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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING
While it has been tradition in years past for the President of the IFSC to share a few words in the Annual Report to celebrate our achievements from the previous year, we have recently found ourselves faced with unprecedented obstacles far beyond our control and therefore must adapt. At this moment, I will break from past traditions and choose instead to reflect on the current situation.

Every night, we see the effects of the pandemic spread across the globe resulting in broken hearts and devastated communities. We may now be living in difficult times, but our climbing community is resilient and will never give up.

While Sport Climbing’s debut in the Olympic Games has been disrupted and the Olympic Flame has been placed on a temporary leave of absence, we are not without hope. We will keep our chins up and look forward in anticipation for that time when we can once again count down the days until the Games begin.

For now, let us use this experience to come together as an IFSC family and unite as an international Sport Climbing community. Let us look forward to the future with hope and even more determination.

We will climb again.

WORLD UP, KEEP CLIMBING!

Marco Maria SCOLARIS
IFSC PRESIDENT
Secretary General’s Message

The IFSC made some great strides forward in 2019 to improve communication with our national federations, officials, event organisers, route-setters and athletes. With these steps forward we are building a better foundation for 2020.

From working on the “Road to Tokyo 2020” and numerous other event and administrative activities, we have made tremendous strides in 2019. As the Secretary General, much of my work has been behind the scenes: working with the staff, Member Federations, Continental Councils and outside agencies. While not as visible, it is very important to the ongoing operations and strategic growth of our organisation.

Here are some highlights from 2019:

• We signed a major sponsorship and media contract with Japanese marketing group Synca/Dentsu. This gave us the financial resources to increase the quality of our TV and event production, to enable live broadcasts of all World Cups, World Championships and the Olympic Qualifying Event, and to hire staff to manage increased media, sponsorship, and event production needs.

• We welcomed new staff members:
  - Hazel Han, Sport Assistant
  - Federico Ferro, Venue Delegate
  - Marco Vettoretti, Event Sponsor & Media Officer
  - Simona De Mari, Bookkeeper
  - Piero Rebaudengo, General Director

• Added new Member Federations:
  - FMCA – Fiji Mountaineering and Climbing Association

• Conducted a Risk Analysis & Strategic Planning Process culminating in the IFSC Climbing Summit to celebrate 2019 successes with our Golden Members and key stakeholders.

• Brought better organisation and new structure to each department of the IFSC & stakeholders.

• Created a new results system to be implemented in 2020.

• Successfully worked through the immense amount of work for the preparation of the Tokyo 2020 Games led by IFSC Head of Olympic Coordination Jérôme Meyer and Vice-President Sport/Events Kobinata Toru, alongside IFSC President Marco Scolaris and staff Francesca Jengo, Silvia Verdolini and Anne Fuynel, with too many others to name including IFSC staff, officials, route-setters and outside contractors.

• Added another athlete representative to the IFSC Executive Board, so that male and female athletes will be better represented.

I have spent a lot of time in our Torino office this year, as well as coaching and mentoring staff, facilitating improved meetings, conversations and teamwork with our organisation. I see that our staff are now working together more effectively and becoming better leaders. This is proving to be beneficial in some of the obstacles and difficulties we have faced on our “Road to Tokyo program” and the running of some of our large events. The most important point is that we are learning and growing. We don’t know everything and sometimes miss opportunities or make mistakes. Each time we do this, we evaluate: “What worked and what did not work.” We came up with better solutions and ways to work. In this way we are forging new territory in the climbing world and in the world of international sport. We do this, not alone: we do this together, with all of you.

It is easy to tell someone what they are doing wrong. What is more powerful is to share feedback with people and organisations about what they can do to be more effective (of course, all of this is one’s individual opinion). Be open to that feedback yourself and you will find that people are more willing to hear feedback from you.

Keep growing and help us to Keep Climbing. World Up!

Thank you for your support,

Debra GAWRYCH
IFSC SECRETARY GENERAL
The IFSC is an international non-governmental, non-profit organisation whose main objectives are the direction, regulation, promotion, development and furtherance of Sport Climbing around the world.

The last two decades has seen a period of spectacular growth for both Sport Climbing and the IFSC. Our sport has gained credibility on an international stage not only as a competitive sport, but also for its social values. The IFSC is a young and healthy federation founded on modern sporting principles and ethics, which are cultivated alongside the growth and development of the sport.
On August 28th, during the 2019 IFSC Youth World Championships in Arco, Italy, the IFSC held a workshop to address and inform its Member Federations.

Led by IFSC Secretary General Debra Gawrych, the meeting saw approximately 40 participants from 24 Member Federations. The workshop was an exploratory session dedicated to IFSC Members to inform and collect feedback on the direction and future goals of the IFSC. It resulted in several powerful action plans to improve communication and functioning of the Continental Councils and communication from the IFSC to Member Federations.

December 14, 2019 saw the first ever IFSC Climbing Summit take place in Turin, Italy, home to the IFSC Headquarters.

Following the workshop in Arco earlier in the year, the Climbing Summit represented the occasion to celebrate the goals achieved in approach to the year of Sport Climbing’s Olympic debut. Golden Members and other IFSC stakeholders gathered to discuss key objectives of the IFSC, moving forward to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 and beyond. The Climbing Summit further validated the Strategic Planning initiative. Comments and action plans will be communicated at the 2020 Plenary Assembly.
Women in the IFSC

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Sports are one of the most powerful platforms for promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls. In 2019 the IFSC took further action to improve the gender balance and representation at various levels of its organisation.

The IFSC Celebrated International Women’s Day

On March 8th, 2019 the IFSC celebrated women by teaming up with the UN Women’s campaign and participated in International Women’s Day. On this day the IOC invited the Olympic Movement to show support by sharing a picture on social media of inspiring woman engaging in a range of different sports. The IFSC has since joined the campaign by celebrating the first Youth Olympic medallists of Sport Climbing in Buenos Aires.

In 2019, 46% of IFSC athlete licenses were distributed to women showing an increase of +6% in respect of the 2018 season. At home in Torino, women now comprise 54% of IFSC full-time staff.

Following the IFSC Climbing World Championships 2019 in Hachioji, Japan, the IFSC Athletes’ Commission (AC) saw the election of six (6) new members. Newly elected Shauna Coxsey (GBR) MBE has now been appointed as Vice President of the Commission, subsequent to a unanimous decision by the AC during a meeting held on Thursday 19th September.

As per the approval of the IFSC’s Member Federations to include a female Athlete Representative on the IFSC Executive Board, Coxsey will now join the Board alongside AC President Sean McColl (CAN), bridging the gender gap and allowing athletes’ voices to be better represented moving forward.

The 2020 IOC Women and Sport Awards

IFSC Secretary General, Debra Gawrych sent the nomination of the Women’s Climbing Symposium for the 2020 IOC Women and Sport Awards. Awarded annually, the IOC Women and Sport Awards (the “Awards”) promote the advancement of gender equality in sports. They recognise outstanding achievements and contributions made to develop, encourage and strengthen the participation of women and girls at all levels in the sporting world, in order to close the gender gap.

The Women’s Climbing Symposium seeks to break down the barriers to women wanting to access the sport. Their mission is to connect, develop and inspire women climbers by providing emboldening speakers, the latest research, the best coaching and networking opportunities to hundreds of women through events as well as an online community. In 2015 WCS was recognised with a Women’s Sport Trust #BeAGamechanger award for grassroots work, and now the event plays an important part in the growth of women’s participation in the sport.

“If we wish to warmly thank the Women’s Climbing Symposium for the contribution they make to women and girls in climbing”, says Debra Gawrych, IFSC Secretary General.

The 4th IF Gender Equality Forum

The IFSC Sport Director attended the 4th IF Gender Equality Forum focusing on the implementation of the Gender Equality Project recommendations by individual Federations. The agenda included an update of the Project Recommendations Implementation Strategy and a summary overview of the findings from the 2016 IF Gender Equality Survey. The main part of the day was spent in working groups, discussing concrete practices for implementing the Gender Equality recommendations.

Following the in-depth discussions on gender equality and diversity within IFs, some projects were implemented at the IFSC:

Funding

The gender equality recommendations related to funding addressed inequalities in prize money or other athlete payments. “Gender equality is a distinctive reality of climbing, and our sport has reflected this since its foundation when, for instance, prizes were made identical,” says Marco Scolaris, IFSC President. “There is a long way to go, though, and we want to set new goals.” From 2019 the IFSC is actively supporting NFs in accessing funds (i.e. Olympic Solidarity) and in implementing best practices by appointing Erica Ricci as Administration and Development Officer. “With the rapid growth of the sport, we felt the need to get ahead and lay the grounds for more equal and fairer conditions for the development of both our athletes and our members”.

Governance

The current status of women in influential governing roles and decision-making responsibilities is clear: significant work is still required. The IFSC took a step towards bridging the gap, where at the Plenary Assembly, the addition of a female athlete representative to the IFSC Executive Board passed unanimously. “I would encourage every NF to do the same as we believe athletes are at the center of our sport and we want their voices to be heard” says Marco Scolaris, IFSC President.

Technical Officials and Coaches

In order to create a “pipeline” of women in governing roles, coaching, technical officials or athlete participation strong collaboration is needed from NFs and Continental Councils. “In 2018 a new career path was put into place to include more women in our route-setting and officiating teams. Ahead of 2019, we will welcome a second female IFSC routesetter”, says Silvia Verdolini, IFSC Sport Director. “In 2019 we took a step forward by linking more directly the career paths and training with the Continental Council and NFs.”
With issues such as climate change, economic inequality and social injustice impacting communities across the globe, sustainability is a major challenge not only for the general public, but also for the sporting world. Sport has the power to both motivate and inspire large numbers of people and so we, at the IFSC, believe that we have an opportunity as well as a duty to actively contribute to global sustainability.

In line with our strategic vision, we pledge: ‘To make the world a better place through sport’. To do this, the IFSC has started to produce a set of Sustainability Guidelines which aim to provide simple, practical and essential information for Member Federations and Event Organisers to develop effective sustainability programs, therefore maximizing the positive impact of Sport Climbing in environmental, social and economic matters. As these areas overlap, they should be addressed with a single, integrated approach.

To be committed to sustainability means to take the time to consider new and improved ways of thinking and behaving, challenging and learning from old ways of doing things so as to change for the better. As new issues surrounding sustainability are constantly arising, we invite our stakeholders to offer feedback and suggestions to ensure that the IFSC Sustainability Guidelines are as up-to-date and accurate as possible.

For the 2019 World Championships in Hachioji, the IFSC allocated the sum of €15,000 to help support athletes taking part in the event worldwide.

A total of 21 athletes from all five continents were able to benefit from the program.

For 2021, the Solidarity Program will be reviewed to best fit the evolution of the sport.
EXECUTIVE BOARD

Marco Maria SCOLARIS - President

Born in Torino, Italy, in 1958 Marco Maria Scolaris is a climber, originally a mountaineer, who turned his passion for the wilderness and the Mountains into his profession of journalist and photographer. Involved since Sportoccia in 1985 in sport climbing, Scolaris was among the founders of FASI in 1988 and its Sport Director for 10 years. On the International scene, he became an International Judge and a Judges' trainer. After attaining more than 40 events as an Official, he was one of competition climbing leaders inside the UIAA. In 2006, while directing the UIAA Council for Competition Climbing, he was asked by the UIAA to create a separate and new International Federation to run the sport, that he founded in 2007: the IFSC. Scolaris was elected then IFSC President in 2009 and reelected in 2013 and 2017, leading the organisation to the Olympic Games of Tokyo 2020.

Debra GAWRYCH - Secretary General

Debbie Gawrych is the Secretary General of the IFSC. She has served in that position for almost eight years after joining the IFSC Management Committee in 2004. Debbie began her Sport Climbing management positions as a volunteer coordinator for the Junior Climbing Competition Association (JCCA) in the USA, working her way up to the role of President of USA Climbing from 2003-2006. She served as the IFSC Vice-President of Finance for two terms before her current second term as Secretary General. Debbie is an active athlete and in addition to climbing has competed in running, triathlons and Ironman. Her experience in business (MBA and currently a Leadership Management Consultant) as well as competitive sports has helped her work with the IFSC staff and Executive Board to elevate the organisation and professionalism of the IFSC as a whole. Beginning in 2009, Debbie has begun to work more closely with the Strategic aspects of the IFSC: creating a global Strategic Plan from 2019 to 2025 and improving strategic and operational functions of key areas working alongside the staff in Marketing & Communications, Membership, Governance and Administration.

Kobinata TORU - Vice-President Sport/Events

Born in Yokohama, Japan in 1967, Kobinata started climbing in his teenage years, travelling the world in search of new crags and challenges. Having competed at a domestic level, Kobinata began his climbing career as a Route-setter in the 1990’s, acting also as a Judge and manager of the Japanese National Youth Team. Involved with the Japan Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association (UMSCAI) since the nineties, Kobinata was elected Vice-President of the IFSC Asian Council 2013-2017, was a proud member of the IFSC 2020 bidding team, and is now IFSC Vice-President of Sport and Events. Kobinata is also Vice-President of the Japan Urban Sports Support Committee (JUSC). Aside from climbing, Kobinata graduated with a degree in Economics from Yokohama City University and owns his own business.

Li ZHIXIN - Vice-President Communication

Li Zhixin (Chinese 李致新; Pinyin Li Zhixin) was born in Dalian, located in the Chinese Province of Liaoning, in 1962. A leading Chinese mountaineer, Li Zhixin and partner Wang Yongfeng (王勇峰) became the first Chinese couple to climb the Seven Summits on 23rd June 1999. Li Zhixin graduated from the Wuhu Institute of Geology in 1985, where he began his mountaineering career within the Institute’s Mountaineering Team the previous year. Director of the Mountaineering Sports Administrative Centre (MSAC) of the State General Administration of Sports, Li Zhixin is also Executive Vice-President of the Chinese Mountaineering Association (CMA) and IFSC Vice-President Communication.

Pierre-Henri PAILLASSON - Vice-President Treasurer and Finances

Prior to his current role as Director of the French Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing (FFME), Pierre-Henri was National Coach for the FFME from 1992-1998. Having worked as Organisational Director for the IFSC World Championships 2002 and 2016, Paris, Pierre-Henri is now Vice-President Treasurer and Finances of the IFSC. A passionate climber as well as a Mountain Guide and ski instructor, Pierre-Henri has been heavily involved in the development of Sport Climbing competitions since the beginning. His dream was to see Sport Climbing feature in the Olympic Games, which will become a reality in Tokyo 2020.

Sean MCCOLL - Athlete Representative

As President of the Athletes’ Commission, Sean’s role is to share the voice of the athletes with the Executive Board and advocate on their behalf. Since starting to climb in 1997, Sean has now competed in almost 150 IFSC World Cups, winning 5 events and appearing on the podium a further 23 times. Based in North Vancouver, Canada, Sean has played an active role in coaching the Canadian Youth National Teams, acting as head and assistant coach from 2009-2013. Sean was re-elected as Athlete Representative during the IFSC World Championships 2016 in Paris.

Shauna COXSEY - Athlete Representative

Shauna Coxsey MBE is the first British climber to qualify to compete in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, where Sport Climbing will make its debut. Climbing since the age of four, Shauna has cemented a global reputation as one of the world’s best competition climbers; with a notable track record in outdoor bouldering also. A passionate proponent of widening participation in sport, when she was 18 years old, Shauna established the Women’s Climbing Symposium (WCS). Now an annual event which in 2018 was attended by over 400 women, the WCS aims to connect, develop and inspire women to climb, whatever their level. Shauna is widely recognised as a key spokesperson for the sport and has extensive experience of working with the media and in other public speaking environments to provide insight, explanation and commentary on climbing, women in sport and access to sport. Shauna is also a trustee of Climbers Against Cancer, a charity to unite the climbing community in supporting Cancer Research which was set up by the late John Ellison.
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Wolfgang WABEL - European Council President

Based in Munich, Germany, Wolfgang is currently Managing Director of Climbing and Mountain Sports at the Deutscher Alpenverein (DAV) German Alpine Club. With a sporting background, Wolfgang has a Master’s in Sport Management and a PhD in Sport Science. After attending the UIAA PA in 1998 on behalf of the DAV, Wolfgang acted as a delegate and then member of the Management Committee of organisations engaged in international Sport Climbing. As President and one of the founding members of the IFSC European Council, Wolfgang’s role encompasses the strategy and structural development of Sport Climbing in Europe and as such, Wolfgang is the European Continental Council representative on the IFSC Executive Board. Wolfgang feels that the inclusion of Sport Climbing in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games is the crowning achievement of efforts made by the IFSC and its Member Federations.

Romain THEVENOT - Oceania Council President

Romain has been climbing since he could walk. He started his climbing journey in the French Alps and reached many summits over the years. Romain’s academic background is in engineering and he graduated with a Master of Civil Engineering. He now works in the Australian Climbing Industry running his own business. Romain has been largely involved in the development of Sport Climbing Australia and subsequently the development of Sport Climbing in Australia as a whole. Romain has been on the Board of SCA since 2013 and Chair since 2016. In early 2017 Romain joined the IFSC Executive Board, as President of the Oceania Council.

Maria IZQUIERDO - PanAmerican Council President

Born in Spain but spending most of her years in Montreal, a French Canadian city, Maria speaks three languages fluently and feels simultaneously European and American. A former Gymnast and Gymnastics coach, it was during her studies in Physical Education and subsequently as a master’s student in Biomechanics that Maria found climbing. As the owner and Director of one of the first and largest climbing gyms in Canada for the last 25 years, Maria has organised both regional and international climbing competitions and developed climbing programs for youths and adults from beginners to athletes. Maria was co-founder of the Canadian Competition Climbing Federation (CEC), of which she was President for four years. She became involved with the IFSC in 2009 after hosting the North American Championships in Montreal, when she was invited to attend the IFSC Plenary Assembly in Turin, Italy and the Pan American Council meeting. Now President of the IFSC Pan American Council, Maria’s role within the Executive Board is to represent the Pan American Council.

Anthony SEAH - Asian Council President

President of the Singapore Mountaineering Federation since 2015, Anthony is also President of the IFSC Asian Council Board and as such, it is his role to represent the continent of Asia on the IFSC Executive Board. An avid climber, Anthony has made first ascents of both traditional and sport routes in Singapore.

EXECUTIVE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Shauna COXSEY

“The 2019 competition season was such an important one for our sport. With the first Olympic selection events taking place and more eyes on the sport than ever before it was definitely a season to remember. For me the highlight of this year was competing in the Combined World Championships. It was such a battle to get there and the atmosphere in the arena was incomparable to any climbing competition I’ve done before. It was a privilege to be part of such a huge event at this pivotal time for our sport.”

Kobinata TORU

“Our Olympic preparation has been busy, but in the end, we can congratulate each of the qualified athletes. Moving towards the future, Sport Climbing has been confirmed for the 2022 Asian Games and new bouldering formats have already been tested at FISE Hiroshima and the ANOC Beach Games. We are also excited to announce our first official list of Holds Macros and Volumes and look forward to what is to come.”

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS 2019

11 JANUARY
13 FEBRUARY
14 MARCH
16 MARCH
11 APRIL
22 MAY
18 JUNE
10 JULY
13 AUGUST
24 SEPTEMBER
23 OCTOBER
20 NOVEMBER
12-13 DECEMBER

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING
Born and raised in Turin, Italy, Francesca enjoys learning languages and discovering new cultures, hence she studied Foreign languages and International Communication at university. One of Francesca’s favorite things about working for the IFSC is the chance to meet people from across the globe, speaking their native language wherever possible. Now an MBA graduate, Francesca is one of the longest-standing staff members at the IFSC, beginning her IFSC career back in 2010 when the Federation had just three part-time employees. Having contributed heavily towards the growth and development of the IFSC’s structure, Francesca’s role as Administration Director involves managing the IFSC Office, coordinating institutional meetings and keeping a watchful eye over finances. Francesca enjoys organizing dinners with friends, exploring new corners of her hometown which she shares with the IFSC Headquarters, trying new sports and spoiling her family and colleagues with homemade cakes.

Prior to joining the IFSC as Marketing & Communications Director in 2012, Anne worked for various media as a journalist before joining several communications agencies to manage media relations, printed communication and events. Then Anne continued her career path at Grenoble École de Management for thirteen years as Press Officer, followed by International PR Manager and subsequently, Director of Communication and Operational Marketing. Driven consistently by new challenges within ambitious, multidisciplinary and international teams, Anne’s role at the IFSC focuses mainly on the development of sponsorship and TV deals as well as all aspects of communications. Anne is a fan of sports and is currently a volunteer at Tennis Club de Menthon-Saint-Bernard where she acts in the Sponsorship and Communication Committee.

Jérôme was introduced to skiing and hiking in the mountains when he was just a child, then at the age of twelve he started climbing at his local gym in Chambéry, France. Not long after this, Jérôme began competing in both local and regional climbing competitions, followed by the IFSC World Cup circuit, where he secured three Bouldering World Cup gold medals in 2001, 2003 and 2006. Jérôme retired from competitions in 2008 following his victory in the European Championships and since, has worked to shape the IFSC’s Sport Department. Originally Sport Director for the IFSC and the first President of the IFSC Athletes' Commission, Jérôme is now the IFSC’s Head of Olympic Coordination, guiding Sport Climbing towards its Tokyo 2020 Olympic debut.

Silvia joined the IFSC in 2017, transforming her passion for climbing into a full-time job. Having been appointed as Sport Director in 2019, Silvia manages all technical commissions and oversees the sport’s development, including improvements to regulations and Officials progression alongside event format and sport equipment. After completing her bachelor’s degree in Astrophysics in Italy, Silvia spent a year in California for her Master’s then did a PhD in The Netherlands. After a short research period, she left academia and worked as project coordinator for Science Communication in India, South Africa, Malta, and UK. She managed EU funded projects aimed at public engagement, improving science literacy, and developing the next generation of bright minds.
Alessandro DI CATO - Event Officer

During the completion of his master’s degree in Management, Organisation and Business Economics at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Alessandro gained experience studying and working abroad for three years. Before returning to Italy to join the IFSC, Alessandro completed an internship at Systemd, the IFSC’s Communications Agency in Montmélian, France, where he supported various facets of IFSC operations and attended multiple IFSC events. Outside of working life, Alessandro enjoys both watching and playing team sports, particularly football.

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Federico FERRO - Venue Delegate

From a young age, Federico has been passionate about sport, starting out as an Athlete and moving on to become an Event Specialist. Following a master’s degree in Law in Rome, Federico specialised in event management with a Sport Management Master’s at the Luiss Guido Carli University. He then joined the Venue Management Team of the Baku 2015 Operational Committee for First European Games. Federico continued to become Executive Director at the European Boxing Confederation in Lausanne, supervising the organisation of over 50 tournaments and being responsible for the European Championships. Working for Balich Worldwide Shows in 2017 as an on-site Consultant, Federico managed the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 5th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

Simona DE MARI - Bookkeeper

Born in Turin, Italy, Simona loves the mountains, enjoying hiking since the age of 20 and learning to ski aged 45, giving her a lot of satisfaction and leaving her wondering why she did not take up the sport sooner. Working as an administrative employee for a research body in the field of ICT for 17 years, Simona produced cost reports for projects funded by the European Union and the Regione Piemonte. She volunteered for several months in a sports association organizing international football events, where she was in charge of registering teams in championships and organizing athletes’ accommodation. Simona likes to travel and explore cultures other than her own. She also sings in a vocal pop group, being a choral singer starting from the Gospel.

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Hazel HAN - Sport Assistant

Passionate about the vibrant field of international sporting events, Hazel (Haesol) joined the IFSC in February 2019 welcoming Torino as her new home. Previously, she held a project manager position in the Protocol team at the PyeongChang Organising Committee for the Winter Olympic & Paralympic Games of 2018, managing venue operations at the competition venues, including Speed Skating, Figure Skating, Ice hockey and Curling. She has lived overseas over the period of 14 years since she moved to the US during her teenage years. Hazel received a BA degree from Trinity College, USA in 2010, and a join MA degree in Public Policy from the Central European University, Hungary & University of York, UK in 2016. As an active climber and outdoor lover, she has worked for a climbing charity in the UK and a bouldering gym in Munich, which further expanded her career interests in working with a climbing community.

Marco VETTORETTI - Event Sponsor & Media Officer

After working as a caregiver in Venice for eight years, Marco gained a bachelor’s degree in Communication at the University of Padua and a master’s degree in Sport Business Strategies at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice. From 2015 to 2019 he worked for the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) as a member of the media crew, travelling to a number of international competitions around the world, including the Olympic Games Rio 2016 and the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018. Prior to this, Marco has attended basketball, beach soccer, biathlon, cycling and football events. Marco has practiced swimming, handball, basketball and judo and whenever he can, travels back to Venice to support the local basketball and football teams.

Daniel TORCHIA - Paraclimbing Development Officer

Daniel returned to Italy at the end of 2017 after ten years abroad, where he also obtained a PhD in Business and Management from the University of Manchester, UK. Since his Master’s degree at the University of Liverpool, UK, he has been involved with sport organisations, researching how they can foster social development. This keen interest has then translated in his work at IFSC where, since October 2018, he has been contributing to the growth of Paraclimbing at an international level. Following the unanimous approval of the Paraclimbing Development Plan, during the 2019 IFSC Plenary Assembly in Tokyo (Japan), Daniel is now overseeing the implementation of the plan and also helping the recently formed Paraclimbing Committee in their operations. Daniel also collaborates with the School of Management and Economics at the University of Turin, Italy (his hometown), and publishes research articles in international, peer-reviewed journal.

Tamaris HIGNAM - Communications Assistant

Tamaris gained a first-class bachelor’s degree in Marketing with Public Relations from Edge Hill University, UK, in July 2017. Whilst studying Tamaris fell in love with climbing, taking every opportunity to try new disciplines on both rock and plastic, as well as watching IFSC competitions online and connecting with the climbing community on Instagram. Following the completion of her degree, Tamaris spent one year working for the British Mountaineering Council as Marketing & Events Coordinator, before relocating from the UK to Torino, Italy, to join the IFSC. Prior to and during her studies, Tamaris’ career ranged from social media management to dressing up as a Disney princess for children’s parties.
IFSC MOVES TO NEW HEADQUARTERS

25 SEPTEMBER 2019

As Sport Climbing grows, so too must the IFSC. With a rapidly expanding team of 10 staff members, the IFSC has outgrown its old headquarters and so, has relocated to a new and bigger office.

As of September 25th 2019, the IFSC headquarters is based at the following address:

Corso Vinzaglio 12, 10121 Torino Italy

The new office has provided the IFSC with the capacity to make room for further additions to the team over the coming months. Additionally, the IFSC’s new headquarters includes a meeting room large enough to host Executive Board and other meetings within the office.

“At over the last two years, the number of staff members employed by the IFSC has doubled. To accommodate the growing team, the IFSC Plenary Assembly were informed that by the end of the year we would relocate to a new office” according to IFSC Administration Director Francesca Jengo.

Easily accessible by public transport, the IFSC’s new office is less than 500 meter away from Porta Susa, one of Turin’s two main train stations, as well as the nearest metro station.

“WE ARE PROUD TO SAY THAT ALL THOSE WORKING AT THE IFSC HEADQUARTERS COME TO THE OFFICE BY FOOT, BICYCLE OR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. THIS IS THE WAY WE ARE AT THE IFSC.”

Marco Maria SCOLARIS
Inside the IFSC

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

IFSC MEMBER FEDERATIONS

NEW MEMBERS 2019

FMCA
Fiji Mountaineering and Climbing Association

GOLDEN MEMBERS

- CMA • Chinese Mountaineering Association
- FFME • Fédération Française de la Montagne et de l’Escalade
- FASI • Federazione Arrampicata Sportiva Italiana
- CFR • Climbing Federation of Russia
- USAC • USA Climbing
- KAF • Korean Alpine Federation
- JMSCA • Japan Mountaineering & Sport Climbing Association
TRIBUTE TO
MR. YURIY SKURLATOV

IFSC saddened by the loss of honorary member
30 August 2019

The IFSC mourned the loss of CFR (Climbing Federation of Russia) Vice President and IFSC Honorary Member Mr. Yuriy Skurlatov, aged 77.

Dedicating over fifty years of his life to Sport Climbing, Mr. Skurlatov acted as CFR Vice President from 1994 to the present, as well as being the CFR Head Coach from 2007 - 2010. Having made huge contributions to the development of Sport Climbing both in Russian Federation and internationally, Mr. Skurlatov has been recognised as an IFSC Honorary Member since 2011 and will be dearly missed not only by the IFSC, but by the Sport Climbing community as a whole.

"Yuriy was a great asset to our sport but more than this, he was a true friend. Our thoughts are with his loved ones at this difficult time," says IFSC President Marco Scolaris.
SIX NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE IFSC ATHLETES’ COMMISSION
02 SEPTEMBER 2019

Following elections which took place during the IFSC Climbing World Championships 2019 in Hachioji, Japan, the IFSC Athletes’ Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of six (6) new members.

- Six new members joined the Athletes’ Commission after elections at the 2019 WCH in Hachioji (JPN).
- Shauna Coxsey joined the IFSC Executive Board as the second athlete representative.

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In 2019 the protection of clean athletes at IFSC has been articulated in several streams of work namely the management of out-of-competition testing, the support to in-competition testing and the compliance support to WADA requirements and inquiries. Specifically, in 2019 the athletes included in the Registered Testing Pool have been subject to several urine and blood no-advance notice tests in line with a risk-based assessment and TDSSA WADA guidelines.
“We’re in the midst of an extremely exciting period of growth and change for our sport, so now more than ever, it’s imperative that the voices of the athletes are heard. Those joining the Athletes’ Commission will be working to guide Sport Climbing through its first Olympic Games next summer, making certain that athletes remain at the centre of our sport. I’m looking forward to hearing what the new Commission members have to say and would also like to thank those leaving the Commission for their work to further develop Sport Climbing,” says Sean McColl, President of the IFSC Athletes’ Commission.

The IFSC Athletes’ Commission will henceforth consist of the following members:

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GREAT BRITAIN’S SHAUNA COXSEY ELECTED VP OF THE IFSC ATHLETES’ COMMISSION
03 OCTOBER 2019

Following the IFSC Climbing World Championships 2019 in Hachioji, Japan, the IFSC Athletes’ Commission (AC) saw the election of six (6) new members. Newly elected Shauna Coxsey (GBR) MBE has now been appointed as Vice President of the Commission, subsequent to a unanimous decision by the AC during a meeting held on Thursday 19th September.

As per the approval of the IFSC’s Member Federations to include a female Athlete Representative on the IFSC Executive Board, Coxsey will now join the Board alongside AC President Sean McColl (CAN), bridging the gender gap and allowing athletes’ voices to be better represented moving forward.

IFSC Athletes Commission Shauna Coxsey.

“I am delighted to take on the role of Vice President of the Athletes’ Commission. I have always been passionate about the positive development of our sport and I look forward to working together with the other members of the Commission and IFSC at such a pivotal time for our sport,” says Vice President of the IFSC Athletes’ Commission Shauna Coxsey.
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COMMISSIONS

ETHICS COMMISSION

In 2019, the director of the Ethics Commission, Marc Le Menestrel, started a new project with IFSC officials, IFSC staff and IFSC Executive Board members. A questionnaire was released, with a series of points related to the meaning of ethics within the sport climbing world.

The questionnaire is a first step to raise awareness about ethics' concepts for the entire community. Following the release of the questionnaire, a workshop was conducted during the IFSC Officials seminar. The purpose of the workshop was to carry a deeper discussion about the value of ethics for IFSC officials on the executions of their duties.

PARACLIMBING COMMISSION

As part of the Paraclimbing Development Plan, voted unanimously during the IFSC Plenary Assembly 2019 in Tokyo, Japan, the former Paraclimbing Commission was disbanded, to form a new Paraclimbing Committee. Currently the Committee, which has an operational role on matters such as classification, rules, routesetting and events, includes two (2) athlete representatives, elected during the IFSC Paraclimbing World Championship 2019, as well as two (2) coaches and two (2) experts appointed by the IFSC Executive Board, and will include a Para-Routesetter soon too. The composition of the Paraclimbing Committee is to be ratified by the IFSC Plenary Assembly in March 2020.
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COMMISSIONS

MEDICAL COMMISSION

MISSION

• To protect and maintain the health of competing athletes at international level.
• To protect and maintain competition climbing as a safe sport.

POSITION
DIRECTOR
MEMBERS

NAME

FEDERATION

COUNTRY

Dr Eugen BURTSCHER

KVÖ

AUT

Volker SCHÖFFL

DAV

GER

Dr Pierre BELLEUDY

FFME

FRA

Dr Tomoyuki ROKKAKU

JMSCA

JPN

Dr Phil GOEBEL

SCA

AUS

Dr Anil GURTOO

IMF

IND

Armen TER-MINASYAN

CFR

RUS

Davide BATTISTELLA

FASI

ITA

TASKS & ACTIVITIES

• Recommendations for standards of physical examination
• Recommendation for international competing athletes
• Analysing injury reports of the world cup series
• Conducting scientific research within sport climbing
• Controlling the prevention system in favour of the athletes’ health
• Recommendations for trainers and coaches
• Recommendations for judges
• Addressing issues in consideration of the health
• Climbing - gravitational sport - underweight - BMI
• Body Mass Index (BMI) - Mass Index (MI)
• Defining medical rules for international climbing competitions
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TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

RULES COMMISSION

PURPOSE
The Rules Commission is responsible for maintaining and updating the official international rules of sport climbing.

ACTIVITIES
- To analyse the requirement for improvements of all sport climbing disciplines, and to consider proposals received from other technical commissions, officials, and IFSC staff.
- To identify proposals with impact on other Technical Commissions’ work and bring those for discussion to the Sport Department Management Committee.
- To make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding rule changes.

EVENT COMMISSION

PURPOSE
- To support and to advise all IFSC Departments staff on IFSC events with regard to the venue, the technical requirements, the safety of climbers, and the organisation of the events.
- To investigate and make recommendations regarding the implementation of official sport equipment.

ACTIVITIES
- To be defined.

COACHES COMMISSION

PURPOSE
- To act as a center of excellence in the coaching field.
- To represent coaches globally and to provide support to regions to develop sustainable coaching education.
- To promote a culture of integrity during competitions, oppose doping, cheating, fraud, manipulation or corruption.

ACTIVITIES
- To collect proposals from coaches and to make recommendations to other technical commissions for improvements of all sport climbing disciplines.
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TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

ROUTESETTERS COMMISSION

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PURPOSE

• To develop and maintain the highest standards in routesetting IFSC sport climbing competitions in all categories.
• To develop, improve, and standardise a career path for routesetters.

ACTIVITIES

• To oversee the annual evaluation of routesetters based on experience and on peer reports.
• To update the annual list of active routesetters and to monitor the quality of international routesetters.
• To coordinate with the Judges Commission and the Technical Delegates and to propose nominations for IFSC Chief Routesetters and IFSC Routesetters to officiate IFSC events.
• To continuously improve the standards of routesetting at IFSC events by reporting to the Sport Department and by making recommendations.
• To support the development of new routesetters following IFSC guidelines.

JUDGES COMMISSION

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PURPOSE

• To develop and maintain the highest standards in judging IFSC sport climbing competitions in all the disciplines and categories.
• To develop, improve, and standardise a career path for judges.

ACTIVITIES

• To oversee the annual evaluation of judges based on experience and on peer reports.
• To update the annual list of active judges and to monitor the quality of international Jury Presidents and Judges.
• To coordinate with the Routesetters Commission and the Technical Delegates and to propose nominations for IFSC Jury Presidents and IFSC Judges to officiate IFSC events.
• To continuously improve the standards of judging at IFSC events by reporting to the Sport Department and by making recommendations.
• To oversee the running of courses aimed at developing new judges following IFSC guidelines and using the most modern educational techniques and methods.
After conducting a comprehensive study and analysis, the IFSC, in partnership with Vertical Life, statistically determined the total number of climbers worldwide. To calculate this number, the IFSC used three different methodologies, with each result coming within a 1.5% margin of each other.

**Analytical criteria:**

- Includes both indoor and outdoor climbers
- Does not include hikers or adventure park climbers
- Weighs the average percentage of climbers per country with the total world population, excluding populations under extreme poverty level in each country and globally

Following these considerations for each calculation, the new total number of climbers worldwide is **44.5 million**.
FORMAT: COMBINED FORMAT

The new Olympic Combined format brings together all three Sport Climbing disciplines in one big event. Athletes need to have enough strength, endurance and power to come out on top at the end of two full days of competition.

Following each round of competition, the athletes will be ranked based on their results. These ranks will then be multiplied against each other for an overall combined score. The climber with the lowest score wins the gold medal.

COMPETITION VENUE: AOMI URBAN SPORTS PARK

SCHEDULE FOR TOKYO 2020 (TO BE CONFIRMED)

QUALIFICATIONS
MEN > 3 AUGUST
WOMEN > 4 AUGUST

FINALS
MEN > 5 AUGUST
WOMEN > 6 AUGUST

CONFIRMED QUALIFIED ATHLETES
As of 09.12.2019 (In progress)

WOMEN
1. Janja GARNBRET SLO
2. Akiyo NOGUCHI JPN
3. Shauna COXSEY GBR
4. Aleksandra MIROSLAW POL
5. Miho NONAKA JPN
6. Petra KLINGLER SUI
7. Brooke RABOUTDU USA
8. Jessica PILZ AUT
9. Julia CHANOURDIE FRA
10. Mia KRAMPL SLO
11. Iuliia KAPLINA RUS
12. Kyra CONDIE USA
13. Laura ROGORA ITA
14. YiLing SONG CHN

MEN
1. Tomoa NARASAKI JPN
2. Jakob SCHUBERT AUT
3. Rishat KHAILBULLIN KAZ
4. Kai HARADA JPN
5. Mickael MAWEM FRA
6. Alexander MEGOS GER
7. Ludovico FOSSALI ITA
8. Sean MCCOLL CAN
9. Adam ONDRA CZE
10. Bassa MAWEM FRA
11. Jan HOJER GER
12. YuFei PAN CHN
13. Alberto GINES LÓPEZ ESP
14. Nathaniel COLEMAN USA
The International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board has accepted the proposal of the Paris Organizing Committee of the Olympic & Paralympic Games (Paris 2024) to include new sports at the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

On the afternoon of June 25, 2019, the Paris 2024 proposal to include surfing, skateboarding, breaking and sport climbing in their summer Olympic Games was presented at the 134th International Olympic Committee Session in Lausanne, Switzerland. At the end of the presentation, the IOC voted unanimously to approve the proposal. The final decision of inclusion to be made at the IOC Executive Board meeting.

On Tuesday, December 3, 2019, Sport Climbing was officially approved for the Youth Olympic Games 2022 to be held in Dakar, Senegal by the International Olympic Committee. This time, the event will feature bouldering and include a total of 24 athletes, 12 per gender.

As Sport Climbing was provisionally included in Paris 2024 by the IOC this past June, along with three additional sports, this inclusion in the YOG Dakar 2022 naturally follows the youth-focused approached to the Olympic Games.

The sport will feature a combined bouldering and lead climbing event represented by 40 athletes, and a separate speed climbing event represented by 32 athletes. This is an increase in the number of athletes that will be represented at Tokyo 2020, as well as an increase in total medals available.
WORLD CUP SERIES

The IFSC World Cup series took place across three continents this year, with new events in Xiamen and Inzai. With the approaching Tokyo 2020 Olympics, stakes were higher this year, as athletes participated in all three disciplines in hopes of qualifying for the Olympic Games.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

4 DISCIPLINES
18 WORLD CUP EVENTS: 6 BOULDERING, 6 LEAD, 6 SPEED
12 HOST CITIES
54 ACTIVE/COMPETING NATIONAL FEDERATIONS
WINNER OF THE MOST GOLD MEDALS = SLO

COUNTRY WHICH APPEARED ON THEPodium THE MOST TIMES = JPN

PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN AVERAGE NUMBER OF ATHLETES PER EVENT IN 2019 COMPARED TO 2018: BOULDERING 3.8%, LEAD 16.78%, SPEED 41%

AVERAGE ATHLETE AGE: 21 YEARS OLD

YOUTUBE VIEWS (LIVE: 1,268,200 / ON DEMAND: 4,885,047)

INCREASE IN WORLD CUP YOUTUBE VIEWS
ON-DEMAND +51.43%, LIVE +65.05% -> TOTAL +53.91%

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2019 SEASON FIGURES
WORLD CUP SERIES

AVERAGE NUMBER OF REGISTERED ATHLETES PER COMPETITION/DISCIPLINE

GOLD MEDALS PER COUNTRY/DISCIPLINE

PODUMS PER COUNTRY/DISCIPLINE

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING

2019
WORLD CUP SERIES WINNERS

BOULDERING
WOMEN

LEAD
WOMEN

SLO
Janja GARNBRET

KOR
Chaehyun SEO

MEN

SLO
JPN

CZE

RUSSIA

FRANARASAKI

COMBINED
WOMEN

MEN

SLO
Tomoa NARASAKI

JPN

CZE

FRA

MEN

BASSA MAWEM

TEAM WINNERS

SECOND PLACE
SLOVENIA

FIRST PLACE
JAPAN

THIRD PLACE
RUSSIA
The women’s Speed World Record was broken twice in the People’s Republic of China during the IFSC World Cup 2019.

In Chongqing, YiLing SONG of the People’s Republic of China beat the record previously set by Anouck JAUBERT (FRA), with a time of 7.10 seconds.

The record was later beat at the final speed competition of the year in Xiamen by Indonesia’s Aries SUSANTI RAHAYU with a time of 6.99 seconds.

Climbing superstar, Janja GARNBRET (SLO) capped off a whirlwind IFSC Boulder World Cup series with a full sweep of all six competitions, becoming the first climber to finish a season undefeated.

Czech climber, Adam ONDRA was unstoppable in Lead this year, standing on the highest podium step of each competition he entered from Chamonix to Toulouse.

YiLing SONG (CHN) and Aries SUSANTI RAHAYU broke barriers for women’s speed climbing by setting new world records, bringing the number down to a blistering sub-seven seconds.

Japan’s dynamic Tomoa NARASAKI had a notably strong 2019 competition season finishing first in the IFSC World Cup season and IFSC World Championship for both Bouldering and Combined disciplines.

A new arrival to the IFSC Lead World Cup series, Korea’s Chaehyun SEO stood above the rest by collecting four gold medals in her rookie year.
Our Sport

2019 SEASON FIGURES

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2019 World Championships in Hachioji, Japan brought the pressure as the first official Olympic Qualifying Event. The competition lasted ten days and concluded with the Olympic Combined format and Sport Climbing's first Olympic athletes. Hosted at the Esforta Arena Hachioji, the event successfully marked a new era for Sport Climbing, with unparalleled feats of strength, sportsmanship and broadcasting advances.

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2019 SEASON FIGURES
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

HACHIOJI
11 - 21 AUGUST 2019

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The Paraclimbing World Championships were three days of incredible athleticism in 14 categories hosted in Briançon, France. Paraclimbing athletes from France, Great Britain and Japan won 11 out of 14 categories. Austria, Iran and Romania also won gold medals.

**PARACLIMBING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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**2019 SEASON FIGURES**

- **158 ATHLETES**
  - **111 MEN AND 47 WOMEN**
- **24 COUNTRIES**
- **14 CATEGORIES**
  - **9 MEN CATEGORIES AND 5 WOMEN CATEGORIES**
- 24% INCREASE IN PARTICIPATION FROM 2018 TO 2019
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## 2019 Season Figures

### Paraclimbing World Championships

### Briançon

16 - 17 July 2019

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2019 SEASON FIGURES

IFSC COMBINED OLYMPIC QUALIFYING EVENT
TOULOUSE/TOURNEFEUILLE - FRANCE

Sport Climbing’s second Olympic Qualifying Event took place at the Espace Sportif des Quefets in Tournefeuille from November 28th to December 1st. The top 20 athletes from each gender from the Combined World Cup Rankings, not already qualified for the Olympics, were invited to compete for another chance at a ticket to Tokyo 2020.

ATHLETES QUALIFIED FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES AT TOULOUSE

**WOMEN**

1. Julia CHANOURDIE (FRA)
2. Mia KRAMPL (SLO)
3. Iuliia KAPLINA (RUS)
4. Kyra CONDIE (USA)
5. Laura ROGORA (ITA)
6. YiLing SONG (CHN)

**MEN**

1. Adam ONDRA (CZE)
2. Bassa MAWEM (FRA)
3. Jan HOJER (GER)
4. YuFei PAN (CHN)
5. Alberto GINÉS LÓPEZ (ESP)
6. Nathaniel COLEMAN (USA)
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2019 SEASON FIGURES

Youth

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The annual event was hosted in the iconic Climbing Stadium in Arco, Italy, with 1447 registered athletes participating in all three disciplines across eight days. Juniors (18-19), Youth A (16-17) and Youth B (14-15) from national all around the world competed for world titles.

1447 REGISTERED ATHLETES
49 COUNTRIES
3 AGE CATEGORIES
8 DAYS OF COMPETITION
12 PODIUMS PER GENDER
6000 SPECTATORS
584 SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS
18 YOUTUBE VIDEOS
175,668 LIVE YOUTUBE VIEWS
455,063 TOTAL YOUTUBE VIEWS IN 2019

MOST WATCHED YOUTUBE VIDEO: JUNIOR WOMEN/YOUTH A FINALS

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IFSC Youth World Championships Arco 2019

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The inaugural ANOC Beach Games was held in Doha, Qatar from October 10th to 16th, with 13 sports included in the program. Bouldering was showcased on the third and fourth day of the competition. Nearly 40 top climbers participated in the event that featured the 2-2 rule in the final round. It was a great success and unique opportunity for all the participants to interact with athletes from different sports.

The 3rd edition of the China Open, an International Climbing Series event, took place from October 31st to November 3rd in Guangzhou, China. This year, the event featured the Olympic Combined format, allowing climbers to gain more experience in the new discipline prior to both the Olympic Qualifying Event in Toulouse and the upcoming Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
SPORT DEPARTMENT DEVELOPMENTS

OFFICIALS SEMINAR
FEBRUARY 2019

The Annual IFSC Officials Seminar took place on 16-17th February in Turin, Italy, home to the IFSC Headquarters. The meetings gathered all international IFSC officials.

Various topics were addressed, among them:

- IFSC Officials’ nominations and career path
- Sport Equipment & rules updates
- Event debrief and preparation
- Presentation from the provider of the new IFSC results’ system.

Special focus of the meeting was given to two different aspects: teamwork and ethics, both fundamental values for IFSC officials. In this context, the speaker Giovanbattista Venditti, Italian national team rugby player, was the perfect guest to lead a presentation sharing some of the insights for a better teamwork.

Additionally, Marc Le Menestrel, president of the Ethics commission, conducted a workshop about the value of ethics for IFSC officials on the executions of their duties.

The intervention of these speakers, and the possibility to discuss about such topics, was much appreciated by the IFSC officials.
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SPORT DEPARTMENT DEVELOPMENTS

2019 MEETINGS

IFSC VOLUNTEERS

The IFSC would like to officially thank every volunteer from climbing federations around the world who helped make each of our Sport Climbing competitions a reality. Our success in 2019 could not have been achieved without their hard work, dedication and passion for our sport.
SPORT DEPARTMENT DEVELOPMENTS

2019 MEETINGS

IFSC TECHNICAL DELEGATES AND SPORT DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEET AHEAD OF 2020 SEASON

IFSC Technical Delegates (TDs) and the Sport Department Management Committee (SDMC) joined members of the Sport Department at the IFSC headquarters in Turin, Italy, from 11-13th November, to prepare for the 2020 Sport Climbing season. Vice-President Sport/Events Kobinata Toru was also present.

Technical Delegates include Graeme Alderson, Christophe Billon, Vincent Caussé and Fabrizio Minnino, who are also on the Sport Department Management Committee alongside Technical Commission Directors François Leonardon (Rules), Johannes Altner (Judges), Evgenii Chernyshev (Event), Zhao Lei (Coaches), and Percy Bishton (Routesetters). A sixth IFSC Technical Commission, the Sport Development Commission, is currently in preparation. European Council representative Heiko Wilhelm, Francis Lo of the Asian Council and Jorg Verhoeven, Athlete Representative, were also present at the SDMC meeting.

Following a review of the 2019 season, the meetings proceeded with an analysis of the rules for Sport Climbing, in addition to a proposal of changes for 2020. As the IFSC will hold a total of five (5) Combined events next year, including 4 Continental Championships and the Sport Climbing events at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, a particular focus was paid to the rules of the Combined format.

The two meetings (Technical Delegates 11th November; Sport Department Management Committee Meeting 12-13th November) concluded with a debrief of procedures between the IFSC office and IFSC officials and ongoing sport projects. A discussion also took place about the quota system for the 2020 Games and subsequently, ranking during IFSC events.

IFSC EVENT ORGANISERS PREPARE FOR THE 2020 SPORT CLIMBING SEASON

The annual IFSC Event Organiser (EO) meeting took place on 18-19th November in Turin, Italy, providing an opportunity for National Federations (NFs) set to host international IFSC events in 2020 to meet with the IFSC Sport Department.

A series of individual sessions took place with each of the NFs in attendance, as well as a plenary session in which all were invited to participate. Individual meetings were used to discuss deeply the specific achievements of each event in 2019, in addition to preparing a plan for the next steps to be taken in 2020.

IFSC Secretary General Debbie Gawrych led the plenary session, creating an interactive setting for Event Organisers to share feedback concerning their work with the IFSC. The overall consensus was positive, with participants appreciating the new meeting format and possibility to exchange and interact with the IFSC.

“The Event Organiser meeting is always extremely useful to gauge what’s going well and what needs to be improved moving forward, in terms of both IFSC events and interaction between the EOs and the IFSC,” states IFSC Sport Director Silvia Verdolini, who adds: “As the 2020 season will be the most important year in Sport Climbing history, it’s important to take the time to meet with each EO individually to learn how to better our international events moving forward.”
OFFICIAL SPORT EQUIPMENT LICENSING

Launched in May 2018, the IFSC Official Sport Equipment is an initiative which aims to make the playing field fairer across international IFSC events by using only IFSC authorised equipment within the Field of Play.

Each Sport Climbing discipline will have its own list of Official Sport Equipment as follows:

**SPEED**
- Speed Wall
- Speed Holds
- Speed Automatic Timing Systems
- Speed Automatic Belay Systems

**BOULDERING**
- Holds, Macros & Volumes
- Boulder Wall
- Bouldering Mats
- Timing Systems
- Brushes
- Chalks

**LEAD**
- Holds, Macros & Volumes
- Lead Wall
- Safety (Rope, Quickdraw, Carabiner, Belaying Device, Harness)
- Timing Systems
- Brushes
- Chalks

In close collaboration with the industry and technical experts, the IFSC Sport Department will continue to explore to expand various categories of equipment in the coming years.

**AUTOMATIC SPEED TIMING SYSTEM**

The timing systems are essential to allow fair and accurate performances of athletes at IFSC events. Following a series of technical discussions with the “Timing Systems Working Groups” in the IFSC, the newly updated Timing Systems specifications were released in April 2019 for an open call for the interested manufacturers. The IFSC homologated several timing systems for certification process and will continue to collaborate with the manufacturers for system improvements.

From 2020 onwards, only certified IFSC Speed Timing Providers shall be used on the Field of Play.

**SPEED WALL HOMOLOGATION**

A certified speed wall is one of the essential conditions to allow Speed World Record attempts at IFSC events. Prior to the competition, the IFSC homologates the walls in order to ensure that athletes are offered the opportunity to set the new speed WR.

As one of the longest licensing programs at the IFSC, it (certified speed walls) plays a vital role in enhancing standards and quality of IFSC events as well as increasing awareness of the Speed discipline across private gyms. Currently there are five IFSC certified Speed Wall Manufacturers providing walls in accordance to the IFSC Speed License Rules.

**SPEED HOLDS**

In June 2019, the IFSC newly appointed Volx Holds as its sole IFSC Certified Speed Holds Manufacturer, to ensure the continuity of its production and to protect the needs of our Athletes and Member Federations regarding major IFSC events in the 2019 and 2020 seasons.

In close collaboration with Volx Holds, 2019 saw the improved quality control with the QR code which aim to ensure only authorised Official Speed Holds to be used in the Field of Play at IFSC events. The Official Speed Holds are the second essential element required for Speed World Record attempts.
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SPORT DEPARTMENT DEVELOPMENTS

**HOLDS, MACROS, VOLUMES**

A wide range of Holds, Macros, and Volumes is essential for creating fair and versatile route settings in the Field of Play. After launching the application call for the Official Sport Equipment in 2018, the IFSC released its very first Catalogue of 2019: Category – Holds, Macros, and Volumes, welcoming a list of 28 newly licensed brands as IFSC authorised providers.

The initiative, which will be fully effective starting with the 2020 season, aims to ensure that all stakeholders share the same experience, from Athletes and National Federations to Routesetters and Event Organisers.

To further create a collaborative bridge between the IFSC and brands, the members of the IFSC Sport Department participated in major trade shows, including Outdoor by ISPO (Munich) in June, and Halls and Walls (Nuremberg) in November, to network and exchange feedback with the climbing industry.

**T20 CATALOGUE**

Following the launch of the Official Sport Equipment Catalogue 2019, interested IFSC authorised producers were invited to participate in the Catalogue T20 application. The IFSC received a total 15 applications, evaluating more than 5,000 shapes based on, amongst many, quality, innovation, and variety of models and shapes that will allow fair and versatile route setting.

Subsequently, the IFSC released Catalogue T20: Official Holds, Macros and Volumes for Sport Climbing Events at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 (Catalogue T20) in November 2019. Catalogue T20 contains a list of selected holds, macros and volumes, to be used for various Sport Climbing Events in Tokyo, including the Test Event, Athletes’ Official Training Sessions, Warm Up and Initiation Walls, as well as for the main competitions.

With the release of Catalogue T20 several months ahead of the Games, athletes and National Federations are thus offered the opportunity to train on the exact equipment to be used in the Sport Climbing events. As such, the same conditions are guaranteed for all athletes, promoting fairness and equity within the competition.

**NEW RESULT SYSTEM**

In 2018 the IFSC commissioned Vertical Life to develop the new membership database and competition result software. After a year of gathering feedback from future officials, the result system has been live tested in World Cups during the 2019 season and will be ready to go live at the first competition of next year.

“We can’t wait to see the Result Service Software in action at the first event of the 2020 IFSC season. We are convinced that it will improve the experience for the officials, athletes, organisers and spectators alike. National federations can now contact us to get the new system for their competitions and athletes,” said Matthias Polig, CEO of Vertical Life.

The new software will be used across IFSC events. With its modern and user-friendly registration dashboard, judging interface, and result service, it will support and ensure that each event runs efficiently and smoothly for Event Organisers, the IFSC and National Officials. Furthermore, its newly designed graphics will show live results helping our sport to be more stunning and easier to understand for those new to Sport Climbing.

“The project is intended to facilitate the growth of National Federations and the development of the sport globally” said Silvia Verdolini, IFSC Sport Director, “the software had been designed with the possibility to adapt to the needs of each National Federations”.

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MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

MARKETING STRATEGY

IFSC has worked on a Marketing Strategy. The main objective of this strategic document is to support the IFSC Strategic Plan and ensure the growth of sport climbing around the world by defining a more sustainable business model.

Indeed, IFSC needs additional resources in order to fulfill its strategic vision:

“We need to create revenue so that our athletes, coaches, officials, route-setters and administrators can have more access to the resources they need in order to compete at top level international events. Also, to further their general careers and provide for life during and after climbing” says Anne Fuyuel, IFSC Marketing and Communications Director.

IFSC needs to increase its value proposition by having:

- better events
- better media production to show/explain the virtues
- better sponsorship
- better exposure

IFSC needs its member associations to buy-in to a common vision and strategy. IOC values sports more when those sports do not depend on the IOC for its existence.

The Marketing Strategy is the result of several discussions/meetings held in the course of 2019.

SYNCA DENTSU

IFSC SIGNS HISTORIC CONTRACT WITH DENTSU, SYNCA

The IFSC has agreed on a multi-year partnership with Dentsu and Synca Creations.

Dentsu Inc., based in Tokyo, is the world’s largest advertising agency brand and the marketing agency of the Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic & Paralympic Games. Also headquartered in Tokyo, Synca Creations Inc. is a TV production and distribution company which has been a media partner of the IFSC in Japan since 2013. The agreement grants Dentsu and Synca rights to the procurement and negotiation of incoming IFSC marketing and media deals (media rights for Asia Pacific (excluding the People’s Republic of China), Latin America and the Caribbean) for IFSC events in the 2019-2023 climbing seasons.

“We are proud to have earned the trust of Dentsu and Synca and to receive strong support from leading players in the marketing and sport worlds. This historic agreement opens new heights for our sport, new horizons for our athletes and events, and strengthens our presence in Japan ahead of the Olympic Games in Tokyo. This milestone deal will enable us to consolidate our organisation and invest in key developments to enhance the attractiveness of Sport Climbing and its strong appeal among youth,” says Marco Scolaris, IFSC President.

Dentsu’s corporate philosophy of “Good Innovation” focuses on combining ideas, technology and entrepreneurship to generate new value and create positive change for people and society. In addition to attracting new sponsors and broadcasters, Dentsu and Synca are working alongside the IFSC to increase the production value of IFSC events. The IFSC produces live coverage for television and online consumption of approximately 16 international Sport Climbing events per year and offers live delivery. Additionally, the IFSC distributes 26-minute monthly highlights to over 140 countries on all five continents.

“Dentsu and Synca share our interest in social responsibility and making a positive difference in the world. We look forward to bringing in new brands who are passionate about Sport Climbing and believe in IFSC values, the Olympic dream and a better world,” concludes Debra Gawrych, IFSC Secretary General.
The development of the IFSC and Sport Climbing has been made possible thanks to a strong commitment by its partners who invest daily to promote this sport and its values to a growing public. Alongside representatives of the outdoor world such as Entre-Prises, Kailas, Luxov and Perfect Descent we have striven to improve the world of Sport Climbing, bringing better visibility to the sport and climbers around the world. This development and support have become even more evident in recent months as there have been other Japanese brands that have stepped forward to support the IFSC and their goals. These gestures from mainstream Japanese brands, such as JAL and Earth Corporation, demonstrate just how attractive this sport is and the kind potential for growth that exists. Each of them will participate alongside the IFSC in the Tokyo 2020 adventure. “We sincerely thank them for their support and their unwavering belief in sport climbing and the IFSC” says Anne Fuyuel, IFSC Marketing and Communications Director.

**Earth Corporation**

**Earth Corporation**

Founded in 1892, Earth has become an official partner of the IFSC in 2019. Earth has grown by focusing diligently on the helping people live healthier, more comfortable lives and by continually supplying the highest quality products. Earth is also committed to supporting the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 on top of the development of Sport Climbing.

**Entre-Prises**

**Entre-Prises**

Historical partner and set to be the IFSC Official Climbing Wall Supplier, Entre-prises (EP) is one of the leading companies manufacturing and installing bespoke sport climbing solutions throughout the world. This year, this French-based company has been chosen to be the sole supplier for the first-ever Olympic climbing wall for Tokyo 2020. “Entre-prises has a long-standing constructive collaboration with the IFSC to promote sport climbing around the world. We are really proud to supply the first ever Olympic climbing wall for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games” says Eric Surdej, CEO of Entre-Prises.

**Kailas**

**Kailas**

Widely recognised across the People’s Republic of China as the most innovative and technical outdoor company, Kailas has been a partner of the IFSC since 2013. Kailas is the IFSC official and exclusive partner for apparel, as well as an IFSC partner for ropes and safety gear. Regarding recent developments and to further our partnership with this close partner, we are pleased to announce that Kailas will be providing uniforms for the IFSC delegates at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

**Japan Airlines (JAL)**

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Official Airline partner of the IFSC, Japan Airlines is the IFSC’s first non-endemic partner. JAL is the flag carrier airline of Japan and the first Japanese airline to venture overseas. For many years, JAL has pursued an incredible determination to support dreams and the people who have them. JAL joins the IFSC in supporting the development of sport climbing, set to feature at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

**Luxov®**

**Luxov®**

Founded in 2013, Luxov brings major innovative technologies to the climbing world. Luxov formed a 5-year partnership with the IFSC until 2021 in the connected hold category. Luxov Touch Speed has been used in the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires 2018 and will be connected on the Tokyo 2020 speed climbing wall. Luxov is also providing a major new virtual reality software solution for sports presentation and climbing event management for Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

**Perfect Descent**

**Perfect Descent**

Perfect Descent builds better belay solutions and is the Official Auto Belay for IFSC World Cup competitions. An IFSC partner since 2016, Perfect Descent Auto Belays reduce risk and promote a fair Field of Play on the Speed Wall.

A proud sponsor of Speed athletes and events and supplier for Tokyo 2020.
In terms of broadcasting, 2019 has been a remarkable year for the IFSC, thanks to the signature of a new partnership with Tokyo-based marketing agency Dentsu, a deal that joined the existing ones with Synca, also based in the Japanese capital city, and Broadreach Media, located in Lausanne.

For the first time in its young history, the IFSC provided live delivery via satellite of all lead and bouldering competitions: drastically increasing from the four ones delivered in 2018. This upgrade led to a huge increase in the number of broadcasters, as well as in the number of hours of Sport Climbing that each of them was able to televise.

The coverage that the IFSC has been able to guarantee was crucial for media revenues, sponsor values and sport development, but was also vital to strengthen the position of Sport Climbing in the Olympic Programme, which is heavily dependent on its performance in terms of TV ratings. It is for this reason that special efforts have been made to establish a number of partnerships with major Olympic broadcasters like NBC, CCTV, Eurosport, BBC, ZDF and more.

**ASIA**

**PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**
CCTV, which has the largest audience in the world and is the national television of the People’s Republic of China, broadcasted all competitions held in Chinese territory - Chongqing, Wujiang and Xiamen - and for the first time ever, one held outside of the national territory, namely the IFSC World Championships.

**JAPAN**
Japanese national TV NHK live broadcasted and hosted the Combined WCH, producing six World Cup highlight programs. BS Sports and J-Sports also live broadcasted all disciplines during the WCH and the WC bouldering and lead competitions. TBS produced several shows about both the WC series and the WCH while Sky A produced eight highlight programs. Sports Bull, an OTT platform owned by KDDI, produced highlight clips for the WC bouldering competitions, the WCH and the Olympic Qualifier in Toulouse (FRA).

**REPUBLIC OF KOREA**
Korean channel Eclat live-broadcasted the IFSC World Championships in all disciplines, adding the production of highlight programs. The channel also covered some World Cup competitions with live programming and highlights.

**CHINESE TAIPEI**
Regional channels Elta and Videoland joined the coverage of the IFSC Olympic Qualifying Event in Toulouse (FRA), whose finals were broadcasted live on the former and delayed on the latter.

**VIETNAM**
Vietnamese channel FPT live broadcasted the competitions held in Asian territories - including the IFSC World Championships - and produced delayed programs for the ones that took place in other territories.
Olympic Channel: Home of Team USA broadcasted all the events on a delayed-as-live basis, usually at primetime. Olympic Channel (branded as Olympic Channel: Home of Team USA) is an American television sports channel owned by the NBC Olympics division of NBC Sports and the United States Olympic Committee. It is dedicated to Olympic sports, and is a franchise of the International Olympic Committee’s (IOC) Olympic Channel operation.

Latin America
ESPN Latin America, a channel that covers twenty countries, including Brazil, newly joined in June, live-broadcasting the second half of the World Cup series along with the IFSC World Championships and the Olympic Qualifying Event in Toulouse (FRA).

France
The IFSC extended its partnership with free-to-air sports broadcaster L’Equipe, which showed all bouldering and lead competitions live or delayed-as-live, along with a good number of speed competitions on a delayed basis. The IFSC Olympic Qualifying Event in Toulouse (FRA) gained interest from Canal+ and France Television, while France TV’s online channel streamed the event live.

Germany
In Germany, Bayerischer Rundfunk, ZDF and ARD showed interest in the IFSC World Championships, the Olympic Qualifying Event in Toulouse (FRA) and in the World Cup stage held in Munich.

Great Britain
In Great Britain, BBC Online live-streamed the IFSC Climbing World Championships in Hachioji (JPN).

Italy
RAI Sport, Italy’s national public broadcasting company, participated by broadcasting the 2019 Youth World Championships in Arco.

Russian Federation
Match TV, Russian Federation’s prominent sport channel, transmitted the IFSC World Cup in Moscow live.

Slovenia
In Slovenia a new deal with public broadcaster RTV allowed the channel to transmit live and delayed-as-live coverage of most part of the calendar.

Switzerland
SRG showed interest in the two competitions that granted Olympic quota places - the IFSC World Championships in Hachioji (JPN) and the Olympic Qualifier in Toulouse (FRA) - and in the World Cup stages held in their respective countries.

Other Territories
Eurosport 2 brought the live coverage of the IFSC World Championships in Hachioji (JPN) to over 50 nations across Europe. The IFSC European Climbing Championships 2019 (Lead and Speed), held at the Edinburgh International Climbing Arena in Ratho October 5th–6th, which were also broadcast live on Eurosport.
IFSC CLIMBING MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS SHOWS

As well as making gains in its live distribution, the IFSC maintained its strategy of producing and distributing a free-of-charge, 26 minute highlight program, monthly from May to December. Regular broadcasters include:

**OLYMPIC CHANNEL**
Worldwide

**DUBAI SPORTS CHANNEL**
Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

**ELEVEN SPORTS**
Singapore; Chinese Taipei.

**EUROSPORT ASIA PACIFIC**
Afghanistan; Australia; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Brunei; Cambodia; Cook Islands; East Timor; Fiji; Federated States of Micronesia; French Polynesia; Guam; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Kiribati Islands; Laos; Macau; Malaysia; Maldives; Marshall Islands; Mongolia; Myanmar; Nauru; New Caledonia; Nepal; New Zealand; Niue; the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea; North Mariana Islands; Pakistan; Papua New Guinea; Palau; Philippines; Pitcairn Islands; Samoa; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Republic of Korea; Sri Lanka; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; Tonga; Vanuatu; Vietnam.

**FOX SPORTS AFRICA**
Sub-Saharan Africa including outlying islands and Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo Democratic Republic, Congo Republic, Ivory Coast (or Cote d’Ivoire), Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mauritania, Mayotte, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Reunion, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, St Helena, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania & Zanzibar, Togo, Uganda, Western Sahara, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

**ASIA**
Brunei; Cambodia: the People’s Republic of China; East Timor; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Laos; Macau; Malaysia; Mongolia; Myanmar; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Singapore; the Republic of Korea; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; Vietnam.

**AUSTRALIA**
Australia

**EUROPE**
Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Israel, Malta, Netherlands, San Marino, Turkey, Vatican City

**FREESPORTS**
United Kingdom

**ONE**
Israel
On May 7th, the International Federation of Sport Climbing refreshed its website design, bringing comprehensive coverage of its athletes, events and all the latest news to stakeholders and fans worldwide.

From January 1st to December 31st the IFSC official website attracted more than 640 thousand unique users, totalling 6 million webpage views.

2019 saw a significant increase of visitors using the IFSC website with their smartphones, representing a growth from 48% to 61% of total users. Desktop users represented 34% of visitors with tablet users following at 5%.
YouTube views saw another huge increase in annual growth for the 2019 year with an impressive 88% growth in live views as well as a 69% growth in total views.
Corporate Activities

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

DIGITAL MARKETING

FACEBOOK

TOTAL FOLLOWERS
2018: 87,924
2019: 93,889 (-10.93%)

12,307,170 VIEWS

751,298 INTERACTIONS

3,954 INTERACTIONS PER POST (-28.62%)

6.10% ENGAGEMENT RATE

VIDEO VIEWS: 18,276 MINUTES VIEWED (APRIL 1, 2019 TO NOVEMBER 15, 2019)

INSTAGRAM

TOTAL FOLLOWERS
2018: 87,232
2019: 127,179 (+115.52%)

25,122,504 IMPRESSIONS

10,961,172 ENGAGEMENTS

3,352 INTERACTIONS PER POST (+77.40%)

4.40% ENGAGEMENT RATE

515,800 #IFSCWC HASHTAG

LIFETIME ENGAGEMENT

23,020 TOTAL PHOTOS UPLOADED SINCE 2014

4,275 PHOTOS UPLOADED IN 2019 (-22.8%)
Corporate Activities

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

MEDIA

867 MEDIA ACCREDITATIONS FOR THE WORLD CUP SEASON,
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HACHIOJI AND
THE OLYMPIC QUALIFYING EVENT IN TOULOUSE

3,557 PRESS CLIPPINGS

26,086 SOCIAL MEDIA CLIPPINGS (+220% FROM 2018)

NUMBER OF PRESS CLIPPINGS PER COUNTRY

CONTINENTAL QUALIFYING EVENTS

GRAPHIC CHARTER

The IFSC is excited to announce this year’s collaboration efforts to support the Continental Councils with the 2020 Continental Qualifying Events graphic charter. These competitions will help serve as qualifying events for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. This collaboration marks the first step in creating a closer and stronger relationship between these two bodies in order to aid in the further development of Sport Climbing.
Hosted by the Japanese Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association, the 14th annual IFSC Plenary Assembly took place in Tokyo, Japan, and the agenda consisted of updates on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, gender equality, Paraclimbing developments and more.

The proposal to add a female athlete representative to the IFSC Executive Board was unanimously approved, bringing the total number of EB Members to 11. The representative, Ms. Shauna Coxsey, was then elected at the IFSC World Championships in Hachioji in August. A new career path was also put into place to include more women on the routesetting and officiating teams for IFSC events.

“Gender equality is a distinctive reality of climbing, and our sport has reflected this value since its foundation. There is a long way to go, though, and we are setting new goals for 2019”, says President Scolaris.

The Plenary Assembly approved the Paraclimbing Development Plan, featuring the allocation of additional funds to Paraclimbing activities this season, creation of a Paraclimbing Committee and appointment of a Paraclimbing Officer.

After an excellent presentation by the Climbing Federation of Russia, Moscow was confirmed as the host city of the IFSC World Championships in 2021.

Finally, the Fiji Mountaineering and Climbing Association was ratified as IFSC Continental Member, expanding representation in Oceania ahead of the 2019 season and increasing the total number of IFSC Members to 91.

The 14th annual IFSC Plenary Assembly concluded with a gala dinner for all Delegates.
2019 MEETINGS

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

13 MAY 2019
SPORTACCORD 2019
Queensland, Australia
> More info

22 MAY 2019
CLIMBING WALL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
Colorado, USA
> More info

28 MAY 2019
LITHUANIAN NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE VISIT
Lithuania
> More info

30 MAY 2019
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION FORUM
Mies, Switzerland
> More info

23 JUNE 2019
OLYMPIC HOUSE INAUGURATION AND 134TH IOC SESSION
Lausanne, Switzerland
> More info

27 JUNE 2019
ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH CLIMBING WALLS CONFERENCE
Sheffield, UK
> More info

4 JULY 2019
OUTDOOR BY ISPO
Munich, Germany
> More info

11 JULY 2019
INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTICS FEDERATION VISIT
Lausanne, Switzerland
> More info

12 JULY 2019
IFSC PRESIDENT MEETS PRESIDENT OF THE IOC
Lausanne, Switzerland
> More info

12 JULY 2019
ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH CLIMBING WALLS CONFERENCE
Sheffield, UK
> More info
Corporate Activities

2019 MEETINGS
INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

8 OCTOBER 2019
ASOIF GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP
Lausanne, Switzerland
> More info

18 OCTOBER 2019
ANOC WORLD BEACH GAMES AND ANOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Doha, Qatar
> More info

14-15 NOVEMBER 2019
IOC COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP
Lausanne, Switzerland
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18-19 NOVEMBER 2019
IWGA MEDIA WORKSHOP
Madrid, Spain
> More info

20 DECEMBER 2019
PEACE & SPORT INTERNATIONAL FORUM
Monte Carlo, Principality of Monaco
> More info

30 AUGUST 2019
IFSC MEETS WITH TOKYO 2020 ORGANISERS
Tokyo, Japan
> More info

30 OCTOBER 2019
IFSC MEETS WITH TOKYO 2020 TEAM IN JAPAN
Tokyo, Japan
> More info

8 NOVEMBER 2019
SPORT CLIMBING HOMOLOGATION TEST FOR TOKYO 2020
Tokyo, Japan
> More info
Corporate Activities

FINANCE
TREASURER’S MESSAGE

Pierre-Henri Paillson, IFSC Vice-President Treasurer and Finances

The 2019 IFSC Finances saw a tremendous rise in the annual turnover, which increased by around 80% compared to 2018.

Thanks to the new sponsorship & media agreements signed at the beginning of 2019, as well as the launch of new IFSC programs, the IFSC was able to support a fast-growing structure delivering better services to its main stakeholders.

The IFSC Departments worked closely to monitor the budget regularly and the year closed with a solid financial situation. Around 450,000.00 € were allocated as provisions, now amounting to almost 1,180,000.00 €.

DEFICIT BY YEAR:
2019 CLOSED WITH NO DEFICIT
(6th year in a row)

ANNUAL TURNOVER BY YEAR (2016-2020)

2019 OPERATING REVENUES

AREA 2019 P&L (€)
Administration 275,633
Communication 2,048,598
Continental Councils 10,867
Olympic preparation 143,562
Sport 983,645
Total 3,462,306

VARIATION IN REVENUES

AREA 2019 P&L (€)
Administration 936,819
Anti-Doping 39,478
Athletes Commission 897
Communication 901,821
Disciplinary Commission 2,198
Ethics Commission 826
Olympic Preparation 283,402
Paraclimbing 24,397
Sport 1,111,916
Total 2,591,901

2019 OPERATING COSTS
### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### BALANCE SHEET
**International Federation of Sport Climbing**

As at 31 December 2019

All figures to be approved by the 2020 Plenary Assembly

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| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | | |
| **CURRENT LIABILITIES** | | |
| Accounts Payable | 420,234 | 226,993 |
| Provisions | 1,070,732 | 623,657 |
| **TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES** | 1,491,115 | 859,684 |
| **EQUITY** | | |
| Member Funds | 296,465 | 296,465 |
| **TOTAL EQUITY** | 296,465 | 296,465 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** | 1,893,581 | 1,156,129 |
### IFSC PROFIT AND LOSS 2019

**Operating Revenues**

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**Operating Costs**

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**Operating Profit**

| Total Operating Profit | 17,000 | 470,404 (453,404) |

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**Net Profit**

| Net Profit | - | - | - |

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