MEETING MINUTES
XIV IFSC Plenary Assembly – Pre-Session

Friday 15 March 2019, 17:00-19:00, Shinagawa Prince Hotel – Tokyo, Japan

Approved 29 May 2020

LB welcomes the IFSC Members and introduces the addition of Article 25 in the agenda, to be reviewed before the Plenary Assembly on 16th March 2019.

MMS takes the floor and opens the Pre-Plenary Assembly Session.

1. PARACLIMBING

[Ref. IFSC_Pre-PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 4-17]

a. IFSC Paraclimbing Development Officer Report
[Ref. 2019_PrePA_1.a_Paraclimbing Development Plan]

DT presents the report on the paraclimbing development project. The project has the goal to improve the current status and organisation of Paraclimbing, and ultimately for the sport to be considered for inclusion in the Paralympic Games, not later than Los Angeles 2028. DT reports that three main areas for development were found:

1. Sport
2. Organisation
3. Social developmental issues

but the main focus for the moment is on points 1 & 2.

Sport issues concern categorization/classification, routesetting, and events. Classification is the most critical, as there are no certified doctors to carry out the classification in due time before the competition. Doctors should be the primary target for the development and recruitment of classifiers, but other figures, such as physiotherapists, may also be considered in this pool. Furthermore, this is important to clarify in due time which categories will actually compete, from the athletes’ and organisers’ point of view. The current category system (or Sport Classes, as known at the IPC) is not flexible, and although it has been tried in the past, it was verified that merging categories is often not fair and may not be a viable solution.

As far as routesetting is concerned, it has improved significantly, but there is a need for more education for para-routesetters.

Events bring other questions: NFs want more events, but due to the number of categories that can be filled, it is unclear how many athletes may actually be able to participate. When asking NFs if they would be willing to organise paraclimbing events, the answers are not encouraging, as usually no funding is available. The IFSC is
very much supportive of paraclimbing events, but the spark to promote and organise them should come from the NFs, even just at grassroot level.

As declared at the foundation of the sport, the IFSC can guarantee the biannual World Championships, but cannot promise more, for the time being.

Organisational issues: there were many complaints addressed to the Paraclimbing Commission due to unclear or absent communication, which led to a series of organisational accidents, including categories being changed at the last minute before the competition, preventing some athletes from competing at all, and generally leaving athletes and coaches very upset and disappointed.

The proposal of the Paraclimbing Development Project is to suspend the current Commission and appoint a Paraclimbing Officer, to give a more stable support to the project, and to elect a new Paraclimbing Committee, with a more operational role and subject to the PA’s scrutiny.

LB calls for questions as no further discussion will take place during the Plenary Assembly.

Q&A Round 1

T. Smitz, CMBEL

Appreciates the good work presented.

Asks for clarification, as the Paraclimbing Commission will be under direct supervision of the PA, but according to document sent, p. 12, par. 4, ‘Each year the Paraclimbing Commission shall give a report on its activity to the Executive Board’ seems inconsistent.

DT answers that the confusion is noted. The idea is to move as quickly as possible with the new commission, not to overstep the PA, but for the eagerness to improve paraclimbing.

As for what is written in the document, MMS clarifies it is a typing mistake and the sentence should read ‘Each year the Paraclimbing Commission shall give a report on its activity to the Plenary Assembly’. The document will be amended accordingly.

F. Cattenstaart, NKBV

Asks how far the IFSC can help to improve the quality of events at national level.

DT answers that paraclimbing is quite far behind in its operations, and what was felt the most was the disconnection and lacking of communication between the IFSC and the NFs. A Paraclimbing Officer and a more active Paraclimbing Commission will have a much better dialogue, and would be the starting point.

On the other hand, to say that the IFSC can organise national events for NFs would not be fair (nor realistic), but the goal is that with better communication and concrete answers, the connection with the NFs will be re-established, also resulting in the organisation of paraclimbing events.
C. Knowles, BMC

Asks to explore the budget in more details, as €60,000 may not be sufficient.

DT answers that the budget presented is to have a reasonable sum to kick-start the project. The starting is €60,000 which includes travels, the salary of the Paraclimbing Officer, delivery of courses, etc. Although it does not seem a huge amount, it will be enough to accomplish some of the first steps. Then hopefully as Paraclimbing grows the budget will grow too.

2. MARKETING & COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT [Ref. IFSC_Pre-PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 19-31]

AF introduces the agreement signed a few weeks ago between the IFSC and Dentsu, Inc. / Synca Creations]. Dentsu, Inc. is one of the largest advertising agencies worldwide, with headquarters in Tokyo, and offices worldwide. Dentsu is also the marketing agency for the 2020 Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic & Paralympic Games.

Synca is a TV production and distribution company, also based in Tokyo, and founded by Mr Soojun Bae in 2012. The IFSC started the collaboration with Synca in 2013, when in Japan there was no TV exposure for Sport Climbing.

AF explains that this is a milestone agreement that will help improve the quality of climbing events, enabling the consolidation of the IFSC organisational structure and investment in key developments to enhance exposure and attractiveness of sport climbing among youth. The agreement will cover events in the 2019-2023 climbing seasons, by giving Dentsu/Synca the rights to the procurement and negotiation of incoming IFSC marketing and media deals.

AF leaves the floor to Mr Bae Soojun and Mr Shingo Shibuya to give further details.

a. How to value Sport Climbing assets and generate more visibility and revenue

Mr Bae Soojun, Executive Director, Synca Creations, Inc.
Mr Shingo Shibuya, Senior Director, Dentsu, Inc.

B. Soojun, founder of Synca, reports that his company has been the media partner of the IFSC since 2013. Over the years, this partnership succeeded to deliver IFSC events through several Japanese broadcasters. Dentsu joined Synca, bringing a wide expertise in the sport market.

S. Shibuya presents Dentsu, and shows video illustrating some of the sport events Dentsu was involved with. Follows by showing the structure of the company, divided in domestic marketing rights team, international marketing rights team, media rights and broadcasting team, as well as dedicated Sports team.

Both companies saw great potential in Sport Climbing as a developing sport attractive to youth, not only in Japan but worldwide.

S. Shibuya shows the media rights and the marketing rights portfolio, as well as the evolution of FINA as an example of the work done with sport organisation, by maximising audience experience and sponsorship value.
PHP presents the allocation of resources following the signature of this contract. This contract allows the IFSC to develop its core activities, across all departments.

Gives the floor to AF to provide further details on what this means concretely from both the Sport and the Marketing & Communication points of view. The contract allows the investment in television and digital production: this means having the possibility to have professional cameramen, enhance the standard of the production from webcast to broadcast quality, also with satellite delivery on more events. Furthermore, the sport presentation will widely benefit from this deal, as the increasing number of sponsors will contribute and bring innovation to IFSC events.

PHP presents the second part of development for 2019, which involves the Olympic Preparation. JM gives some context: the IFSC is entering the last steps into the Olympic preparation, such as ticketing and hotel reservation (approx. 55 rooms), which have to be paid in advance for a rough cost of respectively €20,000 and €70,000. Furthermore, it has to be noted that the IFSC does not receive additional IOC funds to cover these costs. For what concerns the Administration, this deal allows the recruitment of new staff, crucial to the running of the operations. This means an increase of 6 times the full-time staff in 2015. FJ reports that a Venue Delegate has been recently hired. This person will work closely with the Technical Delegate to supervise the events onsite. Moreover, a new Event Sponsor and Media Officer will also join the team, and although this role already existed, from now on it will stay within the IFSC structure instead of being outsourced. Lastly, a bookkeeper will also be hired to support the finances. Given the growth of the structure, the IFSC will hire a General Director by the end of the year, to supervise and improve the Strategic Plan.

PHP summarises that of course the contract brings good news and stability to the budget, but for an IF going to the Olympics these are still relatively small figures. The possibility to go to Paris2024 gives the IFSC a new status, and we should be confident in finding more income in the near future from sponsors, TV rights, and perhaps IOC funds.

Q&A, Round 1

N. Cleary, SCA

Asks who are the 55 people going to the Olympics?

JM answers that 55 rooms were booked, not that the IFSC will send 55 people. This number counts those present on behalf of the IFSC (EB Members, Staff, Officials, and other delegates), and some guests. Again, what is problematic is that these costs have to be covered in advance.
3. SPORT DEPARTMENT [Ref. IFSC_Pre-PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 33-42]
   a. IFSC World Cup Event Model

KT gives an introduction to keep in mind for the future. Reports on the 2017 Munich WC, where 293 athletes attended and for this reason isolation opened at 5:00am. This kind of situation has repercussions on all the stakeholders, from athletes to organisers. In 2018 the Sport Department, Event Organisers and National Federation had some discussions to try to prevent the same scenario from happening again. Following this, a Working Group, formed by Wolfgang Wabel (IFSC EB Member), Heiko Wilhelm (AUT, KVO), Vincent Caussé (FRA, FFME) and Alessandro Di Cato (IFSC Event Officer) was created with the goal to come up with some long-term solutions for a more sustainable World Cup model as of 2021.

AD goes into more detail on the issue of the number of registrations, and how these have been growing more than proportionally over the last two years. These high numbers pose challenges to the Event Organisers, the IFSC Officials, and the Athletes. After a study of the current model, it was verified that the current quota system is not sustainable.

WW explains that, apart from Europe, other Continents were not really available to get involved with the Working Group. Continues to show some possible changes from 2021: use of past ranking and team performance, fixed quota for NFs but access to WCs only with certain World Ranking points, FIS (Ski) quota example, etc. The idea is to reach a pyramidal event structure, with several levels of event standard. This will allow all athletes to compete consistently, as well as help broaden the number of NFs able to host events, and not be restricted only to the few ones with the financial resources. For this model, support is needed from NFs, Continental Councils, and the IFSC. The second-tier structure, also enables organisers to grow their level of event quality, as it is easier to organise smaller-budget events, but still good. The Working Group presented this preliminary idea to the Executive Board, and the board agrees with the rationale. The project is now presented to the Plenary Assembly to show the principle, but needs further work. NFs are asked to provide feedback on the proposals. All of the presented ideas have to fit in the overall event strategy, and the goal would be to make a detailed proposal at the next PA to go on with it.

Q&A Round 1

N. Horak, NCF
Comments that this issue was addressed by the European Council Sport Department. The aim was to get an effective ranking system. The ranking system should also include continental cups to gather points. If we can manage this, we get less athletes in the WC, and we also increase the quality of the events.

WW acknowledges the comment of support.
D. You, FFME

Given that not a lot of ‘practice’ was done for the Tokyo2020 format, asks if it will be the same for Paris2024.

WW explains that the current situation is not ideal, and it must be the goal for the seasons to come to develop the right format so to prepare effectively towards the next Olympic Games in Paris.

J. Bloudek, CHS

Asks for examples on how the fixed quota can work.

WW answers that some ideas have already been explored, but for now the Working Group presents the principle. This will need to be re-evaluated within the Sport Department.

Q&A Round 2

C. Knowles, BMC

Asks whether Continental Councils would need to change structure in order to follow this model.

WW answers that structural changes are not necessary: what is necessary is that athletes are informed, and encourages the CCs to start thinking about making cups that reflect this model.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. Article 25 proposal

MMS introduces Article 25, as the proposed amendment raised some confusion, and the EB tried to catch the spirit of the comments heard and collected in the days before the PA.

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Provision to Article 25, to be deleted after PA2021: In 2021 elections, Board members who have already served for three terms or are in their third term can only be eligible for one more term.
Q&A Round 1

C. Knowles, BMC

Observes that the wording ‘re-eligible’ for 3 terms creates confusion, and the text should read ‘Executive Board members are eligible for maximum 3 terms’, to remove ambiguity.

MMS acknowledges the good point.

The Plenary Assembly will vote on the following amendment, as per the comment received.

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Q&A Round 2

N. Cleary, SCA

Asks what the Governance Working Group’s recommendation behind this article is.

LB answers as Chair of the Governance Working Group, explaining that many discussions took place about term limits. ASOIF’s Governance Support Monitoring Unit, one of the organisations consulted for the Statutes Amendments, suggested the limit format to three terms. The Governance Working Group came up with a proposal of 2+1 terms. This means that a person may serve a maximum of two non-consecutive terms in one position, but has the opportunity to serve up to three terms in more than one position. This also represents an incentive to move upwards within the Executive Board.

LB reminds the members present that the Plenary Assembly will start at 8:45am sharp the next day.

[Ends at 18:30]
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**GREETINGS OF THE AUTHORITIES**

Koji Murofushi, Sport Director, TOCOG
Kuniaki Yagihara, President, JMSCA
Marco Maria Scolaris, President, IFSC
1. CALL TO ORDER [Ref. IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 7-13]

   a. Enforcement of Article 18 of the IFSC Statutes

   FJ calls Article 18 of the IFSC Statutes. Members not entitled to vote are shown below in Table 1.A, and none of them are present at the Plenary Assembly.

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   Table 1.A: Members with liabilities dated until 31st December 2018 as of 16th March 2019

   b. Appointment of Scrutineers

   MMS proposes the appointment of Lluis Giner (FEDME), Burgi Beste (DAV), and Stacey Weldon (CEC). This is unanimously approved

   c. Members present, voting rights, and voting system: Article 19, + Article 11 and Article 12 [Ref. 2019_PA_1.b_Voting_System]

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Voting system: clarification on Article 19

I. Alderson, Resident Legal Advisor and President of the IFSC Disciplinary Commission, explains that the clarification for Article 19 is intended to tidy-up the meaning of the article for clarity. In Swiss law ‘absolute majority’ is an important term, and this amendment removes ambiguity.

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Motion by the BMC

C. Knowles, BMC presents the motion by the British Mountaineering Council. It is a technical amendment to clarify the labelling and identification of the bye-laws within the IFSC Statutes.

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2. **MINUTES** [Ref. *IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES*, slide 15]
   
   a. Approval of the last PA Minutes, 17 March 2018 – Innsbruck, Austria
   
   [Ref. *2019_PA_2.a_PA_2018_Innsbruck_Minutes_TBA-rev*]

   FJ reports a comment received from Marc Le Menestrel, President of the IFSC Ethics Commission, which clarifies his main task in the creation of the commission.

   **Vote to approve the minutes of the last Plenary Assembly, Innsbruck, Austria – 17th March 2018**

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   a. President’s report on the activity and the future

   **2018 Overview: Olympic Events, IFSC Events Season**

   MMS presents the IFSC ‘Galaxy’, showing all the international organisations the IFSC is involved with, from the IOC, to ASOIF, CISM, Peace and Sport, etc. 2018 has been a very positive year of which the climbing community must be proud of, as Sport Climbing made its first appearance at Olympic events: the Palembang Asian Games & the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games. Next to the Olympic events, 2018 saw many other great successes, bringing sport climbing to height beyond expectation: the Youth World Championships in Moscow, in which the Climbing Federation of Russia delivered a fantastic event despite the short time for preparation, and the Climbing & Paraclimbing World Championships in Innsbruck, where Austria Climbing definitely raised the bar in terms of organisation and quality of IFSC events. These were turning points that helped Sport Climbing being proposed for Paris2024. Other sports proposed for Paris2024 are Surfing, Skateboarding, and Breaking. From the Games in Tokyo the proposal for Paris brings to double the number of medals, and almost double the number of athletes. This shows Sport Climbing is going in the right direction. The next steps towards the confirmation are:

   - End of March 2019: IOC Executive Board, Recommendation
   - End of June 2019: IOC 134th Session, Provisional Inclusion
   - August 2020: Evaluation of the performance in Tokyo2020 Olympic Games
   - December 2020: IOC Executive Board, Final Decision

   It is important to notice that, should Sport Climbing not be confirmed in the Provisional Inclusion, no new sport will be added to replace it: there may be less sports than anticipated, but none new. MMS covers the other multi-sport games in which the IFSC will be present in 2019-2024: World Urban Games, ANOC Beach Games, CISM Games, World Games, Tokyo2020, and hopefully Paris2024.

   **Paraclimbing**
Among other successes, MMS mentions Paraclimbing: in particular the Paraclimbing World Championships were a huge success, although the organisation of both events presented several difficulties for both the organisers and the IFSC. There’s always the feeling to penalise one or the other, as some of the scheduled rounds for climbing and paraclimbing WCH had to take place at the same time, not to mention the issues with classification. Nevertheless, the commitment of the organisers, of the IFSC and of the routesetting team was exceptional, which eventually delivered a fantastic event. Attempts to include Paraclimbing in the program of Paris2024 were made, but the official response is that only sports that are officially in the program can be considered for Paralympic Games.

Open Issues

2018 also accounts one failure, the YWCH format: a working group was established to address the issue of this event format. Main challenges are the high number of athletes and the duration of the event, which result in having very few potential organisers. Despite the efforts of the Working Group, a final viable solution was not found and further investigation is needed.

b. IFSC Strategic Plan 2020-2024 and IFSC Extraordinary PA

MMS presents the Assembly the timeline for the strategic plan to further develop Sport Climbing to be assessed.

- August 2019, World Championships, Hachioji: Workshop to launch consultation with NFs
- September 2019: Survey for NFs
- December 2019: Climbing Summit in Torino, involving the leading representatives of the IFSC and of the Sport Climbing world; provisional date is 14th December 2019. This will be part of the ongoing dialogue and consultation on significant subjects and issues for the future of the IFSC and Sport Climbing.
- March 2020: Extraordinary PA, the day before the 2020 Plenary Assembly. This means there will not be the Pre-PA but a 2-day PA, where the 1st day will be dedicated to the IFSC strategic plan 2020-2024.

Governance and Ethics

Other main topic discussed in 2018 is Governance. Although to date climbing and climbing institutions benefit from an outstanding ethical reputation, the IFSC created a Governance Working Group, with the goal to get ahead of some potential issues and discuss the critical aspects and controversies that may arise from the increasing exposure the IFSC and Sport Climbing are subject to. Other actions taken:

- Possible creation of a Unit on Prevention of Manipulation of Competition
- Ethics Commission: created to respond to the IOC call for better ethics in sport and sport institutions, and to place the IFSC as a point of reference within the climbing community.

Ethics Commission President Prof. Marc Le Menestrel has been working on ethics with the IFSC Executive Board and the IFSC Officials, to develop individual integrity rather than bureaucratical imposition, using a value-based approach.
• Annual Report: for the first time, an annual report will soon be available to show the activities of the IFSC and improve transparency with its stakeholders
• Gender Equality: a proposal to include one female athlete in the IFSC Executive Board; this would make the IFSC one of the very few IFs with this kind of representation. The proposal will be discussed later.

IFSC Offices
• Lausanne: An agreement was found with IBSF – International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation, with the approval of the IOC, to share their office in Lausanne. The IFSC pays an annual fee to IBSF and having a base in Lausanne allows for better contacts with all the sports.
• Torino: a new office will be necessary to accommodate the staff, which has increased.

Conclusion
MMS concludes that 2018 has been a very exciting and very demanding year. The IFSC Executive Board met 10 times via teleconference, and 2 times in person. Meetings are very lengthy as every topic presents various and sometimes critical aspects that need to be addressed.
The Olympic process is tough, and very demanding. The goal, as voted when the IFSC was founded, is to be an Olympic Programme sport, and this depends on what is going to happen in Tokyo2020. Being Olympic also means being in front of the world, and having 2.6 billion viewers. Our exposure will increase, and so will our responsibility. We have to prove we are climbers and we are different, and that Olympic money will not spoil us. The challenge starts now. World up, keep climbing.

4. GOVERNANCE [Ref. IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 45-61]

As announced at the 2018 Plenary Assembly, the Executive Board has started the IFSC Governance Review. Given the breadth of the topics, the project is divided in multiple phases. The following proposed Statutes review is part of the first stage of the analysis, and comes as a result of the work between the IFSC Executive Board and the Governance Working Group, in consultancy with the Ethics Commission. Further recommendations will be proposed at the 2020 Plenary Assembly, including in particular a proposal for electoral procedure.

LB gives an introduction of the Governance Working Group: following the many scandals that affected Sport institutions, the IFSC reacted to make sure good governance became a central topic in its organisation and structure. The Governance Working Group was created as an advisory body to the Executive board, with a specific mandate and timeline, which have been respected. The working group gathered information from many sources, such as the ASOIF’s Governance Support and Monitoring Unit, the IFSC Ethics Commission, best practices from other IFs, etc. The work on governance is complex and ongoing, and a limited number of areas have been put under review in this first phase, as it is not recommended to have too many structural changes at once.
Explains the process for the following votes: proceed article by article, followed by discussion, and vote. Gives the floor to DG
Proposed Statutes review [Ref. 2019_PA_4.a_Statutes_Amendments]

i. Vote: approval of the proposed amendments for Article 1, Article 15, Article 18, Article 20, Article 22, Article 24, Article 25, Article 29, Article 35, Article 37, Bye-law to Article 20, Bye-law to Article 26

DG invites the membership present to stretch and follows by introducing the proposed amendments.

Article 1

DG explains that the purpose of this amendment is to make clear what the international organisations that recognise the IFSC are.

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Q&A Round 1

N. Cleary, SCA

Comments it would be useful to receive the explanation behind the proposed amendments before-hand, so NFs have time to discuss their position.

MMS answers that this is a fair comment, and the Board will do better next year. MMS proposes a procedure for next year, where NFs receive the proposal from the Board, and after feedback is received, the documents are re-sent one month before the rest of the agenda is provided. This way the PA can move more swiftly through the votes.

DG mentions the DAV will provide a working document they use to help the process and procedure for proposed changes.
Q&A Round 2

C. Knowles, BMC

Comments that the ‘easy’ articles should be in the Bye-Laws and not in the Statutes.

MMS acknowledges the comment.

### Vote to approve the amendment of Article 1

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**Article 15**

DG explains that the purpose of this amendment is to clarify the schedule for calling notices and agendas to give enough time to the membership to review the information, with attention to years in which elections are held.

**Current IFSC Statutes – As of 2018**

**Article 15**

[...]

The date and venue for the assembly shall be agreed at the Plenary Assembly meeting two years prior.

The calling notice must be sent to all members at least 3 months prior to the date set for the Assembly.

**Amended IFSC Statutes – to be approved**

**Article 15**

[...]

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Candidate nominations shall be submitted to the Administration not later than 90 days prior to the Plenary Assembly elections.

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Article 18

DG explains the proposed amendment. Where ASOIF does not recommend proxy voting at all, the Executive Board proposes a more open recommendation, that is that each member may represent one other member at a time. The reason why proxy votes should not be valid for elections is to encourage members to attend the PA when there are elections.

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Q&A Round 1

N. Horak, NCF

Comments that at least 50% of the members with voting rights has to be present to change the statutes.

The proposal is not to change this article to allow smaller countries to still have a say.

MMS acknowledges the comment.

N. Cleary, SCA

Comments that some IFs pay for members to attend the PA. That not being the case, it makes it difficult for the NFs to commit to attend.

MMS answers that when the statutes were written in 2009, there was the need to have proxy votes; now, as the IFSC is more exposed, it may be a risk: many other organisations don’t do it, because proxy voting is the easiest way to corrupt someone without having them in front of you.

Q&A Round 2

C. Knowles, BMC

Comments that it is fine to reduce the number of proxies per member, but there has to be a mitigation from the Executive Board to compensate the difficulties of other smaller countries.

MMS acknowledges the comment.
Article 20

DG explains the proposed amendment for Article 20 is intended to improve the election process, and appoint an Electoral Committee to carry out the duties related to elections.

Current IFSC Statutes – As of 2018

Article 20

Voting at the Plenary Assembly is conducted by show of hands. Upon the request of any delegate entitled to vote, supported by at least one other delegate, any vote must be taken by secret written ballot.

Elections shall always be decided by secret written ballot.

Amended IFSC Statutes – to be approved

Article 20

Voting at the Plenary Assembly is conducted by show of hands or electronic vote. Upon the request of any delegate entitled to vote supported by at least one other delegate or one-fifth of the Members present, any vote must be taken by secret written ballot. Elections shall always be decided by secret ballot.

The election process is described in the relevant document approved by the Plenary Assembly. The Executive Board will establish an Electoral Committee to assume certain duties related to elections. The electoral committee members will be proposed by the Executive Board and appointed by the Plenary Assembly one year ahead of the elections.

*Previously “may decide to”

Q&A Round 1

P. Georgiades, CMCF

Comments electronic vote gives more room to corrupt votes.

DG clarifies the electronic vote will be taken in presence, not from remote.
Article 22

MMS explains this article was introduced because the Swiss Law imposed it, but now the Swiss Law cancelled it. So, it makes sense for the IFSC to follow suit.

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CANCELLATION OF THE ARTICLE

Q&A Round 1

N. Cleary, SCA

Comments it would be better to come up with a different procedure first, and then delete the article.

MMS agrees with the comment. The vote is cancelled and the Executive Board will present a proposal for the 2020 PA.

VOTE CANCELLED
Article 24
DG presents the amendment to Article 24. The Executive Board and Governance Working Group performed a structural analysis of the Organisation and discussed what makes sense today. The removal of specific areas for the VPs does not mean that VPs will not have a specific role: it is intended to let valid VP with different abilities and skills take on the role. Another change is the introduction of a female athlete for gender balance.

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Q&A Round 1

**M. Norman, USAC**

Comments that expertise in finance should be a requirement for one of the Vice-Presidents.

DG explains that of course we need that expertise and the idea is to have an appointed person to take of the finances.

**N. Horak, NCF**

Points out that the addition of the female athlete representative may result in an odd number of voting members.

MMS answers that in case of a tie, the president’s vote counts x2 (proposed in another article).
Q&A Round 2

P. Georgiades, CMCF

Agrees VP should not have specific abilities, but more the power to ‘lobby’.

C. Knowles, BMC

Comments this chart shows the evolution of our organisation, and having a General Director changes the meaning of the Executive Board.

Comments are acknowledged.

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Article 25

Article 25 is presented following the discussion during the pre-Plenary Assembly.

Current IFSC Statutes – As of 2018

Article 25

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Amended IFSC Statutes – to be approved

Article 25

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 Provision to Article 25, to be deleted after PA2021: In 2021 elections, Board members who have already served for three terms or are in their third term can only be eligible for one more term.

Q&A Round 1

P. Georgiades, CMCF

Agrees with three terms, but expressed some concern about changing the board altogether: the Executive Board members should change in a staggered manner. Points out the importance of the transition. In general, the president must hold the office for at least for one term, to make their work efficient.

Furthermore, a president may become president only after having served on the Board in another office.

With this system, some members of the Board will never be president. Board members should have unlimited terms, but the president should change.
**M. Schöpf, KVÖ**

Comments that approving the proposal from P. Georgiades limits the possibility for other federations to be president because they would not have previously been on the Board.

**M. Norman, USAC**

Asks to elaborate on the current terms and how the situation will be affected in 2021, whether there will be a complete in change.

DG answers that anyone could stand up for elections in 2021, and 80% would have to leave in 2025. Also points out the importance to properly plan the succession, not only at Executive Board level but also in the NFs.

**Q&A Round 2**

**M. Norman, USAC**

Recommends that in 2021 some of the members go to a 2-year term, so to stagger the election.

LB answers the comment on staggered elections: this is something the GWG has been looking into to guarantee continuity, and the idea was to stagger the official elections to every two years. The Continental Councils would be elected two years staggered from the rest of the Executive Board.

**T. Smitz, CMBEL**

Points out that the representatives of the Continental Councils and of the Athletes are excluded from this process.

LB clarifies the comment about the exception to Continental Council and Athletes’ Representatives: the way it is written now, means all Executive Board members are subject to the limit of three terms.

**N. Horak, NCF**

With this system, 60% of the Board members could stay.

LB explains that every current Board member may be elected for another term in 2021, giving them a chance to stay in their office until 2025. The inclusion of the General Director helps guaranteeing the continuity and stability of the Executive Board.

**K. Yagihara, JMSCA**

Proposes to wait to change the term limits until Sport Climbing secures the permanent position in the Olympic programme.

Comment acknowledged.

**P. Georgiades, CMCF**

Comments that the Plenary Assembly has the right to vote any Board member out and/or to vote them again: it is up to the assembly to confirm Board members or not.

MMS urges the assembly to vote, as any amendment should be done on the presented proposal.
N. Cleary, SCA

Asks what happens if the Continental Council elects the same person to represent their Continent in the Board.

MMS answers that the Continental Councils Statutes must be consistent with the IFSC Statutes as they are approved by the EB.

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(Coffee break)

Article 29

DG presents the amendment to Article 29.

No comments received.

Current IFSC Statutes – As of 2018

Article 29

Every member of the Executive Board has one vote. All decisions of the Executive Board are taken by majority of the members present, and no voting rights may be exercised by proxy. The quorum of the Executive Board consists of a majority of its members.

Amended IFSC Statutes – to be approved

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Article 35

DG presents the amendment to Article 35, which results from the amendment to Article 24.

No comments received.
Vote to approve the amendment of Article 35

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**Article 37**

DG explains this amendment also results from the amendment of Article 24.

**Current IFSC Statutes – As of 2018**

**Article 37**

The Athletes’ Commission provides a permanent liaison between active athletes and the IFSC. One representative appointed by the Athletes’ Commission is elected by the Plenary Assembly as member of the Executive Board.

**Amended IFSC Statutes – to be approved**

**Article 37**

The Athletes’ Commission provides a permanent liaison between active athletes and the IFSC. One female and one male representatives, not from the same country, appointed by the Athletes’ Commission is are elected by the Plenary Assembly as members of the Executive Board.

**Q&A Round 1**

N. Cleary, SCA

Asks how the Athletes’ Commission selects their members.

SMC gives some of the selection criteria: representatives must have attended the WCH, and possibly several World Cups over the past 4 years, must be active in the community, and although the representation of the three disciplines would bring balance, the Athletes’ Commission is moving towards a more flexible model.

T. Smitz, CMBEL

**30/06/20**

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Asks when the next elections will be.
SMC answers that elections will take place in 2019. Due to back-to-back WCH in 2018 and 2019, one of the two elections had to be skipped, and it was decided to move the election to 2019. From 2021 it will happen every two years.

M. Norman, USAC
Asks if athletes representatives on the Board should also be from different continents.
SMC answers that it is something the Athletes’ Commission aims at, but in the current situation it is not possible to make it mandatory: what is important is that they are not from the same country.
MMS adds that it would be dangerous to add in the statutes that the two representatives have to be from different continents.
For the record, the PA strongly recommends the representatives of the Athletes’ Commission on the Executive Board be from different continents; to be reported in the Athletes’ Commission Rules.

Q&A Round 2
N. Cleary, SCA
Asks if there is a plan in the Athletes’ Commission to ensure gender balance.
SMC answers that there are currently 5 female members out of 12. Agrees that it should be written more clearly in the by-laws that there has to be at least 1 female athlete.

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Bye-law to Article 20
DG introduces the recommendation to introduce the Bye-law to Article 20, coming as a result of the introduction of an Electoral Committee in Article 20.

Amended IFSC Statutes – to be approved
Bye-law to Article 20 – NEW

The role of the Committee which oversees elections includes:
- Supervising the administrative process relating to the election of officials;
- Monitoring compliance with the relevant regulations;
- Ensuring the correct application of the regulations;
- Issuing instructions and admitting candidates

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Bye-law to Article 26

DG explains this proposal intends to reinforce the aim to promote correct conduct among Executive Board members. Points out that before every vote, Board Members have to state whether they have a conflict of interest related to that vote. In case they do, they must leave the room for the vote.

Vote to approve the introduction of the Bye-law to Article 26

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DG appreciates the Assembly for the collaborative behaviour and positive discussion.
5. **MEMBERSHIP** [Ref. IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 62-67]
   
a. Membership updates
   
   i. New Caledonia – Vote: ratification of the EB decision to move New Caledonia from Continental to Observer Membership.

   DG explains that New Caledonia was listed as Continental Member, however it is a French territory in the Oceania Continent, so the correct status would be Observer Member, being France already represented through FFME.

   **Q&A Round 1**

   **C. Knowles, BMC**
   
   Asks if any consideration has been made to introduce a membership category for these territories.
   
   DG answers that some thought has been given to this possibility, however the Executive Board is trying to simplify the membership categories.

   **P. Georgiades, CMCF**
   
   Reports they have a similar situation with the division of Cyprus between Greece and Turkey, and the Turkish occupied side is not acknowledged. If a territory is not acknowledged by the government the IFSC cannot accept it.
   
   DG answers that the IFSC needs to gather information from member federations in the same circumstances.

   **N. Cleary, SCA**
   
   Comments a solution with NCL has been found so their athletes can fully participate in the activity of the continent.

   **D. Sanders, CNZ**
   
   Comments he was caught off guard by the whole thing and that the Oceania Council should have sent clearer information to allow the other countries in the Continent more time to discuss this.

   DG encourages the Continental Councils to communicate more effectively with their members.

   **Q&A Round 2**

   **P. Georgiades, CMCF**
   
   Adds it is also a matter of Olympic Committee recognition. If the International Federation accepts different territories from the same country, it may be perceived as putting pressure on the NOC to acknowledge their existence.

   **Vote to approve the EB decision to move New Caledonia from Continental to Observer Membership**

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ii. Lithuania – Vote: ratification of the EB decision to move LFSC (former LCSA) from Associate to full Membership.

DG informs that LFSC, former LCSA, officially requested to become full member of the IFSC.

| Vote to approve the EB decision to move LFSC (former LCSA) from Associate to full Membership |
| In favour | 39 | Against | 0 | Abstained | 1 | APPROVED |

iii. Nepal – Vote: ratification of the EB proposal to move NMA from full to Observer Membership.

DG gives background on the situation: a new organisation dedicated to Sport Climbing, NCSA – Nepal Climbing Sport Association, approached the IFSC with the intention to become full member and actively participate in the development and promotion of Sport Climbing in Nepal, providing extensive documentation including letters of support from the Nepal NOC. The Nepalese Team to the 2018 Asian Games was led by this organisation with the support of the Nepal NOC. Since August 2018, the IFSC requested NMA, current IFSC member, to submit a series of documents, Nepal NOC recognition in particular, to re-confirm their interest in being part of the IFSC. Since then, no documents were received except for a letter of the Nepal NOC dated back to 2007. The Executive Board repeatedly evaluated the situation, and concluded that the best solution to honour the historical affiliation between IFSC and NMA would be to move NMA to Observer Membership and have NCSA join the IFSC as full member. Since the proposal was initially accepted but is now refused, the Executive Board submits the following Motion to the PA:

To allow NMA an additional 30 days to provide the IFSC Executive Board the required and necessary documentation for the IFSC membership, after which the Executive Board will make a decision regarding the membership status of the Nepal Mountaineering Association.

Q&A Round 1

Santa Bir Lama, NMA

Comments that NMA are members of the IFSC since 2007 and requests three months to discuss the issue internally in Nepal.

DG brings to the attention of the PA that NMA was already given six months to discuss this and get back to the IFSC. The NOC of Nepal recognises a different association, so the IFSC will grant NMA one month to provide the required documents.
Vote to approve the EB motion:

**To allow NMA an additional 30 days to provide the IFSC Executive Board the required and necessary documentation for the IFSC membership, after which the Executive Board will make a decision regarding the membership status of the Nepal Mountaineering Association.**

| In favour | 36 | Against | 0 | Abstained | 2 | APPROVED |

MMS is made aware that some members are filming the works of the assembly, of which any content is confidential. Swiss law is very strict on confidentiality. Members who have been filming are kindly requested to delete the footage, and should any of this content be made public by entities other than the IFSC, this will result in legal action.

iv. Portugal update
DG gives an update on the Portuguese situation, as FPME and FCMP are now undertaking a lawsuit to define the representation of Sport Climbing in Portugal. Given the different claims made from the parties, the IFSC is now consulting a Portuguese lawyer to better understand the situation and be able to help in finding the solution to this ongoing issue.

b. New Members
i. Fiji – Vote: ratification of the EB decision to accept the Fiji Mountaineering and Climbing Association – FMCA, as IFSC Continental Member [Ref. 2019_PA_5.b.i_Development_Plan_2019_23_FMCA]

Vote to approve the EB decision to accept the Fiji Mountaineering and Climbing Association – FMCA, as IFSC Continental Member

| In favour | 40 | Against | 0 | Abstained | 0 | APPROVED |

**MEMBERS AFTER VOTES ON MEMBERSHIP**

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c. Golden Members Programme
MMS already mentioned this initiative, and members will receive an update in a few weeks.
6. PARACLIMBING [Ref. IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 70-71]
   a. Vote: approval of the proposal from the IFSC Paraclimbing Development Officer

After the report of the Paraclimbing Development Officer and discussion, the PA is asked to vote on the proposal, knowing the Paraclimbing Committee will report annually to the Plenary Assembly.

| Vote to approve the proposal from the IFSC Paraclimbing Development Officer (Paraclimbing Development Plan) |
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| In favour | 40 | Against | 0 | Abstained | 0 | APPROVED |

7. FINANCES [Ref. IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 72-87]

PHP reports it has been a very good year, with a large increase in the revenues, mainly due to the higher number of TV rights deals. Half of the revenues come from the Communication Department (TV rights and sponsorships deals), while the rest of the income is shared between Sport (30%), Administration (15%) and Olympic Preparation (4%). On the other side, operating costs are quite balanced across the departments. Shows the trend in the cash flow from July to November the expenditures exceed the revenues, but overall current assets are always above €400,000. At the end of 2018, the IFSC was able to increase the reserves by €350,000. The Executive Board proposes to use €100,000 to increase the long-term investment that proved to be safe and profitable, whereas €250,000 will stay in the reserves.

A. Barabino, IFSC Statutory Auditor, reads the Audit Report.

Q&A Round 1
MMS asks Mr A. Barabino his perception of the IFSC compared to other international organisations.

A. Barabino answers that in the first year, the IFSC had a budget of less than €50,000, whereas last year it was around 2mil. Comments that what particularly stands out is that the administration of this amount of resources has always been done fairly and transparently. The financial structure can afford the growth of the activities. The fairness is really what stands out compared to other organisations.
Q&A Round 2

C. Knowles, BMC

Asks two questions: 1. There are significant variations in three lines: Office expenses, over 20%; Communication, variation of over 40%; Promotion, variation of over 40%. 2. First page: registration fees fall under Sport, and there is a significant increase from projected to actual income. Asks the Executive Board if reducing the registration fee has been given any consideration, given the large increase of income.

FJ answers on variations of costs:

- Office expenses: some lines of the 2017 budget where merged to produce a more consistent budget in 2018, so for example “Office expenses and administration” now includes also “Other Administration”. At the same time, as the staff grows, so are the relevant costs of its management.
- Marketing & Communication: the area that needs more resources is Events, which results in more travel expenses to be covered for the Communication staff.
- Promotion: again, it is connected to the increase in the deals and agreements. The Marketing & Communication Consultants fees are directly proportional to the number of deals the IFSC signs.

With regard to Question 2 on the registration fees, FJ answers that it is hard to anticipate the number of registrations, and it is advisable to be conservative in the estimate.

MMS adds that the clear recommendation is to be extremely conservative to keep the finances safe, so what goes in the budget has to be realistic.

N. Ørum-Petersen, DKF

Notices a high amount for consultancies in the Sport Department, and asks for clarification as being a federation of our own sport, what is the external counsel the IFSC needs.

FJ answers that some of the people working for the IFSC are employees, and some are consultants, it depends on the contract. Some of the consultancy figures have been moved to full-time employee position.

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b. Fee System 2020 – Vote: approval of the 2020 fee system [Ref. 2019_PA_7.b_Fee_system_2019-2020]

PHP explains that there are no major changes in the 2020 fee system, but there is only a change in the amount of the World Cup application deposit, increased from €500 to €5000. This does not affect the total fees paid by the Event Organisers.

AD specifies that the increase in the deposit is to guarantee that the applications received from organisers are serious and reliable, to avoid situations in which organisers back up at the last minute. This amount will be IFSC Partners:
required only in case of acceptance of the event into the IFSC calendar, and then deducted from the Total World Cup Fees. This amount is non-refundable.

Q&A Round 1

C. Knowles, BMC

Gives a counterview and asks what if there are struggling organisers and they do not say they have financial issues and it is too late when the IFSC finds out.

PHP answers that this is also a good point, but better security lies in the proposed solution.

Q&A Round 2

M. Schöpf, KVÖ

Expresses his support to this proposal because applications received must be serious, and those who apply have to know what they are doing: €500 is gambling money and losing it does not represent a deterrent, whereas losing €5000 makes an organiser think twice.

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c. NF support

PHP lists the National Federations who have contributed the most to the good financial year.

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d. Golden Members awards

LB introduces the Golden Members:

• Dmitriy Bychkov, CFR President
• Li Zhixin, CMA President
• Antonio Ungaro, FASI Secretary General
• Pierre You, FFME President
• Kuniaki Yagihara, JMSCA President

e. 2019 Budget Approval – Vote: approval of the 2019 Budget [Ref. 2019_PA_7.e_Provisional_Budget_2019]

PHP introduces the 2019 finances, and shows the Bad Debts. These are overdue invoices addressed to inactive National Federations from 2016-2017, which realistically the IFSC will not receive. The proposed 2019 Budget already includes an allowance for bad debts for a total of €10,000. The proposal is to give these federations one more year to react, if not the Executive Board will ask the PA 2020 to suspend their membership.

PHP gives more details on the 2019 budget, explaining that the increase in the number of employees requires the research of a new office in Torino. The research has started, and there are two options: rent a bigger office, or buy a bigger office that will become an asset for the IFSC (subject to approval of the Plenary Assembly).

Q&A Round 1

T. Smitz, CMBEL

Asks about the cost of the WCH in 2018 and 2019: in 2018 there is no cost associated to it, whereas in 2019 the IFSC bears a cost of €360,000.

PHP answers that the line in 2019 comes from the signature of the S/D contract, which entails a part in the sponsorship of the event.

AF adds that 2018 and 2019 WCH have two different business models. In Innsbruck the IFSC had a joint partnership with the Event Organiser and shared the revenue. This year, the event is in the hands of the IFSC so the expense is on the IFSC side.

C. Knowles, BMC

Asks for some explanations regarding the Executive Board costs.

FJ answers that the EB expenses are merged in one entry. For 2019, €65,000 were estimated for indemnity and €35,000 for travel.

C. Knowles, BMC

Asks to implement a better practice and have an accompanying note sent along with the budget, so it is easier to understand the budget and avoid a lot of questions being asked during the Plenary Assembly.
Comment acknowledged.

| Vote to approve the 2019 IFSC Provisional Budget |
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| In favour | 40 | Against | 0 | Abstained | 0 | APPROVED |

[Lunch]

The afternoon session resumes with the Sponsors’ Presentations

- Eric Surdej, Head of Entre-Prises
- Denis Garnier, President of Luxov
- Kailas not in person
- JAL not in person
- Perfect Descent not in person

8. SPORT DEPARTMENT [Ref. IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 89-147]

KT introduces the direction of the Sport Department. In recent years, the Sport Department has been struggling to keep up with the high expectations from the media, the Olympic family, the sponsors, and the lack of human resources. Over the past year in particular, the IFSC staff has been working thoroughly across all the different areas of the Sport Department, involving other National Federations. Today the direction is clear and the IFSC is confident Sport Climbing is reaching a secured position as a sport and within the Olympic family. Gives the floor to SV on the Technical Commissions.

a. Technical Commissions

SV reports the Sport Department structure. Explains that all the work needed by the Sport Department would be impossible without the support of the Technical Commissions and of the National Federations. For this reason, one of the priorities was the reactivation of the Technical Commissions, most of which were silent, by defining their purpose and mandate.

KT mentions other additional working groups that the Sport Department intends to create:

- Sport Development Working Group: to help National Federations develop Sport Climbing
- Coaches Commission: mentioning FIT (Tennis), suggests to create a programme intended to share how to improve the training of athletes.

KT asks all National Federations to collaborate in this project, to help those National Federations needing support to their wishes to improve Sport Climbing in their country.

SV reports on the Sport Department Management Committee meeting and Officials Seminar. These meetings are the annual occasion for Technical Commissions and IFSC Officials to have a debrief of the past season, in
preparation for the next one. In particular during the Officials’ Seminar, the participation and commitment on behalf of the Officials was outstanding. Ethics Commission President Marc Le Menestrel was present, and started working closely with the Officials. The response exceeded all expectations, as Officials were presented with a code of ethics that speaks their language.

KT shows the challenges that weigh upon the Sport Department: support programmes for developing National Federations, sport presentation, integrity of sport. Points out that JM has been working hard to improve the sport presentation towards the Olympic Games. However, many events take place in one year, and although the audience is very much impressed by the performance, often they do not understand what is going on: some key information is missing, such as the scoring system, or what do athletes need to do in order to win. This information is key to show the core and real meaning of Sport Climbing. As the sport gains exposure, it becomes increasingly clear that our behaviour may expose us to criticism.

b. Official Sport Equipment

SV explains the Official Sport Equipment project is a licensing programme to ensure a fair Field of Play for all stakeholders. Most Olympic sports have their official sport equipment. The Sport Department went to meetings and forums to understand the industry. The goal is to start by creating a catalogue for holds, macros, and volumes, which will be recommended in 2019 and enforced from 2020. Out of the 2019, the T20 catalogue will be selected, which contains only the holds, macros, and volumes that will go to the Olympic Games in Tokyo. Release of the catalogue is planned for summer 2019. The objective is to consolidate existing categories and add new ones in the future.

c. Calendar 2018: season debriefing

AD gives an overview of the 2018 season: 22 World Cups, YWCH, WCH, and other events. This season saw an increase of 20% in athletes’ participation. Special mentions go to the Asian Council for the successful climbing event at the Asian Games, as well as CFR for the great delivery in a short time of a complicated yet successful YWCH, and of course to KVÖ – Austria Climbing for the extraordinary WCH in Innsbruck.

LB introduces the Team Trophies for the 2018 Season:

1. Japan
2. France
3. Russia

d. Calendar 2019 & 2019 WCH Hachioji

AD shows the 2019 calendar: the Sport Department managed to have the Bouldering season concentrated from April to June, and Lead from July to October. August is a very busy month. Purple represents the special
events: ISF Aubenas School Championships, ANOC Beach Games, OQE Toulouse. Season 2019 is the first that has events that will qualify to the Olympic games, and therefore presents some challenges and actions to be taken.

**2019 Hachioji WCH**

DG introduces Yuji Hirayama, a climbing legend, now JMSCA Vice-President, to present the 2019 WCH. Presents the venue, and informs that the logo and graphic charter are almost defined. There are some critical aspects: the capacity and logistics of the venue. The appointed Technical Delegate Graeme Alderson visited the venue and reported some technical difficulties.

MMS adds that Hachioji requested the arena again on the 22nd August, hence the WCH has to end on 21st August. This reduction causes serious concerns about the schedule, as all the disciplines, combined, and Paraclimbing WCH have to take place in this period.

JMSCA asks the Plenary Assembly to discuss and decide whether it could be a possibility to split the Climbing and Paraclimbing World Championships, acknowledging that the original idea of the WCH is to have both Climbing and Paraclimbing together.

MMS asks the membership to discuss whether to take a risk and have Climbing and Paraclimbing together, or to take a painful, yet sensible, temporary decision and split them for this WCH.

**Q&A Round 1**

**M. Schöpf, KVÖ**

Reports the experience from the last WCH in Innsbruck: it is a wonderful idea to have Climbing and Paraclimbing together, but we have to be honest with ourselves. In Paris 2016 there were 60-65 para-athletes, in Innsbruck 2018 more than 140 in 12 categories. As organisers, all efforts were made to give the same visibility and conditions to paraclimbing, but this was not possible at all times: it happened that Speed qualifications and Paraclimbing finals were at the same time, not out of disrespect, but because there were no other alternatives. It is hard to imagine how this can work for future WCH, as it will become harder and harder as Sport Climbing grows. It is a painful reality, but we should not close our eyes.

**N. Cleary, SCA**

Asks if the existing Paraclimbing Committee has been consulted on this possible change and what their opinion is.

MMS answers this proposal came up last night and the Paraclimbing Committee has been dissolved, so the PA is now in charge.
Q&A Round 2

D. Sanders, CNZ

Asks for some clarity, as some para-athletes have been asking about what is going on with the 2019 WCH. Didn’t know how to answer the question of whether there will be the Paraclimbing WCH at all. Furthermore, we have to take note of what M. Schöpf said: it is painful, but it’s the reality.

MMS acknowledges the comment.

N. Cleary, SCA

Asks if the proposal is to cancel the Paraclimbing WCH.

MMS answers that no, the proposal is to move it to another location. Overnight some talks occurred and there might be an alternative.

KT adds that 2019 is the year before the Olympic Games, and many sport facilities are already taken. Since JMSCA decided to host the 2019 WCH, all efforts were made in order to find a suitable venue, but this proved extremely difficult, and issues came up one after the other.

Vote to allow for the hosting of the 2019 World Championships and the 2019 Paraclimbing World Championships in separate locations and/or dates

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Vote: selection of the 2021 WCH Host City

Evgeniy Chernyshëv, CFR Vice-President, presents the concept of the 2021 WCH to be hosted by the Climbing Federation of Russia in Moscow. This team has already organised several international events in the last 2 years. Russian Government has granted its support, assuring the financial stability.

Q&A Round 1

D. Sanders, CNZ

Asks if CFR intends to include Paraclimbing in the 2021 WCH.

E. Chernyshëv answers that the event is planned with both Climbing and Paraclimbing.

AD adds some further information on the selection process for the next WCH host cities.

Selection of the 2021 WCH Host City: Moscow, Russia

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Vote: give the mandate to the EB to proceed into the research of the Hosting City for the 2020 YWCH, including the option of having a different event format.
KT explains the reason for this request: the organisation of the YWCH represents an issue, and no applications were received for 2020. The board asks to receive the mandate to find a solution autonomously.

Q&A Round 1

N. Horak, NCF

Comments the YWCH is important and needs to be supported. Asks if supporting and funding the organisers of YWCH would be a possibility.

KT answers that it is a possibility, but at the moment there is no mandate to do so.

T. Smitz, CMBEL

Asks if the request of this mandate means the Executive Board already has a potential candidate in mind.

KT answers that no, at the moment there are no candidates.

D. Sanders, CNZ

Asks if the EB has thoughts on how the NFs will be informed of the process.

MMS answers that the idea is to emphasise the role of the YWCH, but for the moment there are no candidates at all. One possible proposal is to have a bi-annual YWCH, or to have a cycle of YWCH between the National Federations able to host this event. In any case, the current format is not sustainable, and may become even more difficult in the future. The Executive Board asks the mandate to the PA to move on more quickly and not miss the YWCH in the Olympic year.

Q&A Round 2

D. Bychkov, CFR

Asks if applications were launched for the 2020 YWCH.

AD answers that yes, the applications were opened with the current system, but at the end of the deadline the only application received was withdrawn.

N. Horak, NCF

Comments that splitting the YWCH is risky because it increases the cost.

MMS answers that this is why the Working Group was not able to find a unique recommendation.

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g. Multi-Sport Games – CISM Presentation
KT presents the multi-sport games in which the IFSC takes part. Calls National Federations to contact their national university associations for the FISU 2022 World University Championships.

LB gives the floor to Colonel Artém Gromov, President of the Sport Climbing Committee of CISM.
In his presentation. Col. Gromov shows the history and mission of the International Military Sport Council (CISM) in a video, explaining that CISM fosters confidence and support among soldiers, and promotes solidarity among nations by using sport as a means to build peace.

Q&A Round 1
DG asks how the IFSC got involved in the Winter Military Games.
MMS recalls what happened in 2010, when he, together with General Gola (CISM President at the time) started considering to have climbing in the CISM Games in Aosta, Italy. That was going to be a Winter Games edition, therefore Climbing debuted in the Winter Military Games.
During the 2018 CISM World Military Championships in Moscow, the IFSC and CISM signed a MoU establishing a true collaboration between the two organisations to promote the development of Sport Climbing. Takes the opportunity to thank once more CISM and Col. Gromov for attending the Plenary Assembly and showing the inspiring work of CISM.


a. Event preparation
KT presents the TOCOG offices, and the Sport Climbing team. Gives the floor to JM, to give more details about the status of the preparation.

JM explains the concept of the Urban Cluster: more emotions, bringing people together through a more direct contact with the sport, and integration with the exhibition area. Continues on showing the work done towards an innovative sport presentation aimed at giving the audience the full experience in a festive and cross-cultural environment. JM shows the Aomi Urban Sports Park, currently a large parking lot, hosting Football 5-a-side, Basketball 3x3, and Sport Climbing. So, FIBA and IFSC will share the same venue. The venue is located at the very heart of the Olympic Games, placed between sponsors, media, and other sport structures, such as Skateboard, BMX, Beach Volley, etc. The test event will take place on 6-8 March 2020, and at the moment no further information is available. Entre-Prises, who already provided the walls for the 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games, will be the sole supplier for walls in Tokyo 2020. With regard to the event format, there is one change, as finals will be run with eight athletes instead of six: this was recommended for several reasons, i.e. inclusion of more countries, and a longer TV show to allow maximum visibility.
Continues on the training schedule: the aim is to maximise the opportunity to train for athletes. One of the consequences of sharing the venue is that Basketball 3x3 takes place before Sport Climbing, so all things related to Sport Climbing have to be ready beforehand. The transition period between Basketball 3x3 and Sport Climbing may also present occasions for training. JM highlights that the International Federation is not the ‘owner’ of the athletes, but simply a provider to the IOC. Encourages all National Federations to contact their National Olympic Committees for answers regarding the qualification process.

Q&A Round 1

D. You, FFME

Asks if there are any specific guidelines for routesetters in terms of style, number of tops, etc.

JM answers that this is a question for the Sport Department to answer.

KT adds that at the moment there are no specific guidelines.

S. Jin, KAF

Asks if there is a separate hotel/area for ITOs [International Technical Officials] as ITOs should not be in communication with the athletes.

JM answers that there will be some hotels for the delegation, one for the ITOs, and one for the other guests. Athletes will be staying in the village.

10. MARKETING & COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT [Ref. IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 172-190]

a. 2018 Report

AF reports on the main developments for 2018: significant increase in TV exposure, including:

- Securing deals with Olympic Broadcasters (Eurosport, NBC Olympic Channel, Globosat, NHK, L’Equipe)
- Live delivery of four IFSC Events (WCH, Meiringen, Vail, and Munich World Cups)
- Increasing deals with host broadcasts (WCH, Hachioji, Kranj, Tai’an, Wujian, and Xiamen World Cups) among others, as well as significant increase of visibility on social media, and successful deals with new and historical sponsors.

Furthermore, AF reports that the Marketing and Communications Department has been working with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) to register the name and logo of the IFSC as a trademark, to preserve the image and integrity of the IFSC, and on other sport domains, including .sport internet extension.
b. 2019 Focus Points
   i. Contract with Synca/Dentsu
   AF informs of the TV and digital production strategy for 2019: better quality of events, satellite, professional cameramen, onsite satellite coordinator to ensure the delivery. Further broadcasting deals are being finalised, including CCTV, L’Equipe, NBC, etc.
   ii. Main Sponsorship developments
   AF shows the sponsorship development strategy for 2019: deal with Synca/Dentsu will bring more sponsorship deals, and all efforts are made to create the conditions for new non-endemic partners. Other projects are the improvement of the website, of which a new version will soon be launched, a thorough communication plan for Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 strengthen communication with our stakeholders: newsletter, annual reports, communication plan for Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024.

11. CONTINENTAL COUNCILS – REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES [Ref. IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 222-229]
   a. Asian Council
   Anthony Seah, President of the Asian Continental Council reports on the activities of the ACC.
   b. European Council
   Wolfgang Wabel, President of the European Continental Council reports on the activities of the ECC.
   c. Oceania Council
   Romain Thevenot, President of the Oceania Continental Council reports on the activities of the OCC.
   d. Pan-American Council
   Maria Izquierdo, President of the Pan-American Continental Council reports on the activities of the PAC.

12. ETHICS COMMISSION [Ref. IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 231-235]
   a. Election of new members
   MMS gives a report on behalf of Ethics Commission President, Prof. Marc Le Menestrel and encourages all National Federations to send applications to include more members in the Commission, and to respond to the questionnaire that will be sent.

13. ATHLETES COMMISSION [Ref. IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 237-238]
   a. Activities and projects
   SMC gives a report on the changes to the Athlete’s Commission structure. The Athletes’ Commission is in need of active members that are willing to do work, and apologises on behalf of the Commission for not having presented this Plenary Assembly with complete bye-laws of the Athletes’ Commission.
b. Vote: Athletes’ rights and responsibilities [Ref. 2019_PA_13.b_Athletes_Rights_and_Responsibilities_Declaration]

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MMS adds that the Athletes’ Commission will work on the AC Rules and provide it at the next Plenary Assembly.

14. **ANTI DOPING COMMISSION** [Ref. IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 240-242]
   a. Activities and projects
   SV gives a report on behalf of Anti-Doping Commission Director Paolo Orione, on the achievements and future plans of the Anti-Doping Commission. Expresses gratitude to P. Orione for the thorough work carried out for the first anti-doping violation case, and for bringing the IFSC to recognition of compliance with the WADA Code. New Procedures to help a timely investigation of any violation were implemented by the IFSC, as requested by WADA, including the monitoring of the ‘Steroidal Passport’, an algorithm that monitors anomalies in the markers of testing samples.

15. **DISCIPLINARY AND APPEALS COMMISSIONS** [REF. IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 244-245]
   a. Appeals Commission
   Vote: appointment of New Member for the Appeals’ Commission Ian Fullagar (AUS)

**Q&A Round 1**
M. Havaledar, IMSCF
Asks how members can become part of this Commission.
MMS answers that members of the Statutory Commissions (Ethics, Anti-Doping, Appeals, Disciplinary) are elected by the Plenary Assembly upon candidature.

M. Hashemi, IMSCF
Asks if a call for applications was done for this Commission.
MMS explains that during the Plenary Assembly, the Executive Board always calls for candidatures, and when the Office receives them, they are submitted to the Executive Board for evaluation, and then presented to the Plenary Assembly.

Disciplinary Commission President Ian Alderson reports on the two main activities of 2018:

1. The IFSC saw its first case of anti-doping rule violation. One athlete was tested positive. The Disciplinary Commission reviewed the case and concluded there was no guilt on intention; WADA accepted the appeal and no sanction was applied.

2. Amendment of the IFSC Disciplinary Rules to align them with the WADA Code and to give a general tidy-up.

Q&A Round 1

H. Wilhelm, KVÖ

Asks why this positive case was not published.

I. Alderson answers it should have been published on the website.

H. Wilhelm points out this did not happen. The comment is acknowledged.

MMS points out that in 99% of these cases, WADA appeals, so the fact that WADA did not do it, shows the good work performed.

I. Alderson encourages National Federations to send applications to join the Disciplinary Commission.

Candidates must be qualified lawyers.

After the vote, MMS completes the answer to H. Wilhelm comment: all the NFs received the Disciplinary Report with the Full Agenda, they were therefore informed on the disciplinary case in due time.

16. MEDICAL COMMISSION [REF. IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 247-258]

a. Activities and projects

Medical Commission Director Eugen Burtscher reports on the activities of the Medical Commission. The main goals of the MedCom is to make recommendations from a medical standpoint to preserve the health and improve the performance of athletes, and define the medical rules of international competition Climbing.

Recommendation is to have medical examinations done every year. Provides a MedCom statement from 2015
showing the incidence of epiphyseal fractures in age group 13 to 15. Climbing is a gravitational sport in which weight, and the ratio of muscle/fat is a more relevant factor than it is in other sports. Adipose tissue is needed to allow endocrinal function. Diet is a serious component of a climber’s day-to-day activity. The Medical Commission is working towards Tokyo2020, to prepare medical level required for this event and infrastructure, in terms of how many medical and physiotherapy staff have to be present.

17. FUTURE MEETINGS

a. 2020 Plenary Assembly: March 2020 – Limassol, Cyprus

Pavlos Georgiades, CMCF, presents the 2020 Plenary Assembly, which will take place on 10-15 March 2020, in Limassol, Cyprus. Intends to organise 3-4 days of activities that can be registered for at the time of registration for the Plenary Assembly

b. 2021 Plenary Assembly

MMS presents the recently received candidature from FFME to host the 2021 Plenary Assembly in Paris.

P. You, FFME, comments that after the proposal of Sport Climbing in the Paris 2024 programme, it is important to have the Assembly gather in Paris.

| Vote for the election of the 2021 Plenary Assembly Host: Paris, France |
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| In favour              | 36    | Against| 0           | Abstained| 0      |

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18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND CONCLUSIONS [REF. IFSC_PA_2019_SLIDES, slides 263-264]

MMS updates on Climbers Against Cancer - CAC. After John Ellison passed away, there have not been many developments but the report shows that projects are going forward. In 2018 CAC donated £100,000 to institutions and foundations in Switzerland, Austria, Australia, UK and CAC received the attention of the media during the 2018 WCH. In 2019 CAC plans to donate another £100,000 to cancer research centres, presumably in the USA, Singapore, Germany, Italy and Japan. Honorary Member Reindert Lenselink is very active and helps planning these donations and operations.

In memory of John, this operation proves that if we stay together, we win.

MMS and the Executive Board thank the XIV Plenary Assembly for the collaboration, it has been a very productive meeting, and recognise the work achieved by the fantastic IFSC staff, a real Dream Team, and the outstanding support of JMSCA.

P. You, FFME, thanks MMS, the IFSC Board, and IFSC Staff for the great efforts and work done for Sport Climbing, and JMSCA for the warm welcome and hospitality.

End of the meeting