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IFSC OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE: GET READY FOR A THRILLING 2016 CLIMBING SEASON

The IFSC is pleased to announce the Calendar for the 2016 Sport Climbing Season. We will kick off the season with Bouldering on April 15th - 16th at the IFSC Climbing World Cup in Meiringen (Switzerland). With several new hosting cities, the IFSC World Championships in Paris and the IFSC World Youth Championships in China, the 2016 climbing season is definitely promising!

Six new hosting cities!

Expanding the sport's reach as never before, in 2016 the IFSC events will be hosted by six new hosting cities. For the first time ever, the IFSC World Cup will be taking place in Meiringen (Switzerland), Nanjing (China), Navi Mumbai (India), Villars (Switzerland), Xiamen (China) and Guangzhou (China). We are sure that their commitment and facilities will further enhance the sport in 2016.

IFSC World Championships back to Paris

The IFSC is also excited to announce that the IFSC World Championships, which take place every two years, will be held this year in Paris, France. The venue is the newly renovated Bercy *AccorHotels Arena* where 500 plus international athletes representing 60 countries are expected. It will be one of the most prestigious events the IFSC has ever organized.

China to host IFSC World Youth Championships and 1st World University Sport Climbing Championship

Autumn will be a busy time for climbing lovers. From 12th to 16th October, Shanghai will host the 1st World University Sport Climbing Championship. Then, from 7th to 13th November the IFSC World Youth Championships will take place for the second time in China, in the city of Guangzhou. All three disciplines will be represented, after the excitement of Arco, Italy, in 2015.

Enjoy the IFSC experience

Natural, spontaneous, spectacular, in the air... no tools, just hands and feet. That is the sport of climbing that you will experience on your smartphone, tablet and PC during the entire 2016 season. For the seventh year, the IFSC events will be live streamed on the IFSC YouTube channel. The IFSC has also worked on improving its digital platforms to provide the best event viewing experience for its fans.

"Proud of our community"

IFSC President, Marco Maria Sclaris cannot wait for the season to start:

"Year after year climbing popularity grows as well as the number of climbing lovers. It's a community to be proud of. 2016 will be another fantastic season, with new cities ready to host the IFSC competitions. The entire IFSC is working on the visibility and accessibility of Sport Climbing."

While everyone is busy preparing such a rich calendar of events, the IFSC, together with all the climbing enthusiasts, is impatiently waiting for August 2016, when the IOC Session will make a decision about the possible selection of Sport Climbing and four other sports for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.



2016 IFSC calendar - a busy program!

- April 15th-16th: IFSC Climbing World Cup Meiringen 2016 - Bouldering
April 23rd-24th: IFSC Climbing World Cup Kazo 2016 - Bouldering
April 30th-May 1st: IFSC Climbing World Cup Chongqing 2016 - Bouldering and Speed
May 7th-8th: IFSC Climbing World Cup Nanjing 2016 - Speed
May 14th-15th: IFSC Climbing World Cup Navi Mumbai 2016 - Bouldering
May 20th-21st: IFSC Climbing World Cup Innsbruck 2016 - Bouldering
June 10th-11th: IFSC Climbing World Cup Vail 2016 - Bouldering
July 11th-12th: IFSC Climbing World Cup Chamonix 2016 - Lead and Speed
July 15th-16th: IFSC Climbing World Cup Villars 2016 - Lead and Speed
July 22nd-23rd: IFSC Climbing World Cup Briançon 2016 - Lead
August 12th-13th: IFSC Climbing World Cup Munich 2016 - Bouldering
August 19th-20th: IFSC Climbing World Cup Imst 2016 - Lead
August 26th-27th: IFSC Climbing World Cup Arco 2016 - Lead and Speed
September 14th-18th: IFSC Climbing & Paraclimbing World Championships Paris 2016 - Bouldering and Lead and Speed
October 12th-16th: 1st World University Sport Climbing Championship Shanghai 2016 - Bouldering and Lead and Speed
October 18th-19th: IFSC Climbing World Cup Wujiang 2016 - Speed
October 22nd-23rd: IFSC Climbing World Cup Xiamen 2016 - Lead and Speed
November 7th-13th: IFSC World Youth Championships Guangzhou 2016 - Bouldering and Lead and Speed
November 12th-13th: IFSC World Cup Kranj 2016 - Lead

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