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## IFSC EXECUTIVE BOARD TELECONFERENCE NOVEMBER 2019

The monthly teleconference of the IFSC Executive Board took place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 14.00 CET, following the final World Cup of the 2019 Sport Climbing season.

After approving the minutes of the Board's meeting in October, the teleconference commenced with discussions surrounding the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 and beyond, led by IFSC Head of Olympic Coordination Jérôme Meyer. President Sclaris began with a review of a number of pending issues, reporting on the ongoing appeal of the Japan Mountaineering & Sport Climbing Association (JMSPA) to the Court of Arbitration for Sport and its timeline. The Head of Olympic Coordination continued by informing the Board of the [new Qualification System](#) approved by the IOC for the Tokyo 2020 Sport Climbing events, which will see 22 + 22 athletes compete in the [Combined Qualifier in Toulouse](#). IFSC Sport Director Silvia Verdolini next announced the imminent release of Catalogue T20, which lists the Holds, Macros and Volumes providers for the Sport Climbing events at the upcoming Games. Matters of the Olympic Results and Information Services (ORIS) and rules integration were then also raised following the first round of the [Homologation Test](#), conducted in Tokyo, Japan, ahead of the Test Event scheduled for 6-7th March 2020.

Protocols and procedures for BMI screening were next put forward by the Medical Commission and will be further deliberated during the next Executive Board meeting in December. A vote was taken to nominate the IFSC Medical Doctor for Tokyo 2020 and as a result, Dr Tomoyuki Rokkaku (JPN) was selected.

In an ongoing effort to increase the sustainability of international Sport Climbing events, the IFSC is working on a set of sustainability guidelines. The Board discussed the development of the guidelines, before considering risk management and the IFSC strategic plan. A timeline was next proposed for the review and subsequently the final proposals for changes to the IFSC's statutes, to be introduced at the Climbing Summit and then forwarded to the Plenary Assembly.

The IFSC Sport Department proceeded with reports of the Technical Delegate, Sport Department Management Committee, and Event Organiser meetings, which took place at the IFSC office in Turin, Italy, during the last week. Routesetters' guidelines were then reviewed and Silvia Verdolini, IFSC Sport Director, provided the Board with an outline of the recent International Federation (IF) Forum she attended in Lausanne, Switzerland, which focussed on Athletes Centred Sport, Sport Integrity and Sustainability. Feedback from the Mountain Sustainability Working Group, also in Lausanne, Switzerland, was finally given by IFSC Administration & Development Officer Erica Ricci.



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A vote was next taken to approve the appointment of an additional Paraclimbing Routesetter to the [Paraclimbing Committee](#).

Anne Fuynel, IFSC Marketing & Communications Director, then offered the Executive Board insight into preparations for the 2020 season, moving on to provide information regarding the IFSC commercial strategy and event structure. Commercial updates from the 2019 season were put forward and developments relating to the 2019 Annual Report were raised. Ms Fuynel additionally provided the Board with feedback after her recent trip to Beijing, China, where she firstly discussed the extension of the broadcasting deal with CCTV for 2020 as well as meeting other parties such as Beijing TV and agencies Synca/Dentsu. She also attended the China Open, where she met with IFSC Partner Kailas and Member Federation the Chinese Mountaineering Association (CMA) to prepare for next year's season.

Following a visit to the venue for the IFSC Plenary Assembly 2020, which is set to take place in Limassol, Cyprus, IFSC Administration Director Francesca Jengo gave a report, as well as bringing the Board up to speed on preparations for the annual gathering. The provisional approval of Sport Climbing Fiji and the Uganda Sport Climbing Federation as IFSC members was also confirmed.

The meeting rounded off with a report from Francesca Jengo on the IFSC Continental Councils' finances, reiterating the principle of integrating all Continental Councils' books into the IFSC system, which will be implemented from 2020 onwards. A discussion followed concerning the Pan-American Youth Championships 2019, with President of the IFSC Pan-American Council Maria Izquierdo illustrating the events and communications that resulted in the postponement of the event.

The next meeting of the IFSC Executive Board will take place at the IFSC headquarters in Turin, Italy, on 12-13<sup>th</sup> December.