

SPEED PROJECT ARE YOU READY, SET...GO!

The International Federation of Sport Climbing has given a new dynamic to "The Speed Project" to providing stricter regulations at IFSC Speed climbing competitions.

The popularity of speed climbing growing hugely since the first IFSC certified speed wall was introduced in 2007. Today the IFSC is taking more steps to provide stricter regulations at IFSC speed climbing competitions. To promote a better climbing experience for athletes, the Sport Department of the IFSC has launched "The Speed Project."

The speed Project aims at ensuring an equal playing field to athletes, enabling them to have any world records they set, officially recognized.

The Speed License Rules 2013 have just been released

To meet the Speed Project constraints and to standardize the speed walls, the first step was to set up some precise specifications for all speed walls around the world. So the IFSC has been working very hard with athletes, technical experts and manufacturers on defining these requirements and constraints.

The IFSC has just published the Speed License Rules 2013 that lists all the wall, holds, timing system and competition rules.

It can be downloaded from http://www.ifsc-climbing.org/images/about-ifsc/Speed_Project/IFSC_speed_license_rules_2013-version-20june13.pdf

This document is specifically made to list the technical requirement of the speed equipment as well as the condition of the certification visits of the wall and certification process of the manufacturers.

Several Partners for a World Record

To be sure that every IFSC World Cup's walls meet these requirements, the IFSC has joined forces with several Official providers. From now on a World Record in Speed will only be awarded if the following requirements are met:

- Speed Walls must be built by one of the companies currently under consideration as an official Speed Wall manufacturer. These companies will be officially confirmed in 2014.

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- Since March 22, 2013 with the IFSC World Cup in Chongqing, all IFSC Speed Climbing competition walls need to be set with the new official Speed Holds manufactured by Entre-Prises. These holds have been specifically designed for use on IFSC approved Speed Walls and Entre-Prises will manufacture and distribute them using pricing, quality and design agreements set by the IFSC. *"To guaranty the origin of these holds, the new Entre-Prises Speed Holds will include a serial number and QR code that can be scanned. This code takes you to a web page and shows certified sets that have been sold and are in regulation. This is a good control system for the IFSC"*, says Jérôme MEYER, IFSC Sport Manager in charge of the Speed Project.

- Timing system is the third and major requirement to set a Speed World Record. The IFSC has decided to choose only five timing system providers to ensure the exact same timing measurement in every event in any country can take place.

To be certain of a precise and fair timing system, it must be one of the following: Alge Timing, Geckoking, Twin Dolphin, Kassa, Rock Timers.

Detailed standards on Timer as for the walls and the holds are now released in the Speed Licence Rules 2013.

The show can almost start

Once these requirements are met, speed world records can only be set if the competition is included in the official IFSC calendar of events and is recorded by a Jury President appointed by the IFSC.

The official IFSC calendar includes 7 IFSC Speed World Cup and all the IFSC Continental Championships and IFSC World Championships.

With the new regulations the show will be fairer, and much more thrilling!...so don't miss the next IFSC Speed World Cup in Arco on September 7th, 2013.

You can find all the current world records and up to date information at www.ifsc-climbing.org

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