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# IFSC EXECUTIVE BOARD TELECONFERENCE FEBRUARY 2020

The monthly teleconference of the IFSC Executive Board took place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, just two weeks in advance of the first IFSC event in the 2020 calendar.

In succession to the approval of the January Executive Board teleconference minutes, the meeting commenced with votes surrounding finances, with the Board voting to approve the 2019 Financial Reports & Audit and the 2020 Provisional Budget. IFSC President Marco Maria Sclaris then updated the Executive Board on a series of ongoing legal issues, in particular relating to the JMCA appeals pending at the CAS (Court of Arbitration for Sport).

## IFSC Event Preparations

The Executive Board proceeded with a vote to approve the Event Quota Structure for IFSC World Cup events in 2021 and the Fee System for 2021, ahead of reviewing the 2023 IFSC Climbing World Championships and in particular, the application procedure for hosting the 2023 event. The Executive Board also considered the 2023 World Championship candidatures in light of the future Olympic qualification path to Paris 2024.

Further votes were then taken to approve the IFSC Officials Compensation Policy and the Paraclimbing Committee Regulations, prior to the Sport Department offering additional updates relating to upcoming IFSC events.

With the IFSC PanAmerican Championships taking place later this month (24<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> March) in Los Angeles, USA, President of the IFSC PanAmerican Council Maria Izquierdo opened a fruitful discussion concerning the event. The Board next voted to approve a request submitted by the Federación Salvadoreña de Montañismo y Escalada (Salvadoran Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing), IFSC Member Federation, to register two athletes for the IFSC PanAmerican Championships whilst their membership is under review.

## Coronavirus Update

President Sclaris announced that due to the Coronavirus spread, after expert consultation, no IFSC events will take place in China in April. The Sport Department was given the mandate to study viable solutions (i.e. postponement or rescheduling) for the two world cups scheduled in Wujiang and Chongqing, China. Anthony Seah, President of the IFSC Asian Council, then informed the Board of preparations for the forthcoming IFSC Asian Championships, which will be rescheduled. The IFSC Asian Council and Sport Department have been working together to find alternative venues and the result will be announced within the next few days.

## Sport Climbing in the Olympic Games

Following a visit last week to the Aomi Urban Sports Park in Tokyo, Japan, where the Tokyo 2020 Sport Climbing venue is currently under construction, President Sclaris, Vice-President Sport/Events Kobinata Toru and Jérôme Meyer, Head of Olympic Coordination, informed the Board of the venue's progression. It was announced that the panels for the wall have now arrived in Tokyo and as such, installation will begin over the coming days – ahead of the Sport Climbing Test Event which is scheduled for 6-8<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Jérôme Meyer then continued with updates surrounding the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2022, for which Bouldering has been confirmed in the programme, and the Olympic Games Paris 2024.



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### IFSC Governance & Administration

The IFSC Strategic Plan was next raised, prior to a consideration of the IFSC's responses to the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) Questionnaire which was submitted in January this year. Subsequently, a vote was taken by the Board to approve the updated IFSC Athletes Safeguarding Policy, ahead of a review of the IFSC Statutes, following comments and inputs received.

In preparation for the 15<sup>th</sup> IFSC Plenary Assembly (PA) in Limassol, Cyprus, next month, the Administration Department presented the full agenda to the Board. The Executive Board voted to approve the full agenda of the 2020 PA, which will be distributed to all IFSC Members later this week.

Ahead of the next Executive Board meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in Limassol, Cyprus, an extraordinary Executive Board teleconference will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> March at 13.00 CET, allowing the Board to further prepare for the imminent IFSC Plenary Assembly and 2020 Sport Climbing season.