national colours.

Introduction:

Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA) specifies district and provincial boundaries with the intention that sport resources and catchment is equitably distributed around the country. While this may present challenges and indeed some obstacles to growth, unless there is a justifiable reason for deviating from the geo-political demarcation, the SANCF policy is to adhere to the district and provincial geographical boundaries for club and provincial membership. This policy formally documents past practice within the federation.

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 provincial federation must in turn register its athletes members with SANCF for a competition climbing licence. Athletes agree to abide by the rules of the club, province 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 structure in which they and their members are geographically located.
 - b. All clubs must abide by the SANCF policy in terms of the compliance and reporting to the provincial structure.
2. Individual climbers
 - a. must apply for membership of the district and provincial structure in which they and their members are geographically located.
 - b. All climbers must abide by the SANCF and their club rules, bylaws and policies.



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 in another.

In these cases the climber may request to be affiliated with either district or province. This request must be approved by 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

Where a club may have branches in different provinces, each branch must register as a separate entity in the province in which they exist. Each branch will have to comply with the requirements of the province in which they are located.