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President's message

Dear Sport Climbing family,

As you will discover in the pages of this report, in the year 2022 we climbed many holds higher.

The year began with the official inclusion of Sport Climbing on the programme for the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028.

The endorsement by the 139th Session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in February confirmed just how far we have come both as a sport and as an International Federation. The decision solidifies our place among the world's leading sports, and we can all be proud of reaching this historic milestone. We have more than one reason to celebrate a result that, when we founded the IFSC, appeared to be the most impossible.

Unfortunately, the events in Ukraine in February forced all of us to face an unpredictable and tragic war scenario.

With the unconditional condemnation of the invasion of the Russian military, while mourning the loss of innocent lives and supporting the Ukrainian Climbing community and their athletes – with the help of many Member Federations – we suspended the Russian and Belarusian federations, and their athletes were not allowed to participate in IFSC events. Tragically, the war is still claiming victims and we do not see the end of this tunnel.

As with all non-Olympic years, there was no shortage of tasks to keep us occupied in 2022.

After overseeing Sport Climbing's fifth appearance at The World Games in Birmingham, USA, last July, and making our historic debut at the European Championships in Munich, Germany, in August, it is safe to say that the era of Sport Climbing at major multi-sport events is upon us.

Our time in Munich at the European Championships was a true celebration of sport. And thanks to the excellent broadcast coverage, the performances of our athletes could be appreciated not only by the bumper crowds that attended in person each day but by millions of others around the world watching online and on TV.

Munich also saw the competitive debut of Boulder & Lead, the new format to be used alongside Speed at the Olympic Games Paris 2024. While there are still a few details that require tweaking ahead of Paris 2024, overall, I was quite impressed by the format, which was both easy to comprehend and exciting to watch.

It was a great show all around and it bodes extremely well for our upcoming appearances this year at the European Games Krakow-Malopolska 2023, Asian Games Hangzhou 2022, and Pan American Games Santiago 2023.

With the growing popularity and the ensuing proliferation of events on our calendar, the real issue of the athletes' health and safety is one we are more strictly monitoring.



“Like the Olympic motto, we will continue to strive to be faster, stronger, higher – together.”

In 2021 we implemented the IFSC Body Mass Index Screening Procedure Rules, with an updated version released in February 2022. Following our most recent Executive Board meetings, we agreed to continue evaluating measures to protect the health and safety of the athletes participating in IFSC events, and to further promote fair competition.

At the same time, we introduced stricter procedures, directly involving National Federations, and we will propose the introduction of new age limits and educational activities, among others.

More will come later in 2023, following the IOC research in this field.

Athletes' health was also a topic of discussion at the second edition of the IFSC Climbing Summit, held in Torino, Italy. The Summit, which brought together delegates from 35 Member Federations, was heavily athlete-focused, with Paraclimbing Committee Athletes' Representative Lucia Capovilla of Italy, Tokyo 2020 gold medallist Janja Garnbret of Slovenia, and Tokyo 2020 Olympian Sean McColl of Canada all playing leading roles in the event.

Various themes were presented and discussed, including strategy, governance, events, media, and the development of our sport. The Summit was an opportunity for the Climbing community to share their experiences and opinions on how we can improve our sport, together, in the most sustainable ways.

We look forward to implementing many of the recommendations stemming from the Summit in the months ahead, and count on increased input and contributions from all our stakeholders going forward.

The main lesson we took away from the II IFSC Climbing Summit was that we continue to learn from each other. And like the Olympic motto, we will continue to strive to be faster, stronger, higher – together, as Sport Climbing continues to make its mark on world sport.

World up. Keep climbing.

Marco Maria Sclaris
IFSC President

Secretary General's message

Dear Sport Climbing family,

As the world threw off the shackles of COVID-19 in 2022, it allowed our Sport Climbing community to enjoy a return to normalcy in all aspects of operations and competitions.

The XVIII IFSC General Assembly in Salt Lake City from 18 to 19 March, for example, was our first in-person gathering since 2019. And what a treat it was to see so many familiar faces – 54 delegates from 40 countries and territories in total – in the flesh again!

In addition to major decisions taken on membership, governance, and finance, the General Assembly also featured a powerful video message from International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach that praised Sport Climbing's Olympic Games debut at Tokyo 2020 as a "real display of excellence in sport, a youthful energy, but also inspiring moments of respect and sportsmanship that touched the hearts of so many people around the globe."

We remain encouraged and inspired by these words as we aim to surpass even higher expectations for our next Olympic Games appearances at Paris 2024 and Los Angeles 2028.

Sport Climbing has carved out its place among the leading sports in the world in recent years. Our sport is attracting ever-growing numbers of athletes at the grassroots level while also seeing an upsurge in spectators, be it in person or via broadcasts.

Our success can also be measured in terms of interest from potential new hosts for IFSC events worldwide. In 2022, we held World Cups for the first time in Seoul, South Korea; Brixen, Italy; and Jakarta, Indonesia.

These new stops on the climbing calendar vastly increase the exposure of our sport and athletes while bringing exciting new flavours and experiences to the World Cup circuit. We came away overly impressed by the professionalism of our new hosts in 2022, whose events all received positive feedback from our stakeholders. We look forward to bringing our sport to even newer horizons in the months and years ahead as climbing continues to gather momentum around the world. Another development in 2022 that demonstrated



"Sport Climbing has carved out its place among the leading sports in the world in recent years."

the continued maturity of our sport was the launch of development projects aimed at providing our most valuable assets – our athletes – the tools with which they can succeed away from the wall as well as on it.

One of these projects is the IFSC Athletes' Career Transition Programme, which was first introduced in October 2022 for active and retired climbers. The free course helps participants gain valuable experience and skills in areas such as networking, transfer of knowledge from sports to other fields of activity, entrepreneurship, dual-career paths, and more.

To further assist us with our education and training services, we formed a partnership in November 2022 with the World Academy of Sport (WAoS). As part of the agreement, the WAoS is assisting us with structuring our education and training resources for the climbing community, with an initial focus on coaching. Resources will be expanded in the future to cover athletes, officials, and administrators.

These developments are just the beginning of the work undertaken by the IFSC Research & Development Department since its establishment in 2021, and I for one am excited to see what comes next.

For these reasons and many more, we can be proud of all that we accomplished in 2022!

Debra Gawrych
IFSC Secretary General

IFSC Executive Board's messages



“Coming off the back of an Olympic year in 2021, and with the Games in my home nation Japan, I felt that we kept up the excitement and momentum I felt from Tokyo 2020. As an organisation we continued to make strides and better our sport, and that will only increase as the first places are decided for Paris 2024 at our World Championships in August. In 2022 we also showed that the Boulder & Lead format to be used in Paris 2024 worked well with successful events in Munich and at the World Cup in Morioka at the end of the year. All in all, a very good year.”

IFSC Vice President Kobinata Toru



“2022 will definitely be the year remembered for our entrance into the big multisport arena of the European Championship in Munich. This wonderful event at the iconic Königsplatz meant a big step in our continental evolution, as well as for the IFSC. The atmosphere made us see what sport is capable of, bringing people of all countries together to celebrate life. On a more organisational level, 2022 was the year of more interactions than ever, within our new European Commissions, with our National Federations, with the other Continental Councils, and with the IFSC as one whole family. Let's continue on the same path and build together a more beautiful world through Climbing.”

IFSC Europe President Tijl Smits



“In 2022, IFSC Asia had the honour of hosting the final event in the Lead and Speed World Cup season with a spectacular event in Jakarta, Indonesia – an impressive feat when you consider it was the first time a World Cup had been held in the city. There was also a first time visit to Seoul, South Korea, and the World Cup debut of the Paris 2024 format – Boulder & Lead. We look forward to having more world class events in Asia in 2023 and bringing the continent together in Hangzhou, China, for the Asian Games.”

IFSC Asia President Li Zhixin



“The Athletes' Commission has been incredibly active and involved in this past year. We have seen athletes join the other commissions and be a part of important conversations and decisions. There is a wealth of knowledge, a strong trust and desire to improve the sport within the commission.”

**IFSC Athletes' Representative
Shauna Coxsey**



“A real high point for me in 2022, as part of the Athletes' Commission and Executive Board, was the prominence of the athletes' voices at the Climbing Summit. Our Olympic champion Janja Garnbret made some important and powerful statements about the current state of Climbing and how we can move forward as a group to better educate and be responsible role models, especially when it comes to health. As an athlete, I'm excited to see the 2023 season unfold as we prepare for the first athletes to qualify for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.”

IFSC Athletes' Representative Sean McColl

“The year 2022 was formed, in my opinion, by the cruel war from Russia against Ukraine and the exciting and peaceful European Championships in Munich. Two completely opposite events, connected only through hope. Sport has the ability to rebuild bridges and bring athletes together in a more peaceful world, something I hope to see at the next Olympic Games in Paris. For Sport Climbing, the development and challenges are really dynamic, bringing many opportunities, also to make the world a little bit better.”

IFSC Vice President Wolfgang Wabel



“We are still at the beginning of our development. Our organisation is growing and we cannot only manage it, we must constantly progress in our professionalism. We now have a Finance Commission in place that works on important projects. This is the case for our major project to purchase a headquarters. Now the purchase is complete it will allow us in to stabilise our finances and improve the working conditions of our employees. The world is moving, the Olympic deadlines are approaching. This leads us to plan efficient financial operating methods. These are the big challenges ahead of us.”

IFSC Treasurer Pierre You



“A highlight for me this year was meeting with the representatives of the Member Federations and Continental Councils at the Climbing Summit in Torino. It was a great opportunity to hear different views and share what we are each doing to support the development in of the sport our own continents. Building these relationships is a great opportunity to support progress in the future and learn from each other.”

IFSC Oceania President Naomi Cleary



“As the IFSC African Continental Council we are proud of our endeavours to promote Sport Climbing in Africa. Our highlight was to see some of our athletes becoming more competitive at the IFSC competitions and The World Games, as well as the support we are receiving from the IFSC, IFSC Europe and IOC Solidarity and all National Federations. This allowed Mauritius Sport Climbing Federation to hold their 2022 development clinics for athletes, coaches and officials and host their first competition. The support from their Minister of Sports and other government portfolios was amazing and we have taken these learnings and approach to other counties as well for our 2023 plans. Through these initiatives we have secured our first sponsors to assist us with hosting future events in African countries on temporary walls and high profile public venues. Onwards and upwards.”

IFSC Africa President George Stainton





2022 HIGHLIGHTS



1. Back together

Three years after gathering in Tokyo, Japan, the IFSC General Assembly finally met again in person, this time in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, on 18 and 19 March. Delegates, authorities, and guests celebrated Sport Climbing's debut at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 while setting the route for the ensuing Olympic cycle.





Pictured
Kiromal Katibin (INA).

2. Crushing records

An outstanding number of world, continental, and national Speed records were broken throughout the 2022 season. Indonesia's Kiromal Katibin and Poland's Aleksandra Mirosław led the way by crushing the men's and women's Speed world records a total of seven times in just three months.



Pictured
Aleksandra Mirosław (POL).



Pictured
Janja Garnbret (SLO).

3. Triple crown

Until last August, the only thing missing from the trophy case of Tokyo 2020 Olympic champion Janja Garnbret was a European Championship title. She rectified the situation in style at Munich 2022, the multi-sport European event that featured Sport Climbing for the very first time. Garnbret went three for three in her events, dominating both the Boulder and Lead disciplines before securing gold in the Paris 2024 format – Boulder & Lead.

4. New horizons

In 2022, the IFSC brought its circuit of international events to four new cities: Seoul, South Korea; Brixen, Italy; Dallas, Texas, USA; and Jakarta, Indonesia, whose sprawling skyline served as a spectacular background for the final leg of the Lead and Speed World Cup seasons.

Brixen, Italy
10-12 June





Seoul, South Korea
6-8 May



Dallas, USA
22-31 August



Jakarta, Indonesia
24-26 September

5. Making the change, together

In the Olympic city of Torino, Italy, where the IFSC has been headquartered since its founding in 2007, the second edition of the Climbing Summit brought together representatives of 35 Member Federations, along with athletes and other climbing stakeholders, as well as representatives from organisations such as the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations and European Championships Management.



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Marco Maria Sclaris

IFSC President



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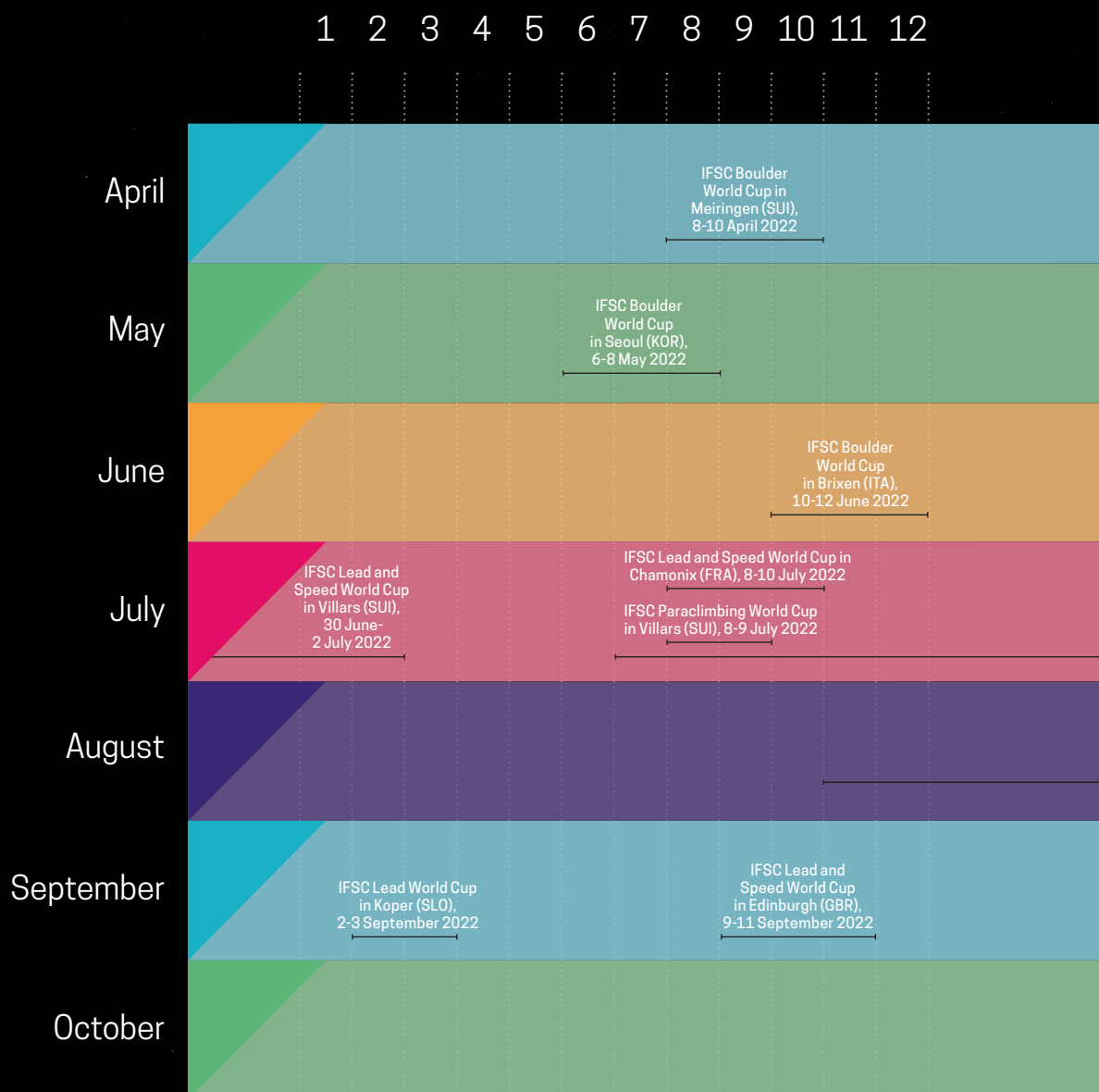


SPORT



IFSC calendar 2022

Following Sport Climbing's first Olympic appearance in 2021, the sport made another debut at the European Championships Munich 2022. In addition, a full calendar of World Cups, Paraclimbing, youth, and The World Games meant that 2022 was not short of action.



Right
Yurikasa Ao (JPN).

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IFSC Boulder and
Speed World Cup in
Salt Lake City (USA),
20-22 May 2022

IFSC Paraclimbing
World Cup in Salt
Lake City (USA),
24-25 May 2022

IFSC Boulder and
Speed World Cup in
Salt Lake City (USA),
27-29 May 2022

IFSC Paraclimbing
World Cup in
Innsbruck (AUT),
21-22 June 2022

IFSC Boulder and Lead World
Cup in Innsbruck (AUT),
22-26 June 2022

IFSC Lead and
Speed World Cup
in Villars (SUI),
30 June-
2 July 2022

The World Games Birmingham 2022,
7-17 July 2022

IFSC Lead World Cup
in Briançon (FRA),
22-23 July 2022

European Championships Munich 2022,
11-21 August 2022

IFSC Youth World Championships in Dallas (USA),
22-31 August 2022

IFSC Lead and
Speed World Cup in
Jakarta (INA),
24-26 September 2022

IFSC Boulder &
Lead World Cup
in Morioka (JPN),
20-22 October 2022



Garnbret and Narasaki win in season opener

Tokyo 2020 Olympic champion Janja Garnbret won the first gold of 2022 in Meiringen, Switzerland, where she also announced she was taking a break from the World Cup circuit and would miss the remainder of the Boulder season.

Garnbret secured the 32nd World Cup gold medal of her stellar career, with Natalia Grossman of the USA following in second place, and home favourite Andrea Kümin of Switzerland claiming the first World Cup medal of her career in third place.

Japanese climbers Narasaki Tomoa and Ogata Yoshiyuki signed a gold-silver combo in the men's event. Narasaki jumped from sixth to first place thanks to his top in the fourth boulder, finishing with two tops and three zones. Ogata won silver ahead of France's Mejdí Schalck, who completed the podium in third position.

Location: Meiringen (SUI)
Date: 8-10 April
Discipline: Boulder



First-ever World Cup in Seoul, South Korea

Framed by the beautiful Yongma Waterfall Park, the second stage of the World Cup took place in Seoul, South Korea.

In Boulder, Natalia Grossman of the USA took the first gold medal of her season. France's Oriane Bertone and USA's Brooke Raboutou followed in second and third place, respectively. Fujii Kokoro led an all-Japanese podium that also featured Narasaki Tomoa and Ogata Yoshiyuki.

Team Indonesia dominated the men's Speed event, with Veddriq Leonardo claiming first place, Kiromal Katibin in second, and Rahmad Adi Mulyono in third. Aleksandra Miroslaw of Poland ruled the women's event, besting Emma Hunt of the USA in the gold-medal race. Aleksandra Kalucka, also of Poland, finished third.

Location: Seoul (KOR)
Date: 6-8 May
Disciplines: Boulder and Speed



3

podium spots for Team Indonesia in the Men's Speed

Above

Kiromal Katibin (INA).

Left L/R

Natalia Grossman (USA), Janja Garnbret (SLO), Andrea Kümin (SUI).

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Natalia Grossman (USA).

Opposite page below

Mejdí Schalck (FRA).

First leg of Salt Lake City back-to-back

Polish and Indonesian Speed domination continued in Salt Lake City, USA, which hosted back-to-back World Cup events for the second consecutive year.

Aleksandra Mirosław won her second gold of the season, while the Kalucka twins – Aleksandra and Natalia – picked up silver and bronze. In the men's event, world record holder Kiromal Katibin of Indonesia prevailed over Noah Bratschi of the USA in the race for gold, while Veddriq Leonardo finished third.

In the Boulder events, French talent Mejdī Schalck finally conquered the World Cup podium, placing first ahead of a pair of Japanese climbers – Ogata Yoshiyuki and Kawamata Rei. Natalia Grossman of the USA increased her medal tally for the season, taking gold on home soil. Brooke Raboutou of the USA followed in second position, and Nonaka Miho of Japan placed third.

Location: Salt Lake City (USA)

Date: 20-22 May

Disciplines: Boulder and Speed



Ogata, Grossman, Leonardo, and Mirosław keep shining

The second leg of the USA back-to-back saw four climbers add a gold medal to their podium finish seven days previous.

Natalia Grossman of the USA and Aleksandra Mirosław of Poland secured wins in the women's Boulder and Speed events, respectively. Almost mirroring the previous week's podium finish, Nonaka Miho of Japan and Brooke Raboutou of the USA followed Grossman in second and third positions. The women's Speed podium was completed by Emma Hunt of the USA and Aleksandra Kalucka of Poland.

In the men's Boulder final, Ogata Yoshiyuki pocketed his first gold medal of the season, adding it to the two silvers and one bronze

he claimed at the first three events of the 2022 World Cup Series. Anže Peharc of Slovenia placed second, with Fujii Kokoro of Japan finishing third.

Also improving on his latest result, Indonesia's Veddriq Leonardo won the men's Speed event, racing against Austria's Tobias Plangger in the decisive race of the round. Italy's Ludovico Fossali took bronze.

Location: Salt Lake City (USA)

Date: 27-29 May

Disciplines: Boulder and Speed





Flohé pockets first World Cup gold in Brixen

Brixen, Italy, played host to its first IFSC World Cup event, expertly organising the second-to-last stage of the Boulder season.

Yannick Flohé of Germany ruled the men's event with two tops and four zones to secure the first World Cup gold medal of his career. Another first-timer followed in second place, as Great Britain's Maximilian Milne won silver to reach his first international podium. Tokyo 2020 Olympian Narasaki Tomoa won the third World Cup medal of his season, placing third.

Another German climber shone bright in the women's final: Hannah Meul fought until the very last Boulder with USA's Natalia Grossman only to finish second with a higher number of attempts to zone. Grossman won her fourth consecutive gold medal, while Meul's silver was her first World Cup medal ever. Luo Zhilu of China finished third.

Location: Brixen (ITA)

Date: 10-12 June

Discipline: Boulder



Garnbret makes winning comeback in Innsbruck

After travelling from Europe to Asia to the USA, the 2022 Boulder season ended in Innsbruck, Austria, where two US athletes brought the Stars and Stripes to the top of the World Cup podium. Colin Duffy and Natalia Grossman stood triumphant after winning the men's and women's Boulder finals, respectively.

The men's podium was completed by runner-up Lee Dohyun of South Korea and third-place finisher Ogata Yoshiyuki of Japan. Hannah Meul of Germany and Nonaka Miho of Japan rounded out the women's podium.

A couple of months after taking a break from the World Cup circuit, Janja Garnbret returned for the first Lead event of 2022, immediately setting the highest possible standard and pocketing gold in the women's



event. South Korea's Seo Chaehyun followed in second place, with Brooke Raboutou of the USA taking third.

History was made in the men's event, with Colin Duffy becoming the first athlete ever to win a Boulder and a Lead gold medal at the same World Cup event. Silver went to Yurikusa Ao of Japan, and bronze was won by Duffy's teammate Jesse Grupper.

Location: Innsbruck (AUT)

Date: 22-26 June

Disciplines: Boulder and Lead



1st

athlete to win gold in Boulder and Lead at the same World Cup event - Colin Duffy



Garnbret takes back-to-back Lead golds

A dominant performance by Team China opened the event in Villars, Switzerland, with five out of six Speed medals being awarded to Chinese specialists: Long Jianguo won the men's event over Wu Peng by the slightest margin – 5.23 seconds versus 5.24. A third Chinese climber, Long Jinbao, won the bronze medal race.

Deng Lijuan won the all-Chinese conclusion to the women's event, besting Niu Di while also setting a new Asian record in the semi-final with 6.82 seconds. Desak Made Rita Kusuma Dewi of Indonesia was the only non-Chinese athlete to reach the Speed podium in Villars, placing third.

Janja Garnbret added another World Cup gold to her collection, after becoming the only climber to top the women's final route. The USA duo of Brooke Raboutou and Natalia Grossman followed in second and third, respectively.

Despite not being able to secure the highest hold, Homma Taisei of Japan claimed gold in the men's Lead event, winning a neck-and-neck battle with Jesse Grupper of the USA, who finished second. Colin Duffy of the USA rounded out the podium in third place.

Location: Villars (SUI)
Date: 30 June-2 July
Disciplines: Lead and Speed



0.01
seconds separated
Long Jianguo and
Wu Peng in Villars



2
consecutive World
Cup events where
China won men's and
women's Speed gold

Opposite page above
Yannick Flohé (GER).
Opposite page below
Janja Garnbret (SLO).
Above
Long Jianguo (CHN).
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Aleksandra Kalucka (POL),
Deng Lijuan (CHN),
Desak Made Rita Kusuma
Dewi (INA).



China sustains takeover of Speed

Team China's Speed domination continued in Chamonix, France, where Long Jinbao and Deng Lijuan added two more golds to their team's tally.

Long climbed against Spain's Erik Noya Cardona in the gold medal race, winning gold with one of the fastest climbs of all time: 5.11 seconds. Aspar Aspar of Indonesia won the bronze medal race. Deng Lijuan also flirted with the world record in the women's final, taking gold with the second fastest time in history – 6.55 seconds – leaving Aleksandra Kalucka of Poland in second. Also on the podium was Desak Made Rita Kusuma Dewi of Indonesia, who secured her second consecutive bronze medal.

The Lead competition featured two of the most decorated climbers of all time doing what they do best: Czech Republic's Adam Ondra and Slovenia's Janja Garnbret ruled the men's and women's events in front of a packed main square in Chamonix.

Homma Taisei of Japan followed Ondra in second place, while Sean Bailey of the USA took third. Italy's Laura Rogora pocketed silver in the women's event, with Seo Chaehyun claiming bronze.

Location: Chamonix (FRA)
Date: 8-10 July
Disciplines: Lead and Speed





Grupper, Garnbret win in Briançon

The July series of World Cup events once again came to a close in Briançon, France, where an IFSC World Cup event took place for the 12th consecutive year.

Fresh off a series of impressive results, USA's Jesse Grupper finally secured the first win of his career in the men's Lead event, climbing just a couple of moves more than Japan's Homma Taisei and Germany's Alexander Megos, who finished with identical scores. Homma eventually placed second thanks to his better placement in the semi-final round, with Megos settling for bronze.

Tokyo 2020 Olympic champion Janja Garnbret of Slovenia made an emphatic mark on the Lead season, winning her



fourth gold medal in a row in 2022. South Korea's Seo Chaehyun followed closely in second place, with Natalia Grossman of the USA matching her score in the women's final, but placing third due to a lower placement in the previous round.

Location: Briançon (FRA)

Date: 22-23 July

Discipline: Lead

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Homma Taisei (JPN), Jesse Grupper (USA), Alexander Megos (GER).

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Koper (SLO).

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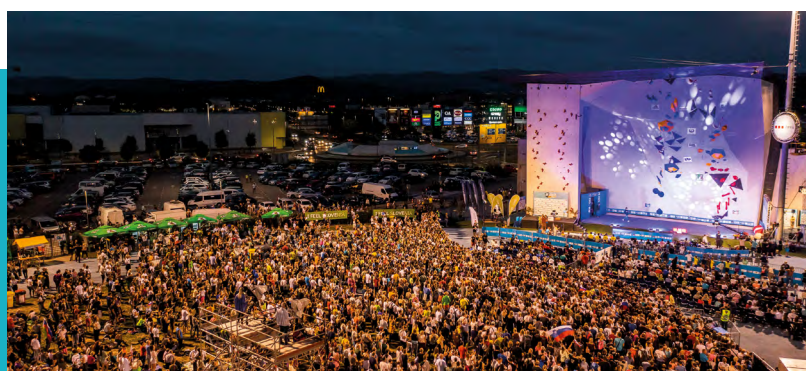
Mori Ai (JPN).



Koper celebrates Potocar gold

The city of Koper on the Slovenia coastline hosted an IFSC World Cup event for the first time ever, replacing the historic Kranj on the competition calendar.

Home favourite Luka Potocar won the men's Lead event, the first World Cup gold of his young career. He prevailed over Switzerland's Sascha Lehmann due to a better result in the semi-final round: both climbers finished with 30+. Germany's Yannick Flohé came third in Koper.

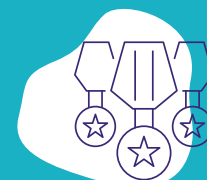


A great night for Team Slovenia did not turn into a perfect one, as Mori Ai of Japan made a thunderous comeback on the scene, finishing with gold at her first event since the IFSC Combined Qualifier Toulouse 2019. Mori bested Janja Garnbret of Slovenia, who settled for second place, and Brooke Raboutou of the USA, who placed third.

Location: Koper (SLO)

Date: 2-3 September

Discipline: Lead



1st

World Cup gold medal of Luka Potocar's career





Edinburgh's stellar return to World Cup

The Scottish capital city replaced Wujiang, China, on the calendar following the cancellation of the Chinese event, returning to the IFSC World Cup circuit after a five-year absence.

In the men's Lead event, Jesse Grupper of the USA was the only climber to top the final route, thus securing his second gold of 2022. Following on from the gold he won on home soil in Koper, Luka Potocar of Slovenia claimed silver, with Great Britain's Toby Roberts earning bronze for his first appearance on an IFSC podium.

Mirroring the outcome of the previous event, Mori Ai of Japan once again prevailed over Janja Garnbret, securing the top hold in both the semi-final and final, and placing first ahead of her rival. Seo Chaehyun of South Korea won bronze.



Two first-time winners made the headlines in the men's and women's Speed events: 16-year-old Samuel Watson brought the USA flag atop a Speed World Cup podium for the first time ever after he bested Long Jinbao in the gold medal race. Aleksandra Kalucka of Poland also claimed her first-ever World Cup gold, winning a battle against her twin sister Natalia, who settled for silver. Erik Noya Cardona of Spain won bronze in the men's event, while Emma Hunt of the USA took third in the women's competition.

Location: Edinburgh (GBR)
Date: 9-11 September
Disciplines: Lead and Speed



5

years since
Edinburgh's last
World Cup event



Lead and Speed seasons wrap up in Jakarta

The fourth host city making its debut on the IFSC calendar was the capital city of Indonesia, Jakarta, which provided a spectacular background for the season finale of the Lead and Speed disciplines.

Yurikusa Ao of Japan won the final gold medal up for grabs in the men's Lead event, beating compatriot Higuchi Masahiro and

Sebastian Halenke of Germany, who finished second and third, respectively. In the women's event, Slovenia's Janja Garnbret won her fifth gold medal out of seven events in 2022. South Korea's Seo Chaehyun followed in second place, with Garnbret's teammate Mia Krampl taking bronze.

Team Indonesia completed a gold-silver combo in the men's Speed event, with Aspar Aspar standing triumphant and Kiromal Katibin finishing in second place. Cao Long of China completed the podium in third position.

Deng Lijuan of China ruled the women's Speed event, with the Kalucka sisters nailing both silver and bronze: Natalia finished second, losing the gold medal race against Deng; Aleksandra finished in third.

Location: Jakarta (INA)
Date: 24-26 September
Disciplines: Lead and Speed



Japan dominates first-ever Boulder & Lead World Cup

A highly anticipated test event using the Paris 2024 format was scheduled at the end of the 2022 IFSC season in Morioka, Japan.

Three Japanese climbers swept the men's podium: Narasaki Tomoa took gold with 156.4 points, placing well ahead of his closest opponent – Ogata Yoshiyuki, who finished second with 138.4. Fujii Kokoro completed the all-Japanese podium in third with 132.6 points.

The home team also won the women's Boulder & Lead event, with Mori Ai, who displayed exceptional skill on both the Boulder and Lead walls, finishing with

a score of 190.6 points. Natalia Grossman of the USA also performed well on the Boulder wall, but fell early in the second leg of the final, signing off with 171.2 points. Seo Chaehyun of South Korea finished third with 131.8 points.

Location: Morioka (JPN)

Date: 20-22 October

Disciplines: Boulder and Lead

Pictured L/R

Natalia Grossman (USA),
Mori Ai (JPN),
Seo Chaehyun (KOR).



CLIMBING COMMUNITY MOURNS LOSS OF GREEK ATHLETE THEOFANIS-ERMIS THEOCHAROPOULOS

Greek climber Theofanis-Ermis Theocharopoulos, tragically lost his life at the age of 21. A passionate and talented climber, Theofanis made his debut on the international scene at the IFSC Boulder World Cup Munich 2019, and competed in all disciplines at the IFSC Youth World Championships in Arco, Italy.

The IFSC expressed its condolences to the Theocharopoulos family, his friends, and the Hellenic Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing Unions.



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IFSC World Cup Series 2022 medal tables

IFSC Speed World Cup Series 2022 - Medal table

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	5	3	2	10
2	Poland	4	4	4	12
3	Indonesia	4	2	5	11
4	USA	1	3	1	5
5	Spain	0	1	1	2
6	Austria	0	1	0	1
7	Italy	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	14	14	14	42

IFSC Boulder World Cup Series 2022 - Medal table

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	USA	6	2	2	10
2	Japan	3	4	7	14
3	Germany	1	2	0	3
4	France	1	1	1	3
5	Slovenia	1	1	0	2
6	Great Britain	0	1	0	1
6	South Korea	0	1	0	1
8	China	0	0	1	1
8	Switzerland	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	12	12	12	36

Pictured
Colin Duffy (USA).

IFSC Lead World Cup Series 2022 - Medal table					
Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Slovenia	6	3	1	10
2	Japan	4	4	0	8
3	USA	3	2	7	12
4	Czech Republic	1	0	0	1
5	South Korea	0	3	2	5
6	Italy	0	1	0	1
6	Switzerland	0	1	0	1
8	Germany	0	0	3	3
9	Great Britain	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	14	14	14	42

IFSC World Cup Series 2022 - Medal table					
Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	USA	10	8	10	28
2	Japan	9	9	8	26
3	Slovenia	7	4	1	12
4	China	5	3	3	11
5	Poland	4	4	4	12
6	Indonesia	4	2	5	11
7	Germany	1	2	3	6
8	France	1	1	1	3
9	Czech Republic	1	0	0	1
10	South Korea	0	4	3	7
11	Great Britain	0	1	1	2
11	Italy	0	1	1	2
11	Spain	0	1	1	2
11	Switzerland	0	1	1	2
15	Austria	0	1	0	1
	TOTAL	42	42	42	126



CLIMBING WORLD CUP SERIES TROPHY WINNERS

Men's Boulder World Cup 2022

1. OGATA Yoshiyuki (JPN) 3,990.0 points
2. NARASAKI Tomoa (JPN) 3,405.0
3. FUJII Kokoro (JPN) 3,110.0

Women's Boulder World Cup 2022

1. Natalia GROSSMAN (USA) 5,000.0 points
2. NONAKA Miho (JPN) 3,210.0
3. Brooke RABOUTOU (USA) 2,940.0

National Team Boulder World Cup 2022

1. Japan 20,783.0 points
2. USA 15,223.0
3. France 10,175.5

Men's Lead World Cup 2022

1. Luka POTOVAR (SLO) 3,860.0 points
2. HOMMA Taisei (JPN) 3,835.0
3. Jesse GRUPPER (USA) 3,812.0

Women's Lead World Cup 2022

1. Janja GARNBRET (SLO) 5,805.0 points
2. SEO Chaehyun (KOR) 4,405.0
3. Natalia GROSSMAN (USA) 3,370.0

National Team Lead World Cup 2022

1. Japan 21,355.0 points
2. Slovenia 18,273.6
3. USA 16,598.0

Men's Speed World Cup 2022

1. Vedriq LEONARDO (INA) 4,455.0 points
2. Kiromal KATIBIN (INA) 4,080.0
3. LONG Jinbao (CHN) 3,105.0

Women's Speed World Cup 2022

1. Aleksandra KALUCKA (POL) 4,680.0 points
2. Emma HUNT (USA) 3,950.0
3. Natalia KALUCKA (POL) 3,820.0

National Team Speed World Cup 2022

1. Indonesia 17,135.0 points
2. Poland 15,347.0
3. China 15,203.0

Pictured L/R

Nonaka Miho (JPN),
Natalia Grossman (USA),
Brooke Raboutou (USA).

Katibin rewrites record book during spectacular 2022 season

There can be no denying who the star of the 2022 Speed season was: Indonesia's Kiromal Katibin.

The young climber, who turned 22 in August 2022, rewrote the record book almost every time he took to the wall on the IFSC World Cup circuit during the year.

Katibin began his masterful season in style at the IFSC Boulder and Speed World Cup in Seoul, South Korea, in May. Having set his first world record at the 2021 World Cup in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, only to see it fall to teammate Vedriq Leonardo the very next day, Katibin turned the tables in Seoul by smashing the previous record by three hundredths of a second with a time of 5.17 in his second qualification race.

Having snatched back the title of world's fastest male climber, Katibin was in no mood to give it up again when he returned to Salt Lake City for the IFSC World Cup later in May. This time he lowered the record still further, clocking in at 5.10 seconds in the qualification round for his second world record in three weeks.

Katibin continued his heroics at IFSC World Cup in Villars, Switzerland, in June, breaking the world record twice in quick succession. Drawn against Man-hei Chung of Hong Kong, China, in the first round, Katibin had the wall to himself after a false start for his competitor. He took full advantage, taking just 5.09 seconds to tap the finish pad.

Showing no complacency, Katibin returned to Lane B and climbed even faster, scoring a 5.04 to claim yet another world's best time to move within touching distance of a sub-5.

The question on everyone's mind at the IFSC World Cup in Chamonix, France, in July was whether or not Katibin would record the first ever sub-5 finish.

The Speed King from Batang, Central Java, came agonisingly close to doing so, wowing the crowd that gathered at Place du Mont Blanc with an eye-popping score of 5.00 to write yet another page in the history book.

Pictured
Kiromal Katibin (INA).

The accomplishment was Katibin's sixth world record in 14 months, beginning with a climb of 5.25 in Salt Lake City in 2021, which made him the first climber to break the long-standing record of 5.47 set by Reza Alipour of Iran in Nanjing, China, on 30 April 2017.

All eyes will be on Katibin in the 2023 season, as he inches ever closer to an historic sub-5 climb.



Mirosław makes history with consecutive speed world records

In the women's Speed event, Aleksandra Mirosław of Poland continued to make a name for herself in 2022, setting two new world records of her own.

During the women's qualification round at the IFSC Boulder and Speed World Cup in Seoul, Mirosław crushed her own world record with a 6.64-second climb – two tenths of a second faster than the one she set at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

She followed that achievement at the IFSC World Cup in Salt Lake City with her third consecutive Speed world record, clocking in at 6.53 in the second race of her qualification round.

Mirosław first broke the 6.99 mark set by Russian specialist Iulia Kaplina at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, where she stopped the clock at 6.84.

These are indeed exciting times for fans and athletes of the Speed discipline!

Pictured

Aleksandra Mirosław (POL).





Paraclimbing season opener in Salt Lake City, USA

Ten countries won at least one gold medal at the opening Paraclimbing World Cup event of the 2022 season, hosted by The Front Climbing Club in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, with Spain and Austria topping multiple podiums.

Location: Salt Lake City (USA)
Date: 24-25 May

Men's B1 Lead

1. Francisco Javier AGUILAR AMOEDO (ESP)
2. Razvan NEDU (ROU)
3. Alexandru BENCHEA (ROU)

Men's B2 Lead

1. Raul SIMON FRANCO (ESP)
2. Guillermo PELEGRÍN GÓMEZ (ESP)
3. Valentin-Laurentiu MOISE (ROU)

Men's B3 Lead

1. Cosmin Florin CANDOI (ROU)
2. Chaz MISURACA (CAN)
3. Connor GEAREY (USA)

Men's AL1 Lead

1. Angelino ZELLER (AUT)
2. Markus PÖSENDORFER (AUT)
3. OUCHI Hideyuki (JPN)

Men's AL2 Lead

1. Albert GUARDIA FERRER (ESP)
2. Ethan ZILZ (USA)
3. Sebastian MENZE (NOR)

Men's RP1 Lead

1. Korbinian FRANCK (GER)
2. Sunny YANG (USA)
3. Elliott NGUYEN (USA)

Men's RP2 Lead

1. Mor Michael SAPIR (ISR)
2. Manikandan KUMAR (IND)
3. Brian ZARZUELA (USA)

Men's RP3 Lead

1. Jamie BARENDRECHT (NED)
2. Jared LENAHA (USA)
3. Shamus BOULIANNE (CAN)

Women's B1 Lead

1. Tanja GLUSIC (SLO)
2. Nadia BREDICE (ITA)
3. Raveena ALLI (USA)

Women's AL2 Lead

1. Sarah LARCOMBE (AUS)
2. Rachel MAIA (NZL)
3. Tânia CHAVES (POR)

Women's AU2 Lead

1. Lucia CAPOVILLA (ITA)
2. Maureen BECK (USA)
3. Eleanor RUBIN (USA)

Women's RP1 Lead

1. Jasmin PLANK (AUT)
2. Emily SEELENFREUND (USA)
3. Eva MOL (NED)

Women's RP3 Lead

1. Marina DIAS (BRA)
2. Christiane LUTTIKHUIZEN (NED)
3. Rosalie SCHAUPERT (GER)

Pictured

Albert Guardia Ferrer (ESP).



Austria wins at home, golds for Japan, France, and Great Britain

The second Paraclimbing World Cup of the season was also one of the most eagerly anticipated. Taking place at the Kletterzentrum Innsbruck, the event was a showcase for homegrown talent, with multiple golds for Austria.

Location: Innsbruck (AUT)

Date: 21-22 June

Men's B2 Lead

1. AITA Sho (JPN)
2. HAMANOUE Fumiya (JPN)
3. Francisco Javier AGUILAR AMOEDO (ESP)

Men's AL1 Lead

1. Angelino ZELLER (AUT)
2. Markus PÖSENDORFER (AUT)
3. Daniel KONTSCH (AUT)

Men's AL2 Lead

1. Albert GUARDIA FERRER (ESP)
2. Urko CARMONA BARANDIARAN (ESP)
3. Sebastian MENZE (NOR)

Men's AU1 Lead

1. ONUMA Kazuhiko (JPN)
2. Mario PERSING (GER)
3. Eloi VILA CULLERÉS (ESP)

Men's AU2 Lead

1. Kevin BARTKE (GER)
2. Brian ZARZUELA (USA)
3. Isak RIPMAN (NOR)

Pictured L/R

Sarah Larcombe (AUS),
Lucie Jarrige (FRA),
Hannah McFadden (USA).

Men's RP1 Lead

1. Korbinian FRANCK (GER)
2. Florian SINGER (GER)
3. OKADA Takuya (JPN)

Men's RP2 Lead

1. Benjamin MAYFORTH (USA)
2. Iván MUÑOZ ESCOLAR (ESP)
3. Mor Michael SAPIR (ISR)

Men's RP3 Lead

1. Alessandro NERI (ITA)
2. TAKANO Tadashi (JPN)
3. Jamie BARENDRECHT (NED)

Women's B3 Lead

1. Abigail ROBINSON (GBR)
2. EJIRI Yumi (JPN)
3. Edith SCHEINECKER (AUT)

Women's AL2 Lead

1. Lucie JARRIGE (FRA)

2. Sarah LARCOMBE (AUS)
3. Hannah MCFADDEN (USA)

Women's AU2 Lead

1. Solenne PIRET (FRA)
2. Lucia CAPOVILLA (ITA)
3. Monica RAAVIG (DEN)

Women's RP1 Lead

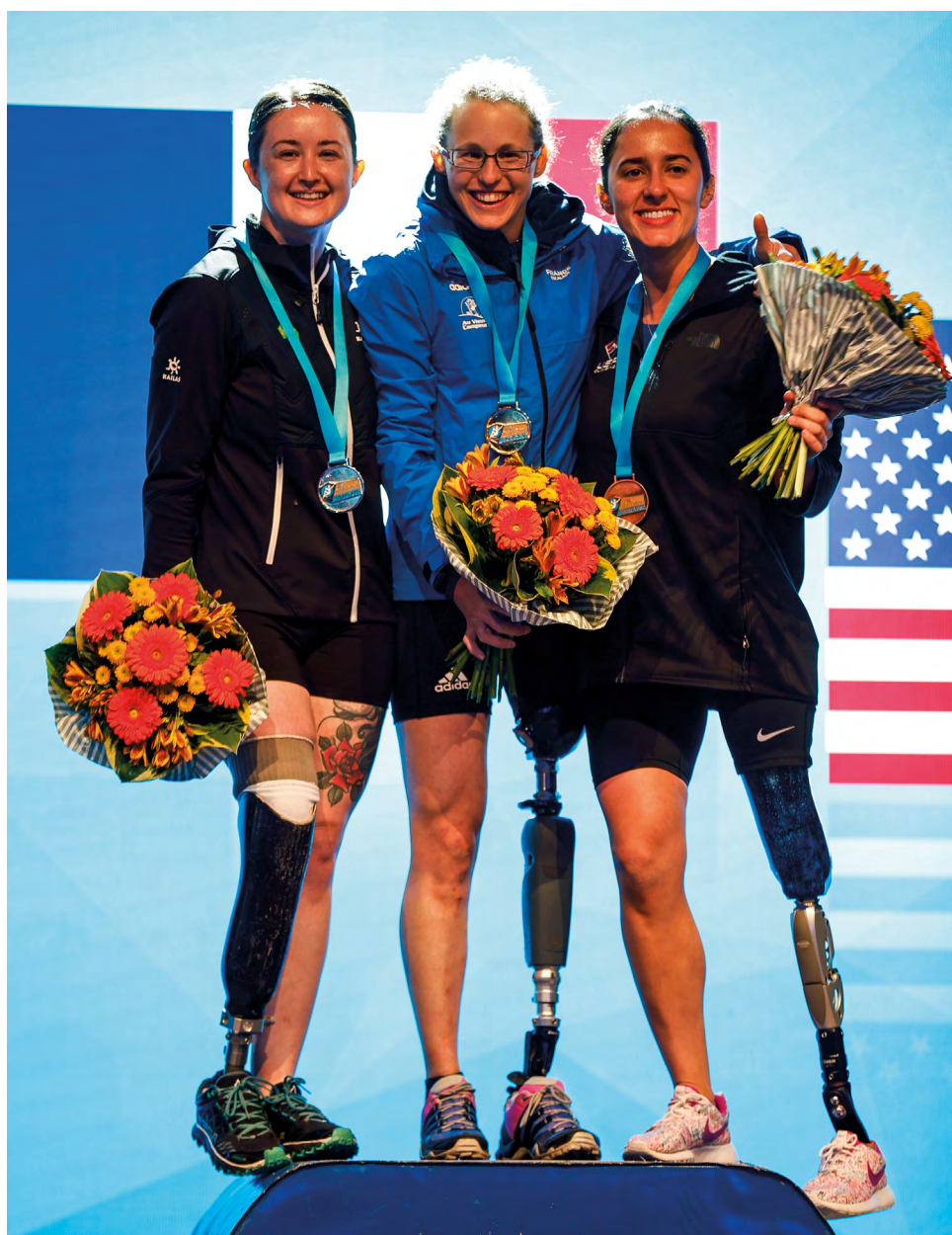
1. Jasmin PLANK (AUT)
2. Melissa RUIZ (USA)
3. Marta PECHE SALINERO (ESP)

Women's RP2 Lead

1. Dina EIVIK (NOR)
2. Nicole DIEHL (GER)
3. Aurora ALBERTO (ITA)

Women's RP3 Lead

1. Leanora VOLPE (GBR)
2. Rosalie SCHAUPERT (GER)
3. Marina DIAS (BRA)





Paraclimbing season closes in Villars

The third and final event of the Paraclimbing World Cup Series 2022 was held in Villars, Switzerland, where athletes from a record-setting 17 countries and territories competed. Team France led the way, finishing with gold in four sport classes.

Location: Villars (SUI)

Date: 8-9 July

Men's B1 Lead

1. AITA Sho (JPN)
2. Francisco Javier AGUILAR AMOEDO (ESP)
3. Razvan NEDU (ROU)

Men's B2 Lead

1. Richard SLOCOCK (GBR)
2. Raul SIMON FRANCO (ESP)
3. Guillermo PELEGRÍN GÓMEZ (ESP)

Men's B3 Lead

1. Cosmin Florin CANDOI (ROU)
2. Lux LOSEY SAIL (GBR)
3. Chaz MISURACA (CAN)

Men's AL1 Lead

1. Angelino ZELLER (AUT)
2. Markus PÖSENDORFER (AUT)
3. Daniel KONTSCHE (AUT)

Men's AL2 Lead

1. Julien GASC (FRA)
2. Frederik LEYS (BEL)
3. Albert GUARDIA FERRER (ESP)

Men's AU2 Lead

1. Kevin BARTKE (GER)
2. Isak RIPMAN (NOR)
3. Erwan LIEVIN (FRA)

Men's RP1 Lead

1. Korbinian FRANCK (GER)
2. Gian Matteo RAMINI (ITA)
3. Tim SCHAFFRINNA (GER)

Men's RP2 Lead

1. Benjamin MAYFORTH (USA)
2. Mor Michael SAPIR (ISR)
3. Manikandan KUMAR (IND)

Men's RP3 Lead

1. Jamie BARENDRECHT (NED)
2. Andrej HARŠANY (SVK)
3. Bastien THOMAS (FRA)

Women's B2 Lead

1. Abigail ROBINSON (GBR)
2. Edith SCHEINECKER (AUT)
3. Nadia BREDICE (ITA)

Women's B3 Lead

1. Roxane HEILI (FRA)
2. Ionela GRECU (IOU)
3. Melissa CESARONE (FRA)

Medal table

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Austria	6	4	3	13
2	Germany	6	4	2	12
3	France	6	0	3	9
4	Spain	4	5	6	15
5	Great Britain	4	2	0	6
6	Japan	3	3	2	8
7	USA	2	8	8	18
8	Italy	2	4	2	8
9	Romania	2	2	3	7
10	Netherlands	2	1	3	6
11	Australia	1	2	0	3
12	Norway	1	1	3	5
13	Israel	1	1	1	3
14	Brazil	1	0	1	2
15	Slovenia	1	0	0	1
16	Canada	0	1	2	3
17	India	0	1	1	2
18	Belgium	0	1	0	1
18	New Zealand	0	1	0	1
18	Slovakia	0	1	0	1
21	Denmark	0	0	1	1
21	Portugal	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	42	42	42	126



CLIMBING CELEBRATES THREE LAUREUS AWARD NOMINATIONS

Climbing featured prominently at the 2022 Laureus World Sports Awards, which honour the greatest and most inspirational sporting triumphs of the year.

Monkey Magic, a program led by Japan's decorated paraclimber Kobayashi Koichiro to promote Climbing among those with visual impairments, was nominated in the Laureus Sport for Good category. So too was "Ich will da rauf!", a non-profit climbing community in Germany that provides opportunities and inclusivity for people with and without disabilities.

Tokyo 2020 gold medallist Alberto Ginés López of Spain, meanwhile, was nominated for the Laureus World Action of the Year award.

Women's AL2 Lead

1. Lucie JARRIGE (FRA)
2. Sarah LARCOMBE (AUS)
3. Hannah MCFADDEN (USA)

Women's AU2 Lead

1. Solenne PIRET (FRA)
2. Lucia CAPOVILLA (ITA)
3. Giovanna DUBUC (USA)

Women's RP1 Lead

1. Jasmin PLANK (AUT)
2. Melissa RUIZ (USA)
3. Marta PECHE SALINERO (ESP)

Women's RP3 Lead

1. Rosalie SCHAUPERT (GER)
2. Leanora VOLPE (GBR)
3. Christiane LUTTIKHUIZEN (NED)



Opposite page

Solenne Piret (FRA).

Left

Korbinian Franck (GER).



Team Japan excels at IFSC Youth World Championships

A total of 466 athletes representing 36 nations competed across 10 days of climbing at the IFSC Youth World Championships held in Dallas, Texas, USA, from 22 to 31 August.

Team Japan secured an impressive 19 medals as young athletes from across the globe competed in three age categories in Boulder, Lead and Speed at the premier youth event that took place at two venues in the southern American state.

The competition began at Movement Climbing's The Hill for the Boulder discipline, where the Japanese climbers started strongly. They were represented on all but one of the podiums – the Women's U20 – securing eight medals in total.

There were some standout performances away from the Asian representatives as

Slovenia's Sara Copar was in imperious form topping nearly every Boulder she attempted to take the Women's U18 title. 2021 break-out star Anastasia Sanders from the USA continued her impressive run of Youth Worlds medals by securing the Women's U16 title, taking the 15-year-old's personal collection to four across two editions. Belgium's Hannes Van Duysen took the experience he gained from his IFSC World Cup appearances to fight off tough competition from two Japanese rivals to win the Men's U20 gold medal.

For Speed and Lead the competition moved across Dallas to Summit Plano. The Japanese medal count continued to increase with

NEXT CHAMPIONSHIPS GO TO SOUTH KOREA

The 32nd edition of the IFSC Climbing Youth World Championships will be held in South Korea from 19 to 27 August 2023.

The 2023 edition will be the first time the East Asian country has hosted the prestigious youth event since its inception in 1992. South Korea has a rich history of hosting Climbing events with multiple IFSC World Cups and Asian Championships held in Mokpo, Chuncheon, and most recently Seoul.

UNDER 16**Men's U16 Boulder podium**

1. Hugo HOYER (USA)
2. Matteo REUSA (ITA)
3. TERAKAWA Hinata (JPN)

Women's U16 Boulder podium

1. Anastasia SANDERS (USA)
2. ODA Natsumi (JPN)
3. MURAKOSHI Kaho (JPN)

Men's U16 Lead podium

1. Max BERTONE (FRA)
2. ISHIHARA Riku (JPN)
3. Lukas MOKROLUSKY (CZE)

Women's U16 Lead podium

1. KIM Chaeyeong (KOR)
2. Meije LERONDEL (FRA)
3. MURAKOSHI Kaho (JPN)

Men's U16 Speed podium

1. Francesco PONZINIBIO (ITA)
2. UEGAKI Ginta (JPN)
3. Damir TOKTAROV (KAZ)

Women's U16 Speed podium

1. Kseniia HORIELOVA (UKR)
2. Polina KHALKEVYCH (UKR)
3. Maelane VILLEDIEU (FRA)

UNDER 18**Men's U18 Boulder podium**

1. KAYOTANI Ritsu (JPN)
2. Toby ROBERTS (GBR)
3. ANRAKU Sorato (JPN)

Women's U18 Boulder podium

1. Sara COPAR (SLO)
2. NAGASHIMA Michika (JPN)
3. Alessia MABBONI (ITA)

Men's U18 Lead podium

1. ANRAKU Sorato (JPN)
2. Toby ROBERTS (GBR)
3. INOHANA Rikuto (JPN)

Women's U18 Lead podium

1. Aleksandra TOTKOVA (BUL)
2. Sara COPAR (SLO)
3. OH Gayeong (KOR)

Men's U18 Speed podium

1. Marco RONTINI (ITA)
2. Marius PAYET GABORIAUD (FRA)
3. Samuel WATSON (USA)

Women's U18 Speed podium

1. Manon LEBON (FRA)
2. Sofia BELLESINI (ITA)
3. TAKEUCHI Ai (JPN)

UNDER 20**Men's U20 Boulder podium**

1. Hannes VAN DUYSSEN (BEL)
2. MURASHITA Zento (JPN)
3. SEKIGUCHI Junta (JPN)

Women's U20 Boulder podium

1. Zélia AVEZOU (FRA)
2. Selma ELHADJ MIMOUNE (FRA)
3. Kylie CULLEN (USA)

Men's U20 Lead podium

1. MURASHITA Zento (JPN)
2. SEKIGUCHI Junta (JPN)
3. Lovro ČREP (SLO)

Women's U20 Lead podium

1. KUME Nonoha (JPN)
2. TANII Natsuki (JPN)
3. Michaela SMETANOVA (CZE)

Men's U20 Speed podium

1. FUJINO Shuto (JPN)
2. Hryhorii ILCHYSHYN (UKR)
3. Leander CARMANNS (GER)

Women's U20 Speed podium

1. Beatrice COLLI (ITA)
2. Nuria BROCKFELD (GER)
3. Franziska RITTER (GER)



three from Speed, including Fujino Shuto's gold in the Men's U20. Italy's Beatrice Colli took gold in 2021 in the U18 category, and moving up to the U20 this year didn't faze her in the slightest as she took another win. Home hopes were high for Samuel Watson who had been breaking national records time and time again in Dallas. He would eventually finish with a bronze in the Men's U18 when a false start in the semi-finals scuppered his chances of gold. (Watson did, however, go on later in the year to win the USA's first ever IFSC Speed World Cup gold in Edinburgh, Great Britain.)

Japan reached their total of 19 medals with another eight from the Lead discipline.

There was a Japanese 1-2 in both the Men's and Women's U20 categories and another gold from Anraku Sorato in the Men's U18. The 2022 Youth Worlds finished in stunning fashion as the speedy Max Bertone of France climbed to gold in the Men's U16 competition to deafening screams from the onlooking crowd of athletes and spectators.

Opposite page

Anastasia Sanders (USA).

Above L/R

Anraku Sorato (JPN), Kayotani Ritsu (JPN), Toby Roberts (GBR).



Pictured

Adam Ondra (CZE).

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

SPORT CLIMBING



European Championships Munich 2022

The Opening Ceremony for the European Championships Munich 2022 came spectacularly to life inside the iconic Olympic Park in Germany's third-largest city, setting the stage for Sport Climbing's highly anticipated debut at the multi-sport event.

The event ebbed and flowed throughout the entire park, allowing performers to interact with spectators and get them involved in the action as much as possible. Live DJ sets, graffiti walls, mirror installations, performance artists, jugglers, marching bands, acrobats and laser light shows met the crowds at every turn.

Running from 11 to 21 August, the European Championships was the biggest multi-sport

event hosted in Germany since the Bavarian capital staged the Summer Olympics five decades ago.

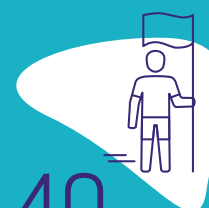
Over 4,400 athletes from 40 nations competed in Munich, including some 200 of Sport Climbing's best athletes from across Europe. In total, climbers from 26 nations competed for eight sets of medals in Boulder, Lead, Speed and the new Paris 2024 Olympic format: Boulder & Lead.



Over

4,400

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nations competed in Munich

LEAD

A European title had thus far eluded Slovenia's Janja Garnbret, but she changed that at the European Championships Munich 2022. The Olympic champion led the women's Lead qualification, then the semi-finals, and finally took gold with a commanding display of climbing. Austria's Jessica Pilz upgraded her previous two European bronze medals to silver and Manon Hily of France took bronze.

Adam Ondra of the Czech Republic claimed his second European Championship Lead title in a tight battle with Slovenia's Luka Potocar. With identical scores, Potocar finished second, a minute and four seconds slower than rival Ondra. Tokyo 2020 Olympic Champion Alberto Ginés López added to his medal collection by securing bronze.

Men's Lead podium:

1. Adam ONDRA (CZE)
2. Luka POTOVAR (SLO)
3. Alberto GINÉS LÓPEZ (ESP)

Women's Lead podium:

1. Janja GARNBRET (SLO)
2. Jessica PILZ (AUT)
3. Manon HILY (FRA)



Pictured L/R

Hannah Meul (GER),
Janja Garnbret (SLO),
Oriane Bertone (FRA).



Pictured

Nicolai Uznik (AUT).

BOULDER

Austria's Nicolai Uznik was crowned men's Boulder champion in a tense finale as the three top semi-final qualifiers battled it out for medals. Uznik, the Czech Republic's Adam Ondra and France's Sam Avezou all went into the final performing well. Uznik rose above his rivals with fewer attempts in his performance, with Avezou in silver and Ondra, who had a chance to snatch a gold or silver medal as the very final competitor, in bronze.

Janja Garnbret secured her second European Championship gold medal in the women's Boulder category, but the Slovenian had to come back from a slow start to take the top step of the podium. Home favourite Hannah Meul, who took silver, and France's Oriane Bertone, who took bronze, both topped the first Boulder as Garnbret only managed to take a zone. But from that point on Garnbret showed her class and pulled away from the competition to secure two golds in two days.

Men's Boulder podium:

1. Nicolai UZNIK (AUT)
2. Sam AVEZOU (FRA)
3. Adam ONDRA (CZE)

Women's Boulder podium:

1. Janja GARNBRET (SLO)
2. Hannah MEUL (GER)
3. Oriane BERTONE (FRA)

SPEED

The Polish women dominated proceedings in Speed, locking out the podium. With a full Polish semi-final start list it was just down to who took which medal. World record holder Aleksandra Mirosław secured gold by beating runner-up Aleksandra Kalucka, with Natalia Kalucka joining her sister on the podium after a small-final win against Patrycja Chudziak.

Danyil Boldyrev of the Ukraine took gold in the men's Speed competition and celebrated with a little dance and enthusiastic jump on to the podium. The Ukrainian was pretty consistent on times throughout the competition and added a European title to his world championship title. Boldyrev beat former European champion, Poland's Marcin Dziński, in the final. France's Guillaume Moro won bronze in a close match up with Spain's Erik Noya Cardona, who missed out on a medal.

Men's Speed podium:

1. Danyil BOLDYREV (UKR)
2. Marcin DZIENSKI (POL)
3. Guillaume MORO (FRA)

Women's Speed podium:

1. Aleksandra MIROSLAW (POL)
2. Aleksandra KALUCKA (POL)
3. Natalia KALUCKA (POL)

Pictured

Janja Garnbret (SLO).



Pictured L/R

Marcin Dziński (POL),
Danyil Boldyrev (UKR),
Guillaume Moro (FRA).





BOULDER & LEAD (B&L)

Munich 2022 featured the competitive debut of Boulder & Lead (B&L), the new format to be used at the Olympic Games Paris 2024, with Janja Garnbret again showing her class and dominance.

Garnbret swept all three women's competitions during the week, first taking the individual Lead title, followed by the individual Boulder, and finally the B&L crown. It is nearly impossible to think that before she touched down in the Bavarian capital, she had never previously won a European title.

The queen of Climbing scored an almost perfect 199.9 in the B&L final, the only blemish coming at problem four of the Boulder competition. In the Lead final she was one of only three athletes to collect a full 100.0 points, along with silver medallist Mia Krampl of Slovenia and bronze medallist Jessica Pilz of Austria.

The men's B&L medals were the final set handed out at the European Championships, with Austria's Jakob Schubert claiming gold, Adam Ondra of the Czech Republic silver, and Spain's Alberto Ginés López bronze.

Schubert was among the top climbers in the Boulder section and held the top position after his Lead attempt with only Ondra left to climb. Ondra had already secured a gold and bronze in Munich and completed the full set with a silver, falling as he reached for the gold-medal hold.

Ginés López came from fifth position after the Boulder section working his way in to medal position and watching his competitors fall just short before Schubert and Ondra finally overhauled the Olympic champion.

Bringing the European Championships to a close was the presentation of the Winning Nation Plaque to the best performing nation at Munich 2022. The trophy went to Slovenia who took home five medals including three golds from the impressive Janja Garnbret.

Men's Boulder & Lead podium:

1. Jakob SCHUBERT (AUT)
2. Adam ONDRA (CZE)
3. Alberto GINÉS LÓPEZ (ESP)

Women's Boulder & Lead podium:

1. Janja GARNBRET (SLO)
2. Mia KRAMPL (SLO)
3. Jessica PILZ (AUT)



RECAP

The second edition of the European Championships took place from 11 to 21 August and featured nine Olympic sports in total. In addition to Sport Climbing, the programme was rounded out by athletics, beach volleyball, canoe sprint, cycling, gymnastics, rowing, table tennis and triathlon.

Sport Climbing proved that it could not only pull its weight compared to the traditional sports on the programme, but that it could also bring something fresh and exciting to the mix that truly resonated with the public.

“In the revamp of the European Championships sports programme for Munich 2022, it was clear for the ECM and Munich that Sport Climbing would bring another dimension to this multi-sport event - and what we have seen at the Königplatz over the last days has been nothing short of spectacular,” said European Championships Management (ECM) Co-Founder and Co-Managing Director Paul Bristow. **“The athletes have been truly amazing, the crowds beyond imagination.”**



Pictured
Munich 2022 mascot Gfreidi



FIRST OFFICIAL TEST OF BOULDER & LEAD IN BARCELONA, SPAIN

On 4 and 5 March, in Barcelona, Spain, the first official test event of the Boulder & Lead format that will be contested at Paris 2024 took place.

Forty Spanish athletes – 20 men and 20 women – battled on the walls of Sharma Climbing Gavà, the third and latest opening under legendary climber Chris Sharma’s name. It was Izar Martínez Almendros and Olympic Champion Alberto Ginés López who ended up on the highest step of the podium.

Martínez Almendros absolutely dominated the women’s Boulder & Lead final with a near perfect score. The 16-year-old topped all four problems, with a 0.2 deduction for a failed attempt, and was the only athlete to top the Lead route. 20-year-old Rut Monsech Gasca was in silver medal position with 19-year-old Aida Torres Illamola in bronze.

Tokyo 2020 gold medalist Ginés López was competing in his first event after the Olympic Games and secured top position with a fantastic performance that pleased the crowd. Javier Cano Blázquez won silver and Mikel Asier Linacisoro Molina took bronze.



Six gold medals for six nations at The World Games Birmingham 2022

At the 11th edition of The World Games, where Climbing was making its fifth appearance, six gold medals were won by athletes representing six competing nations in Birmingham, Alabama, USA.

SPEED

USA's Emma Hunt pleased the home crowd with a win in the women's Speed. The former Youth world champion faced the reigning world champion, Poland's Natalia Kalucka, in the final, beating her to gold with a time of 7.24 compared to the silver medallist's 8.88. Bronze was awarded to Germany's Franziska Ritter, who narrowly beat France's Capucine Viglione by just 0.06 seconds.

Veddriq Leonardo won an all-Indonesian final against teammate Kiromal Katibin in the men's Speed competition, clocking 7.23 for top spot on the medals podium. The Indonesian climbers were joined by bronze medallist Yaroslav Tkach of Ukraine who won a tight medal race against Kazakhstan's Rishat Khaibullin by just 0.04 seconds.

BOULDER

Japan's Nonaka Miho won a competitive women's Boulder event by outpacing second-placed Katja Debevec of Slovenia and compatriot Nakamura Mao.

There were also two Japanese medallists in the men's event, but this time there was no gold for The World Games 2017 gold medallist Ogata Yoshiyuki, who had to settle for bronze.

Fujii Kokoro and Belgium's part-time climber Nicolas Collin were the competition standouts, topping all four problems in the final. Tied all the way, Fujii and Collin had to be separated by attempts with the Belgian coming out on top to take the gold.

LEAD

Standing on the women's Lead podium at the end of The World Games were Austria's Jessica Pilz, Tanii Natsuki of Japan, and Slovenia's Lana Skusek, respectively winning the gold, silver and bronze medal.

There was another Birmingham 2022 medal for Japan from Higuchi Masahiro in the men's Lead event, but, yet again, it was silver. Gold went to Swiss climber Sascha Lehmann, with bronze going to France's Mejdí Schalck.

HUNT NAMED ATHLETE OF THE DAY

Speed climber Emma Hunt of the USA claimed female Athlete of the Day honours at The World Games Birmingham 2022 for 15 July, following her victory in the women's Speed event.

"It's been super special for me," said Hunt. "I'm from Atlanta, Georgia, and it felt very much like home turf."

ALBERTO GINÉS LÓPEZ IS THE FIRST RUNNER-UP IN THE WORLD GAMES ATHLETE OF THE YEAR POLL

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Champion Alberto Ginés López from Sant Cugat del Vallés, Spain, finished a respectable second place in the poll for The World Games Athlete of the Year 2021 award, presented by the International World Games Association. He fell just short of top honours, which went to hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh of India.

Pictured
Jessica Pilz (AUT).



BERN 2023 LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

A new website in English, French and German for the IFSC Climbing and Paraclimbing World Championships Bern 2023 – the first qualifying event for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 – was launched in early 2022 featuring a unique bottom-to-top scrolling layout that perfectly captures the vertical nature peculiar to Sport Climbing. Check it out at www.Bern2023.org

BERN CELEBRATES ONE-YEAR-TO-GO MILESTONE

Local organisers celebrated the one-year-to-go mark to the 2023 IFSC World Championships in style at the Bundesplatz in Bern, Switzerland, on 1 August. A climbing wall in the form of a bouncy castle and a bouldering cube with an opportunity for

friendly competition brought the event to life in the heart of the Swiss capital.

Later in the year, on 7 December, the IFSC met a delegation of the Bern 2023 Organising Committee in Torino, Italy, to discuss preparations for the IFSC Climbing and Paraclimbing World Championships, taking place in the Swiss capital from 1 to 12 August 2023.

Chief Operating Officer Martin Rhyner, Head of Office Laura Mangold, Brand Manager Rolf Thallinger, and Head of Organisation Julia Zschiesche met IFSC President Marco Sclaris and other members of the IFSC Staff, covering a wide range of topics such as logistics, media, schedule, sports presentation, ticketing, and general event organisation.



IFSC PRESENTS PARIS 2024 QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

The Qualification System for Sport Climbing at Paris 2024 was officially approved by the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in May.

The qualification period is set to begin in August 2023 with the IFSC Climbing World Championships in Bern, Switzerland. It will continue with five continental qualifying events, to be held between September and December 2023, and conclude with the IOC-led Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS) from March to June 2024.

Full details of the Sport Climbing Qualification System are available on the official IOC website.

The IOC has also introduced a four-sport OQS for Paris 2024 – an Olympic Agenda 2020+5 project. The new IOC-led OQS will feature four sports – BMX freestyle, breaking, skateboarding, and Sport Climbing.

The series of three festival-style events will bring together the best athletes from each of the four sports in one urban park, as they compete to qualify for Paris 2024. Hosted in compact city centre venues over four days, between March and June 2024, the festivals will offer a new Olympic experience to fans from around the world, blending sport with music, art and culture.

PARIS 2024 SPORT CLIMBING SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The Sport Climbing schedule for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 was announced in August and will feature six days of competition.

With Paris 2024 set for 26 July to 11 August 2024, Sport Climbing will take place during the final week of the Games seeing an increase in competition days for its second outing at the global showpiece event, up from four during its debut at Tokyo 2020.

Sport Climbing events will take place at Le Bourget Climbing venue, one of only two sports facilities to be built specifically for Paris 2024.

TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST:

- Women's Boulder & Lead semi-final, Boulder round
- Men's Speed qualification

THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST:

- Women's Boulder & Lead semi-final, Lead round
- Men's Speed final

- #### SATURDAY, 10 AUGUST:
- Women's Boulder & Lead final

MONDAY, 5 AUGUST:

- Men's Boulder & Lead semi-final, Boulder round
- Women's Speed qualification

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST:

- Men's Boulder & Lead semi-final, Lead round
- Women's Speed final

FRIDAY, 9 AUGUST:

- Men's Boulder & Lead final



Youth-focused LA28 sports programme announced

Sport Climbing was officially included on the Initial Sports Programme of the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 by the 139th Session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Beijing, China, last February.

Skateboarding and surfing joined Sport Climbing on being included on the Initial Sports Programme of 28 sports, which are governed by the following International Federations (IFs):

- World Athletics
- World Rowing (FISA)
- Badminton World Federation (BWF)
- International Basketball Federation (FIBA)
- International Canoe Federation (ICF)
- Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI)
- International Equestrian Federation (FEI)
- International Fencing Federation (FIE)
- Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)
- International Golf Federation (IGF)
- International Gymnastics Federation (FIG)
- International Handball Federation (IHF)
- International Hockey Federation (FIH)
- International Judo Federation (IJF)
- United World Wrestling (UWW)
- World Aquatics
- World Rugby
- World Taekwondo (WT)
- International Tennis Federation (ITF)
- International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)
- International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)
- World Archery Federation (WA)
- World Triathlon (TRI)
- World Sailing (WS)
- International Volleyball Federation (FIVB)
- International Surfing Association (ISA)

- World Skate (WSK)
- International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC)

Skateboarding, Sport Climbing and surfing, all youth-focused sports, made their Olympic debuts at Tokyo 2020 and all of them have deep roots in California.

The IOC and the Organising Committee of LA28 (OCOG) renewed their joint commitment to prioritising a reduction in the cost and complexity of hosting the Games, including a review of each sport's disciplines, which will be finalised prior to the IOC Session in 2023, in consultation with LA28 and the IFs.

NEW DISCIPLINE REVIEW TIMELINE TO OFFER VARIOUS ADVANTAGES

A new intermediate step, focused on determining the disciplines for each sport, will be added in 2023, as recommended by the Olympic Programme Commission and approved by the Executive Board of the IOC.

This new timeline will offer various advantages, such as early certainty to athletes, NOCs, IFs and the OCOG. Additionally, the discipline review for existing Olympic disciplines, plus any potential new discipline to be proposed by the IFs, will take place at the same time as the evaluation of potential new sports proposed by the OCOG, allowing for venue synergies and optimisations.

SPORT CLIMBING TO APPEAR IN OTHER MULTI-SPORT EVENTS

European Games Krakow-Malopolska 2023

Krakow, Poland;
Malopolska, Poland
21 June-3 July
Medal events (3):
Boulder, Lead, Speed



Asian Games Hangzhou 2022

Hangzhou, China
23 September-8 October
Medal events (3):
Boulder & Lead, Speed,
Speed Team Relay



Pan American Games Santiago 2023

Santiago, Chile
20 October-5 November
Medal events (2):
Boulder & Lead, Speed







INSIDE THE IFSC



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Shauna Coxsey.
Right
Marco Sclaris.

XVIII IFSC General Assembly reunites in Salt Lake City

Meeting in person for the first time since 2019, the IFSC General Assembly gathered in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, on 18 and 19 March 2022.

The meeting, which was attended by 54 delegates, representing 40 Member Federations, opened with a video message from the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Thomas Bach:

“You have every reason to be proud,” he said. “Because this General Assembly is truly special for the Climbing community. It is your first General Assembly since Sport Climbing made its Olympic debut at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, so please accept my heartfelt congratulations on this milestone.

“What an entrance your sport has made on the Olympic stage! The performance of your athletes in Tokyo celebrated your sport and your community at its best. A real display of excellence in sport, a youthful energy, but also inspiring moments of respect and sportsmanship that touched the hearts of so many people around the globe,” concluded Bach.

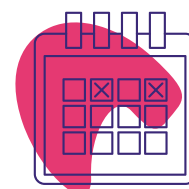
MEMBER FEDERATIONS OF RUSSIA AND BELARUS SUSPENDED

At the earliest stage of the Assembly, delegates discussed the issue of the war in Ukraine and the status of the National Federations of Belarus and Russia.

It was decided to increase the restrictions already placed on the two National Federations and to move to a suspension of their membership. The Executive Board was subsequently mandated to continually assess the situation and consider the removal of the suspension when the circumstances allow.

IFSC ETHICS COMMISSION TO BE REFORMED

The Executive Board voted unanimously to adopt resolutions aimed at ensuring ongoing adherence to the IFSC statutes, rules, and



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40 Member Federations



MARCO SCOLARIS AWARDED CONI GOLDEN COLLAR

The IFSC President received the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI)'s Golden Collar, the highest honour awarded by CONI, on 9 March. The President of Federazione Arrampicata Sportiva Italiana, Davide Battistella, also attended the ceremony. The accolade was presented by CONI President Giovanni Malagò.



IFSC AGENDA: LIST OF INSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS IN 2022

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|--------------------|--|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| ▪ 14 Jan | IFSC Executive Board meeting | ▪ 6 Apr | IFSC Executive Board meeting |
| ▪ 27 Jan | IFSC National Federations' call | ▪ 11 May | IFSC Executive Board meeting |
| ▪ 9 Feb | IFSC Executive Board meeting | ▪ 15 Jun | IFSC Executive Board meeting |
| ▪ 2 Mar | IFSC National Federations' call | ▪ 13 Jul | IFSC Executive Board meeting |
| ▪ 3 Mar | IFSC Executive Board meeting | ▪ 15 Jul | IFSC Governance Commission meeting |
| ▪ 16 Mar | IFSC Executive Board – Salt Lake City, Utah, USA | ▪ 20 Jul | IFSC National Federations' call |
| ▪ 18-19 Mar | XVIII IFSC General Assembly – Salt Lake City, Utah, USA | ▪ 5 Aug | IFSC Governance Commission meeting |
| ▪ 20 Mar | IFSC Executive Board meeting – Salt Lake City, Utah, USA | ▪ 1 Sep | IFSC Finance Commission meeting |
| | | ▪ 6 Sep | IFSC Governance Commission meeting |

regulations. Following a suspension of the Ethics Commission, a complete reformation was initiated. The reform of the Ethics Commission, including its regulations and composition with a new Commission of appointed members, will be completed in spring 2023.

TOKYO 2020 DEBUT CELEBRATED WITH COFFEE TABLE BOOK

At the end of the Assembly, the IFSC presented its latest publication: a coffee table book commemorating Sport Climbing's

Olympic debut at Tokyo 2020 with plenty of photos and quotes.

In total, 500 numbered copies of the book were produced. National Federation delegates attending the General Assembly each received a copy. All athletes and team officials who were present at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 were also presented with the book throughout the year.



IFSC ON PATH TO BECOME FULL ASOIF MEMBER

Following Sport Climbing's inclusion on the sports programme for LA28 and recent statute updates by the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), the IFSC is now eligible to apply to become a full member of the umbrella body for summer International Federations, marking another important milestone in the young history of the IFSC.

"We warmly welcome the recent changes to the ASOIF statutes, which should now allow us to become a fully-fledged Member of the Olympic Movement, something we have aspired to since our founding in 2007," said IFSC President Marco Sclaris.

- **7 Sep** IFSC Executive Board meeting
- **19 Sep** IFSC Executive Board informal meeting
- **4 Oct** IFSC Governance Commission meeting
- **5 Oct** IFSC Executive Board meeting
- **12 Oct** IFSC National Federations' call
- **14 Oct** IFSC Executive Board informal meeting
- **25 Oct** IFSC Executive Board informal meeting
- **9-10 Nov** IFSC Commissions' Meetings – Torino, Italy
- **16 Nov** IFSC Executive Board meeting

- **23-24 Nov** IFSC Governance and Finance Commissions meeting – Torino, Italy
- **25-26 Nov** II IFSC Climbing Summit – Torino, Italy
- **27 Nov** IFSC Executive Board meeting – Torino, Italy
- **6 Dec** IFSC Executive Board informal meeting
- **15 Dec** IFSC National Federations' call

Key:
 ▪ Online
 ▪ In person

Second IFSC Climbing Summit targets growth and sharing

The athlete voice featured prominently at the second edition of the IFSC Climbing Summit where stakeholders from across the sport came together for a two-day event.

Delegates from 35 IFSC Member Federations travelled to Torino, Italy, for the second edition of the IFSC Climbing Summit, taking place at Nuvola Lavazza on 25 and 26 November 2022.

The two-day event was opened by the Mayor of Torino, Stefano Lo Russo, who highlighted the link between the city and its mountain culture to those joining in person and online around the world.

IFSC President Marco Sclaris introduced the athlete-first approach to the Summit in his opening speech, welcoming the first

Sport Climbing Olympic gold medallist Janja Garnbret of Slovenia, Paraclimbing Committee Athletes' Representative Lucia Capovilla of Italy, Tokyo 2020 Olympian Sean McColl of Canada, and former athlete Jérôme Meyer of France.

Various topics were presented and discussed, including strategy, governance, events, media and development of Sport Climbing.

Garnbret took part in a wide-ranging interview with Master of Ceremonies Peter Stafford of MSM PR & Communications, a Swiss-based communications agency.



“It’s my first time at an institutional event such as the Climbing Summit, and I really appreciate the invitation and experience. I think it’s great to have athletes represented here to tell their unique perspectives. I really enjoyed it, and hope I will get the opportunity to attend future editions of the Summit.”

Janja Garnbret of Slovenia, Tokyo 2020 gold medallist

Above
Janja Garnbret.
Right
Marco Sclaris.



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“Athletes’ representation is ultimately important, because sometimes it seems to get a little bit lost. It’s always helpful to have an athlete in the room, so when people are discussing and making decisions, someone can just say ‘Wait, wait, wait, we have an athlete here, let’s just ask them!’”

Sean McColl of Canada, Vice President of the IFSC Athletes’ Commission

Her insights on the current state of Sport Climbing, especially regarding the conversation around the athletes’ health, were of great value to the National Federations.

Garnbret also joined a panel that included IFSC Treasurer Pierre You to discuss the challenges and risks that the organisation may face in the future, as well as measures to protect its reputation.

A look toward the Olympic future of the sport featured a presentation from Vincent Caussé, Paris 2024 Sport Manager for

Sport Climbing, and an update and review of the World Cup broadcasting from representatives of Warner Bros. Discovery.

“We still regret that our community could not celebrate Climbing at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 in person, because of the restrictions imposed by COVID-19,” President Sclaris said upon closing the Summit. **“Now, during these two days, we shared feelings, emotions, and concerns. I wish that, moving towards the Summit together, we could shape the future of the sport that changed our lives, for many of us, for the better. Let’s dream higher!”**

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Sean McColl.

Below L/R

Janja Garnbret,
Naomi Cleary,
Pierre You.



IFSC Sport & Technical Commissions gather in Torino

The IFSC organised the second edition of its Sport and Technical Commissions' Meetings in Torino, Italy, on 9 and 10 November, bringing together representatives of seven groups of stakeholders: Coaches, Events, Judges, Paraclimbing, Routesetters, Rules, and Technical Delegates.

A series of separate meetings kicked off the agenda on the morning of day one, with Chairs and representatives of each Commission sharing their insights on day two at the Sport Department Meeting that closed the event.

IFSC President Marco Sclaris, Vice President Wolfgang Wabel, Secretary General Debra Gawrych, General Director Piero Rebaudengo, and IFSC Europe President Tijl Smitz also participated in the final meeting.

Topics of discussion varied from the Boulder & Lead format to be used at the Olympic Games Paris 2024 to the future of routesetting, as well as the evolution

of key events such as the Climbing and Paraclimbing World Championships and Youth World Championships.

"It's always a pleasure to bring such a diverse group of great minds together, take the time to look back, and acknowledge the incredible amount of work that has been done in the past 12 months," said President Sclaris. **"The season finished less than a month ago, and it is very important for the IFSC to collect feedback and different points of view from separate groups. The Commissions' Meetings are an important landmark in our calendar of institutional events, and an effective way to make the sport we love evolve and move forward."**



VIRTUAL OFFICIALS' SEMINAR ORGANISED IN FEBRUARY

The IFSC held its yearly Officials' Seminar remotely on 16 and 17 February.

Participants included Technical Delegates, Jury Presidents, Judges, and Routesetters nominated for the 2022 season, along with IFSC Sport Department members – Event Officer Alessandro Di Cato, IFSC Venue & Broadcast Officer Federico Ferro, and IFSC Multi Sport Games Officer Hazel Han.

The Seminar opened with a plenary session that focused on the legacy of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, with several Officials sharing their feedback and takeaways. The debate was then extended to IFSC events, with debriefs of World Cups and World Championships events that took place in 2021. The opening segment also saw the participation of IFSC General Director Piero Rebaudengo, and IFSC Research & Development Director Silvia Verdolini.

The Seminar also featured two separate sessions for Judges and Routesetters, both dedicated to the newly presented Boulder & Lead format. Additionally, the Routesetters' Commission presented its latest report, and the IFSC shared updates on event procedures, nominations, and the result system.

Pictured standing L/R

Wolfgang Wabel,
Debra Gawrych,
Marco Sclaris.



IFSC Commissions' Members

IFSC Commissions continued to play a vital role for key stakeholders across Sport Climbing throughout 2022.

IFSC STATUTORY COMMISSIONS: Appeals Commission

Disciplinary Commission

- Seyed Abdollahi (IRI) Chair
- Elena Ceserani (ITA)
- Ian Alderson (GBR) Chair

OTHER COMMISSIONS:

Athletes' Commission

- Shauna COXSEY (GBR) President
- Sean MCCOLL (CAN) Vice President
- Jakob SCHUBERT (AUT)
- Charlotte DURIF (FRA)
- Michael PICCOLRUAZ (ITA)
- FUJII Kokoro (JPN)
- Gregor VEZONIK (SLO)
- Stasa GEJO (SRB)
- Ievgeniia KAZBEKOVA (UKR)
- Kyra CONDIE (USA)

Governance Commission

- Sarah UMBRIGHT (SUI) Chair
- Karen POWELL (AUS)
- Paul DORMAAR (CAN)
- Andreas LORDOS (CYP)
- Anne GROSPAILLET-QUENTIN (FRA)
- Burgi BESTE (GER)
- Homayoun BAKHTIARI (IRI)
- JEONG Miyoung (KOR)
- Joachim DRIESSEN (NED)
- Patti RUBE (USA)

Finance Commission

- Pierre YOU (FRA) Chair
- Naomi CLEARY (AUS)
- Romy HALLER (AUT)
- Paul DORMAAR (CAN)
- Mahdi SAMEI (IRI)

Paraclimbing Committee

- Sebastian DEPKE (GER) Chair
- Sian SPENCER (AUS)
- Christophe CAZIN (FRA)

- Jamie VARDY (GBR)
- Lucia CAPOVILLA (ITA)
- SUZUKI Naoya (JPN)
- Lara HUISMAN (NED)
- Ziva PETRIN (USA)

Media Commission

- HARADA Saki (JPN) Chair
- Brianna MCMAHON (CAN)
- Helen ANGULO (ECU)
- Thomas BUCHER (GER)
- Hossein REZAREI (IRI)
- Marco IACONO (ITA)
- Anand BHEECA (MRI)

Medical & Anti-Doping Commission

- Eugen BURTSCHER (AUT) Chair
- Katie KAMINSKY (AUS)
- Volker SCHOF (GER)
- Daniel VON ESSEN (GER)
- Shabnam ASADI (IRI)
- Andrea FELICI (ITA)
- ROKKAKU Tomoyuki (JPN)
- Cesar CANALES (ESP)

TV & Marketing Commission

- Michael NAVERSNIK (GER) Chair
- Michael SCHÖPF (AUT)
- Joachim STROINK (CAN)
- Andres MEJIA (ECU)
- Florian KUNCKLER (FRA)
- Mohammad HAVALEDDAR (IRI)
- Ludovica ANTI (ITA)
- FUJIEDA Ryusuka (JPN)
- Ziad PEEBUX (MRI)
- Doris RECHSTEINER (SUI)

SPORT & TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS:

Coaches' Commission

- Pavlos GEORGIADES (CYP) Chair
- Emma HAWKE (SWE) Vice Chair
- Kilian FISCHHUBER (AUT)
- Marco JUBES (BEL)
- Jeff THOMSON (CAN)
- Daniel SERMAN (CHI)
- Christopher SMOLKOVIC (GER)
- NISHITANI Yoshiko (JPN)
- Aukje VAN WEERT (NED)
- Mateuzs MIROSLAW (POL)
- Jay KOH (SGP)
- Josh LARSON (USA)

Events Commission

- Marc NORMAN (USA) Chair
- Julia PINGGERA (AUT) Vice Chair
- LI Guo Wei (CHN)
- Emilie GHEUX (FRA)
- Sebastian POWELL (GBR)
- Rico SCHUMANN (GER)
- Davide MANZONI (ITA)
- Nils GLATTHARD (SUI)

Judges' Commission

- Stanley YEO (SGP) Chair
- Johannes ALTNER (GER) Vice Chair
- Claudia KREUSCHER (AUT)
- Paul LEDET (CAN)
- Cosme MEJIA (ECU)
- David MORA (ESP)
- Sammy YICK (HKG)
- Ole Morten OLSEN (NOR)
- Bruce MITCHELL (USA)

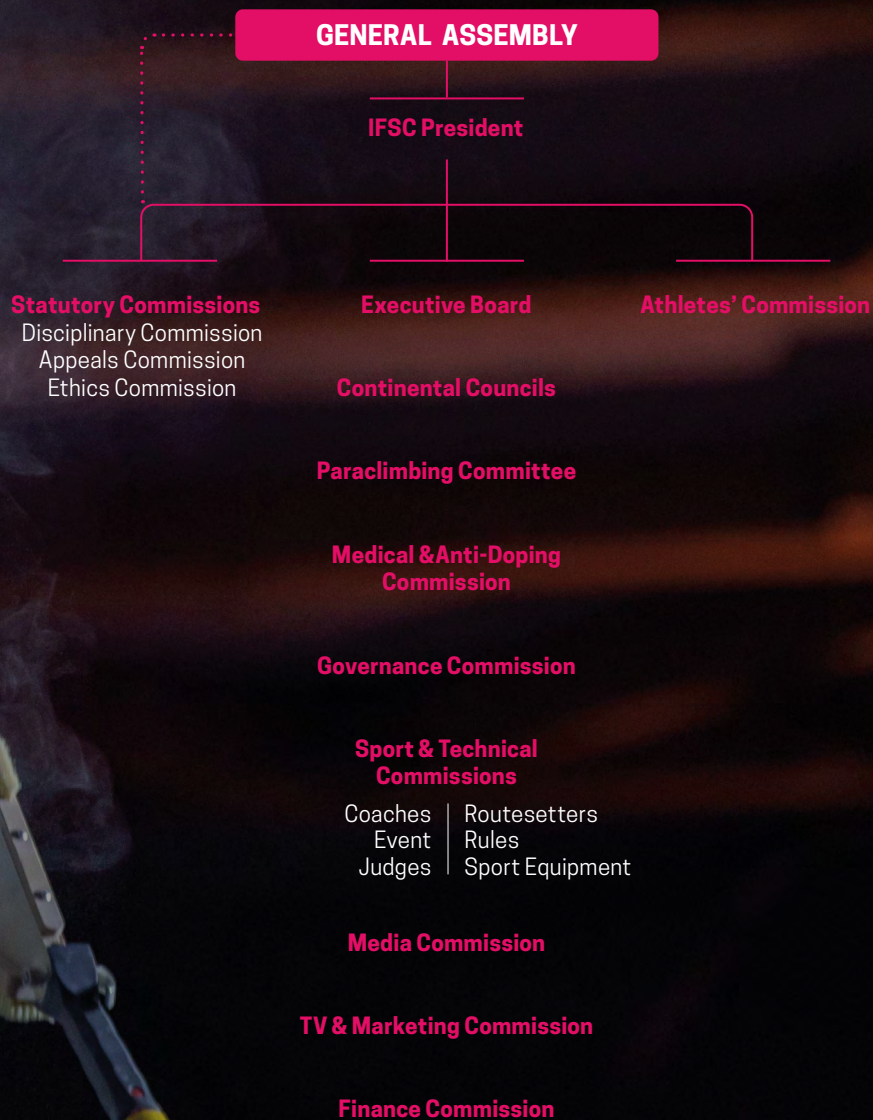
Routesetters' Commission

- Percy BISHTON (GBR) Chair
- Adam PUSTELNIK (POL) Vice Chair
- Matthias WOITZUCK (AUT)
- Jan ZBRANEK (CZE)
- Pedro CORRAL (ECU)
- Remi SAMYN (FRA)
- Christian BINDHAMMER (GER)
- Artimes FARSHADYEGANEH (IRI)
- OKANO Hiroshi (JPN)
- Chris DANIELSON (USA)

Rules Commission

- François LEONARDON (FRA) Chair
- Tim HATCH (GBR) Vice Chair
- Werner GÄCHTER (AUT)
- Paul HUGHES (CAN)
- YING Cheng (CHN)
- Lumir NAVRAT (CZE)
- Philipp BANNASCH (GER)
- Nelson LAM (HKG)
- Cristiano FOSSALI (ITA)
- HAKAMADA Naoto (JPN)
- Nicki HORAK (NOR)
- Quim HERNANDEZ (ESP)
- Matt ORNES (USA)

IFSC Structure



IFSC Staff



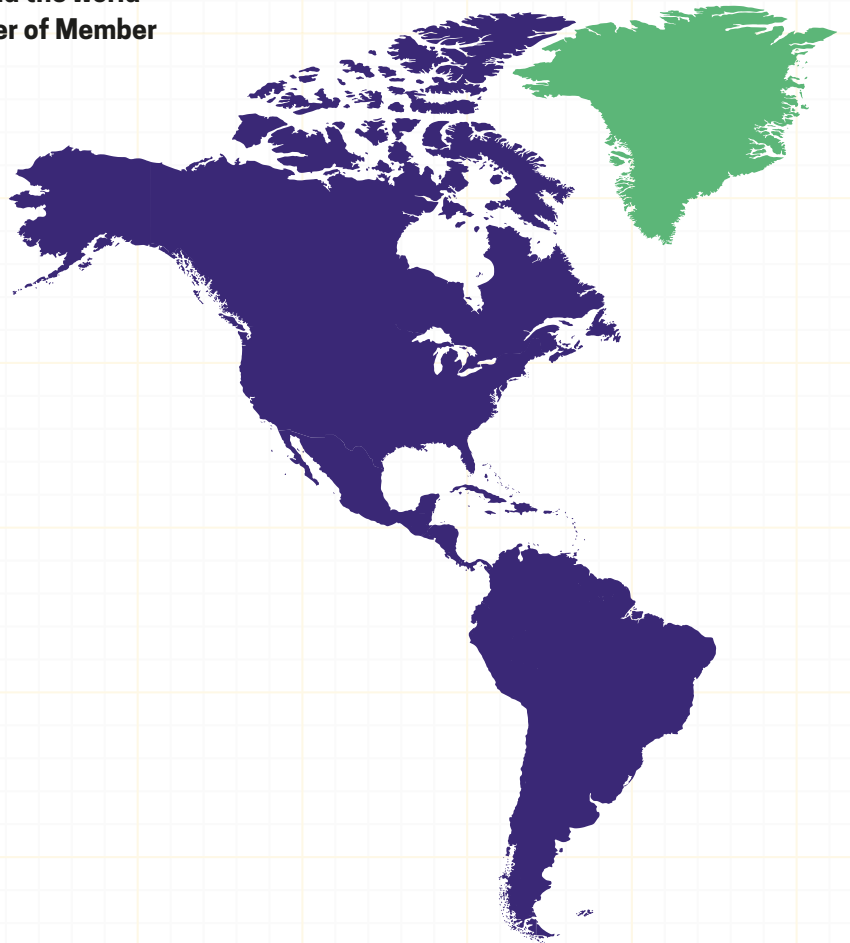
GENERAL DIRECTOR
Piero Rebaudengo



IFSC growth continued in 2022 with the addition of Iceland and Morocco

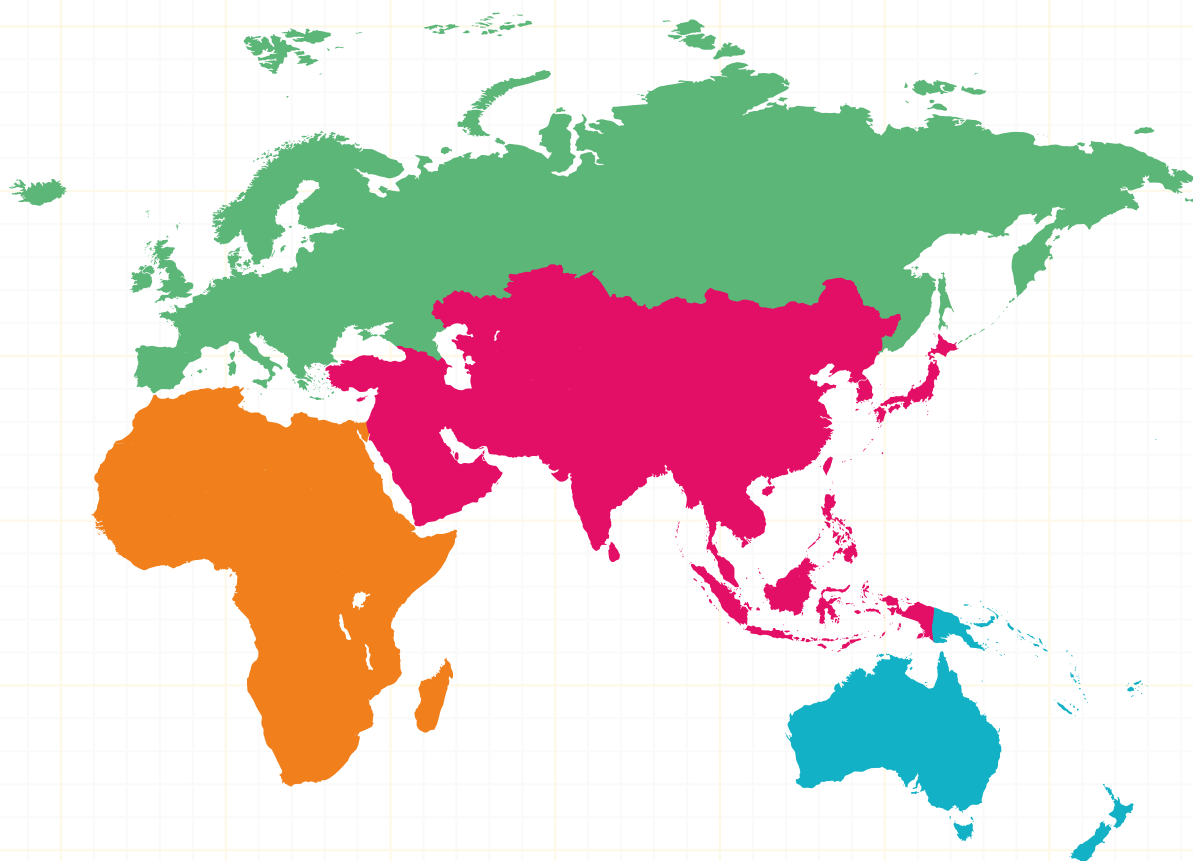
As the popularity of Sport Climbing around the world continues to grow, so too does the number of Member Federations worldwide, now totalling 96.

The IFSC welcomed two new Member Federations in 2022, bringing the total number of members to 96. With the addition of Iceland, the IFSC currently counts 44 European members; while Morocco is the ninth African Member Federation.



■ **Pan America, 17:**
Argentina; Bolivia; Brazil; Canada;
Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica;
Ecuador; El Salvador; Guatemala;
Honduras; Mexico; Panama; Peru;
Puerto Rico; USA; Venezuela.

■ **Africa, 9:**
Algeria; Botswana; Cameroon;
Mauritius; Morocco; Rwanda;
Senegal; South Africa; Uganda.

**■ Europe, 44:**

Andorra; Armenia; Austria;
Azerbaijan; Belarus; Belgium;
Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria;
Croatia; Cyprus; Czech Republic;
Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France;
Georgia; Germany; Great Britain;
Greece; Hungary; Iceland; Ireland;
Israel; Italy; Latvia; Lithuania;
Luxembourg; Malta; Netherlands;
North Macedonia; Norway;
Poland; Portugal; Romania;
Russia; Serbia; Slovakia; Slovenia;
Spain (2); Sweden; Switzerland;
Turkey; Ukraine.

■ Asia, 23:

Cambodia; China; Chinese Taipei;
Hong Kong, China; India;
Indonesia; Iran; Japan; Jordan;
Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan;
Macau, China; Malaysia;
Mongolia; Nepal; Pakistan;
Philippines; Saudi Arabia;
Singapore; South Korea;
Sri Lanka; Thailand; Uzbekistan.

■ Oceania, 3:

Australia; Fiji; New Zealand.



Corporate social responsibility

Throughout 2022, the IFSC continued to make strides in addressing Sport Climbing's carbon footprint via several different avenues.

IFSC OFFSETS CARBON EMISSIONS IN 2021 WITH DONATION TO MYCLIMATE

In January it was announced that the IFSC had made a payment to MyClimate to offset a total of 210.4 tons of CO₂ generated by the travel of IFSC staff, board members, and officials, as well as the emissions generated from the IFSC headquarters in Torino, Italy, in 2021.

The payment complements the two that were previously made to Compensaid in 2020 and 2021.

In 2021, the IFSC also supported TreeAid, an international non-governmental organisation focused on tackling poverty and the effects of climate change by growing trees, improving people's incomes, and restoring and protecting land.

The support of the two initiatives were both included in the IFSC's application for the 2021 edition of the Carbon Action Awards, a global initiative of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Dow, aimed at recognising and encouraging effective climate action in sports.

IFSC PRESENTED WITH IOC CARBON ACTION AWARD ON EARTH DAY

The IFSC was one of 20 recipients presented with the IOC Carbon Action Awards on 22 April, Earth Day. The award recognises efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, with each organisation winning the prize based on detailed data and carbon reduction plans.

In 2021, the IFSC introduced the IFSC Sustainability Award, recognising event organisers for their sustainable event strategies that follow IFSC Sustainability Guidelines. At the XVIII IFSC General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, IFSC President Marco Sclaris presented delegates of Austria Climbing, the Swiss Alpine Club, and USA Climbing with the 2021 edition of the award.

"We set up this award to highlight some of the important work being done within the Olympic Movement to address climate change," said Marie Sallois, IOC Sustainability Director. **"We hope that this work will further inspire the broader sports community to take urgent**

Pictured L/R

Emma Hawke,
Charlotte Durif,
Tijl Smits.

action on climate change and other sustainability challenges.”

A total of 20 sports organisations received the award: 12 International Federations, seven National Olympic Committees, and the Association of National Olympic Committees.

The IFSC and all the awarded organisations are signatories of the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework, which supports sports entities aiming to achieve a range of global climate change goals, including a 50 per cent reduction of GHG emissions by 2030 at the latest, in line with the Paris Agreement. By December 2021, almost 300 sports organisations globally had signed the framework.

The IOC Carbon Action Awards – which originally formed part of the IOC-DOW Carbon Partnership – were created in 2019 to inspire climate action by recognising the sustainability efforts of key sports organisations within the Olympic Movement. As part of the initiative, International Federations and National Olympic Committees that have demonstrably reduced their GHG emissions within the scope of their organisations and respective events are rewarded carbon offsets to compensate their remaining emissions.

IFSC HOLDS SUSTAINABILITY SESSION DURING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The strategic vision of the IFSC is to “make the world a better place through Sport Climbing.”

As part of that mission, the IFSC is deeply committed to sustainability and protecting the environment when carrying out daily activities, be it at the office or at our events.

During the European Championships Munich 2022, the IFSC European Sustainability Commission held an informal roundtable in the athletes’ lounge to discuss sustainability in Sport Climbing and the measures that can be taken to improve in this area. Open to all, the meeting was attended by athletes, coaches, judges, routesetters, technical officials and others.

Discussions were led by IFSC Europe Executive Board President Tjil Smitz, IFSC Europe Sustainability Commission Chair Charlotte Durif, and Federico Ferro, in charge of sustainability projects at the IFSC.

They began by outlining all the work the IFSC is undertaking in this key area, including the publication in 2020 of a set of Sustainability

Guidelines that provide simple, practical, and essential information for Member Federations and Event Organisers. The guidelines are aimed at helping event organisers develop effective sustainability programmes of their own, therefore maximising the positive impact of Sport Climbing in environmental, social, and economic matters.

“The IFSC has implemented a number of measures in recent years, mainly focused on climate change, that we want to further develop,” said Smitz. **“They include the Sustainability Guidelines, which were published just before the start of the pandemic in 2020, efforts to offset the carbon emissions of all our officials and staff travelling to our events, and recycling. At the end of each year, we review our actions and try to determine how to do even better the following year.”**

IFSC efforts to offset its carbon emissions began in earnest in 2021. In April 2022, the IOC commended the organisation for its actions to measure and reduce owned GHG emissions and for joining the United Nations Sports for Climate Action Framework.

“Another important initiative aimed at raising awareness of sustainability and encouraging proactivity in this area was to establish a sustainability award that we present to organisers of our European events,” Durif added. **“We had a large number of responses from organisers that participated last year and with many more events being held in 2022, we expect the programme to be even more successful this year.”**

One of the aims of the brainstorming session was to learn about different perspectives on sustainability from those attending, in particular athletes and coaches. Some of the suggestions were to improve the sports calendar to reduce travel, work with suppliers that are environmentally friendly, lessen the amount of food waste at events, create a value-chain checklist for every event, and to make it easier for all participants to choose sustainable options.

“We are doing a lot, but we can do much, much more and we know it,” Ferro said of the IFSC. **“This is why we are here today with you. We want to know your perspective on how we can improve as sustainability cannot work if it is only driven from the top down – we also need drivers from the bottom up.”**

Financial Report 2022

In the year 2022, the IFSC recorded growth in all key figures, including +52% in its annual turnover.

The Financial Statements are presented as consolidated. The result is the sum of the statements of IFSC and its Continental Councils, at the net of the adjustments.

KEY FIGURES:

- +23% in Total Assets
- +52% Annual Turnover
- Net profit €6,905.

MAIN CONSIDERATIONS ON THE 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The main changes from the 2021 Approved Budget can be summarised as:

- **Fixed Assets** include the new Headquarters purchased in November 2022, the relevant acquisition and registration costs. The value is expected to increase at the end of 2023, upon

FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT

In 2022 the Finance Commission mainly focused on three key areas:

- A review of the Annual Membership Fee System,
- Planning the acquisition of a new headquarters, and
- Making a risk assessment resulting from a change of governance

Annual Membership Fee System review

The Finance Commission made an analysis of the current Membership Fee System and the related redistribution of fees to the Continental Councils.

It was proposed that a review of the Membership Fee System, effective from 2023 onwards, to make it more accessible and sustainable to the whole Membership. The proposal, approved by the Executive Board foresees the application of an equal annual fee to all Members, including the former Continental Annual Fee.

New headquarters acquisition plan

As the IFSC workforce increases the necessity of a new headquarters was investigated in relation to the financial considerations,

a cash flow analysis and loan opportunities.

The Finance Commission supported the Executive Board in the execution of the new Headquarters acquisition plan by offering researched financial options. The Commission considered the choice of purchasing a premises a sound investment and a more strategic and forward-looking option as opposed to continuing to rent. In order to obtain more financial stability, the Commission recommended the application for a bank loan to support refurbishment works at the newly acquired premises.

Change of governance risk assessment

A risk analysis was performed, and an update of the risk assessment matrix as a result of the analysis, was completed in relation to a potential change of governance.

Each risk was assigned a score for the likelihood and gravity of the outcome which was input to the Risk & Opportunity assessment matrix. The results were then shared and discussed with the Governance Commission.

termination of the refurbishment works. The total value of the building (80%) is amortized in 25 years, while land (20%) is not subject to depreciation.

- **Intangible Assets** include the setup of the online platform used to develop World Climbing Academy programmes.
- **Use of IOC Designated Funds:**
 - To support development programmes;
 - To cover loss generated by the cancellation of some events and related costs;
 - To implement the principles of Olympic Agenda 2020+5.
 - Use of the funds is registered on an accrual basis, that is it follows the year of competence of the related costs.

- **Marketing incomes** (+24%) are mostly generated by the existing agreements with Dentsu Inc. and Eurosport SAS.
- **Sport revenues** (+32%) increased due to the higher number of events occurred during the year and the growth of the Official Sport Equipment categories

AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The IFSC Consolidated Financial Statements (Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss) have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of commercial accounting as set out in the Swiss Code of Obligations (Art. 957 to 963 CO).

The 2022 Statements were audited by Ernst & Young (EY), who received the four-year mandate from the General Assembly in 2021.

Balance Sheet

As of 31 December 2022

Account	31 Dec 2022 EUR	31 Dec 2021 EUR	Variance EUR
Accounts Receivable (net of provision for bad debts)	568,256	171,128	397,128
Deferred expenses	31,936	35,110	(3,174)
Cash			
Cash On Hand	9,091	6,458	2,633
Banca Sella-checking	146,613	999,638	(853,025)
Crédit Suisse-checking USD	191,294	127,665	63,629
Crédit Suisse-checking CHF	366,579	173,657	192,923
Crédit Suisse-checking EUR	597,911	419,420	178,490
PayPal	1,318	12,095	(10,777)
UniCredit-checking	65,465	266,705	(201,240)
Credit Cards	14,146	15,912	(1,765)
Total Cash	1,392,418	2,021,549	(629,131)
Cash - Continental Councils			
IFSC Asian Council - Crédit Suisse-checking	65,172	77,243	(12,071)
IFSC European Council - UniCredit-checking	138,164	97,511	40,653
IFSC Oceania Council - Crédit Suisse-checking	13,143	12,498	645
IFSC Pan American Council - Crédit Suisse-checking	10,141	9,179	963
Total Cash - Continental Councils	226,620	196,431	30,189
Total Current Assets	2,219,230	2,424,218	(204,988)
Property & Equipment			
Computer Equipment	37,854	38,866	(1,012)
Office Equipment	12,085	14,426	(2,341)
Property	1,035,009	-	1,035,009
Total Fixed Assets	1,084,948	53,292	1,031,655
Identity, Trademark	18,304	6,608	11,696
Total Intangible Assets	18,304	6,608	11,696
Long-term Investments			
Life Insurance CBA Valore Capitale	500,000	500,000	-
Life Insurance CBA Valore Cedola	500,000	500,000	-
Life Insurance Unigarantito Plus	200,000	200,000	-
Total Long-term Investments	1,200,000	1,200,000	-
Total Other Assets	1,200,000	1,200,000	-
Total Assets	4,522,482	3,684,119	838,363

BALANCE SHEET**International Federation of Sport Climbing**

Account	31 Dec 2022 EUR	31 Dec 2021 EUR	Variance EUR
Accounts Payable	549,223	276,880	272,343
Accounts Payable to be received	104,583	46,326	58,257
Deferred Revenues	599,183	386,595	212,589
Provisions for risk	-	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	1,252,989	709,801	543,188
COVID-19 Bridge Loan	218,823	268,389	(49,566)
Total Non-current Liabilities	218,823	268,389	(49,566)
Development Funds	100,737	114,725	(13,988)
IOC Contribution Fund	166,412	810,000	(643,588)
IOC Road to Paris 2024 Funds	263,000	-	263,000
IOC Road to Paris 2024 Funds <i>Designated to HQ purchase</i>	712,000	-	712,000
Total Designated Funds	1,242,149	924,725	317,424
Operating Funds, including current year result	1,390,091	1,373,528	16,563
Total Operating Fund	1,390,091	1,373,528	16,563
Current Year Earnings	6,905	19,516	(12,612)
Retained Earnings	19,990	-	19,990
Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	3,502	126	3,376
Member Funds	388,033	388,033	-
Total Equity	418,430	407,675	10,755
Total Liabilities & Equity	4,522,482	3,684,119	838,363

Profit and Loss

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Account	2022 EUR	2021 EUR	Variance EUR
Continental Councils Revenues	-	5,496	(5,496)
Total Continental Councils	-	5,496	(5,496)
IOC Annual Funds	102,617	66,693	35,924
IOC Funds / Covid-19 Contribution*	657,576	98,000	559,576
Total IOC Funds	760,193	164,693	595,500
Membership fees	212,079	248,842	(36,762)
Total Institutional	212,079	248,842	(36,762)
Broadcasting Rights	1,035,206	632,007	403,199
Sponsorship	760,696	810,960	(50,264)
Total Marketing	1,795,902	1,442,967	352,935
Funds for the Olympic Preparation	356,333	143,070	213,263
Total Olympic Preparation	356,333	143,070	213,263
Appeals	2,386	5,180	(2,794)
Athlete Licences	86,415	82,145	4,270
Calendar Fees	500,817	354,015	146,802
Continental Councils Officials Courses revenues	200	3,820	(3,621)
Official Sport Equipment	171,915	145,771	26,144
Registration Fees	231,826	161,465	70,361
Total Sport & Events	993,558	752,396	241,162
Interest Income	3,181	-	3,181
Other Income	270,916	132,646	138,271
Total Other Revenues	274,098	132,646	141,452
Total Operating Revenues	4,392,164	2,890,110	1,502,053
Bank costs	5,741	9,917	(4,176)
Insurance	39,487	19,060	20,427
Legal	51,218	24,301	26,917
Office expenses and administration	132,523	99,922	32,600
Salaries & Social Contributions	955,223	819,961	135,262
Travel Expenses & Hospitality	155,796	103,716	52,080
Total Administration	1,339,989	1,076,878	263,111
Anti-Doping	96,074	56,010	40,064
Total Anti-Doping	96,074	56,010	40,064

PROFIT AND LOSS

International Federation of Sport Climbing

	Account	2022 EUR	2021 EUR	Variance EUR
	Content Production	59,685	45,390	14,296
	Corporate Communication	121,379	65,973	55,406
	Website	36,396	34,956	1,440
	Total Communications	217,460	146,319	71,141
	Continental Councils Costs	-	4,442	(4,442)
	Total Continental Councils	-	4,442	(4,442)
	Development Programmes	78,525	82,321	(3,796)
	Total Development	78,525	82,321	(3,796)
	Board Expenses / Indemnity & Per Diem	116,450	81,646	34,805
	Board Expenses / Travel Expenses	149,828	59,165	90,663
	Commissions	14,739	14,201	537
	General Assembly & Institutional Meetings	167,565	23,536	144,029
	Governance	53,904	-	53,904
	International Associations Membership	6,359	4,727	1,633
	Total Institutional	508,845	183,274	325,571
	Promotion	359,320	210,890	148,430
	TV Production	768,074	402,512	365,562
	Total Marketing	1,127,395	613,403	513,992
	Olympic & Multi-Sport Games Services	178,958	124,008	54,950
	Olympic Preparation Consulting	-	94,075	(94,075)
	Olympic Preparation Visits	201	-	201
	Total Olympic & Multi-Sport Games Preparation	179,159	218,082	(38,924)
	Continental Councils Officials Courses costs	571	3,083	(2,513)
	Event preparation meetings	201,669	-	201,669
	Official Sport Equipment expenses	4,064	1,110	2,954
	Officials	416,043	284,268	131,775
	Paraclimbing activities	24,498	20,806	3,692
	Sport Data Management	63,584	49,983	13,601
	Sport & Events Consulting	63,679	-	63,679
	Sustainability	10,000	10,050	(50)
	Trophies	8,579	8,036	543
	Total Sport	792,688	377,336	415,352
	Total Operating Costs	4,340,135	2,758,066	1,582,069
	Gross Operating Profit	52,029	132,045	(80,016)

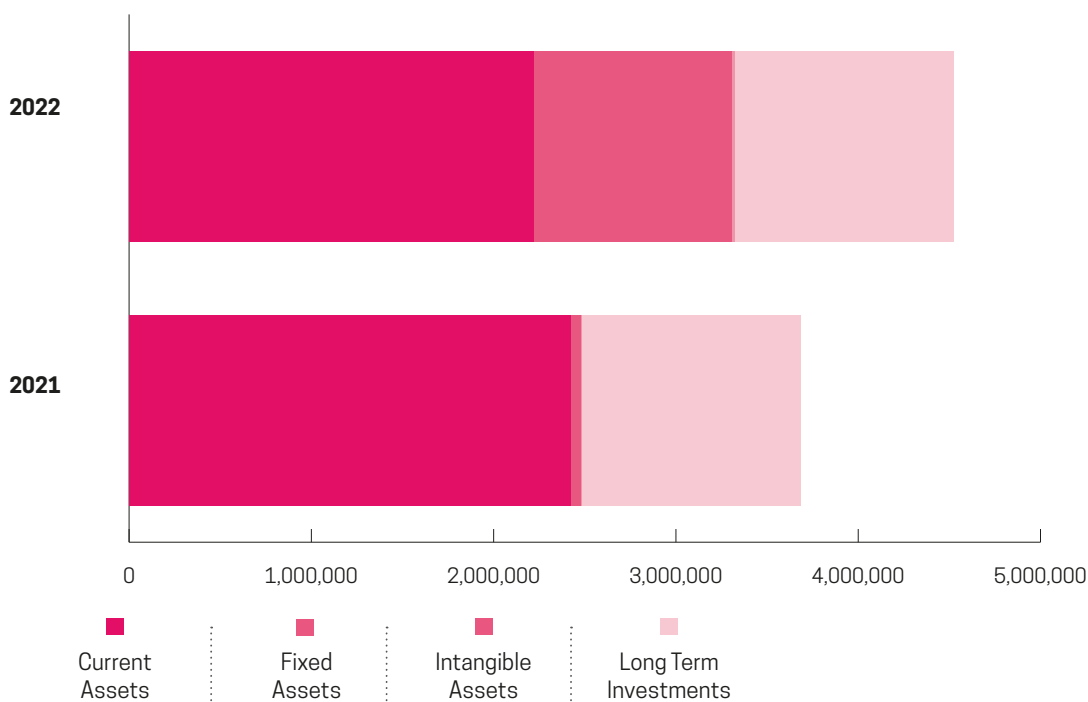
PROFIT AND LOSS

International Federation of Sport Climbing

Account	2022 EUR	2021 EUR	Variance EUR
Annual depreciation expense	(19,906)	(18,041)	(1,866)
Total Depreciation	(19,906)	(18,041)	(1,866)
Foreign Currency Gains and Losses	3,327	24,726	(21,399)
Total Foreign Currency Gains (Losses)	3,327	24,726	(21,399)
Credit Losses	(7,832)	(102,358)	94,525
Release of Provisions for Bad Debts	22,117	42,000	(19,883)
Release of Provisions for Risks	-	50,000	(50,000)
Use of Designated Funds for Credit Losses	-	56,000	(56,000)
Total Other Operating Revenues and Costs	14,285	45,643	(31,358)
Allocation to Operating Fund / Provisions	(55,936)	(164,883)	108,947
Use of Operating Funds / Provisions	13,106	-	13,106
Total Allocation / Use Operating Fund & Provisions	(42,830)	(164,883)	122,053
Net Profit	6,905	19,490	(12,585)

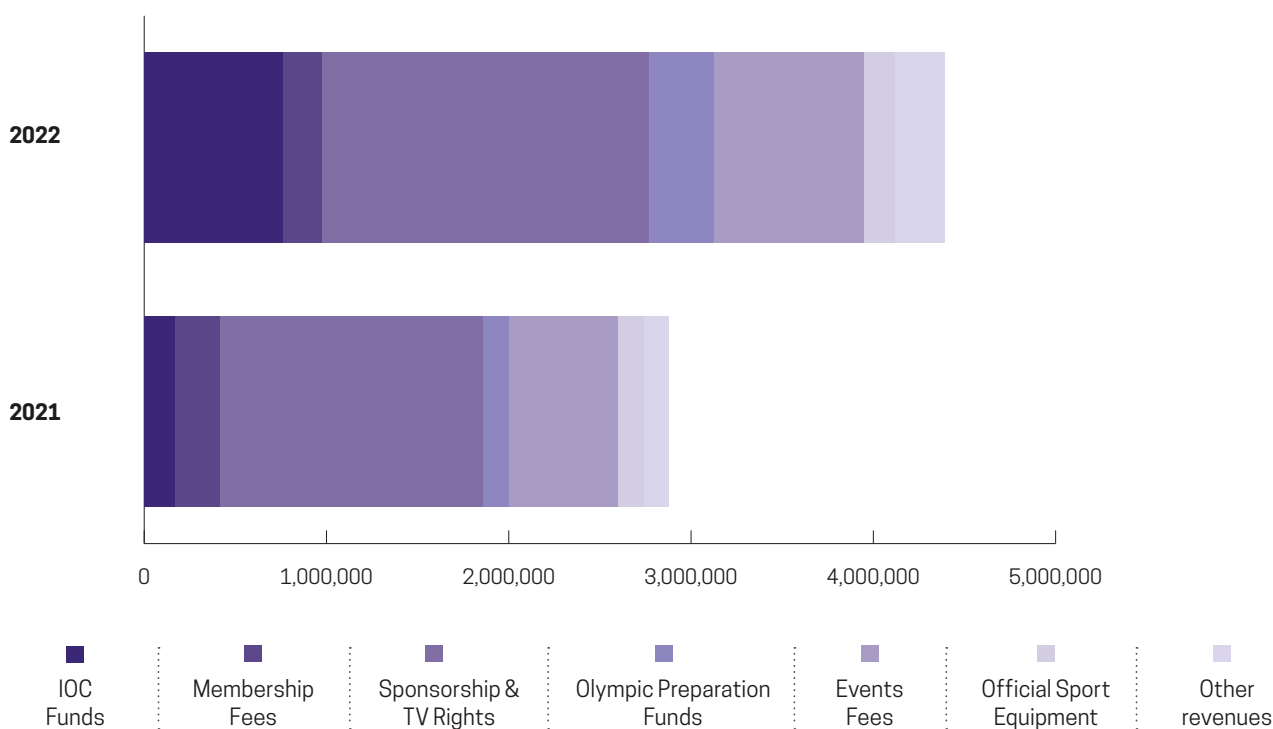
2021-22 ASSETS COMPARISON

Composition of the Assets as reported in the Balance Sheet



2021-22 OPERATING REVENUES COMPARISON

Composition of the main sources of operating revenues as reported in the Profit & Loss







DEVELOPMENT





IFSC and World Academy of Sport announce new partnership

In November, the IFSC formed a partnership with the World Academy of Sport (WAoS) for the provision of education and training services.

As part of the partnership, WAoS will assist the IFSC in structuring its education and training resources for climbing stakeholders, initially commencing in the area of coaching. Resources will expand in the future for other key members of the IFSC, including athletes, officials, and administrators. In order to develop these resources, the Censeo Platform will be used for the distribution of content and certification of stakeholders of the sport.

WAoS is a long-term partner of many International Federations and other major organisations across the international sport sector.

IFSC President Marco Sclaris, said: **"We have cultivated projects to further develop the resources we offer to our members for years to provide long-term**

opportunities for those looking to get into and make progress in our sport. Reflecting on what we have learned throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has allowed us to identify what is important in our approach to development, education, and training. We look forward to working with WAoS, whose experience in this area is invaluable."

Chris Solly, CEO of WAoS, added:

"It is very exciting to announce the IFSC as a new international sport partner for WAoS. For sports relatively new to the Olympic Programme such as the IFSC, it is essential that they develop the tools that provide opportunities in the long-term for their sports. We are thrilled to be working with them and ultimately helping them to achieve their vision for Sport Climbing."



IFSC launches Athletes' Career Transition Programme

In October 2022, the IFSC unveiled its Athletes' Career Transition Programme, comprising a series of interactive, virtual courses hosted by Gabriela Mueller – a professional speaker and trainer, executive communication coach, and author.



Both active and retired athletes were, and still are, allowed to participate in the courses, which are free of charge.

The course helps participants gain valuable skills and experience in different areas, including:

- Self-awareness – your strengths and areas you may need to work on;
- Transferable skills from sports into various other fields;
- Identifying personal preferences;
- Developing solid relationships and the power of networking;
- Identifying latest trends for job searching;
- Entrepreneurship and double professional paths – job-business owner;
- Role models; and
- Developing a “game plan” and goal setting for success.

“We are immensely proud to have launched the Programme,” said IFSC Research & Development Director Silvia Verdolini. **“This is only one of many development projects we have been working on in the last few months, since the creation of the IFSC Research & Development Department.”**

The Athletes' Career Transition Programme, once again, puts our athletes at the top of our priority list. And it is fantastic to see how they have responded to the invitation, fully booking the first two boot camps in just a couple of hours.”

The first session took place on 24 October and the list of participants included Tokyo 2020 Olympians Petra Klingler of Switzerland and Alannah Yip of Canada, IFSC World Cup medallist Erik Noya Cardona of Spain, and IFSC Paraclimbing World Cup medallist Tim Schaffrinna of Germany.

QUOTES FROM THE PARTICIPANTS:



“It was a wonderful experience. It helped me a lot as an athlete because I was able to recognise my strengths, and how they can help me in my post-athlete professional life.”

Carlos Granja, Ecuador



“This seminar was a great way to gather people from different backgrounds and at different stages of their career, some were just starting theirs and proactive with their future, some were retired and searching for guidance.”

Charlotte Durif, France



“It has been fantastic to take part in this online course. Lots of valuable information and tools. Gabriela has an amazing way to explain things in a way that you can understand everything. I highly recommend attending this workshop.”

Nicholas Perreth, Germany



“It was a wonderful opportunity to look into the future potential, and discover tips on a smooth transition from a competition climber to further life. It was nice to see climbers from all over the world come together to learn more and develop in their lives.”

Ievgeniia Kazbekova, Ukraine

IFSC Routesetters' Diversity Programme

Launched in 2021, the goal of the IFSC Routesetters' Diversity Programme is to proactively increase diversity and gender equality among our team of international routesetters.

The programme offers opportunities such as international competition experience to up-and-coming routesetters around the world, in particular those from countries and genders not currently represented within our team.

Every year the IFSC will offer at least two internship opportunities at IFSC events to routesetters from under-represented groups to broaden their development and give them greater experience. The routesetters that are part of the Diversity Programme will job-shadow the IFSC routesetting team during the event for an on-the-job learning opportunity. It will also allow them to show the team their

strengths and receive direct feedback on what to improve.

The selection of candidates for the Diversity Programme is made by the IFSC Routesetters' Commission. Internships on the programme will be offered to candidates who do not yet have enough competition experience to qualify for a Junior Routesetter position, but who show strong potential.

At the end of the year, routesetters on the Diversity Programme will be reviewed and their position evaluated together with all the annual reviews. The leading candidates will be encouraged to apply for a position as an IFSC Junior Routesetter.



2nd
year of the programme



THE CLASS OF 2022

For the 2022 season, the IFSC allocated six spots for the Programme. The Routesetters' Commission decided to appoint two men and four women, whose names have been put forward by their National Federation as candidates.



Alise **ZVIGULE**



Stephanie **SEXTON**



Haron **HILMAN**



Emma **HORAN**



Pedro **CORRAL**



Anna **BORELLA**



WOMEN LEAD SPORT

Through the Gender Equality Programme of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations, the IFSC was given the opportunity to submit two women from Member Federations for the Women Lead Sports program, offering a comprehensive package of leadership and communications tools to a wider group of women.

This programme complements the leadership, diversity and National Federations' support goals of the IFSC, and a total of 21 women were accepted from 19 countries and took the programme with coach Gabriela Mueller in November 2021.

2022 GRADUATES:

- Charlotte DURIF (FRA)
- Claudia KREUSCHER (AUT)

WOMEN IN SPORT HIGH PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

The Women in Sport High Performance Pathway (WISH) is supported by Olympic Solidarity and was developed to target women and sport development, according to Recommendation 6 from the IOC Gender Equality Review Project, published in March 2018.

This recommendation encourages "Balanced gender representation for coaches selected to participate at the Olympic Games".

Closing the gender gap in coaches at the Olympic Games has been reiterated as a priority for the IOC in the new Gender Equality and Inclusion Objectives for 2021-2024. Considering that women represent 10 percent of coaches at the Olympic Games, objective 15 is for **"the IOC to coordinate the development of an action plan in collaboration with International Federations (IF) & National Olympic Committees (NOC), for more women to be eligible and selected to participate at World Championships and the Olympic Games."**

CLIMBING COACHES JOIN THIRD COHORT OF WISH PROGRAMME

The third cohort of coaches from across the globe have joined WISH. For Climbing, Beatrix Chong of Singapore, Stella Kerasidou of Greece, and Meghan McDonald of the USA, were all selected to take part in the programme, created by the IOC and Olympic Solidarity.

Further supported by the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations and the IFSC, applications were open to female coaches who expressed the potential and ambition to succeed in roles at elite coaching levels within their sports.



A total of

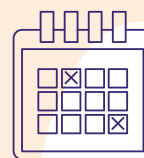
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women including athletes, coaches, officials, and staff members have graduated

COHORT #2

Participants:

Ajda REMŠKAR (SLO)



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August 2022:
Online launch of the programme;

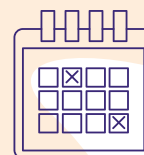
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October 2022:
Residency in London

COHORT #3

Participants:

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November 2022:
Online launch of the programme

Other development projects

A number of other development projects exist for key stakeholders in Sport Climbing, including athletes, coaches, officials and staff members.

Olympic Solidarity aims to provide assistance to National Olympic Committees (NOCs), particularly those with the greatest needs, so that they can develop their own structures to foster the expansion of sport in their country. The IFSC Olympic Solidarity Helpdesk has the goal to provide IFSC Members information about funding opportunities through Olympic Solidarity and create a system to support its members in establishing prolific relationships with their NOCs and promote Sport Climbing within their country.

As part of the IOC, the Olympic Solidarity Commission develops its activities on a quadrennial-plan basis. The development and assistance budget approved by the Olympic Solidarity Commission for the 2021-2024 plan

amounts to USD 590,000,000, corresponding to the share of the broadcast rights from the Olympic Games (Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022) which belongs to the NOCs. Olympic Solidarity redistributes these funds through programmes offered to all NOCs recognised by the IOC.

In 2022 the IFSC has unlocked a total of USD 225,000 funds for the benefit and use of Member Federations with approximately 800 people globally who benefited from such projects directly.

SOUTH AMERICA DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The IFSC Research & Development Department supported by Olympic Solidarity has put together a development plan for Climbing in South America. This Special

Olympic Solidarity projects					
Special Programmes	Country	Continent	Start date	End date	Trainer
South America Routesetters' Clinic - Ibarra (ECU)	ARG	Pan America	07 Dec 22	10 Dec 22	Matthias Woitzuck, Mauro Schwaszta
	BRA				
	CHI				
	ECU				
	PUR				
	VEN				

Support to Member Federations	Country	Continent	Start date	End date
Development of National Sports System	ISR	Europe	01 Jan 2022	31 Dec 2023
Development of National Sports System	GRE	Europe	24 Jul 2022	01 Jul 2024
Development of National Sports System	AUT	Europe	07 Sep 2022	30 Sep 2023

Courses	Country	Continent	Start date	End date	Trainer
Technical Courses for Coaches	GRE	Europe	23 Mar 2022	15 May 2022	Udo Neumann
Technical Courses for Coaches	GRE	Europe	29 Apr 2022	04 May 2022	Kalin Garbov
Technical Courses for Coaches	MKD	Europe	09 Jun 2022	12 June 2022	Miha Hribar
Technical Courses for Coaches	GRE	Europe	22 Sep 2022	27 Sep 2022	Udo Neumann
Technical Courses for Coaches	MRI	Africa	22 Oct 2022	06 Nov 2022	KP Pule
Technical Courses for Coaches	ALG	Africa	12 Dec 2022	16 Dec 2022	Maxime Amrhein



Programme is aimed at supporting Member Federations in the region by addressing specific issues, and at creating a network of South American experts that can mutually support each other.

The development plan started in December 2022 with the organisation of a Routesetters' Clinic in Ibarra, Ecuador. A total of 12 participants, including five women, from six different countries – Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela – participated in the IFSC Routesetters' Clinic, which was coordinated by IFSC Consultant Toni Roy, and conducted by IFSC Chief Routesetter and Trainer Matthias Woitzuck, and IFSC Trainer Assistant Mauro Schwaszta. The clinic had the goal of providing national routesetters with the knowledge and skills to better support their national teams in preparation of competitions, and improve their level of competition setting. It kicked off with an online meeting, taking place one week before the start of the in-person event, with both theory and practice sessions scheduled on each of the four days.

Courses for athletes' and coaches' trainings, and judges' courses will be organised in 2023 as part of the same programme.

SUPPORT TO MEMBER FEDERATIONS

The Olympic Solidarity Development of National Sport System (DNSS) programme provides funding to NOCs to enable their National Federations (NFs) to employ experts selected by the IFSC to help NFs

set up or reinforce the whole national structure of coaching and/or routesetting education. At the same time, it allows individuals at national level to acquire sufficient knowledge to pursue such development on a long-term basis.

In 2022 three long-term programmes in Austria, Greece, and Israel were selected and approved by the IFSC.

The DNSS in Greece and in Israel are somewhat similar and aimed at developing a coaching and routesetting structure within the federation, as well as supporting the federation in its sport management role. Slightly different is the DNSS in Austria which is aimed at conducting a scientific work to guarantee a competitive advantage in elite climbing and to support coaches in their work of talent scouting and supporting young athletes long-term athletic development based on an age-appropriate approach.

TECHNICAL COURSES FOR COACHES AND ROUTESETTERS

Conducted by experts appointed by the IFSC at national or regional level, this Olympic Solidarity programme gives coaches and routesetters who are active in their country and officially recognised by their NF the opportunity to undergo training at a variety of levels. In 2022 the IFSC has developed standardised courses and clinics for both coaches and routesetters that have been piloted in various settings and with varying local conditions.



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MEDIA, MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS





IFSC, Warner Bros. Discovery kick off three-year broadcast deal

Sport Climbing reached millions of people across Europe after the IFSC and Warner Bros. Discovery (WBD) announced a new three-year partnership to broadcast all IFSC World Cup and World Championship events on Discovery+, Eurosport App and Eurosport's linear channels.

In the lead up to the Olympic Games Paris 2024, WBD utilised its year-round approach to storytelling to boost the popularity of Sport Climbing. In addition to introducing Sport Climbing to new audiences across the continent, WBD raised the profiles of the athletes by telling their stories and making them the faces of the sport.

The appeal of Climbing to broader audiences beyond sport also made our sport a natural fit for their streaming platform Discovery+, whose wide-ranging programming appeals to viewers of lifestyle and entertainment content.

"More than anything, our agreement with Discovery will raise the profile of our sport and our athletes, which should result in greater sponsorship opportunities for all climbers around the world," said President Scholaris. **"We are confident that partnering with Discovery will help solidify our position as one of the fastest-growing Olympic sports and, thanks to the greater exposure, will lead more and more people to become interested in not only watching Climbing, but also trying it out."**

Trojan Paillot, VP Sports Rights Acquisition and Syndication at WBD, said: **"Sport Climbing proved incredibly popular with audiences watching across our platforms during the Olympic Games in Tokyo, proving attractive to new and different audiences than some of those who already enjoy watching the sport and demonstrating its potential for engagement and growth."**

"We are delighted to be able to highlight the best of the sport for the next three years on Discovery+ and Eurosport's channels and platforms. WBD has built an enviable reputation for helping to grow sports and events and taking them to wider audiences and we look forward to taking this sport to more people across Europe in the lead-up to Paris 2024."

Throughout the entire 2022 season, the IFSC continued to deliver its delayed, free-of-charge streaming of events via the Olympic Channel, shown 24 hours after the end of each live round within each event.

Discovery+ is available in Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, and Great Britain.

Availability of Discovery+ across Europe



Other broadcasting deals

Alongside its brand-new deal with Warner Bros. Discovery (WBD), the IFSC continued the worldwide promotion of Sport Climbing events, bringing the IFSC World Cup Series 2022 to an unprecedented level of exposure.

WBD also made it possible for national broadcasters to acquire the local rights to broadcast IFSC events taking place in their own country – an opportunity that was taken by SRG in Switzerland, ORF in Austria, and RTV in Slovenia.

Furthermore, at the end of each day featuring a semi-final or final round, the IFSC produced a three- to five-minute news edit that was then made available to broadcasters directly, and to three major news agencies: Eurovision, SNTV, and Thomson Reuters.



WORLDWIDE



EUROPE



ASIA



NORTH AMERICA



SOUTH AMERICA



IFSC SIGNS NEW BROADCAST DEAL IN INDONESIA

The IFSC announced a one-year broadcasting deal with Indonesia's public free-to-air broadcaster TVRI to show live coverage of IFSC World Cup events, which came into immediate effect last June.

The deal followed the successful Boulder and Speed World Cup events in Salt Lake City, USA, and saw TVRI begin its involvement with Sport Climbing with the Boulder World Cup in Brixen, Italy.

The globally recognised TVRI was the rights holder in Indonesia for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. The company plans to leverage the new deal to further promote the sport of Climbing in Indonesia while underlining its ability to broadcast top-class sports events as it aims to secure the rights for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

The coverage of the Brixen event was shown on TVRI Sport HD channel and included the live broadcasts of the men's and women's finals. Securing the agreement is another sign of the global interest in Sport Climbing and builds on the multi-year deal for Europe concluded with Discovery Sports earlier in the year.

IFSC extends partnerships with EP and Perfect Descent until 2024

In the first quarter of 2022, the IFSC announced that it had extended its collaboration with partners Entre-Prises (EP) and Perfect Descent until 2024, making them the two longest active deals among IFSC Main Partners.

EP Climbing, which produces tailor-made climbing walls, is one of the longest-serving partners of the IFSC, having first joined forces in 2010. One of the most significant milestones in the partnership saw EP becoming the Official Wall Supplier of Sport Climbing's debut at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. With the extension of the partnership, the company has also been designated by the IFSC as Official Wall Supplier for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

Commenting on the extension with EP, IFSC President Marco Sclaris said: **"We are delighted to continue our excellent relationship with Entre-Prises. The company plays a leading role in our sport and continues to push Sport Climbing forward with its innovative and industry-leading products. We are confident that this partnership will continue to bring great benefits to our global Climbing family on the road to and including Paris 2024."**

EP Managing Director Benoit Beylier added: **"EP is very pleased to extend its partnership with IFSC for three more years. Obviously, the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 was the highlight of our 10 years of cooperation, and we are excited to be side by side with the IFSC all the way to Paris 2024. Climbing competition has stepped up in the past few years to become a recognised worldwide sport, and EP is proud to be part of this evolution. We will continue to propose new products and solutions to enhance training and improve athletes' performance."**

The Perfect Descent brand, owned by parent company C-3 Manufacturing and headquartered in Littleton, Colorado, USA, will retain the exclusive rights to use the designations IFSC Exclusive Auto Belay Partner and IFSC Auto Belay Sole Supplier, and will be the only auto belay supplier at IFSC World Cups, World Championships, Youth World Championships, and Continental Championships for the next two seasons: 2023 and 2024.

IFSC President Marco Sclaris commented: **"We are delighted to extend our partnership with Perfect Descent. Perfect Descent has supported the IFSC in the development of Climbing around the world and has been an essential support in our first Olympic journey. Their knowledge, and their roots in the United States are an extremely important asset for the development and promotion of our sport and our values in this territory, and beyond."**

Perfect Descent President Ron Naranjo said: **"Perfect Descent looks forward to continuing its relationship with the IFSC and furthering our support of Climbing sports globally. Since their debut on the World Cup circuit in 2016, Perfect Descent auto belays have been critical to the growth of competitive Speed Climbing, contributing significantly to standardisation within the sport and improving safety and fairness on the speed wall. We look forward to accompanying the athletes and dedicated IFSC team on their journey to Paris 2024."**

Above
Marco Sclaris,
Benoit Beylier.
Below
Marco Sclaris,
Andrew Miller.

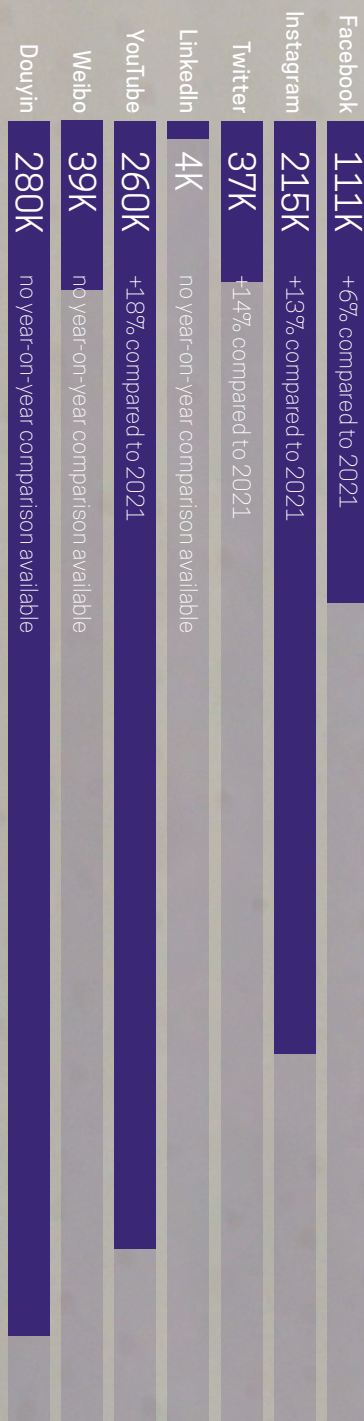


Digital channels

SOCIAL MEDIA

Road to 1 million fans

The overall digital audience of the IFSC across its seven platforms grew to 946K, making the 1 million mark a solid goal for 2023.



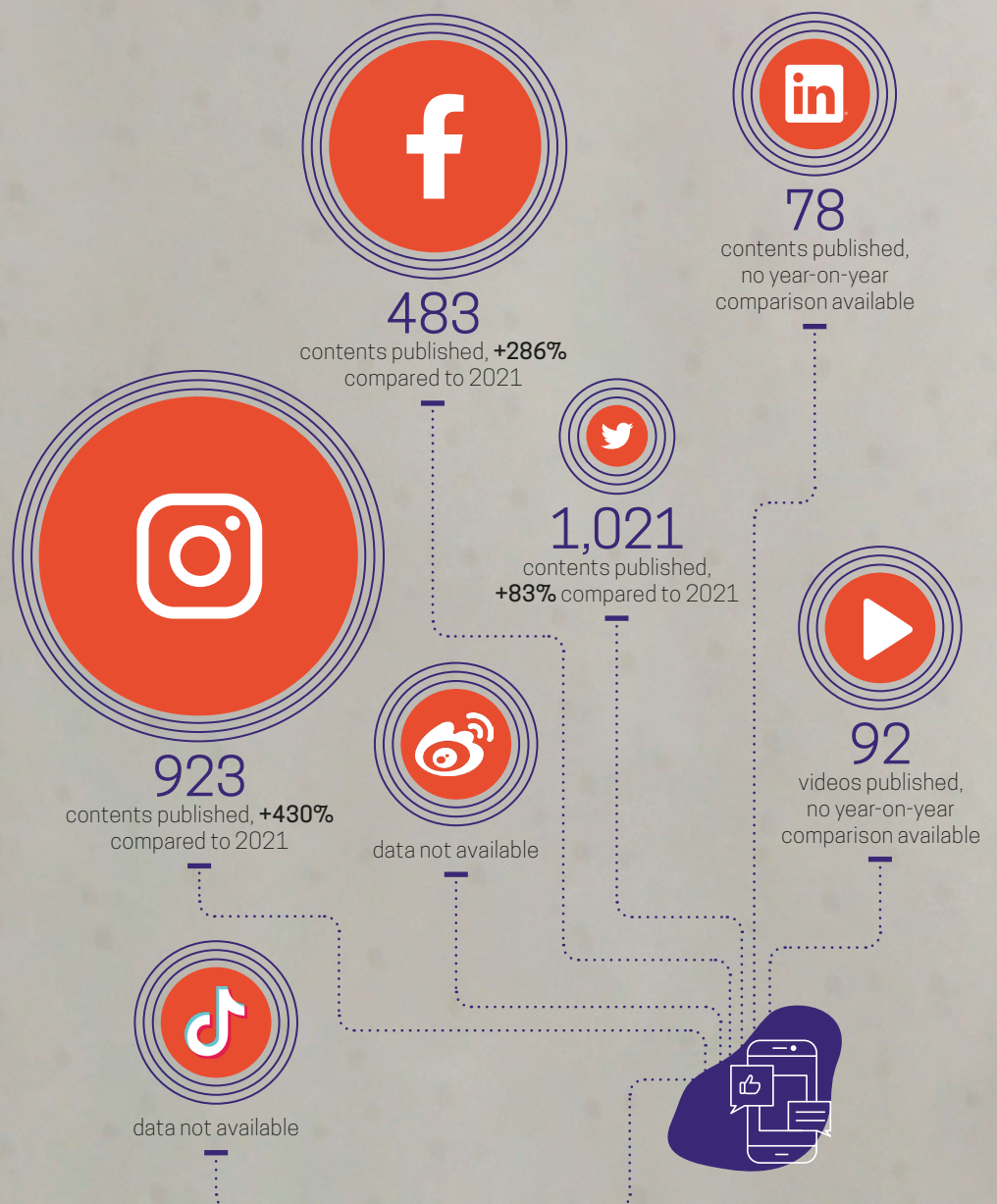
ALEKSANDRA KALUCKA'S FIRST-EVER SUB-7 GOES VIRAL!

Competing at the FISU Sport Climbing World Championships in Innsbruck, Austria, Polish Speed specialist Aleksandra Kalucka broke the 7-second barrier for the first time in her career. In the following weeks, the video of her ascent also broke some records, going viral and accumulating remarkable statistics: 60M views, 725K reactions, 6.3K comments, and 10K shared posts.



Content production on the rise

In 2022, the IFSC hugely increased its overall amount of digital content that has been distributed across its channels: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.



YOUTUBE

Worldwide growth

Despite an increased number of countries and territories that, as a natural consequence of the new broadcasting deals signed by the IFSC, have been geoblocked from the YouTube live streams, the IFSC channel saw an increase in all its key performance indicators.

Viewership continues to rise



12M
Views



208M
Impressions



4.6M
Watched hours



40.8K
Earned subscribers

Pictured
Luka
Potocar
(SLO).

Several countries in North America, Asia, and Oceania have had a huge increase in terms of total views in 2022.

+78%
Canada:
841.9K

+82%
USA:
4.0M

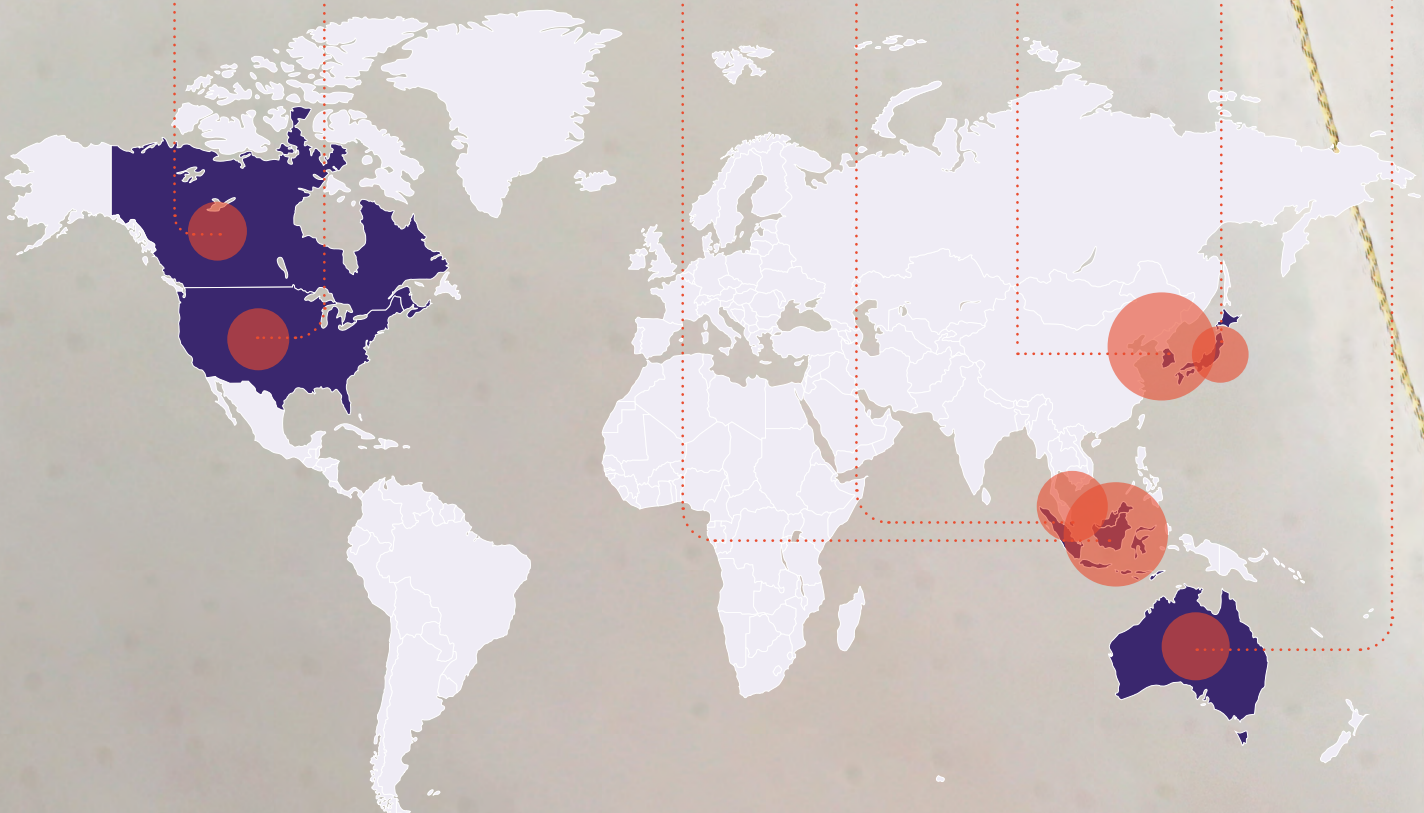
+138%
Indonesia:
439.6K

+94%
Singapore:
312.5K

+143%
South Korea:
367.3K

+75%
Japan:
708.7K

+90%
Australia:
556.0K



Website



NEW MEDIA ACCREDITATION SYSTEM LAUNCHED AHEAD OF 2022 SEASON

The IFSC presented and launched a new and improved Media Accreditation system ahead of the 2022 season.

The system, managed through the Federation's result service, Vertical-Life, is more responsive and easier to use, now requiring members of the media to register only once per season rather than for each event.

The platform also provides access to an archive of IFSC results and athletes' statistics, with the possibility to compare the results of two or more athletes.

When logged into the platform, media will also have access to a set of additional statistics

developed by the IFSC Sport Department in recent years, including Boulder top rate – the percentage of Boulder problems solved by one athlete across all events – and many others.

"The media have always been one of our main stakeholders and to help make their jobs easier, we decided to streamline the accreditation procedure ahead of the start of the 2022 season while also giving them easy access to the kind of stats they require to tell the stories of our athletes and sport," said IFSC Head of Communications Marco Vettoretti. **"Thankfully, we had an already tried and tested partner in Vertical-Life, who once again did an excellent job developing and delivering the new platform."**



360

media representatives registered on the IFSC media accreditation platform in 2022



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