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# BRIANÇON IS READY TO HOST THE FIRST IFSC WORLD CUP OF THE SEASON

Briançon - August 19, 2020

On August 21 and 22, for the tenth consecutive year, Briançon (FRA) will welcome an IFSC World Cup. Exceptionally, for the first time in the last ten years, it will be the opening one of the season.

More than 170 days after the end of the IFSC Pan American Championships in Los Angeles (USA), the Sport Climbing community will again have the chance to see some of its best athletes competing alongside each other. In spite of the extraordinary circumstances – caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic – the International Federation of Sport Climbing and the Fédération Française de la Montagne et de l'Escalade worked tirelessly to be able to deliver the highest possible level of competition: taking national regulations into careful consideration, making an overall assessment of all the risks connected with holding a Sport Climbing competition in the current circumstances, and implementing a series of guidelines concerning hygiene, social distancing and the use of personal protective equipment.

On top of that, a series of preparatory teleconferences took place in the weeks preceding the competition, and a first Technical Meeting was held on August 11 with the sole purpose of informing team officials about all the procedures and safety measures that will be put into practice in Briançon.

The qualification round will kick off on Friday 21 at 9:00 AM (UTC+2:00), while semifinals are scheduled to begin on the evening of the same day at 7:30 PM. On Saturday, August 22, the women's final will start at 7:30 PM, followed by the men's final at 8:45 PM.

Since travel restrictions might not allow the participation of athletes coming from some areas of the world, no points will be awarded in Briançon, including World Ranking and World Cup 2020 Ranking points.

Semifinals and finals will be live streamed on the Federation's website and YouTube channel. News and live updates will be available on all IFSC social media profiles: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn, plus Douyin and Weibo for the Chinese audience.

At last year's competition, Japan's Nishida Hidemasa won his first ever World Cup medal, taking gold ahead of his teammates Shimizu Hiroto and Tanaka Shuta. In the women's final, Korean sensation Seo Chaehyun took gold – her second in a row after the one she won in Chamonix (FRA) – and bested Slovenia's Janja Garnbret and Japan's Tanii Natsuki.

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