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The International Federation of Sport Climbing is constantly and thoroughly monitoring the situation caused by the outbreak of COVID-19, which has now spread in many countries across the five continents. The safety of the people involved in the organisation of all IFSC competitions – athletes, event organisers, officials, routesetters and staff members – has always been the most important thing. And it is now more than ever.

With regard to the calendar, the IFSC is moving towards the postponement of both the IFSC Asian Championships and the IFSC European Championships until June. At the same time, the Sport Department is reconsidering all the events expected to take place in April, exploring the possibility to reschedule them at a later stage. On a positive note both the IFSC African Championships and the IFSC Oceania Championships are confirmed at the moment.

IFSC President Marco Scolari said: “Since we live in a scenario that is changing every day, the IFSC, its Executive Board and its Continental Councils are doing what is possible and reasonable to do, in order to create or re-create the best conditions for our athletes to climb all around the world.

IFSC Europe President Dr. Wolfgang Wabel said: “IFSC Europe is aware that painful decisions might be ahead of us, but we also know they are the right ones. We share fears and concerns with our National Federations, but we all look forward with confidence, thanks to everybody’s constructive collaboration.”

IFSC Asia President Anthony Seah said: “Many International Federations are suffering for the same situation and we have the duty to find the best way to try to stem the outbreak of the virus. However, no competition has been officially cancelled, and hopefully none will be.”

Following the Italian government recommendations, the IFSC headquarters in Torino will remain closed until April 3 and all the staff members will be fully operative from their homes.

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