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IFSC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 2019

The IFSC Executive Board meets monthly via teleconference and twice yearly in person, during the IFSC Plenary Assembly in March and the December Executive Board meeting in Turin, Italy, where the IFSC headquarters is located. Thursday 12th - Friday 13th December 2019 saw the Board convene in Italy to review the 2019 season, prepare for the year ahead, and discuss ongoing matters relating to the development of both the IFSC and Sport Climbing as a whole.

President Scholaris opened the two-day meeting with a special thanks to the Board and staff members for their hard work over the last months, in particular, Secretary General Debbie Gawrych for continuous support and President of the Oceanian Council Romain Thevenot, for his contribution to the Statutes review and relevant issues. Piero Rebaudengo, IFSC General Director, who will be guiding the IFSC as it continues to grow, was then introduced to the Board. President Scholaris continued with an update on the pending CAS (Court of Arbitration for Sport) proceedings (UMSCA appeal).

IFSC marketing agencies Synca and Dentsu joined the meeting along with IFSC Consultant Steven Morris, Director of Broadreach Media Europe, to report on the IFSC's achievements over the last year in terms of broadcasting. The 2019 season has seen the highest level of Sport Climbing broadcasting coverage to date.

Updates surrounding the Olympic Qualification System were next provided by IFSC Head of Olympic Coordination Jérôme Meyer, following the latest Sport Climbing qualification event in Toulouse/Tournefeuille, France earlier this month. Meyer also informed the Board of preparations for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, including sport presentation and the test event, which will take place in March 2020. President Scholaris then confirmed the recent news that the IOC Executive Board included bouldering in the Dakar 2022 Youth Olympic Games. This is a reason for satisfaction, as well as an inspiring challenge. Administration Director Francesca Jengo then proceeded with an overview of tickets, accreditations and accommodation for Tokyo 2020, before other Games were discussed.

The Administration Department next presented the 2019 IFSC Financial Report alongside IFSC Vice-President Treasurer & Finances Pierre-Henri Paillason, as well as introducing the budget for 2020. A vote was then taken to approve the continental finances plan, then an update regarding IFSC membership was provided.

IFSC Sport and Marketing & Communications Departments raised plans for the 2020 season, following a debrief of the 2019 World Cup season. The Youth World Championships 2020, 2021 and beyond were considered, with a vote taken for the Sport Department to offer further financial support to the 2020 event. The fee system for 2021



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was also put forward, before the World Championships 2021 were deliberated and a vote was held to approve the 2023 World Championship candidatures, which will be voted upon by the Plenary Assembly. The 2020 Continental Championships were discussed, then the Board was informed of the event structure moving forward, with a particular focus on the Ranking System Task Force.

Anne Fuynel, IFSC Marketing & Communications Director, presented the commercial strategy, as well as a report on IFSC digital and offline communication. The Board was brought up to speed on the progress of the 2019 Annual Report and the IFSC Sustainability Guidelines, both of which are to be released in early 2020.

A proposal from the Medical Commission was next reviewed, which would see procedures introduced for athlete BMI (Body Mass Index) screening. The Sport Department then gave an update regarding anti-doping and in particular, the recent sanctions put forward by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) concerning events in Russia.

Day one concluded with an update of the Paraclimbing rules, in addition to a vote to select one Paraclimbing Routesetter, Christophe Cazin (FFME), to join the IFSC Paraclimbing Committee.

The second day of the meeting commenced with an introduction of possible Statute amendments by the IFSC Administration Department, who proceeded with an overview of preparations for the IFSC Plenary Assembly in 2020, which will take place in Limassol, Cyprus. Talks around the Plenary Assembly focused on the Nomination Committee and the 2021 Electoral Procedure. The Board was also informed about the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) questionnaire, which is to be completed by all International Federations by January 15th, 2020.

An outline of IFSC Official Sport Equipment was then given by the Sport Department, who then provided an update regarding the 2020 Rules, including the Combined 2020, format of the new Combined 2024 and the possible new Speed route. The Board next voted to approve the Officials Guidelines, also voting to accept the 2020 List of Officials and Nominations. Routesetting Guidelines were raised, before the Sport Department gave a final update on the IFSC Technical Commission.

As the first ever IFSC Climbing Summit was scheduled to take place in Turin, Italy, following the Executive Board meeting on Saturday 14th December, last preparations were next made by the Board.

To conclude the meeting, IFSC Administration & Development Officer Erica Ricci gave an overview of developments within the Continental Councils, as well as the overall Sport Development.

The next IFSC Executive Board meeting will take place via teleconference on January 8th.