MEDIA ADVISORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - August 7, 2013

Teams Arrive Early to Train for IFSC World Youth Climbing Championships

Central Saanich, BC - The Boulders Climbing Gym in Central Saanich is pleased to announce that a number of teams will be arriving early to conduct training sessions in advance of the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) World Youth Climbing Championships on August 15th to 19th.

Members of the media are invited to attend at the times noted below as athletes and coaches will be available for interview and photo/video opportunities as needed.

Team Israel
Aug 7: 10am-Noon, Aug 8: 10am-Noon

Team Switzerland
Aug 7: 6-7pm, Aug 8: 10-11am, Aug 12: 6-8pm

Team USA
Aug 6 & 7: 9am-2pm, Aug 8: 10:30am-2pm, Aug 12: 11am-1pm.

Team Russia
August 12: 8pm-10pm, August 13: 9am-11am

Team Canada
Aug 11 & 12: 1-3pm

In addition, Slovenian climber Domen Skofic, who is the reigning men’s Youth A champion and is now ranked as one of the top 10 Junior climbers in the world, will be training at the gym August 7 and August 8 starting at 10:00 am and will be available for interview.

Upon arrival at The Boulders, media should check in at the main desk with Mr. Sebastian Powell, Manager of the facility, or Ms. Kimanda Jarzebiak, Event Coordinator, prior to filming or conducting any interviews, as they will need to brief you on logistics and other safety details while in the main gym area.
Media should also respect the climbers training schedules and ensure interviews are conducted during suitable breaks or at the end of their training sessions.

**About the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC)**
The International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) was created in 2007 and is a non-governmental international association with a non-profit-making purpose of international interest. The principal purposes of the IFSC are the direction, regulation, promotion, development and furtherance of international climbing competitions (Lead, Speed and Boulder). The IFSC fosters links, networks, and friendly relations among its members, their climbers and officials. The IFSC is recognised by the IOC and is member of ARISF, SportAccord and IWGA. For more details, please visit the IFSC web page at http://www.ifsc-climbing.org

**About the Boulders Climbing Gym**
The Boulders Climbing Gym is a not-for-profit society, with the mandate of making climbing accessible for everyone, regardless of ability or ability to pay. With over 13,000 square feet (1,208 square metres) of climbing space, The Boulders Climbing Gym is a community facility and a unique social enterprise, providing adaptive recreation and rehabilitation programs, youth recreational and competitive programs, as well as facilitating a climbing academy at Stelly’s Secondary School. All instructors are certified by the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides. See www.climbtheboulders.com for more details.

**Home of the 2013 IFSC World Youth Climbing Championships, August 15-19, 2013**
Web: http://climbtheboulders.com/world-youth-championships/
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