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President's message

Dear IFSC community,

2023 will be recorded as one of the most difficult years in the recent history of the world, with inevitable repercussions in all activities of sports organisations. Many might have had a different perception, which is normal, as we celebrated a number of successes.

In August, we held our 18th World Championships in Bern, Switzerland, over 12 days. The event offered unforgettable moments of sport, combining incredible performances and the excitement of a huge crowd. On top of that the first slots for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 were assigned.

Sport Climbing was part of the programme of the Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile, for the first time. We were invited to the European Games in Krakow, Poland, again for the first time. We participated in the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, for the second time.

The season was long and fascinating as usual, with the World Cup, the Youth World Championships in Seoul, South Korea, and other youth events. Different arenas around the world welcomed our climbers with disabilities and those without disabilities.

The end of 2023 saw the unfolding of continental qualification for Paris 2024. From Melbourne to Santiago, from Laval to Jakarta, from Rome to Pretoria, all climbers had their chance.

We succeeded in guaranteeing that all the athletes, our athletes, no matter where they were coming from, could compete and give the best of themselves in the best and most equitable conditions – nothing less than they deserve.

We pushed the organisation to the limit for this, after a year full of challenges. The amazing IFSC team deserves all our thanks and all the credit for their commitment and passion.

Special recognition goes to my friends and colleagues on the Executive Board. Their advice, collaboration and support never failed all year long, and together we assisted the IFSC team in every circumstance.

Looking back on what we have done during this season, beside positive results I can recall some difficulties we encountered in some decision-making. It is right to consign to the history of our organisation the good memories of the positive things, the successes of our athletes and organisers, but also the thought that we can and must do even more, all together, to maintain the Olympic level that our sport deserves and requires. We had an acceleration that has few similarities in history, and we need



“Inclusion is not just a word in sport, it is the everyday reality of the IFSC.”

to keep the pace. Even though we can say we made it as a sport in 2023, the world is still bleeding, even more than in 2022.

What is the position of Sport Climbing, and of sport in general, in front of these tragedies? And what can we do if not to find a remedy, to show another way to live together?

Let's not forget, sport is about bringing people together, for peaceful competition, respecting and enriching each other in our diversity. Inclusion is not just a word in sport, it is the everyday reality of the IFSC.

To define and to protect the role of sport in society is the biggest challenge ahead of us in the coming months and years. It is no coincidence that our Mission as an organisation is “to make the world a better place through Sport Climbing”. These are not merely hollow words. They are our polestar. What guides us as athletes, administrators and fellow human beings every day in everything we do.

As we approach our second Olympic appearance at Paris 2024 and look ahead to our third Games in Los Angeles in 2028, let us never lose sight of this Mission. Together we can make a difference.

World up. Keep climbing.

Marco Maria Sclaris
IFSC President

Secretary General's message

Dear Sport Climbing family,

For the IFSC, 2023 was a year full of notable milestones and accomplishments that, thinking back to when we started in 2007, could hardly have seemed conceivable at the time.

Back then, our vision was to see Sport Climbing at the Olympic Games by the year 2028. We of course managed to accomplish this goal two Olympiads earlier at Tokyo 2020. Since then, we have progressed from being the new kid on the Olympic block to being a full-fledged member of the Olympic Family: in May 2023 we were officially granted full membership in the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), the umbrella body for the Summer Olympic International Federations.

This recognition is a true honour and privilege. And it is testament to the hard work, passion and professionalism of our entire climbing community, without which we as a Federation and sport could never have reached such heights.

With our place as an equal among other Olympic sports now secure, our goal is to work with our peers on a new system of financing for full ASOIF members, which is especially important for Sport Climbing as we transition from being an additional sport at Paris 2024 to a full programme sport at Los Angeles 2028.

For our part, we made great strides in 2023 in many important areas, including good governance, diversity and inclusion.

In October 2023, the IFSC General Assembly approved by an overwhelming majority new Statutes that greatly strengthen our mission while also fortifying our democratic processes. We thank each Member Federation for their input, as well as our Governance Commission, Executive Board and IFSC staff for their excellent contributions.

Diversity and inclusion are topics the IFSC continues to take very seriously, and in 2023 we initiated several measures aimed at improving our Federation in these areas.

The year was arguably the most important in the history of Paraclimbing, as it featured the first Paraclimbing World Cup season in Salt Lake City, USA; Innsbruck, Austria; and Villars, Switzerland. The IFSC Paraclimbing World Championships, meanwhile, were held alongside the IFSC World Championships in Bern for the first time. As President Sclaris said, "All climbing values were showcased in Bern: inclusion, resilience, sustainability, respect."



"We have progressed from being the new kids on the Olympic block to being a full-fledged member of the Olympic family."

The icing on the cake, we hope, will be Paraclimbing's inclusion on the programme for the Paralympic Games LA28. We were hopeful the decision would be taken in 2023, but more consideration by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and local organisers has been requested. We remain optimistic about our chances and, regardless of what the ultimate decision is, the fact that we have come this far already with our Paraclimbing community is a tremendous accomplishment.

Another initiative we have embraced to enhance diversity is the Women in Sport High Performance Pathway (WISH), a training course created by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Olympic Solidarity to increase the number of female coaches at the Olympic Games.

In 2023, female Sport Climbing coaches from Greece, Iran, Singapore and the United States took part in the programme, which was a fantastic opportunity for them to gain essential knowledge and experience and will help empower them with confidence and leadership going forward into their coaching futures.

We couldn't be happier with the continued progression and maturation of our sport in these and many other areas in 2023. We look forward to making more strides together with you in the months and years ahead.

Debra Gawrych
IFSC Secretary General

IFSC Executive Board's messages



"Since I was given the mandate to deliver our sport at Paris 2024 from the IFSC Executive Board I have spent most of my time working towards this goal. Together with the IFSC staff, we attended more than 20 calls in 2023 and had one in-person visit to our venue in Le Bourget. I feel there is no easy Olympic Games, but as a result of these communications, it really feels that the IFSC team and the Paris team are united as one. I must thank the IFSC staff, Paris 2024 staff and all our colleagues in France for this. With Paris 2024 in mind, I had many opportunities to join events with the Boulder & Lead Olympic format, such as the Asian Qualifier in Jakarta and Oceania Qualifier in Melbourne. From what I saw the format worked very well in the event environment. We have had one less year in this cycle preparing for our second Olympic appearance. Normally we have four years, but only three this time. We had some fine-tuning of the new Olympic format, which unfortunately doesn't exist in our regular calendar of events, so this was a challenge. Of course, our job is not finished yet. Still some challenges exist, but I am quite confident that we will be ready to deliver an even better event than we did at Tokyo 2020, which itself was impressive. Thank you again for all those who have been involved."

IFSC Vice President Kobinata Toru



"2023 was again a year where we came together and looked for the best solutions with all options and opinions, thanks to numerous meetings, calls, workshops and commissions. On the sport side, we shone at the European Games thanks to the Polish Federation. The first tickets for our second Olympic appearance were handed out during a wonderful World Championship on European soil thanks to the SAC. And we had an absolutely great continental selection event in France. Apart from that we're working towards new officials, a specific IFSC Europe YouTube channel was launched, athletes' elections brought in new voices and input, etc. Many good evolutions are happening, which are moving us in a good direction. Through interaction and cooperation we are climbing to the top and all together we show a beautiful route to follow."

IFSC Europe President Tijl Smits



"The Asian Games were a highlight in our region because they brought so many countries together to celebrate sport. It was a special moment, especially with the inclusion of the Team Speed Relay, and hosted in the hugely impressive Shaoxing Keqiao Yangshan Sport Climbing Centre – a purpose-built, climbing-specific venue. There were also the Olympic Qualifiers, again in an equally impressive newly built Climbing venue in Jakarta, Indonesia, as well as multiple World Cups in Asia. Just like everywhere around the world, Climbing in our region is growing more and more, and it really is an exciting time for all."

IFSC Asia President Li Zhixin



"We got to see the first batch of Paris qualifiers for the Games in 2023, which was very exciting. Although over half of the Olympic spots remain, the qualification events were exciting as well as emotional. During the year, athlete health was a major talking point. The Athletes' Commission is committed to the well-being and health of our athletes; we are happy with the new REDs testing, which will be implemented in 2024. Lastly, it was amazing to see the 2023 World Cup competitions having high attendance, with athletes gaining points for the 2024 Olympic Qualifier Series."

IFSC Athletes' Commission Vice President Sean McCall



“This year is where we felt the ‘pain of growth’ as we head into our second Olympic Games and all the challenges connected to it: defining the new Boulder & Lead format, the start of Qualifying events, and still managing the ‘normal’ calendar. We are still on an adventurous journey. We have Paris 2024 in front of us, whilst already working on a strategy for LA28 with some uncertainty on Paralympic development, as well as looking ahead to future Games inclusion on the basis of a good evolution of the Oceania continent and National Federations there. 2023 was also the year of the new IFSC Statutes. Not only the outcome with the new Statutes, but especially the way we worked and the procedures toward them were rewarding in the sense of growing responsibility and managing processes. This is what it is about more and more, managing parallel, sometimes intersecting short-, mid- and long-term processes, integrating and adjusting all necessary stakeholders. This is sometimes not easy, it is the pain of growth which brings us, the IFSC, our sport, the athletes and our NFs on the next level of competence and maturity.”

IFSC Vice President Wolfgang Wabel



“In 2023, we stepped up our support for National Federations. We reduced membership fees and paid for one delegate per federation to attend the General Assembly, and we also focused a large part of our resources to the Olympic qualification pathway. Going forward we will continue to provide assistance wherever possible.”

IFSC Treasurer Pierre You



“The role of the Athletes’ Commission has never been more important in steering the decision-making of our sport. The Commission has been actively involved in several key pieces of work carried out by the IFSC, including the new policy on Relative Energy Deficiency in Sport (REDs), which will be implemented for the 2024 season and is key to protecting the welfare of all athletes in climbing. As we approach Climbing’s second appearance at an Olympic Games with a different format and qualification system, it is more important than ever that the athletes’ voice is heard at the executive level to ensure any changes in our sport are made with the athlete at the centre of those decisions. I would like to thank my fellow members of the Commission for their continued insight, expertise and dedication to improving Climbing, which they have shown throughout the year.”

IFSC Athletes’ Commission President Shauna Coxsey



“We saw the outstanding Oceania Olympic Qualifier in 2023, with four athletes qualifying for Paris 2024. The qualifier demonstrated all the progress that has been made in the Oceania region, and we were very pleased to welcome Guam to compete at their first event. The standard of the athletes, event organisers, routesetting teams and officials continues to take great steps forward. With the support of the IFSC Office we look forward to continuing to make strides and increase the number and quality of our Continental events.”

IFSC Oceania President Naomi Cleary



“Developing Sport Climbing across Africa can be the ‘Change Agent’ for our communities who are needing an alternate sport that challenges and develops confidence for those who may not be attracted to mainstream conventional sports. Participation in Climbing develops a child’s mind and body and also develops eye/hand coordination, muscle strength and flexibility. It teaches them how it feels to be successful on their own. Participation in Climbing gives a child a higher level of self-esteem and confidence and, most importantly, Climbing is fun. It reinforces the importance of dedication, trust and focus where they make bonding friendships and, importantly, physical activity keeps your child healthy.”

IFSC Africa President George Stainton





WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS





More than world titles

The 2023 IFSC World Championships in Bern, Switzerland, delivered flawless organisation, scintillating competition, and bumper crowds. It also resulted in the first 10 climbers booking their spots at the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

Over 42,000 spectators came to cheer on the athletes over the 12 days of competition. Together, they repaid the festival of Sport Climbing on show by providing a constant flow of rapturous and motivating applause from inside the PostFinance Arena.

SPEED

Italy's Matteo Zurloni and Indonesia's Desak Made Rita Kusuma Dewi were the first to claim their Olympic berths courtesy of world titles in men's and women's Speed, respectively. They will be joined in Paris by China's Long Jinbao and USA's Emma Hunt, who secured their places with silver medals in the Swiss capital.

Winning the World Championships and qualifying for Paris 2024 were the crowning achievements of what was an already impressive year for Zurloni, who was competing in his first senior season and posted a new European record of 5.02 in the quarter-final in Bern.

"This is my first World Cup year, and I am really, really happy that I did well in this competition and made it to the Olympics," said Zurloni **"I still can't believe it. I'm really happy with my time as well, a personal best. I've never done a 5.0 in a competition before."**

In the women's Speed, Made Rita Kusuma Dewi claimed her first world title in a finely balanced final against Hunt, who set a new PanAmerican record of 6.67. The Indonesian climber posted a 6.49.

Men's Speed podium:

1. Matteo ZURLONI (ITA) *
2. LONG Jinbao (CHN) *
3. Rahmad ADI MULYONO (INA)

Women's Speed podium:

1. Desak MADE RITA KUSUMA DEWI (INA) *
2. Emma HUNT (USA) *
3. Aleksandra MIROSLAW (POL)

*Qualified for the Olympic Games Paris 2024



**Pictured**

Rahmad ADI MULYONO (INA),
Matteo ZURLONI (ITA)

Left L/R

Emma HUNT (USA),
Desak DEWI (INA)

BOULDER & LEAD

Unlike at Tokyo 2020, where Sport Climbing made its Olympic debut with a Speed, Boulder and Lead combined event, the Speed category will be separate from a Boulder & Lead event at Paris 2024. The B&L format was added to the programme in Bern to begin the Olympic pathway to Paris 2024.

Tokyo 2020 champion Janja Garnbret of Slovenia will have the opportunity to defend her title in Paris, with a dominating Boulder round preceding a solid Lead performance for the gold medal.

"I feel incredible and relieved at the same time," said Garnbret. **"I felt so composed today actually. I was climbing the Lead route flawlessly and I am just incredibly happy right now that I have qualified. My second Olympics: here we go."**

Austria's Jessica Pilz also qualified for her second Olympic Games with a second-place finish, while the bronze medal went to Japan's Mori Ai, who bounced back from a low-scoring Boulder round to top score in the Lead and overtake USA's Brooke Rababoutou.

On the men's side, Austria's Jakob Schubert booked his return to the Olympic Games with a well-deserved Boulder & Lead victory. Schubert will be joined in Paris by returning Olympians Colin Duffy of the USA, who took silver, and Narasaki Tomoa of Japan, who took bronze.

Schubert has always said his better discipline is Lead, so with a strong Boulder round that placed him in second overall, the odds were in his favour heading into the final round. His subsequent dominance in Lead led him to gold in Bern and another shot at Olympic glory.

"Today was a big day. I knew I had to do really well in Boulder to have a chance for that Olympic ticket and the Boulder round couldn't have gone any better for me," said Schubert. **"My dream was to go into the last round with a lead and then keep my nerves under control. I think I did a really good job of doing that."**

Men's Boulder & Lead podium

1. Jakob SCHUBERT (AUT) *
2. Colin DUFFY (USA) *
3. NARASAKI Tomoa (JPN) *

Women's Boulder & Lead podium:

1. Janja GARNBRET (SLO) *
2. Jessica PILZ (AUT) *
3. MORI Ai (JPN) *

*Qualified for the Olympic Games Paris 2024

Pictured

Jessica PILZ (AUT)

Left top

Jakob SCHUBERT (AUT)

Left bottom L/R

Colin DUFFY (USA),
Jakob SCHUBERT (AUT),
NARASAKI Tomoa (JPN),
ISFC President
Marco SCOLARIS





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BOULDER

In Boulder, golden girl Garnbret picked up where she left off at the last World Championships, earning yet another gold medal, her seventh world title across all disciplines, which is the most in IFSC history in either gender.

“It’s hard to put into words right now what I feel,” said Garnbret. “I will probably never get used to stepping on to the podium and celebrating first place because it’s just so incredibly hard to keep the level up. The girls are so strong and coming after me. Every win means the world to me, it’s always like the first one.”

The 2022 bronze medallist, Oriane Bertone of France, went one better in Bern with a second-place finish, while American Raboutou claimed bronze.

There was a French connection at the top of the men’s podium, with Mickael Mawem securing gold ahead of compatriot Mejdi Schalck. Rounding out the podium was Lee Dohyun of South Korea.



Mawem became the first Frenchman to win a Boulder World Championship gold when he posted three tops and four zones, one top better than teammate Schalck, who posted a personal best at a World Championships with two tops and four zones.

“It’s a crazy moment. I’ve waited 10 years for this,” said Mawem. “It was my goal to be the best in the world one time in my life. I’ve had a lot of failures; I’ve come back year after year. We have all these strong young guys now. I can’t believe it.”

Men’s Boulder podium

1. Mickael MAWEM (FRA)
2. Mejdi SCHALCK (FRA)
3. LEE Dohyun (KOR)

Women’s Boulder podium:

1. Janja GARNBRET (SLO)
2. Oriane BERTONE (FRA)
3. Brooke RABOUTOU (USA)



Janja Garnbret of Slovenia earned yet another gold medal, her

7th

world title across all disciplines, which is the most in IFSC history in either gender

Pictured

Janja GARNBRET (SLO)

Left top

French team celebrate win for Mickael MAWEM (FRA)

Left bottom L/R

Oriane BERTONE (FRA),
Janja GARNBRET (SLO),
Brooke RABOUTOU (USA)





LEAD

In Lead, both the men's and women's gold medallists claimed a record to go with their world titles.

Mori Ai became the first Japanese climber to win a Lead World Championships title – male or female – while Austria's Schubert defended his Lead world title, winning his fourth in total, a record for the men.

By taking the top step of the men's podium, the 32-year-old Schubert also extended his own record as the oldest world champion, male or female. He had a short wait for his gold to be confirmed after posting a 48+, as friend Adam Ondra of the Czech Republic and Great Britain's Toby Roberts then took to the wall, but both fell early in their attempts.

"This field is so crazy strong. I knew I had to have the climb of my life to win this world championship title again," said Schubert. **"After being on the circuit for so long you know even better how to live these moments, and I'm living it right now. Winning in this arena is something you never forget."**

Japan's Anraku Sorato finished as runner up, adding a World Championships silver to his medal haul in what was his first year on the senior circuit. The young Japanese climber was just a + behind Schubert on 48. Rounding out the podium was Germany's Alexander Megos, whose bronze medal takes his Worlds tally to three.

On her way to becoming the first Japanese climber to win a Lead World Championships, Mori had to top the finals route to stay ahead of Garnbret. As the last climber of the women's final, she kept her composure to impressively top the route and secure the record for her country.

"Before climbing I told myself to just enjoy it, so it was an exciting time," said Mori. **"I knew maybe Janja got a top, so I knew I had to as well. I was nervous before, but now I'm happy."**

Although Garnbret topped with just three seconds to spare, she had to settle for silver as Mori's semi-finals performance was better. It was, however, her ninth trip to a World Championships podium. Seo Chaehyun of South Korea, the 2021 World Champion, claimed her second medal in a row, as her hold 47+ was enough for the bronze medal.

With the World Championships on hiatus in 2024 due to the Olympic Games, competition for the next world titles is scheduled for 2025 in Seoul, South Korea.

Men's Lead podium:

1. Jakob SCHUBERT (AUT)
2. ANRAKU Sorato (JPN)
3. Alexander MEGOS (GER)

Women's Lead podium:

1. MORI Ai (JPN)
2. Janja GARNBRET (SLO)
3. SEO Chaehyun (KOR)

Pictured

Jakob SCHUBERT (AUT)

Left L/R

Janja GARNBRET (SLO),
MORI Ai (JPN),
SEO Chaehyun (KOR)

Below

ANRAKU Sorato (JPN)





Austria's Schubert defended his Lead world title, winning his

4th

in total, a record for the men



France tops the table at Paraclimbing World Championships

Record numbers of entries for the IFSC Paraclimbing World Championships saw more than 200 climbers compete for 17 world titles across the sport classes – and for the first time ever the Paraclimbers were awarded prize money to complement their medals.



With nine medals, USA was the most successful nation in Bern, and once again Japan showed its strength in depth in all forms of Sport Climbing with an impressive haul of eight. However, it was France who finished top of the table with four gold medals compared to Japan's three.

France's Lucie Jarrige, who took the top step on the women's AL2 podium after topping the finals route, said: **"I'm exhausted but very happy with this performance. I realised this morning I have been climbing for 10 years and**

this is my fifth world title, so it's a bit like a birthday. I couldn't dream of anything else other than a top today, so it is a dream come true.

"The crowd were amazing, it's always the same at a World Championships, they just carry you up the wall. I could do this climb tomorrow without them and I would never top. The whole competition is huge and it's been amazing."

Another multiple world title winner was Austria's Angelino Zeller in the men's AL1 who was joined by teammate Markus Pösendorfer on the podium.

Zeller said: **"It was a great competition. The final route for me was the best, it was my style to campus, so awesome for me. I'm really happy with my result. It's my third world title and every time it's special. It's a nice atmosphere here and every time is different but always really cool."**

Throughout all 17 sport classes there were tight finishes on every step of the podium as countback to qualification decided the outcome on many occasions.

IFSC Paraclimbing World Championships podiums

Men AL1:

1. Angelino ZELLER (AUT)
2. Markus PÖSENDORFER (AUT)
3. Tanner CISLAW (USA)

Men AL2:

1. Thierry DELARUE (FRA)
2. Ethan ZILZ (USA)
3. Albert GUARDIA FERRER (ESP)

Men AU2:

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

Men AU3:

1. Mor Michael SAPIR (ISR)
2. YASURAOKA Nobuhiro (JPN)
3. Dominic GEISSELER (SUI)

Men B1:

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

Men B2:

1. HAMANOUE Fumiya (JPN)
2. Richard SLOCOCK (GBR)
3. Guillermo PELEGRÍN GÓMEZ (ESP)

Men B3:

1. Cosmin Florin CANDOI (ROU)
2. MINOWADA Kazuhiro (JPN)
3. Lux LOSEY SAIL (GBR)

Men RP1:

1. Aloïs POTTIER (FRA)
2. Elliott NGUYEN (USA)
3. OKADA Takuya (JPN)

Men RP2:

1. Iván MUÑOZ ESCOLAR (ESP)
2. Benjamin MAYFORTH (USA)
3. Manikandan KUMAR (IND)

Men RP3:

1. TAKANO Tadashi (JPN)
2. Jamie BARENDRECHT (NED)
3. Andrej HARŠÁNY (SVK)

Women AL2:

1. Lucie JARRIGE (FRA)
2. Sarah LARCOMBE (AUS)
3. Rachel MAIA (NZL)

Women AU2:

1. Solenne PIRET (FRA)
2. Lucia CAPOVILLA (ITA)
3. Maureen BECK (USA)

Women B2:

1. Abigail ROBINSON (GBR)
2. Seneida BIENDARRA (USA)
3. Edith SCHEINECKER (AUT)

Women B3:

1. Sunita DHONDAPPANAVAR (IND)
2. MAEOKA Mika (JPN)
3. EJIRI Yumi (JPN)

Women RP1:

1. Pavitra VANDENHOVEN (BEL)
2. Melissa RUIZ (USA)
3. Marta PECHE SALINERO (ESP)

Women RP2:

1. Dina EIVIK (NOR)
2. Jasmin PLANK (AUT)
3. Anna DEVRIES (USA)

Women RP3:

1. Marina DIAS (BRA)
2. Christiane LUTTIKHUIZEN (NED)
3. Martha EVANS (GBR)



Pictured
Rachel MAIA (NZL)

IFSC World Championships 2023 medal tables

IFSC Climbing World Championships 2023 - Medal table

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Austria	2	1	0	3
1	Slovenia	2	1	0	3
3	France	1	2	0	3
4	Japan	1	1	2	4
5	Indonesia	1	0	1	2
6	Italy	1	0	0	1
7	USA	0	2	1	3
8	China	0	1	0	1
9	South Korea	0	0	2	2
10	Germany	0	0	1	1
10	Poland	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	8	8	8	24

IFSC Paraclimbing World Championships 2023 - Medal table

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	France	4	0	0	4
2	Japan	3	3	2	8
3	Norway	2	0	0	2
4	Austria	1	2	1	4
5	Spain	1	1	3	5
6	Great Britain	1	1	2	4
7	India	1	0	1	2
7	Romania	1	0	1	2
9	Belgium	1	0	0	1
9	Brazil	1	0	0	1
9	Israel	1	0	0	1
12	USA	0	5	4	9
13	Netherlands	0	2	0	2
14	Australia	0	1	0	1
14	Germany	0	1	0	1
14	Italy	0	1	0	1
17	New Zealand	0	0	1	1
17	Slovakia	0	0	1	1
17	Switzerland	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	17	17	17	51

Overall - Medal table

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	France	5	2	0	7
2	Japan	4	4	4	12
3	Austria	3	3	1	7
4	Slovenia	2	1	0	3
5	Norway	2	0	0	2
6	Spain	1	1	3	5
7	Great Britain	1	1	2	4
8	Italy	1	1	0	2
9	India	1	0	1	2
9	Indonesia	1	0	1	2
9	Romania	1	0	1	2
12	Belgium	1	0	0	1
12	Brazil	1	0	0	1
12	Israel	1	0	0	1
15	USA	0	7	5	12
16	Netherlands	0	2	0	2
17	Germany	0	1	1	2
18	Australia	0	1	0	1
18	China	0	1	0	1
20	South Korea	0	0	2	2
21	New Zealand	0	0	1	1
21	Poland	0	0	1	1
21	Slovakia	0	0	1	1
21	Switzerland	0	0	1	1
TOTAL		25	25	25	75





SPORT

IFSC calendar 2023

April
21-23

 Climbing World Cup
(Boulder), Hachioji (JPN)

28-30

 Climbing World Cup
(Boulder, Speed), Seoul (KOR)

May
6-7

 Climbing World Cup
(Speed), Jakarta (INA)

16-17

 Paraclimbing World Cup
(Lead), Salt Lake City (USA)

19-21

 Climbing World Cup (Boulder,
Speed), Salt Lake City (USA)

June
2-4

 Climbing World Cup
(Boulder), Prague (CZE)

9-11

 Climbing World Cup
(Boulder), Brixen (ITA)

12-13

 Paraclimbing World Cup
(Lead), Innsbruck (AUT)

14-18

 Climbing World Cup (Boulder,
Lead), Innsbruck (AUT)

July
7-9

 Climbing World Cup (Lead,
Speed), Chamonix (FRA)

14-15

 Climbing World Cup
(Lead), Briançon (FRA)

August
1-12

 Climbing and Paraclimbing World Championships
(Boulder, Lead, Speed, B&L), Bern (SUI)*

September
8-9

 Climbing World Cup
(Lead), Koper (SLO)

15-16

 European Qualifier
(Speed), Italy (ITA)*

October
20 - 5 November

 Pan American Games
(B&L, Speed), Santiago (CHI)*

27-29

 European Qualifier
(B&L), Laval (FRA)*

November
9-12

 Asian Qualifier
(B&L, Speed), Jakarta (INA)*

December
14-17

 African Qualifier
(B&L, Speed), Pretoria (RSA)*

*Olympic Games Paris 2024
qualification places available

With the first tickets to Sport Climbing's second Olympic appearance claimed at the showpiece World Championships, 2023 was an action-packed year with continental qualification events and a debut at the Pan American Games complementing the annual World Cup, Paraclimbing and Youth events.

21 - 2 July

European Games, Krakow/Malopolska (POL)

23-24

Paraclimbing World Cup (Lead), Villars (SUI)

30 - 2 July

Climbing World Cup (Lead, Speed), Villars (SUI)

22-24

Climbing World Cup (Lead, Speed), Wujiang (CHN)

23 - 8 October

Asian Games (Boulder, Lead, Speed), Hangzhou (CHN)

23-26

Oceania Qualifier (B&L, Speed), Melbourne (AUS)*







Team USA signal Olympic intent



Sport Climbing made its first ever appearance at the regional, multi-sport Pan American Games in 2023 with four days of competition at Santiago 2023.

There were Continental titles and medals up for grabs in four events: women's and men's Boulder & Lead, and women's and men's Speed, as well as coveted Olympic Games Paris 2024 tickets, and it was Team USA who rose above the 11 competing nations to grab the glory.

The show began with a flashy, spectacular opening ceremony, held at the National Stadium in Santiago, Chile, officially kicking off the 19th edition of the Pan American Games. Representing the IFSC at the opening ceremony, President Marco Scolari said, **"We are honoured to be in Santiago, and to have Climbing included in such a historic event!"**.

"We have been working for inclusion in the programme since 2006, and now we are finally here. It's our third regional, multi-sport event this year, and to have it paired with the qualification to the Olympic Games adds a layer of great value to it. Pan American climbers will be the best ambassadors of our sport for the fans at the venue, and on live television."

When the action began, it was Piper Kelly who got things started for Team USA in the women's Speed, earning gold and an Olympic quota place.

Kelly set a new personal best of 7.52 seconds in the final against compatriot Emma Hunt, who took silver. Bronze went to Andrea Rojas of Ecuador, who finished with a 7.59.

The next day, USA's Sam Watson secured his spot at Paris 2024 with victory in the men's Speed over teammate and friend Noah Bratschi. Both climbers stumbled on their way to the finish pad, but Watson eventually stopped the clock first, at 5.37, while Bratschi finished with 5.96 and the silver medal. Ecuador's Carlos Granja completed the podium in third place.

The final two days of competition in the Chilean capital saw climbers compete in the new Paris 2024 Boulder & Lead format. Jesse Grupper of the USA won gold in the men's event while teammate Natalia Grossman took the women's title. In total, Team USA won four golds, four silver, and one bronze at Santiago 2023, sending a clear message to the world ahead of Paris 2024.



Left
Jesse GRUPPER (USA)
Right
Piper KELLY (USA)



Europe's finest level up

Olympic qualification in Europe was split between two separate events across the continent, as several athletes booked their tickets for Paris 2024.

Laval, France, welcomed Europe's finest climbers for the Boulder & Lead qualification, with the iconic city of Rome, Italy, playing host for the Olympic Speed hopefuls.

MIROSLAW AND MAWEM SHOW THEIR SPEED IN ROME

The IFSC European Qualifier Rome 2023 presented Aleksandra Mirosław of Poland and Bassa Mawem of France with a ticket to Paris 2024, after they both placed in top position in the women's and men's Speed final, respectively.

Competing in front of a loud and passionate Grand Stand Arena, one of the many facilities of Foro Italico, both climbers won a spot for what will become their second consecutive Olympic participation – making their own personal history in a city with its own Olympic past hosting the Olympic Games in 1960.

Following the new world record she had set in the qualification round, Mirosław entered the women's final round as the clear favourite and claimed first place with a 6.36 second climb in the gold medal race.



The all-Polish podium also featured Aleksandra Kalucka in second and her sister, Natalia, in third.

At 38, Mawem was the oldest competitor in the men's event, and the only one aside from Italy's Ludovico Fossali who competed at Tokyo 2020. Mawem prevailed over Poland's Marcin Dziński in the final with a 5.28. Ukrainian Hryhorii Ilchyshyn took bronze.



Top
Bassa MAWEM (FRA)
Left
Aleksandra MIROSLAW (POL)



BERTONE AND ROBERTS LIGHT UP LAVAL

Around 250 kilometres west of Paris, the Olympic Games could not have been closer, both geographically and metaphorically, for the 56 athletes – 26 women and 30 men – representing 19 European countries at the IFSC European Qualifier Laval 2023.

With Europe's Speed quota already filled across the border in Italy, it was time for the Boulder & Lead athletes to claim their tickets to the 2024 summer showpiece at the Espace Mayenne.

Taking the opportunity with both hands, home favourite Oriane Bertone and Great Britain's Toby Roberts booked their tickets to Paris 2024 at the end of a thrilling pair of finals.

Bertone overtook Serbia's Staša Gejo on her final climb with a total score of 171.9 to Gejo's 148.5. Laura Rogora of Italy earned bronze.

On the men's side, Roberts made easy work of the Lead wall, scoring maximum points as the only athlete to top the route. That left Tokyo 2020 champion Alberto Ginés López of Spain having to settle for silver while France's Sam Avezou finished third.



Top
Oriane BERTONE (FRA)
Left
Toby ROBERTS (GBR)



Japan's Anraku soars again

Four talented climbers earned their spots at the Olympic Games Paris 2024 via the IFSC Asian Qualifier held in Jakarta from 9-12 November.

Boulder & Lead was up first, followed by an action-packed final day of Speed competition in the Indonesian capital.

A rising star for Japan, Anraku Sorato added to his stellar 2023 by claiming the men's B&L gold and booking his Olympic ticket with a commanding total score of 199.7, eclipsing Pan Yufei of China (164.9) in second and Lee Dohyun of South Korea (132.5) in third.

Becoming an Olympian seemed inevitable for Anraku heading into the competition. Earlier in the year, and in his debut season of senior competition, the 16-year-old became the first ever winner of both the IFSC World Cup Boulder series and Lead series.

China's Zhang Yuetong claimed top spot on the women's B&L podium with a score of 142.3, relegating Tokyo 2020 silver medallist Nonaka Miho to second with a 140.9, while third place went to Japan's Futaba Ito, who put up 135.8.

On the Speed wall, the home crowd was elated by an all-Indonesian men's final, which was eventually won by Rahmad Adi Mulyono after compatriot Kiromal Katibin had spilled out of contention. Japan's Omasa Ryo won bronze.

In the women's competition, China's Deng Lijuan defeated South Korea's Jimin Jeong 6.98 to 8.46, with Indonesia's Rajiah Sallsabillah securing bronze.



Pictured
ANRAKU Sorato (JPN)
Left
ZHANG Yuetong (CHN)



Clean sweep for South Africa

Pretoria, South Africa, played host to the IFSC African Qualifier from 7-9 December, with two Olympic spots in Speed and two in Boulder & Lead once again on the line.

Aniya Holder prevailed over all-around climber Tegwen Oates of South Africa in the women's Speed final, finishing with a time of 11.33 seconds, while her opponent hit the finish pad at 13.79. Alyssa Meyer (RSA) finished third.

On the men's Speed wall, current African Speed record holder Joshua Bruyns downed compatriot John Stucken in a tight final, 7.16 to 7.55. Joseph Gibbon (RSA) placed third.

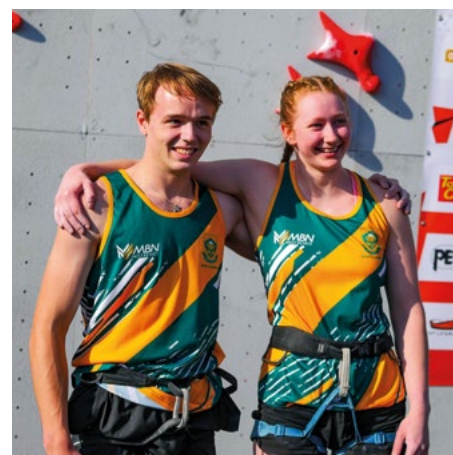
Joining Holder and Bruyns at Paris 2024 will be teammates Lauren Mukheibir and Mel Janse Van Rensburg, winners respectively of the men's and women's B&L competition.

Mukheibir held a precarious lead of 4.3 points over Rauen Krohn (RSA) following an extremely challenging set of Boulder problems. While Krohn put up more points on the Lead wall, it was not enough for victory. The 22-year-old Mukheibir won gold and qualified for the Olympic Games by the narrowest of margins, with 109.0 to Kohn's 108.8.

Mel Janse Van Rensburg, meanwhile, had a slightly easier go of it on the men's side, taking gold with a 168.9 performance, leaving Tokyo 2020 Olympian Christopher Cosser (164.4) with the runner-up prize and Nicholas Allan (RSA) in third on 136.9.

Pictured
Mel Janse VAN
RENSBURG (RSA)

Right
Joshua BRUYNs (RSA),
Aniya HÖLDER (RSA)





Aussies and Kiwis take centre stage

It was ‘Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, Oi, Oi, Oi’ in the Boulder & Lead and sweet Kiwi revenge in the Speed at the IFSC Oceania Qualifier, which ran from 24-26 November in Australia’s second largest city of Melbourne.

The aptly named Oceania Mackenzie and Campbell Harrison claimed both golds for Australia in the B&L competition.

Mackenzie secured her second trip to the Olympic Games by winning the women’s competition with a near perfect score of 199.9, well ahead of second-place finisher and teammate Maya Stasiuk, who posted 155.7. Fellow Aussie Emily Scott rounded out the podium with a 129.1.

In the men’s competition, Harrison booked his ticket to Paris after becoming the only

climber to top the route on the Lead wall, leaving silver for Sam Lavender and bronze for Dylan Parks, who completed the all-Australian podium.

Following the Australian onslaught in B&L, it was New Zealand’s turn to own the podium in Speed. Julian David and Sarah Tetzlaff were the eventual victors, with David holding off Australia’s Hayden Barton 6.77 to 7.50 in the men’s final, and Tetzlaff pipping Australia’s Grace Crowley 8.54 to 8.88. The bronze medals went to Kiwi pair Flynn Chisholm and Abby Gebert.



Pictured
Campbell HARRISON (AUS)
Below
Sarah TETZLAFF (NZL)
embraces Grace CROWLEY (AUS)



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Road to Paris 2024

With a Speed event and a combined Boulder & Lead event in Paris, the total number of medal events for Sport Climbing will double from two at the Tokyo Games, to four, with the number of athletes set to increase to 68.

ATHLETE SPOTS

68

14+14

Speed Climbing

20+20

Boulder & Lead

DIVIDED BY GENDER



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
BERN 2023

3+3 2+2



EUROPEAN QUALIFIER
ITALY 2023

1+1



EUROPEAN QUALIFIER
LAVAL 2023

1+1



PAN AMERICAN GAMES
SANTIAGO 2023

1+1 1+1

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OLYMPIC QUALIFIER
SERIES 2024 (2)*

10+10 5+5



OCEANIA QUALIFIER
MELBOURNE 2023

1+1 1+1



AFRICAN QUALIFIER
PRETORIA 2023

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ASIAN QUALIFIER
JAKARTA 2023

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HOST COUNTRY QUOTA PLACES

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*Athletes will qualify during two Olympic Qualifier Series events in 2024 by Series Ranking





Raboutou, Schalck strike gold in season opener

American Brooke Raboutou and France's Mejdī Schalck kicked the 2023 World Cup season off in style with gold-medal performances in the Boulder curtain raiser in Hachioji, Japan.

Raboutou topped three boulders and hit four zones in the final en route to her first ever World Cup victory, with her closest rival only managing a single top.

Her win was also the first by someone other than USA's Natalia Grossman or Slovenia's Janja Garnbret since 2018 – 17 IFSC World Cup Boulder events prior. Germany's Hannah Meul finished second ahead of the home favourite Matsufuji Anon, who took bronze.

On the men's side, Schalck took one of two French medals, with teammate Paul Jenft settling for bronze behind runner-up Hannes Van Duysen of Belgium.

Appearing in his 11th IFSC World Cup, Schalck claimed his second gold medal after taking two tops in the final, the only climber to do so. The tops helped him finish ahead of Van Duysen, who nevertheless made history of his own by becoming only the second Belgian male to make an IFSC Boulder World Cup final and the first to win a World Cup medal.

Location: Hachioji (JPN)

Date: 21-23 April

Discipline: Boulder



Speed records tumble in Seoul

The IFSC World Cup Seoul 2023 produced a fast and furious beginning to the 2023 season for the Speed climbers as records came crashing down.

Indonesia's Veddriq Leonardo and Poland's Aleksandra Miroslaw claimed the gold medals, but that was only half the story as Miroslaw lowered her previous world record four times and Leonardo broke the five-second barrier three times, with two of them setting world records – 4.93 and 4.90.

In the women's competition, Miroslaw took gold with a near-perfect performance. Coming into the competition as the world record holder with 6.53 under her belt, she broke her record twice in two qualification runs – a 6.37 and a 6.46. She then put in a 6.35 in the semis before securing gold with a new world record of 6.25.



In the Boulder competition, France's Mejdī Schalck won his second straight World Cup event, while Japan's Nonaka Miho returned to the top of the IFSC World Cup podium for the first time in five years on the women's side.

Due to heavy rainfall during the Boulder competition, the medals were awarded from the results of the semi-final round with Schalck and Nonaka the ones coming out on top from the 20 climbers.

Location: Seoul (KOR)

Date: 28-30 April

Disciplines: Boulder and Speed



separate occasions on which Aleksandra Miroslaw bettered her own world record



Raharjati outshines favourites in Jakarta

A thrilling night of Speed racing in Jakarta ended with yet another Indonesian name on everyone's lips and a double-up in IFSC World Cup 2023 gold medals for a familiar face.

Indonesia's Nursamsa Raharjati claimed his first men's title, while Poland's Aleksandra Mirosław took the women's crown. Mirosław had been the one to beat for a while in the women's Speed competition, especially after taking gold and four new world records in Seoul a week earlier.

Mirosław faced home favourite Desak Made Rita Kusuma Dewi of Indonesia in the final, prevailing with a 6.43 to her opponent's 6.52.

Before the men's finals, all the talk was about new world record holder Veddriq Leonardo of Indonesia and teammate Kiromal Katibin, who topped qualification and is himself a former world record holder.

But it was another name on the outstanding Indonesian men's team roster that shone though in front of the home supporters, as Raharjati claimed his first IFSC World Cup gold by beating China's Xinshang Wang 5.11 to 5.14 in the final. Top qualifier Katibin managed to secure a bronze medal with a small final win over China's Wu Peng.

Location: Jakarta (INA)

Date: 6-7 May

Disciplines: Speed



0.03

seconds separated
Nursamsa Raharjati
and Xinshang Wang
in Jakarta

Opposite page above
Brooke RABOUTOU (USA)

Opposite page below
Veddriq LEONARDO (INA)

Above L/R

Aleksandra MIROSLAW (POL), Natalia GROSSMAN (USA)

Below L/R

XINSHANG Wang (CHN),
Nursamsa RAHARJATI (INA),
Kiromal KATIBIN (INA)



Mirosław dominates in Salt Lake City

Speed queen Aleksandra Mirosław of Poland won her third World Cup competition of the season and eighth in a row with a dominating performance in Salt Lake City, USA.

She secured gold by defeating Indonesia's Desak Made Rita Kusuma Dewi in the final. China's Deng Lijuan finished third.

On the men's side, Indonesia's Veddriq Leonardo posted a time of 4.95 seconds in the final to overcome China's Wu Peng. Leonardo's teammate Kiromal Katibin overcame a foot injury to pocket bronze.

On the Boulder wall, Natalia Grossman of the USA won her first World Cup of the 2023 season by flashing W1 – a problem that every other finalist failed to solve – before sealing her victory with two flawless flashes on problems three and four. France's Oriane Bertone finished second, with American Brooke Raboutou placing third.

Japanese duo Narasaki Tomoa and Anraku Sorato both finished with four tops in the men's Boulder final. All that separated them in the end was the number of attempts, with Narasaki bagging gold thanks to his six attempts to top versus Anraku's 12. Great Britain's Toby Roberts took bronze.

Location: Salt Lake City (USA)

Date: 19-21 May

Disciplines: Boulder and Speed



Golden firsts for Bertone, Lee in Prague

France's Oriane Bertone and South Korea's Lee Dohyun secured their first World Cup wins in Prague, Czech Republic, with performances that had the 5,000 fans in attendance on their feet.

The 18-year-old Bertone was seeded sixth at the end of the semi-final round but upset the entire field of competitors by concluding with three tops and four zones in the finals.

Slovenia's Janja Garnbret, who made her return to competition in Prague after suffering a toe injury earlier in the year, secured silver with the same numbers of tops and zones as Bertone, but a higher number of attempts to top – six versus Bertone's three. France's Flavy Cohaut took bronze in her first appearance in a Boulder final.

The 20-year-old Lee managed to solve all four problems in the final round of the men's competition, flashing three of them. Also finishing with four tops was crowd favourite Adam Ondra of the Czech Republic, who eventually placed second behind Lee due to a greater number of attempts to top.

Completing the medal positions in third was the winner of the first two Boulder competitions of the season, France's Mejd Schalk, who finished with three tops and four zones, only failing to solve M3.

Location: Prague (CZE)

Date: 2-4 June

Discipline: Boulder



Roberts savours last-gasp victory in Brixen

As the final climber in the men's Boulder final of the IFSC World Cup Brixen 2023, Great Britain's Toby Roberts faced a mountain of a challenge: reach the top and win gold or fail and head home empty handed.

Standing in the way of his first World Cup gold medal were fellow finalists Lee Dohyun of South Korea and Ogata Yoshiyuki of Japan. Lee had earlier signalled his intent by flashing the first boulder in about 40 seconds, while Ogata flashed the final route to set the stage for Roberts.

Buoyed by an electric crowd, Roberts gave it his all and expressed his relief and delight when he finally managed to top, leaving silver for Lee and bronze for Ogata.

In contrast to Roberts' maiden victory, it was a familiar face who topped the medals podium on the women's side. American Natalia Grossman claimed her ninth IFSC World Cup Boulder gold medal by outperforming athletes from six different nations in the final.

Grossman was the only finalist to top all four boulders, with Seo Chaehyun of South Korea settling for silver and Serbia's Stasa Gejo claiming bronze.

Location: Brixen (ITA)

Date: 9-11 June

Disciplines: Boulder



1st

World Cup victories for Oriane Bertone and Lee Dohyun



9th

IFSC World Cup Boulder gold for Natalia Grossman

Boulder season ends, Lead begins in Innsbruck

The sixth and final Boulder competition of the IFSC World Cup Series 2023 and the first Lead event of the season took place in Innsbruck, Austria, with young guns and legends of the sport both making their mark on proceedings.

In men's Boulder, rising star Anraku Sorato of Japan pocketed his first World Cup gold medal with three tops and three zones in the final, while Japan's Narasaki Meichi settled for silver and Sam Avezou of France secured bronze.

On the women's side, Slovenia's queen of climbing Janja Garnbret secured the 15th ISFC World Cup Boulder medal of her career by flashing all four boulders of the final. USA's Natalia Grossman placed second and Japan's Nonaka Miho finished third.

Garnbret picked up in Lead where she left off in Boulder – with yet another gold



medal around her neck. Japan's Mori Ai came second and Austria's Jessica Pilz third.

On the men's side, Switzerland's Sascha Lehmann secured gold, with Alexander Megos of Germany placing second, and Austrian climber and home favourite Jakob Schubert finishing third.

Location: Innsbruck (AUT)

Date: 14-18 June

Disciplines: Boulder and Lead

Above

Janja GARNBRET (SLO)

Below

LONG Jianguo (CHN)

Opposite page above

Toby ROBERTS (GBR)

Opposite page below

Oriane BERTONE (FRA)



Schubert, Garnbret again victorious in Villars

Austria's Jakob Schubert won his 20th Lead World Cup gold medal and Slovenia's Janja Garnbret claimed her 25th at the IFSC World Cup in Villars, Switzerland, while China's Long Jianguo and Poland's Natalia Kalucka earned the Speed titles.

Schubert's 23rd World Cup medal across all disciplines made him the men's all-time record holder. The win was hard-fought, requiring a 42+ to fend off long-time rival and friend Adam Ondra of the Czech Republic on hold 41+. Alexander Megos of Germany placed third.

Garnbret won her seventh Lead gold medal in a row in Villars, which was her 40th medal across all disciplines. She was the only

climber to top the route in the finals, leaving silver for Jessica Pilz of Austria and bronze for USA's Brooke Raboutou.

China's Long defended the gold he won a year earlier in the men's Speed by posting a 5.26 in the final. Compatriot Zhang Liang settled for silver and Japan's Omasa Ryo took bronze.

Hot off a victorious European Games campaign, Kalucka claimed her first World Cup gold by beating USA's Emma Hunt in the final, 6.55 to 8.37. China's Deng Lijuan won bronze.

Location: Villars (SUI)

Date: 30 June - 2 July

Disciplines: Lead and Speed





Chamonix sees Indonesia dominate Speed

Indonesian climbers won four of the six medals on offer in Speed at the IFSC World Cup in Chamonix, France.

Indonesia's Rahmad Adi Mulyono and Rajiah Sallsabillah both won their first World Cup gold medals in the men's and women's Speed competitions, respectively.

Adi Mulyono's 5.01 saw off Kazakhstan's Rishat Khaibullin in the final, while Indonesia's Nursamsa Raharjati earned bronze.

Sallsabillah beat home favourite Victoire Andrier 6.97 to 9.59 to claim her maiden World Cup victory, with teammate Nurul Iqamah placing third.

On the Lead wall, South Korea's Kim claimed her 30th World Cup gold medal, while Team GB's Roberts earned his first in the Lead discipline.

Kim now holds the distinction of being the climber with the most World Cup wins in a single discipline across both genders and all disciplines. Japan's Kume Nonoha, meanwhile, earned silver, while France's H             placed third.

Roberts was the only male climber to top the final route, and in doing so became the first British climber to win in two disciplines, having claimed a Boulder World Cup victory earlier in the season. France's Sam Avezou secured silver, with Japan's Anraku Sorato taking bronze.

Location: Chamonix (FRA)
Date: 7-9 July
Disciplines: Lead and Speed



Japan's teen sensation shines in Brian      

Teenager Anraku Sorato of Japan underscored his growing stature in the sport by claiming his first IFSC World Cup Lead gold in Brian      , France.

The only climber to top a finals route, the 16-year-old Anraku became the first Japanese climber to win a Boulder World Cup and a Lead World Cup gold. He was joined in the finals by six teammates, with Sweden's Hannes Puman the only climber breaking up the country's domination. Japan ruled the medals podium, however, with Homma Taisei earning silver and Yoshida Satone taking bronze.



Slovenia's Vita Lukan claimed her maiden World Cup gold on the women's wall after injuries had plagued most of her season prior to Brian      . Lukan's win came on hold 46, with Eliska Adamovska of the Czech Republic securing silver after reaching hold 44+.

Manon Hily gave the home crowd something to cheer about when she took bronze, a personal best for the French climber.

Location: Brian       (FRA)
Date: 14-15 July
Discipline: Lead



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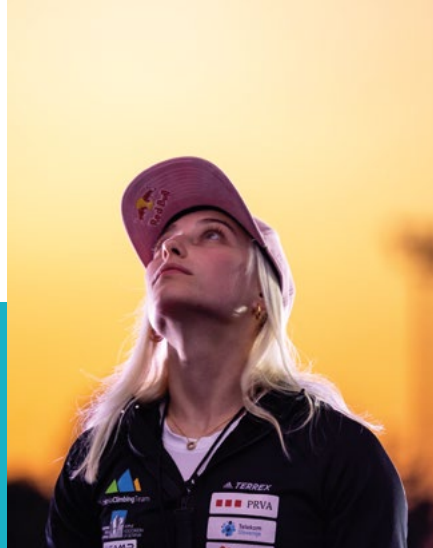
podium spots for Japan in the men's Lead competition



Garnbret delivers in Koper

Olympic champion Janja Garnbret has an untold number of gold medals to her name, but until the IFSC World Cup Koper 2023, not one from the city on the Slovenian coastline.

As the only climber to top, Garnbret's win was an emphatic one. Last year's Koper champion, Mori Ai of Japan, only managed to reach 44+ for the silver medal. Slovenia's Vita Lukan followed up her Lead World Cup victory in Briançon with a 40+ performance for bronze.



In the men's competition, Japan's Anraku Sorato won his second straight IFSC Lead World Cup gold medal after becoming the only male climber to top the route in the final.

Runner-up Jesse Grupper of the USA reached hold 42+ for his first World Cup medal of the season. Completing the podium was Olympic champion Alberto Ginés López of Spain.

Location: Koper (SLO)

Date: 8-9 September

Discipline: Lead



1st

victory for Slovenian Janja Garnbret in Koper



China, Japan clean up as season closes

Team China ruled Speed and Japanese climbers owned the Lead competition as the 2023 IFSC World Cup season came to an exciting conclusion in Wujiang, China.

China's Wu Peng and Deng Lijuan made it a double home gold in Speed at the Fenhu Culture and Sports Centre.

Wu won his first World Cup by defeating teammate Huang Jingjie by 0.05 of a second in the men's final (5.05 vs 5.10). Omasa Ryo of Japan took bronze.

Deng won the women's crown by beating Poland's Natalia Kalucka 6.58-6.69 in the final and was joined on the medals podium by teammate Niu Di, who finished third.

In the men's Lead, Japanese young gun Anraku Sorato won his third consecutive men's Lead World Cup by reaching hold 39+,



while teammates Omata Shion and Homma Taisei took silver and bronze, respectively.

On the women's side, Mori Ai became the most successful ever Japanese women's Lead climber with her third World Cup win. Austria's Jessica Pilz placed second and Japan's Tani Natsuki finished third.

Location: Wujiang (CHN)

Date: 22-24 September

Discipline: Lead and Speed

Above

Janja GARNBRET (SLO)

Below L/R

HUANG Jingjie (CHN), WU Peng (CHN), OMASA Ryo (JPN)

Opposite page above

Rajiah SALSABILLAH (INA), Victoire ANDRIER (FRA)

Opposite page below

ANRAKU Sorato (JPN)

IFSC World Cup Series 2023 medal tables

IFSC Boulder World Cup Series 2023 - Medal table

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Japan	3	3	3	9
2	France	3	2	4	9
3	USA	3	1	2	6
4	South Korea	1	2	1	4
5	Slovenia	1	1	0	2
6	Great Britain	1	0	1	2
7	Belgium	0	1	0	1
7	Czech Republic	0	1	0	1
7	Germany	0	1	0	1
10	Serbia	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	12	12	12	36

IFSC Lead World Cup Series 2023 - Medal table

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Japan	4	5	4	13
2	Slovenia	4	0	1	5
3	Austria	1	2	2	5
4	Great Britain	1	0	0	1
4	South Korea	1	0	0	1
4	Switzerland	1	0	0	1
7	Czech Republic	0	2	0	2
8	France	0	1	2	3
9	Germany	0	1	1	2
9	USA	0	1	1	2
11	Spain	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	12	12	12	36



Pictured
KIM Jain (KOR)

IFSC Speed World Cup Series 2023 - Medal table

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Indonesia	5	2	5	12
2	Poland	4	2	1	7
3	China	3	5	4	12
4	France	0	1	0	1
4	Kazakhstan	0	1	0	1
4	USA	0	1	0	1
7	Japan	0	0	2	2
	TOTAL	12	12	12	36

IFSC World Cup Series 2023 - Medal table

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Japan	7	8	9	24
2	Indonesia	5	2	5	12
3	Slovenia	5	1	1	7
4	Poland	4	2	1	7
5	China	3	5	4	12
6	France	3	4	6	13
7	USA	3	3	3	9
8	South Korea	2	2	1	5
9	Great Britain	2	0	1	3
10	Austria	1	2	2	5
11	Switzerland	1	0	0	1
12	Czech Republic	0	3	0	3
13	Germany	0	2	1	3
14	Belgium	0	1	0	1
14	Kazakhstan	0	1	0	1
16	Serbia	0	0	1	1
16	Spain	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	36	36	36	108



Salt Lake City again opens Paraclimbing season

Over 110 climbers from around the world made their way to The Front Climbing Club in Salt Lake City for the 2023 Paraclimbing season opener, and the home nation didn't disappoint with 12 Americans finishing on a podium.

Location: Salt Lake City (USA)

Date: 16-17 May

Men's AL1 Lead

1. Angelino ZELLER (AUT)
2. Markus POSENDORFER (AUT)
3. Tanner CISLAW (USA)

Men's AL2 Lead

1. Frederik LEYS (BEL)
2. Ethan ZILZ (USA)
3. David KAMMERER (ITA)

Men's B1 Lead

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

Men's B3 Lead

1. Cosmin Florin CANDOI (ROU)
2. Guillermo PELEGRÍN GÓMEZ (ESP)
3. Richard SLOCOCK (GBR)

Men's RP1 Lead

1. Elliott NGUYEN (USA)
2. Gian Matteo RAMINI (ITA)
3. OKADA Takuya (JPN)

Men's RP2 Lead

1. Brian ZARZUELA (USA)
2. Iván MUÑOZ ESCOLAR (ESP)
3. Philipp HROZEK (GER)

Men's RP3 Lead

1. Mor Michael SAPIR (ISR)
2. Pietro AZZOLINI (ITA)
3. Ignacio MARTINEZ (CHI)

Women's AL2 Lead

1. Lucie JARRIGE (FRA)
2. Sarah LARCOMBE (AUS)
3. Mary TANKERSLEY (USA)

Women's AU2 Lead

1. Solenne PIRET (FRA)
2. Maureen BECK (USA)
3. Isabel BENVENUTI (USA)

Women's B3 Lead

1. Seneida BIENDARRA (USA)
2. Phoebe BARKAN (USA)
3. Ionela DRAGAN (ROU)

Women's RP1 Lead

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

Women's RP2 Lead

1. Dina EIVIK (NOR)
2. Emily SEELENFREUND (USA)
3. Miranda SCOTT (CAN)

Women's RP3 Lead

1. Marina DIAS (BRA)
2. Nat VOREL (USA)
3. Rosalie SCHAUPERT (GER)

Pictured
Solenne PIRET (FRA)





Innsbruck hosts biggest Paraclimbing World Cup of the year

With preparation in full flow for the World Championships, 162 climbers took to the Lead wall at the Kletterzentrum Innsbruck with the French climbers asserting their dominance with four gold medals.

Location: Innsbruck (AUT)

Date: 12-13 June

Men's AL1 Lead

1. Angelino ZELLER (AUT)
2. Markus PÖSENDORFER (AUT)
3. Tanner CISLAW (USA)

Men's AL2 Lead

1. Thierry DELARUE (FRA)
2. Julien GASC (FRA)
3. Albert GUARDIA FERRER (ESP)

Men's AU2 Lead

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

Men's AU3 Lead

1. Dominic GEISSELER (SUI)
2. Mor Michael SAPIR (ISR)
3. Maxime MEYER (FRA)

Men's B1 Lead

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

Men's B2 Lead

1. HAMANOUE Fumiya (JPN)
2. Raul SIMON FRANCO (ESP)
3. Richard SLOCOCK (GBR)

Men's B3 Lead

1. Cosmin Florin CANDOI (ROU)
2. Daniel-Bebe-Vasilică ANDREI (ROU)
3. Roland PAILLEX (SUI)

Pictured

Dominic GEISSELER (SUI)

Men's RP1 Lead

1. Aloïs POTTIER (FRA)
2. OKADA Takuya (JPN)
3. Sebastian DEPKE (GER)

Men's RP2 Lead

1. Iván MUÑOZ ESCOLAR (ESP)
2. Benjamin MAYFORTH (USA)
3. Brayden BUTLER (USA)

Men's RP3 Lead

1. Jamie BARENDRECHT (NED)
2. Bastien THOMAS (FRA)
3. Matthias BÄRTSCHI (SUI)

Women's AL2 Lead

1. Lucie JARRIGE (FRA)
2. Sarah LARCOMBE (AUS)
3. Joanna NEWTON (GBR)

Women's AU2 Lead

1. Solenne PIRET (FRA)
2. Lucia CAPOVILLA (ITA)
3. Maureen BECK (USA)

Women's AU3 Lead

1. Rosalie SCHAUPERT (GER)
2. Manca SMREKAR (SLO)
3. Emily McDERMOTT (CAN)

Women's B3 Lead

1. Abigail ROBINSON (GBR)
2. Edith SCHEINECKER (AUT)
3. Ionela DRAGAN (ROU)

Women's RP1 Lead

1. Pavitra VANDENHOVEN (BEL)
2. Melissa RUIZ (USA)
3. Eva MOL (NED)

Women's RP2 Lead

1. Dina EIVIK (NOR)
2. Jasmin PLANK (AUT)
3. Sarah LONGHI (SUI)

Women's RP3 Lead

1. Marina DIAS (BRA)
2. Christiane LUTTIKHUIZEN (NED)
3. Martha EVANS (GBR)



Climbers close World Cup season in Villars

Just 10 days after the competition in Innsbruck, the Paraclimbing World Cup moved across the border into Switzerland for the third and final event of the 2023 season in Villars. Once again France were on golden form with Japan challenging for the top spots.

Location: Villars (SUI)

Date: 23-24 June

Men's AL2 Lead

1. Thierry DELARUE (FRA)
2. Gavin NIX (USA)
3. YUKI Shuhei (JPN)

Men's AU2 Lead

1. Kevin BARTKE (GER)
2. Isak RIPMAN (NOR)
3. Marco GALLI (SUI)

Men's AU3 Lead

1. Maxime MEYER (FRA)
2. Mor Michael SAPIR (ISR)
3. Dominic GEISSELER (SUI)

Men's B1 Lead

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

Men's B2 Lead

1. HAMANOUE Fumiya (JPN)
2. Guillermo PELEGRÍN GÓMEZ (ESP)
3. Raul SIMON FRANCO (ESP)

Men's B3 Lead

1. Cosmin Florin CANDOI (ROU)
2. Daniel-Bebe-Vasilică ANDREI (ROU)
3. Roland PAILLEX (SUI)



IFSC Paraclimbing World Cup Series 2023 - Medal table

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	France	10	4	1	15
2	USA	6	10	7	23
3	Japan	6	1	2	9
4	Austria	3	6	2	11
5	Romania	3	2	5	10
6	Germany	3	1	3	7
7	Great Britain	2	1	4	7
8	Netherlands	2	1	2	5
9	Norway	2	1	1	4
10	Brazil	2	0	1	3
11	Belgium	2	0	0	2
12	Spain	1	8	3	12
13	Israel	1	2	0	3
14	Switzerland	1	0	6	7
15	Australia	0	3	0	3
16	Italy	0	3	2	5
17	Slovenia	0	1	0	1
18	Canada	0	0	2	2
19	Chile	0	0	1	1
19	India	0	0	1	1
19	Slovakia	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	44	44	44	132

Men's RP1 Lead

1. Angelino ZELLER (AUT)
2. Aloïs POTTIER (FRA)
3. Markus PÖSENDORFER (AUT)

Men's RP2 Lead

1. Philipp HROZEK (GER)
2. Benjamin MAYFORTH (USA)
3. Manikandan KUMAR (IND)

Men's RP3 Lead

1. TAKANO Tadashi (JPN)
2. Bastien THOMAS (FRA)
3. Andrej HARŠÁNY (SVK)

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. Maureen BECK (USA)
3. Lucia CAPOVILLA (ITA)

Women's B3 Lead

1. Abigail ROBINSON (GBR)
2. Linda LE BON (AUT)
3. Edith SCHEINECKER (AUT)

Women's RP1 Lead

1. Melissa RUIZ (USA)
2. Marta PECHE SALINERO (ESP)
3. Eva MOL (NED)

Women's RP3 Lead

1. Christiane LUTTIKHUIZEN (NED)
2. Martha EVANS (GBR)
3. Marina DIAS (BRA)


**IGNACIO MARTINEZ
MAKES HISTORY AS FIRST
CHILEAN ATHLETE AT IFSC
PARACLIMBING EVENT**

Chile's Ignacio Martinez became the first ever athlete to represent Chile at an IFSC Paraclimbing event and secured a bronze on his debut in the men's RP3 event.

"I have been preparing for this moment for the past three years," said the 24-year-old from Curico. **"I am very happy and excited. It is a very big moment for me. Hopefully, my presence here will inspire other people to participate in future Paraclimbing competitions. I am very proud of being part of this community."**

"The majority of the gyms in Chile, outside of the capital Santiago, are Boulder gyms, so training for a Paraclimbing event is not easy. My wish is that the governing bodies will push for a change, and that more climbers and paraclimbers will participate in future IFSC competitions."

**Above**

Ignacio MARTINEZ (CHI)

Left

Angelino ZELLER (AUT)

Left below

Maxime MEYER (FRA)

Japan extend IFSC Youth World Championships dominance

From 18 to 27 August, a total of 596 young athletes representing 45 countries gathered in Seoul, Republic of Korea, to compete for world titles in Boulder, Lead and Speed at the IFSC Youth World Championships.

Going one better than their medal tally in 2022, and with 13 more than their nearest rival, the People's Republic of China, Team Japan's young climbers once more flexed their muscles at the IFSC Youth World Championships, winning 20 medals in total across Boulder, Lead and Speed.

Hamada Ryusei and Oda Natsumi got the party started for Japan, topping the Lead podiums in the men's and women's U16 categories, respectively. Sekiguchi Junta, Kayotani Ritsu and Murakoshi Kaho kept the gold rush coming in Boulder, with titles in the men's U20, men's U18 and women's U18, respectively. Hayashi Karin also added gold for Japan in women's U20 Speed.

But it was Team China who controlled the Speed wall, claiming all seven of its medals

there, including five of six up for grabs in the U16 category.

In the men's U16 final, a boisterous Zhao Yicheng tapped at 5.79, while compatriot Xu Jianxun settled for silver after a fall. In the small final, Yu Zexuan stayed ahead of Austria's Maximilian Wagner to take the bronze in 5.92.

In the U16 women's, Polina Khalkevych of Ukraine held her nerve to win gold and prevent another Chinese sweep, with runner-up Huang Xinyi of China slipping off the wall in the final. Teammate Lin Jiayi claimed bronze by beating Italy's Eva Mengoli in the small final.

Compatriots Zhang Tianxiang and Yang Faiyen scooped up China's two other medals, a gold and bronze, in the women's U18 Speed category. Kseniia Horielova of Ukraine took the silver.

Elsewhere, Belgium's Hannes Van Duysen and Slovenia's Sara Copar continued to make names for themselves, with the European duo adding two Youth World Championships medals to those they had won a year earlier.

Van Duysen stood victorious in the men's U20 Lead and finished third in the U20 Boulder behind winner Sekiguchi and runner-up Yannick Nagel of Germany. Copar struck gold in the women's U20 Lead and claimed silver in the U20 Boulder, inverse to her successes in the 2022 edition.

Julian David, the current Oceania record holder in men's Speed, did not disappoint in Seoul either. The New Zealander won his country's first-ever medal at an IFSC Youth World Championships with gold in the U20 men's Speed competition.

Finishing fifth in qualification, David started to find his feet in the finals going under six seconds twice. The final race was a nervier affair, as both David and USA's Micah Feller stumbled, but it was the Kiwi climber who eventually prevailed 9.33 to 9.64. Great Britain's Rafe Stokes took home the bronze.



Left
ODA Natsumi (JPN)

Pictured

Yannick NAGEL (GER)

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

1. NOH Hyunseung (KOR)
2. HAMADA Ryusei (JPN)
3. NAGAMORI Hareru (JPN)

Women's U16 Boulder podium

1. Analise VAN HOANG (USA)
2. Geila MACIA MARTIN (ESP)
3. ODA Natsumi (JPN)

Men's U16 Lead podium

1. HAMADA Ryusei (JPN)
2. NAGAMORI Hareru (JPN)
3. TODA Ryota (JPN)

Women's U16 Lead podium

1. ODA Natsumi (JPN)
2. MUGISHIMA Kohana (JPN)
3. Geila MACIA MARTIN (ESP)

Men's U16 Speed podium

1. ZHAO Yicheng (CHN)
2. XU Jianxun (CHN)
3. YU Zexuan (CHN)

Women's U16 Speed podium

1. Polina KHALKEVYCH (UKR)
2. HUANG Xinyi (CHN)
3. LIN Jiayi (CHN)

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

1. KAYOTANI Ritsu (JPN)
2. KATO Raito (JPN)
3. Thomas LEMANGER (FRA)

Women's U18 Boulder podium

1. MURAKOSHI Kaho (JPN)
2. Jennifer Eucharía BUCKLEY (SLO)
3. Lily ABRIAT (FRA)

Men's U18 Lead podium

1. KWON Kibeom (KOR)
2. OMATA Shion (JPN)
3. Auswin AUEAREECHIT (THA)

Women's U18 Lead podium

1. Meije LERONDEL (FRA)
2. KIM Chaeyeong (KOR)
3. MOCHIZUKI Moka (JPN)

Men's U18 Speed podium

1. Michael HOM (USA)
2. KIM Dong Jun (KOR)
3. TANI Kazuki (JPN)

Women's U18 Speed podium

1. ZHANG Tianxiang (CHN)
2. Kseniia HORIELOVA (UKR)
3. YANG Feiyan (CHN)

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

1. SEKIGUCHI Junta (JPN)
2. Yannick NAGEL (GER)
3. Hannes VAN DUYSSEN (BEL)

Women's U20 Boulder podium

1. Selma ELHADJ MIMOUNE (FRA)
2. Sara COPAR (SLO)
3. Izziar MARTINEZ ALMENDROS (ESP)

Men's U20 Lead podium

1. Hannes VAN DUYSSEN (BEL)
2. SUZUKI Neo (JPN)
3. MURASHITA Zento (JPN)

Women's U20 Lead podium

1. Sara COPAR (SLO)
2. TAKAO Tomona (JPN)
3. OGURA Sana (JPN)

Men's U20 Speed podium

1. Julian DAVID (NZL)
2. Micah FELLER (USA)
3. Rafe STOKES (GBR)

Women's U20 Speed podium

1. HAYASHI Karin (JPN)
2. Maria SZWED (POL)
3. Callie CLOSE (USA)

Cool heads prevail in Hangzhou

Having won his first Asian Games gold in 2018, Iran's Reza Alipour Shenazandifard had a good idea of what it would take to retain his title at Hangzhou 2023, even with world record holder Veddiri Leonardo and home favourite Long Jinbao standing in his way.



While many of his opponents struggled to stay on the wall, Reza Alipour Shenazandifard kept his composure throughout as he defended his title in the men's Speed event.

Desak Made Rita Kusuma Dewi of Indonesia, meanwhile, climbed fearlessly in the women's Speed event, adding a new Asian record of 6.36 en route to Asian Games gold.

The Asian Games also featured a team Speed event, with China securing top honours in both the men's and women's categories. Rounding out the podiums for both competitions were runners-up Indonesia and bronze medallists South Korea.

Japan's teen sensation Anraku Sorato topped the men's Boulder & Lead podium. He was the only climber in the final eight to top all four



Boulder problems and climbed to 88.1 points in Lead for a commanding victory.

The women's B&L competition was plagued by rain, with a persistent downfall causing the cancellation of the finale. Japan's Mori Ai was ultimately declared victorious according to the rankings after the semi-finals.

Pictured

Team Indonesia, Team China, Team South Korea



Poland get the party started

The first ever European Games gold medal in Sport Climbing was presented to Poland's Natalia Kalucka, who beat 11-time World Cup gold medallist and current world record holder Aleksandra Miroslaw in the final with a time of 6.57.

Kalucka's personal best was well-received by her hometown crowd in Tarnow, Poland, one of several communities hosting competitions at Krakow-Malopolska 2023. Italy's Beatrice Colli won the first international medal of her career by finishing third.

In a thrilling men's Speed final, Austria's Lukas Knapp pocketed gold with a time of 5.89 seconds, leaving silver for France's Marceau Garnier and bronze for Poland's Marcin Dzienski.

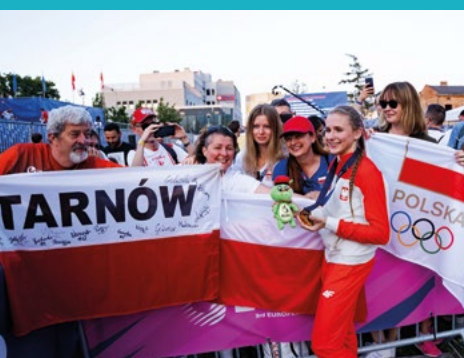
It was an all-French affair from there on, with gold medals in men's and women's Lead and men's and women's Boulder all going to climbers wearing the *tricolore*.

In the men's Lead final, France's Diego Fourbet finished with a 39, ahead of Italy's Giorgio Tomatis (38+) and Austria's Mathias Posch (38).

Compatriot Camille Pouget, meanwhile, earned her Lead victory with a 43+, placing her ahead of teammate Zelia Avezou, who took silver with 42+.

The runner-up award seemed to energise Avezou, as she steamrolled past the competition in the women's Boulder with a perfect round of four tops and four zones.

Teenager Lemagner made it four out of four for France by winning a tight battle against Latvia's Edvards Gruzitis in the men's Boulder finale.



Pictured

Natalia KALUCKA (POL)



Ignite your BLUE.



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Open Roads Await

Holds, Macros, and Volumes P24 and S24 catalogues

In September the IFSC presented the P24 Catalogue: Holds, Macros, and Volumes for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 – the second edition of the sport equipment catalogue specifically designed for the Games.

The aim of P24 is to provide the highest quality of sport equipment; promote fairness, by publicly releasing it in advance prior to the Olympics; and create opportunities for sport development after the event.

The manufacturers selected for each category of product are:

- **P24 Holds:** Cheeta, eXpression Holds, Flathold, Squadra
- **P24 Macros:** 360 Holds, Cheeta, Flathold, Rockcity
- **P24 Volumes:** Blocz, Cheeta, Squadra

Only companies that were included in the pre-existing IFSC Official Sport Equipment Catalogue for the 2023 season were taken into consideration for P24.

In addition to P24, the IFSC also released a joint initiative named S24 Catalogue: Holds, Macros, and Volumes for Sport Climbing Events at the Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS) 2024 – available at the end of 2023.

The qualification process to Paris 2024 started in August, with the first batch of Olympic quotas being awarded at the IFSC World Championships Bern 2023, and continued with the first of five Continental Qualifiers, which took place in Rome, Italy.

The following qualifiers took place in Laval, France; Jakarta, Indonesia; Melbourne, Australia; and Pretoria, South Africa.

The manufacturers selected for each category are:

- **S24 Holds:** Agripp, Grizzly, Kilter, Rockcity
- **S24 Macros:** Bluepill, eXpression Holds, Squadra, Xcult
- **S24 Volumes:** EP Climbing, eXpression Holds, Rockcity

The items selected in Catalogue S24 are to be used in the field of play of the OQS event in Budapest, Hungary – from 20 to 23 June 2024, and awarding the final batch of Olympic quota places for

Paris 2024 – while the items included in P24 will be used at the OQS event in Shanghai, China – from 16 to 19 May 2024 – and at Paris 2024.

P24 and S24 are initiatives that aim to promote fairness in the competition, selecting materials of the highest quality and releasing the information in advance.



P24 catalogue

The following brands are IFSC selected suppliers to provide Holds, Macros, and Volumes for the Olympic Games and OQS Shanghai. We thank them for their support and contributions.

P24 Holds Producer

Cheeta

expression
HOLDS

flathold[®]
Swiss designed climbing holds

SQUADRA

P24 Macros Producer

360
HOLDS

Cheeta

flathold[®]
Swiss designed climbing holds

ROCKCITY

P24 Volumes Producer

blocz

Cheeta

SQUADRA

S24 catalogue

The following brands are IFSC selected suppliers to provide Holds, Macros, and Volumes for the OQS Budapest. We thank them for their support and contributions.

S24 Holds Producer

acripp

GRIZZLY
— HOLDS —

KUTER

ROCKCITY

S24 Macros Producer

bp
blue pill
holds • volumes • equipment

expression
HOLDS

SQUADRA

X CULT

S24 Volumes Producer

E/P

expression
HOLDS

ROCKCITY



INSIDE THE IFSC



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING



Singapore hosts productive XIX IFSC General Assembly

The XIX IFSC General Assembly took place in Singapore at Swissôtel The Stamford from 31 March to 1 April.

Hosted by the Singapore Sport Climbing and Mountaineering Federation, the meetings featured 65 delegates from 46 National Federations.

On day one, delegates voted in favour of a proposed exception that would allow current IFSC President Marco Sclaris to stand again for a final term in the 2025 General Election. In turn, the National Federations requested a succession plan from the IFSC Executive Board that would

ensure a smooth transition when new leadership is confirmed.

Delegates also agreed to the inclusion of three members to the newly reformed IFSC Ethics Commission: Ethiopian Dagmawit Girmay Berhane, Italian Mario Morelli and USA's Patti Rube.

The General Assembly voted to accept five new National Federations, with Iceland, Kosovo, Kuwait, Lebanon and Morocco joining the IFSC Member Federations.



A proposal to change the eligibility age from 16 to 17 for senior IFSC events was also approved. The change will take effect in 2025 and include World Cups and World Championships.

In addition to receiving many detailed presentations from the IFSC executive and team, the General Assembly selected Seoul as the host of the 2025 Climbing World Championships after a presentation from the Korea Alpine Federation (KAF), and picked Santiago and Cyprus, respectively, to host the 2024 and 2025 General Assemblies.

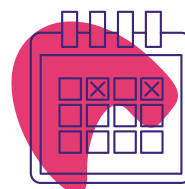
The day prior to the General Assembly, all the attending delegates took part in a trio of workshops aimed at providing key information and best practices that they can take back and apply at the local and national levels. The workshops focused on the Olympic pathway, Relative Energy

Deficiency in sport (REDs) and mental health, and were presented by experts in their fields.

Joop Alberda, the gold-medal winning coach of the Netherlands men's Olympic volleyball team, walked the delegates through what it takes to be in the Olympic environment and how best to assist athletes and Federations on the Olympic path.

Dr Margo Mountjoy, a sport medicine doctor, scientist and professor with experience at the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games, and Maria Stefania Ionel, a Clinical & Sport Psychologist, both presented the topic of REDs.

And bringing the mental health of athletes into focus, Sam Parfitt, founder and CEO of The True Athlete Project (TAP) – a charity in Great Britain and USA with the aim of building a more compassionate world through sport – addressed delegates.

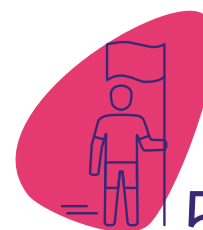


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65

delegates, from
46 National Federations



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new National
Federations



Extraordinary General Assembly

Member Federations vote 'yes' to new Statutes

The IFSC adopted new Statutes following an overwhelming majority vote of approval by its Member Federations during an online Extraordinary General Assembly on 31 October.

Opened from the IFSC Headquarters in Torino, Italy, by President Marco Scolaris, the IFSC Extraordinary General Assembly progressed through a host of motions submitted and presented by its National Federations and followed with a subsequent vote on each.

Motions had been put forward by Member Federations and forwarded to all others for consideration in advance of the meeting. This process led to voting on a range of aspects from terminology in the statutes to diversity and representation during the General Assembly.

The final vote of the meeting was in relation to the adoption of the new IFSC Statutes, which passed with 93.75% of the vote – 45 of 48 members voted 'yes'.

The previous IFSC Statutes had been in place since their adoption at the XVI IFSC General Assembly, held virtually on 13-14 November 2020, and have now been replaced with the new IFSC Statutes.

President Scolaris said: **"I want to thank the representatives present at this Extraordinary General Assembly, but also everyone behind them from our Member Federations that contributed to the submitted motions. Once again it shows how we are all moving forward together with everyone engaging in a strong democratic process. I would also like to thank the Governance Commission for their continued work with our Statutes."**



IFSC confirmed as Full Member of ASOIF

The IFSC was officially granted Full Membership of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) at the 47th ASOIF General Assembly in Lausanne, Switzerland.

IFSC President Marco Sclaris and General Director Piero Rebaudengo were in attendance as a vote among the 27 International Federations welcomed the IFSC into the ASOIF family.

President Sclaris addressed the attendees following the decision and said: **“We’re very pleased to be part of the ASOIF family as Full Members, and of course we will give our contribution the best we can. Thank you for the confidence. I promise you that together we will work to improve the quality of the Olympic future.”**

“We hope in the constitution of a working group tasked to study a new system of financing for the Full Members including the new sports. We’re currently an additional sport but we have the same duties of all the other members.”

“We have to organise Climbing at the Games and it will be very important to keep in consideration the transition between being an additional sport and a programme sport, from Paris to Los Angeles.”

Previously an Associate Member of ASOIF, the inclusion of Sport Climbing on the full programme for the Olympic Games LA28 allowed the IFSC to apply for Full Membership in the umbrella body for the Summer Olympic International Federations.

PROCESS APPROVED TO BEGIN REINSTATING ATHLETES WITH RUSSIAN AND BELARUSIAN PASSPORTS AS NEUTRALS

Under the terms of the approved process, which adhere to guidelines issued by the IOC earlier in the year, athletes with Russian or Belarusian passports will be required to obtain neutral licences as a precondition to register themselves to IFSC events from 2024.

The IFSC Executive Board decision was based on Task Force recommendations presented on 7 June, after reaffirming the support for the Ukrainian athletes, and the principles of the separation of sport and politics, as well as of all athletes being able to compete.

The Task Force was appointed by the Executive Board on 10 May and composed of the President of the Oceania Council, Naomi Cleary, the President of the Athletes’ Commission, Shauna Coxsey, and the IFSC Research & Development Director, Silvia Verdolini.

The recommendations followed a monthlong consultation period during which meetings were held with the IFSC Athletes’ Commission and a broad assortment of stakeholders, including representatives of the IOC, major event organisers, anti-doping organisations, the European Council, intelligence and investigative providers, the Ukrainian National Olympic Committee, and the Ukrainian Mountaineering and Climbing Federation (UMCF).

Pictured
Los Angeles, USA



Prague hosts first in-person IFSC Officials' Seminar since 2019

Routesetters, judges and event delegates of the IFSC gathered in Prague, Czech Republic, for the annual IFSC Officials' Seminar, from 17-19 February.

Organised in collaboration with the Czech National Federation, the Seminar saw the participation of 34 officials – featuring 17 routesetters, 13 judges and four event delegates – and was hosted by the Jungle Sports Park. It was the first IFSC Officials' Seminar to take place in-person since 2019.

The Seminar had sessions dedicated to routesetters, and topics spanning from the latest version of the Official Sport Equipment Catalogue in the Holds, Macros, and Volumes categories to the Boulder & Lead format, and the preparation for the upcoming 2023 season.

There were also combined sessions with routesetters and judges, and judges and event delegates to help strengthen the collaboration at events.



IFSC COMMISSIONS MEMBERS GATHER IN TORINO

Some 48 representatives of the IFSC Executive Board and Commissions gathered in the Olympic city of Torino, Italy – home of the IFSC headquarters – for three productive days of conversations, meetings and networking, and laying the groundwork for the highly anticipated 2024 season.

Representatives from all IFSC Commissions were either in attendance or online for the meetings held at the NH Hotel from 5-7 December, which culminated in presentations of the main points raised by the chairs of each commission to the Executive Board.

IFSC Commissions' Members

IFSC Commissions make a valuable contribution to the future and growth of Sport Climbing and continued to do that throughout the year.

IFSC STATUTORY

COMMISSIONS:

Disciplinary Commission

- Ian ALDERSON (GBR) Chair

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 (SUI)
- NISHITANI Yoshiko (JPN)
- Aukje VAN WEERT (NED)
- Mateuzs MIROSLAV (POL)
- Jay KOH (SGP)
- Josh LARSON (USA)
- Ekaterina DEULINA (RUS) *Suspended*

Events Commission

- Marc NORMAN (USA) Chair
- Julia PINGGERA (AUT) Vice Chair
- Li Guo Wei (CHN)
- Emilie GHEUX (FRA)
- Sebastian POWELL (CAN)
- Rico SCHUMANN (GER)
- Davide MANZONI (ITA)
- Sandro PFISTER (SUI)
- Evgeniy CHERNYSHEV (RUS) *Suspended*

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)
- Evgeniy LEVIN (RUS) *Suspended*

Routesetters' Commission

- Percy BISHTON (GBR) Chair
- Adam PUSTELNIK (POL) Vice Chair

- Matthias WOITZUCK (AUT)
- Jan ZBRANEK (GER)
- Pedro CORRAL (ECU)
- Remi SAMYN (FRA)
- Christian BINDHAMMER (GER)
- Artimes FARSHADYEGANEH (IRI)
- OKANO Hiroshi (JPN)
- Chris DANIELSON (USA)
- Anna GALLYAMOVA (RUS) *Suspended*

Rules Commission

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

OTHER COMMISSIONS:

Athletes' Commission

- Shauna COXSEY (GBR) President
- Sean McCOLL (CAN) Vice President
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- Stasa GEJO (SRB)
- Campbell HARRISON (AUS)
- Ievgeniia KAZBEKOVA (UKR)
- Alex KHAZANOV (ISR)
- NONAKA Miho (JPN)
- Michael PICCOLRUZZI (ITA)
- Jakob SCHUBERT (AUT)
- Alannah YIP (CAN)

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- 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)

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- 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)

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- Katie KAMINSKY (AUS)
- Dr Gabriel ISFER DE LIMA (BRA)
- Maria IONEL (ROU)

- Dr Daniel VON ESSEN (GER)
- Dr Shabnam ASADI (IRI)
- Dr Andrea FELICI (ITA)
- KOJI Tanabe (JPN)
- Dr Cesar CANALES (ESP)
- Prof. Naama CONSTANTINI (ISR)

Media & Marketing Commission

- Michael NAVERSNIK (GER) Chair
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- Joachim STROINK (CAN)
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- Ziad PEEBUX (MRI)
- Doris RECHSTEINER (SUI)
- HARADA Saki (JPN)
- Helen ANGULO (ECU)
- Thomas BUCHER (GER)
- Hossein REZAREI (IRI)
- Marco IACONO (ITA)
- Anand BHEECA (MRI)

Athletes' Commission in numbers

4 NEW MEMBERS



16 CANDIDATES applied for the Athletes' Commission – the most ever

OVER
375
ATHLETES



Voting took place during the IFSC Climbing and Paraclimbing World Championships Bern 2023 with the highest turnout of votes in the history of the organisation

11
MEMBERS



FROM
10

DIFFERENT NATIONS now make up the Athletes' Commission

IFSC Structure

**GENERAL
ASSEMBLY**

**Athletes'
Commission**

**IFSC
President**

**Executive
Board**

**Continental
Councils**

**Statutory
Commissions**

**Paraclimbing
Committee**

Disciplinary Commission
Ethics Commission

**Medical &
Anti-doping
Commission**

**Sport &
Technical
Commission**

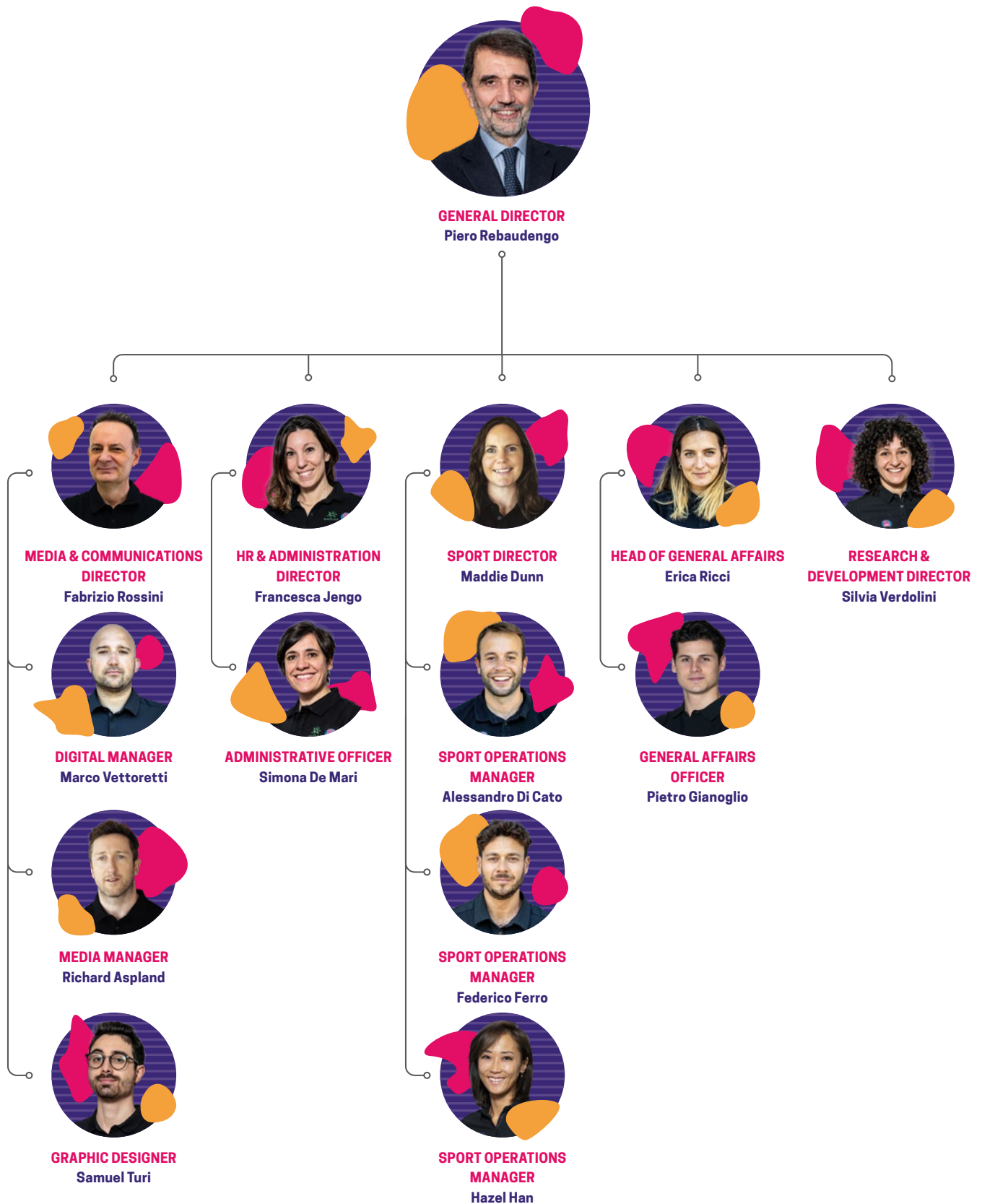
Coaches
Event
Judges

Routesetters
Rules
Sport Equipment

**Finance
Commission**

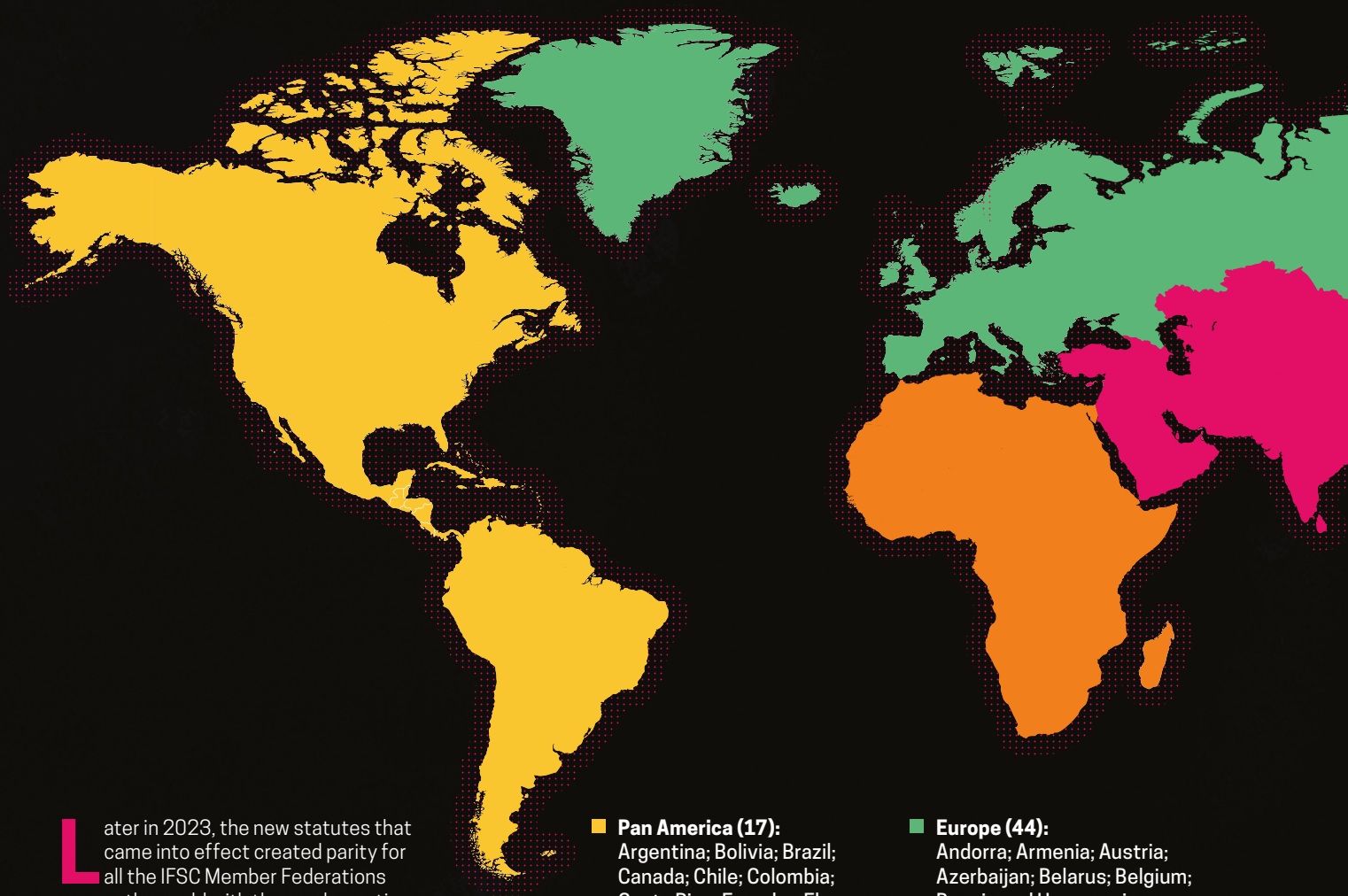
**Media &
Marketing
Commission**

IFSC Staff



New statutes create equality for members

As Iceland, Kosovo, Kuwait, Lebanon and Morocco's membership was confirmed in Singapore at the XIX IFSC General Assembly, the year ended with a total of 98 Member Federations worldwide.



Later in 2023, the new statutes that came into effect created parity for all the IFSC Member Federations across the world with the amalgamation of the former membership categories into one single Full Membership status.

■ 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; Cameroon; Mauritius; Morocco; Nigeria; 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; Kosovo; Latvia; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Malta; Netherlands; North Macedonia; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Russia; Serbia; Slovakia; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; Ukraine.



■ **Asia (25):**

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

■ **Oceania (3):**

Australia; Guam; New Zealand.



Pictured L/R

Sara COPAR (SLO),
OGATA Yoshiyuki (JPN)



Transition plan generated from 2022 carbon footprint assessment

Working together with Sporting Giants, the IFSC undertook a full assessment of its carbon footprint for 2022, which led to the formation of a transition plan that suggested a series of actions that can be implemented for the future.

The assessment was completed with data from all emissions generated from the IFSC's 2022 activities, including events, office administration and all travel. From this study there is a belief that the initiatives put forward will contribute significantly to reducing the IFSC's ecological footprint in the medium term.

The IFSC has made the crucial step in joining the UNFCCC Sports For Climate Action Framework to align with the IOC and other International Federations in safeguarding the future of our sport and planet.

The IFSC Climate Transition Plan sets out the steps that will be taken to reduce emissions by 50% by 2030, and to achieve net zero emissions across our value chain by 2040.

50%
IFSC to halve
emissions by 2030



0
Net zero emissions
by 2040

CARBON EMISSIONS OFFSET WITH PAYMENT TO MYCLIMATE

In line with the IFSC's commitment to environmental responsibility, funds allocated to sustainability were used to support climate protection initiatives in collaboration with 'myclimate'.

In 2023, the IFSC contributed to this organisation that finances high-quality climate protection projects and climate education work for the second consecutive year.

The official IFSC
competition boulder



Natural Climb, Spain
The Climbing Lab, UK
ClimbPro Center, Spain
Parthian Wandsworth, UK
Wyn Skillpark, Switzerland
Portland Rock Gym, USA
Climbing Mulhouse Center, France
Indoor Boulder, USA

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS
IFSC Asian Kids Championship, India
Pan American Games, Chile
Neom Beach Games, Saudi Arabia
GBK, IFSC Asian Qualifier, Indonesia
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Financial Report 2023

2023 was a crucial year for our sport: it was a pre-Olympic year and as such most resources were focused on the preparation for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 in the best possible way.

To do so, we had to make some decisions:

- **Postponement of the Subsidiary:** The legal preparations and workload required to set up and implement the Subsidiary were not compatible with the pre-Olympic year preparation. The IFSC Executive Board postponed its creation to 2025.
- **Budget review:** In March 2023, the General Assembly approved a balanced budget. It soon became evident that this could not be possible if we wanted to invest in the visibility of our sport and in adequate preparation for the Games. Consequently, at the time of the Q2 Budget review, the Executive Board voted for an increase in the operating costs, to be covered by a part of the reserves (operating funds).
- **Focus on athletes:** More than a quarter of the Operating Revenues (26%) were



invested into programmes in support of athletes and their preparation for the Games. Costs include promotion of the Olympic qualification pathway; delivery of a state-of-the-art anti-doping programme; collaboration with the IFSC Medical & Anti-Doping Commission; support for Athletes' Commission activities and their representation in the Executive Board; development of educational programmes for athletes, coaches and officials.

- **Support to membership:** Despite the allocation of resources to the Games

preparation, the IFSC confirmed the financial support to Member Federations to ensure their participation at the General Assembly in person. Additionally, in 2023 the new membership fee system was implemented: the annual fee was decreased to reduce the financial burden on members.

Overall, the IFSC annual turnover continued to follow a steady growth, closing the year with a 12% increase in the Operating Revenues.

RISK & FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT

In 2023 the Risk & Finance Commission mainly focused on:

- **Financial Regulations:** Wording and content of the Financial Regulations and their Annexes were updated to be consistent with the IFSC Statutes approved in October 2023.
- **Delegation of Authority to Continental Councils:** Delegation of Authority, one of the Annexes of the Financial Regulations, was reviewed and includes definition of the signatory powers of the Continental Councils.
- **Events financial analysis and strategy:** Update of the events financial model; risk assessment and mitigation for cancellation of events; recommendation for multi-year agreements.

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2023

Account	31 Dec 2023 EUR	31 Dec 2022 EUR	Variance EUR
Assets			
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable (net of provision for bad debts)	548,689	568,256	(19,566)
Deferred Expenses	169,712	31,936	137,776
Cash			
Cash on Hand	11,983	9,091	2,892
Banca Sella-checking	517,600	146,613	370,987
Crédit Suisse-checking USD	52,032	191,294	(139,263)
Crédit Suisse-checking CHF	132,777	366,579	(233,802)
Crédit Suisse-checking EUR	189,394	597,911	(408,517)
PayPal	1,663	1,318	345
UniCredit-checking	104,111	65,465	38,646
Credit Cards	15,805	14,146	1,659
Total Cash	1,025,365	1,392,418	(367,053)
Cash - Continental Councils			
IFSC Asian Council - Crédit Suisse-checking	49,309	65,172	(15,863)
IFSC European Council - UniCredit-checking	104,814	138,164	(33,350)
IFSC Oceania Council - Crédit Suisse-checking	9,497	13,143	(3,645)
IFSC Pan American Council - Crédit Suisse-checking	9,776	10,141	(366)
Total Cash - Continental Councils	173,396	226,620	(53,225)
Total Current Assets	1,917,161	2,219,230	(302,069)
Fixed Assets			
Computer Equipment	33,285	37,854	(4,568)
Office Equipment	5,101	12,085	(6,984)
Property	1,070,247	1,035,009	35,239
Total Fixed Assets	1,108,634	1,084,948	23,686
Intangible Assets			
Identity, Trademark	45,120	18,304	26,816
Total Intangible Assets	45,120	18,304	26,816
Other Assets			
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	4,270,915	4,522,482	(251,567)

BALANCE SHEET

International Federation of Sport Climbing

Account	31 Dec 2023 EUR	31 Dec 2022 EUR	Variance EUR
Liabilities & Equity			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	715,810	549,223	166,587
Accounts Payable to be Received	88,539	104,583	(16,044)
Deferred Revenues	268,052	599,183	(331,131)
Provisions for Risk	-	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	1,072,402	1,252,989	(180,588)
Non-current Liabilities			
Banca Sella Loan	837,413	-	837,413
COVID-19 Bridge Loan	163,660	218,823	(55,163)
Total Non-current Liabilities	1,001,072	218,823	782,250
Designated Funds			
Development Funds	-	100,737	(100,737)
IOC Contribution Funds	-	166,412	(166,412)
IOC Road to Paris 2024 Funds	-	263,000	(263,000)
IOC Road to Paris 2024 Funds, designated to HQ purchase	712,000	712,000	-
Total Designated Funds	712,000	1,242,149	(530,149)
Operating Funds			
Operating Funds, including current year result	1,056,142	1,390,091	(333,949)
Total Operating Funds	1,056,142	1,390,091	(333,949)
Equity			
Current Year Earnings	12,684	6,905	5,779
Retained Earnings	26,893	19,990	6,904
Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	1,773	3,502	(1,729)
Member Funds	387,948	388,033	(85)
Total Equity	429,299	418,430	10,869
Total Liabilities & Equity	4,270,915	4,522,482	(251,567)

Profit and Loss

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Account	2023 EUR	2022 EUR	Variance EUR
Operating Revenues			
IOC Funds			
IOC Annual Funds	70,567	102,617	(32,050)
IOC Funds / Covid-19 Contribution*	267,149	657,576	(390,427)
Olympic Solidarity Funds	128,865	-	128,865
Total IOC Funds	466,581	760,193	(293,612)
Institutional			
Membership Fees	126,828	212,079	(85,252)
Total Institutional	126,828	212,079	(85,252)
Marketing			
Broadcasting Rights	853,040	1,035,206	(182,165)
Sponsorship	465,943	760,696	(294,754)
Total Marketing	1,318,983	1,795,902	(476,919)
Olympic Preparation			
Funds for the Olympic Preparation	1,529,972	356,333	1,173,639
Total Olympic Preparation	1,529,972	356,333	1,173,639
Sport & Events			
Appeals	13,792	2,386	11,406
Athletes & Team Officials' Licences	110,775	86,415	24,360
Calendar Fees	763,244	500,817	262,427
Continental Councils Officials Courses Revenues	-	200	(200)
Official Sport Equipment	238,853	171,915	66,939
Registration Fees	346,688	231,826	114,862
Total Sport & Events	1,473,353	993,558	479,795
Other Revenues			
Interest Income	-	3,181	(3,181)
Other Income	2,475	270,916	(268,441)
Total Other Revenues	2,475	274,098	(271,623)
Total Operating Revenues	4,918,192	4,392,164	526,028
Operating Costs			
Administration			
Bank Costs	7,563	5,741	1,822
Insurance	45,021	39,487	5,534
Legal	66,445	51,218	15,227
Office Expenses & Administration	194,075	132,523	61,552
Salaries & Social Contributions	1,144,128	955,223	188,904
Travel Expenses & Hospitality	244,227	155,796	88,431
Total Administration	1,701,459	1,339,989	361,470

Account	2023 EUR	2022 EUR	Variance EUR
Anti-Doping & Medical			
Anti-Doping & Medical	248,271	96,074	152,197
Total Anti-Doping & Medical	248,271	96,074	152,197
Communications			
Content Production	115,136	59,685	55,451
Corporate Communication	134,989	121,379	13,610
Website	32,518	36,396	(3,879)
Total Communications	282,643	217,460	65,182
Development			
Development Programmes	224,763	78,525	146,237
Total Development	224,763	78,525	146,237
Institutional			
Board Expenses / Indemnity & Per Diem	123,990	116,450	7,540
Board Expenses / Travel Expenses	178,379	149,828	28,552
Commissions	31,780	14,739	17,042
General Assembly & Institutional Meetings	181,761	167,565	14,196
Governance	67,450	53,904	13,546
International Associations Membership	2,096	6,359	(4,264)
Total Institutional	585,456	508,845	76,611
Marketing			
Promotion	315,901	359,320	(43,420)
TV Production	952,056	768,074	183,982
Total Marketing	1,267,957	1,127,395	140,562
Olympic & Multi-Sport Games Preparation			
Olympic & Multi-Sport Games Services	78,433	178,958	(100,524)
Olympic Preparation Visits	6,050	201	5,849
Total Olympic & Multi-Sport Games Preparation	84,483	179,159	(94,676)
Sport & Events			
Continental Councils Officials Courses Costs	6,587	571	6,017
Event Preparation Costs	45,974	201,669	(155,695)
Official Sport Equipment Expenses	17,076	4,064	13,011
Officials	561,253	416,043	145,210
Paraclimbing Activities	29,461	24,498	4,963
Sport Data Management	45,869	63,584	(17,715)
Sport & Events Consulting	24,000	63,679	(39,679)
Sustainability	9,800	10,000	(200)
Trophies	14,687	8,579	6,108
Total Sport & Events	754,708	792,688	(37,979)
Total Operating Costs	5,149,740	4,340,135	(809,606)
Gross Operating Profit	(231,548)	52,029	(283,577)

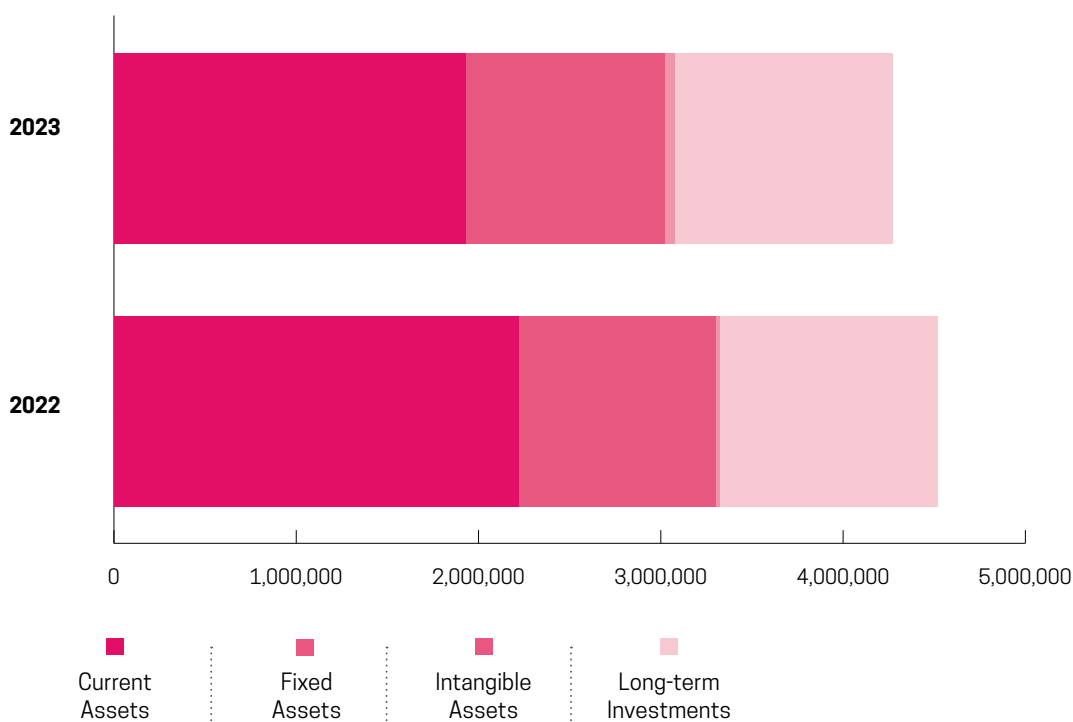
PROFIT AND LOSS

International Federation of Sport Climbing

Account	2023 EUR	2022 EUR	Variance EUR
Depreciation			
Annual Depreciation Expense	(26,408)	(19,906)	(6,502)
Total Depreciation	(26,408)	(19,906)	(6,502)
Foreign Currency Gains (Losses)			
Foreign Currency Gains & Losses	(23,551)	3,327	(26,879)
Total Foreign Currency Gains (Losses)	(23,551)	3,327	(26,879)
Financial Gains (Losses)			
Interest Income	3,578	-	3,578
Passive Interests on loans	(35,701)	-	(35,701)
Total Financial Gains (Losses)	(32,123)	-	(32,123)
Other Operating Revenues and Costs			
Credit Losses	(5,000)	(7,832)	2,832
Release of Provisions for Bad Debts	5,035	22,117	(17,082)
Release of Provisions for Risks	-	-	-
Use of Designated Funds for Credit Losses	-	-	-
Total Other Operating Revenues and Costs	35	14,285	(14,250)
Allocation / Use of Operating Funds			
Allocation to Operating Fund / Provisions	(8,500)	(55,936)	47,436
Use of Operating Funds / Provisions	334,915	13,106	321,809
Total Allocation / Use of Operating Funds	326,415	(42,830)	369,245
Net Profit	12,820	6,905	5,915

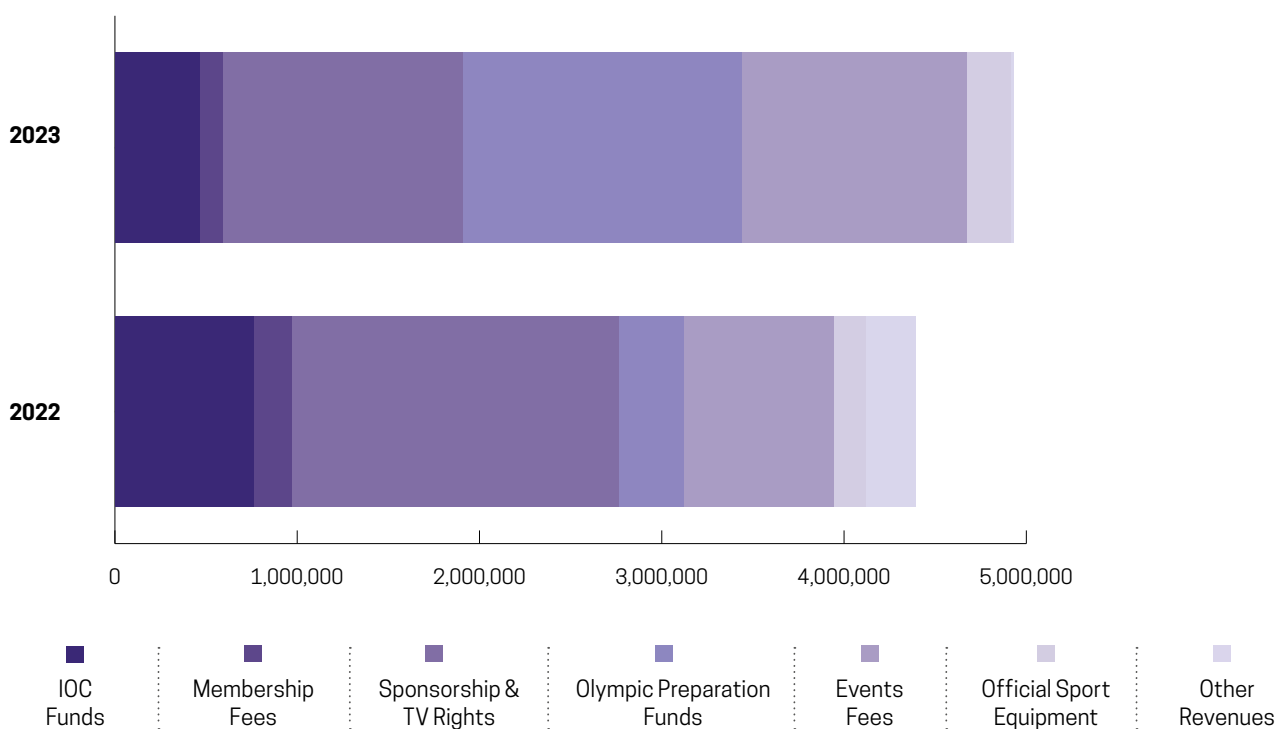
2022-23 ASSETS COMPARISON

Composition of the Assets as reported in the Balance Sheet



2022-23 OPERATING REVENUES COMPARISON

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







DEVELOPMENT





Four Climbing coaches in third cohort of WISH programme

In 2023, Beatrix Chong of Singapore, Stella Kerasidou of Greece, Meghan McDonald of the USA and Elnaz Rekabi of Iran were selected to take part in the Women in Sport High Performance Pathway (WISH).

Created by the International Olympic Committee and Olympic Solidarity, the WISH programme is aimed at increasing the number of female coaches at the Olympic Games. The programme runs over 21 months and allows women who are involved or have the potential to be involved in elite coaching, to access leadership training, leadership mentoring and complementary sport-specific training, which is led by the International Federations (IFs) with the engagement of the National Olympic Committees (NOCs).

Further supported by ASOIF and the IFSC, applications were open to female coaches who expressed the potential and ambition to succeed in gaining roles at elite coaching levels within their sports.

The four successful Climbing applicants – Chong, Kerasidou, McDonald and Rekabi – joined the third general cohort of the WISH programme and followed on from Climbing's Ajda Remškar of Slovenia who has been part of the second cohort since August 2022. The participants were

chosen on the strength of their applications, coaching history and pedigree.

Their applications were approved and ratified at the end of 2022 by the Singaporean, Greek and Iranian NOCs respectively, to allow them to begin the programme. McDonald's support came earlier in 2022 as she was initially part of cohort two before choosing to postpone and join cohort three.

In all, there were 15 Climbing applications from 11 National Federations and four continents, showcasing the diversity and reach of the sport.

All four participants attended the first online session on 30 November to kickstart the leadership programme alongside sportswomen from other Olympic sports.

IFSC Secretary General Debra Gawrych said: **"The WISH programme is a fantastic opportunity for our female coaches to gain essential knowledge and experience and will help empower them with confidence"**



ABOUT THE WISH PROGRAMME

- Supported by Olympic Solidarity
- Developed to target women and sport development
- Runs over 21 months
- Allows women access to leadership training, leadership mentoring and complementary sport-specific training

and leadership going forward into their coaching futures.

“All five women displayed early on how well they would suit a programme like this, whether they wanted to expand their coaching knowledge for now or after their competitive Climbing careers had finished. We speak with all our participants regularly and we will continue to support them throughout their journeys.”

COACHES PARTICIPATE IN WISH PROGRAMME RESIDENCY PHASE

Stella Kerasidou, Beatrix Chong and Meghan McDonald attended a five-day residency from 20-24 February at the Institute of Sport at the University of Hertfordshire, Great Britain, as part of the group of 97 coaches from 53 countries and 17 sports enrolled in the WISH programme.

“It was a great honour getting selected as one of the three coaches to represent Sport Climbing in the WISH programme,” said Chong. **“I had the chance of sharing sessions with women from other sports and nationalities, and the facilitator came up with a variety of activities to help bring out the leadership and teamwork in us, assisting us to acknowledge our strength and weakness. I am very much looking forward to seeing how much more I can grow as a coach after this programme!”**

Kerasidou said: **“I really liked that I came close with female coaches from all around the world and saw that they have the same concerns as me, and they face the same problems. So it makes me feel that it's not something that I'm doing wrong, but that all these difficulties really exist.”**

“I like how we are coming closer, and we are learning from each other's experiences. And the tasks we did in the programme helped us to understand better the different situations and from different perspectives.”

McDonald said: **“It's been a wonderful opportunity. I was thrilled to be in that cohort of amazingly talented female coaches and leaders. There's so much wisdom, experience, and kindness! I'm eager to expand my breadth of knowledge and to push my capacity as a coach and a leader.”**

REKABI BEGINS WISH PROGRAMME AT IFSC COACHES' COURSE IN LEEDS

After postponing her start of the WISH Programme, Iran's Elnaz Rekabi attended



WISH: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Several women have gone on to lead or support national programmes, be appointed in national coaching roles and had success at championships
- Olympic Solidarity and IOC with the IFs and NOCs will continue to track and support high performance women coaches
- At the end of the programme, candidates who may require more support will be invited to attend a top-level coaching education programme

the residency clinic at the Institute of Sport at the University of Hertfordshire as part of cohort 4 before joining Ajda Remškar, Stella Kerasidou and Beatrix Chong for the Sport Climbing-specific Coaches' Course in Leeds, Great Britain.

IFSC Coaches' Trainer, Ellie Glennie of Great Britain, who acts as a Climbing-specific mentor for the WISH programme, brought the four women from the three cohorts together to learn and exchange knowledge in a safe environment to help build confidence as well as learn new skills and ways of working.

Rekabi said: **“The number of women compared to men is a lot less so it's important to gather women together and empower them to believe in themselves. When I compete in World Cups, I see the number of male coaches compared to the number of women, which could sometimes be only one, so courses like this are really needed.”**

“It's nice to see women coming together and communicating together to help, learn and develop their own abilities and confidence.”



Pictured
Elnaz REKABI (IRI)

Universality Place development programme for Paris 2024 hopefuls

As a strong proponent of gender and geographical balance in Sport Climbing, the IFSC champions universality as a fundamental aspect of our sport and participation at the Olympic Games.

With the support of Olympic Solidarity and participating IFSC Member Federations, the IFSC ran a month-long Universality Place development programme in Europe for five of the nine eligible countries: Cambodia, El Salvador, Honduras, Iceland and North Macedonia. Two athletes and one coach participated from each of the countries.

The aim of the programme is to provide the participants with the leading training techniques and first-hand experience at elite-level competitions, arming them with the tools needed to progress in the sport on and off the field of play, and allowing them to transfer knowledge and skills in their home countries.

The four-week programme consisted of assisted participation at IFSC World Cups that included specialised instruction for both athletes and coaches by Sport Climbing experts. The Italian Sport Climbing Federation (FASI), working with Urbanwall in Milan and Bside Climbing Park, C.A.T and Escape Climbing Garden in Torino, generously opened up its gyms to the participants free of charge for the duration of the programme.

Running from 2 June to 2 July, the schedule began in Milan with training aimed at giving the athletes a competition mindset ahead of their first Boulder competition at the IFSC Climbing World Cup Brixen, Italy, before their participation in the Boulder and Lead disciplines at the IFSC Climbing World Cup Innsbruck, Austria.

After training in Torino, the participants visited the IFSC headquarters to meet IFSC President Marco Sclaris and the IFSC staff. The group then moved onto Villars, Switzerland, to compete at the IFSC Climbing World Cup in Lead and Speed, before returning to their home countries.

IFSC consultant Toni Roy accompanied the group throughout the period to provide advice and support to all the participants.

“To welcome these young athletes to our world was a great emotion,” said President

Sclaris. **“They know everything of their idols, our champions, and now they have the possibility to climb with them. The programme helps give deserving athletes and coaches from around the world a much-needed helping hand on their journey in our sport – one that may even see them competing at the Olympic Games.**

“I have supported the establishment of such a programme for years and I am proud and appreciative of everyone involved in making it a reality. My special thanks to Olympic Solidarity and FASI for their integral support.”

Right
Iris DURON
ANTONIO (HON)



Programme participants

NAME	COUNTRY	DESIGNATION
Pheaktra SAMBATH	CAM	Athlete
Vinnith IM	CAM	Athlete
Rorn SEAM	CAM	Coach
Marcelo Ignacio VARGAS CLAROS	ESA	Athlete
Grecia Daniela HERNANDEZ GUERRERO	ESA	Athlete
Marta Yaneth MOYA DE MERLOS	ESA	Coach
Daniel Alejandro MERINO ORDOÑEZ	HON	Athlete
Iris Pamela DURON ANTONIO	HON	Athlete
Karl Emanuel JIMENEZ ZELAYA	HON	Coach
Guðmundur Freyr ARNARSON	ISL	Athlete
Svana Simone Dominique BJARNASON	ISL	Athlete
Elmar Orri GUNNARSSON	ISL	Coach
Matej MARKOV	MKD	Athlete
Sara TRAJKOSK	MKD	Athlete
Vladimir TRPOVSKI	MKD	Coach

Speaking of her experience, Grecia Daniela Hernandez Guerrero from El Salvador said:

“Not many people climb at home but the ones that do are very passionate. It’s a good experience for me to be in this programme and I can take a lot of things back to El Salvador. It’s not only a good experience for my climbing, but I can take things back, like good techniques using ropes, and teach to others.”

Matej Markov from North Macedonia said:

“I know we have a lot to learn and a long way to go, but it’s just the beginning of the journey. Even over the past few weeks I have been working on my weak points and definitely got a lot stronger and more technical.”

Participation at the IFSC World Cups gave the athletes a chance to earn the Ranking Points necessary to qualify for the two Olympic Qualification Series (OQS) events scheduled for May 2024 in Shanghai, China, and June 2024 in Budapest, Hungary, at which the Universality Places for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 will be determined. One Universality Place per gender per discipline will be allocated to Sport Climbing athletes for Paris 2024.

Universality Places were developed by the International Olympic Committee to help ensure the participation at the Olympic Games of athletes from countries that would, through normal qualification channels, have little or no representation at the Games.

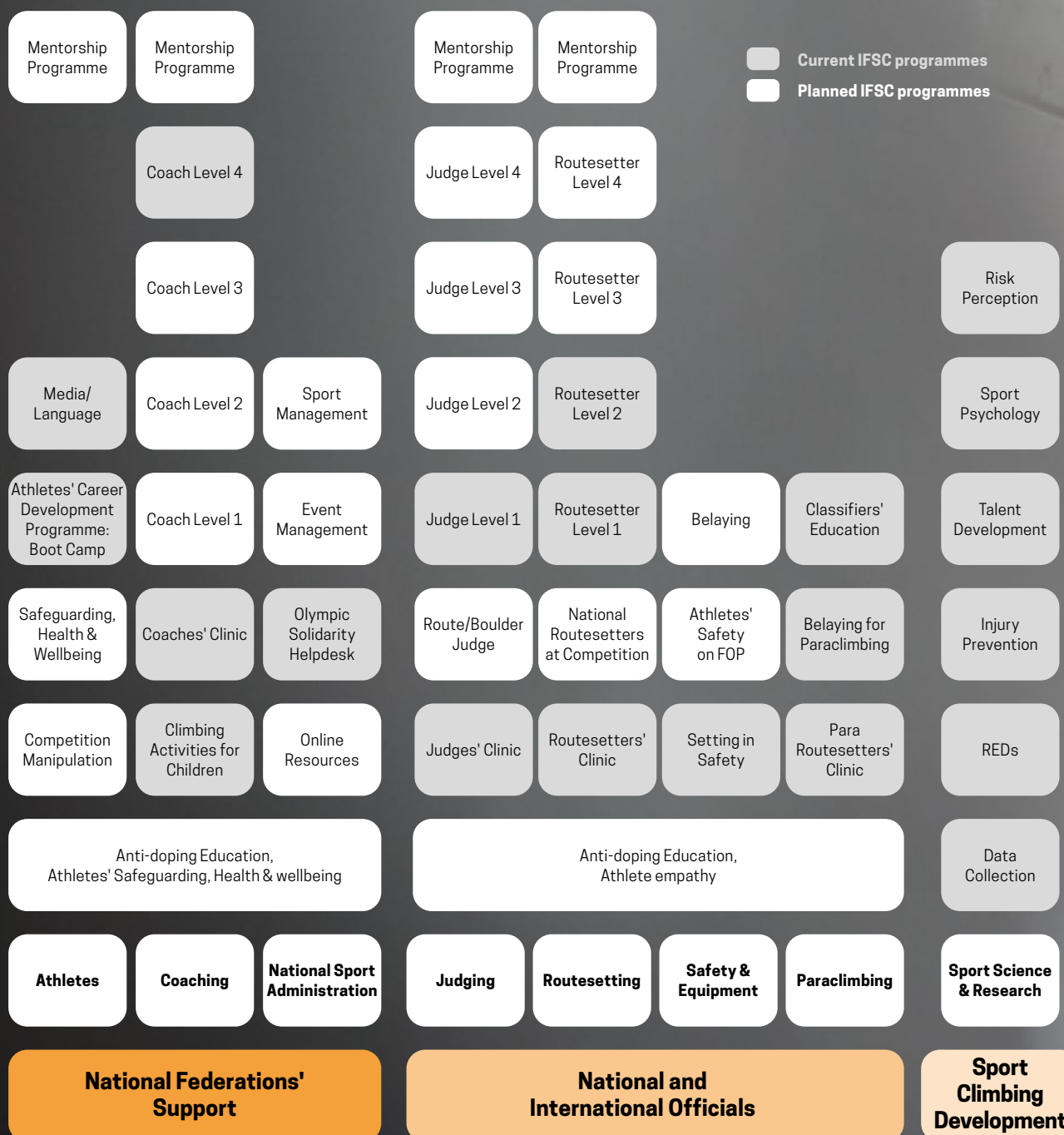
IFSC education services and resources

The IFSC has built a place to share experience, learn and climb together – the World Climbing Academy. This is a dedicated portal for education with many courses and resources available for all levels and roles in Climbing.

The World Climbing Academy is constantly evolving with more courses added regularly. Many courses are already in place

and have proved to be very successful, and the academy will continue to grow with many more to come in the future.

WORLD CLIMBING ACADEMY





IFSC commits to IOC Refugees' Joint Sport Pledge

In November 2023, the IFSC signed the Joint Pledge on Sport for Inclusion and Protection ahead of the Global Refugee Forum, which took place in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Joint Pledge on Sport for Inclusion and Protection presents a refreshed look at the role that sport can play in refugee responses, bringing together Governments, civil society, the private sector and beyond to promote a whole-of-society approach to addressing the challenges of the growing global displacement crisis.

The sport sector plays a prominent role in society by addressing the challenges of the growing global displacement crisis, and the Olympic Refugee Foundation, as co-convenor of the Sport for Refugees Coalition, is spearheading efforts to mobilise the Olympic Movement in support of this pledge.

The pledge is born out of the belief that sport can, and does, make a valuable contribution in displacement contexts. Everyone within the sport ecosystem has a role to play in improving the lives of refugees and host communities – and together we can achieve far more.

The IFSC's commitment to the Joint Pledge on Sport for Inclusion and Protection is twofold: an institutional commitment and the undertaking of a coaches' programme.

On the institutional side, the IFSC commits to permitting refugee participation in its events and competitions by 2027. This commitment contributes to recommendation 11 of Olympic Agenda 2020+5: to raise awareness of the global refugee crisis and increase access to sport for people affected by displacement, by removing barriers to participation and creating an environment that delivers access to safe sport, for elite refugee athletes. In order for elite refugee athletes to be able to access events and competitions in their discipline, the IFSC will permit this participation within regulations or statutes.

Recognising that National Federations play a crucial role in the identification, assessment and support offered to elite refugee athletes, the IFSC will coordinate with its National Federations to permit refugee participation in national events and competitions. In extending access for refugee participation,

the IFSC will take into consideration the following recommendations.

- 1. Eligibility:** Athletes must be recognised as refugees or beneficiaries of international protection according to UNHCR; and athletes may enter International Federation events subject to positive assessment of their respective host country National Federation and/or National Olympic Committee.
- 2. Name of the team:** Use of the International Federation's acronym followed by "Refugee Team".
- 3. Flag:** Use of the official flag of the IFSC as the flag of the Refugee Team.
- 4. Anthem:** Use of the short version of the Olympic Anthem.



THE PLEDGE AT A GLANCE





On the coaching side, the IFSC, working in partnership with the Jordan Climbing Federation, the Olympic Refuge Foundation, Peace and Sport, and the UNHCR, commits to extending access to accredited coach education to refugees/displaced people in refugee hosting communities in the Zaatari camp in Jordan and other urban areas; and to providing access to Sport Climbing to youth living in the Zaatari camp and other urban areas.

This commitment recognises that:

- High quality coaching is essential to realise the full potential of sport as part of a whole-of-society response, which meets the needs of displaced people;
- Skilled coaches with access to professional coaching pathways have greater opportunities available to them;
- In many contexts, displaced people are hosted far from the established sport system; skilled coaches may not be present or active.

Identifying and training coaches in refugee hosting communities will help ensure sustainable provision of safe and inclusive sport. A tentative structure of the project will see various phases of implementation:

- **Phase I:** Consultation and focus groups with beneficiaries; describe the sport and the potential of activities that could be implemented and test the interest of it.
- **Phase II:** Get to know Sport Climbing by bringing selected groups of people to the climbing gym in Amman. Possibility to include trainers from Peace and Sport and IFSC trainers to support local trainers.
- **Phase III:** Explore the possibility to build a climbing wall for the use of refugees. Ensure there are trainers to support climbers at all levels. Ensure maintenance and safety at all times.

PEACE AND SPORT

The IFSC encourages the whole Climbing community to get involved with the annual #WhiteCard digital campaign to promote the positive and constructive values of sport as part of Peace and Sport's commitment to maximise awareness about the potential of sport for positive social change.

Every year, the #WhiteCard campaign reaches millions through social media. Holding up a #WhiteCard has

been recognised as the symbol of the peace-through-sport movement and it symbolises the positive power of sport. In contrast to the red card, signifying the most serious offence in sport, the #WhiteCard is a gesture of inclusion, equality and peace.





MEDIA, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS



Worldwide reach

IFSC events reach all corners of the world. There are many broadcast deals in place to take Sport Climbing into the homes of fans around the world, and with IFSC investment in its broadcast, its YouTube coverage is of the same premium quality to ensure everyone gets the same great event experience.

Pushed by the incredible rise of the Speed discipline in the past couple of years, with records being broken at national, continental and world level with unbelievable ease, in 2023 the IFSC decided to live stream the Speed qualification rounds from all the World Cup events. That decision allowed Climbing fans to see the multiple new world records in the men's and women's competitions at the very first event in Seoul, South Korea.

Japanese public broadcaster NHK came onboard to show the Speed and Boulder & Lead finals at the IFSC World Championships Bern 2023 in August – the four events that distributed quota places for the Olympic Games Paris 2024. NHK decided that they would further the partnership leading into the new year to show more Climbing events in 2024.

In 2023 FOX Sports hosted 'The Climbing Post' – a magazine show of highlights and interviews from IFSC Climbing events around the world. American viewers got to see World Cup and Olympic Qualifiers from every corner of the globe, from Europe to Australia.

North America YouTube



Central and South America ESPN Latin America

(Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela)

EUROPE WBD

(Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Poland, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Turkey, United Kingdom, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vatican State)

South Korea
SPOTV

Japan
NHK,
J Sports

Indonesia
TVRI

Malaysia
Astro

Oceania
YouTube

Africa
YouTube

The Olympic Channel shows delayed coverage - 24 hours after the events have finished - and is available to all.

Digital channels



Douyin

411
contents published*

3.1M
impressions*

807K
video views*

47K
followers*



X

1,084
contents published,
+6% year-on-year

10M
impressions,
+94% year-on-year

345K
engagements,
+23% year-on-year

666K
video views,
+79% year-on-year

40K
followers,
+9%

Most engaging content,
11.1K
engagements



Weibo

153
videos published*

100M
video views*

1.1M
engagements*

282K
followers*



Facebook

769
contents published,
+59% year-on-year

115K
fans,
+4% year-on-year

Most watched video,
2.6M views



Instagram

1,821
contents published,
+97% year-on-year

64.5M
impressions,
+71% year-on-year

1.6M
engagements,
+105% year-on-year

13.5M
reels/videos views*

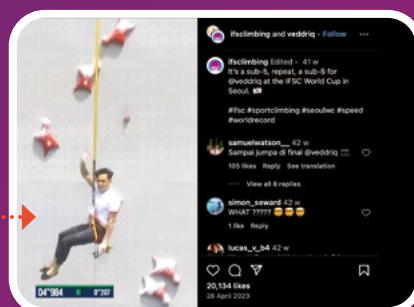
251K
followers,
+17% year-on-year

Most played reel,
525K plays



LinkedIn

5.4K
followers,
+25% year-on-year



YouTube

219
videos published,
+138% year-on-year

14.6M
views,
+20% year-on-year

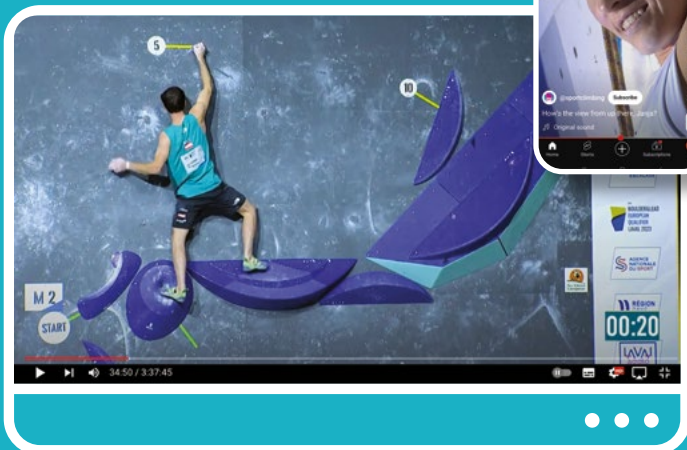
5.5M
watched hours,
+20% year-on-year

306K
subscribers,
+10% year-on-year

Most watched short,
183K views: How's the view
from up there, Janja?

Video breakdown:

117 lives **81** VODs **21** Shorts



Most watched video, **571K views**: Men's B&L final in Laval (FRA)

*no year-on-year
comparison
available



IFSC welcomes TOYO TIRE HOLDINGS OF EUROPE GMBH as new sponsor

The IFSC was pleased to welcome TOYO TIRE HOLDINGS OF EUROPE GMBH as a new sponsor of the IFSC World Championships in Bern, Switzerland, as well as IFSC World Cup events in Innsbruck, Austria; Chamonix, France; and Koper, Slovenia in 2023.

Toyo Tires is one of the world's largest tyre manufacturers, founded in 1945 in Osaka, Japan. The product range includes tyres for passenger vehicles, trucks and buses, and operates on a global scale. The leading tyre and automotive technology company prides itself on bringing "new sensations to the world through a challenging spirit and unique, innovative ideas" and sees Sport Climbing complimenting its brand philosophy.

The partnership focused on enhancing the venue experience by bringing interactive supporter engagement to the selected IFSC events, in addition to raising awareness of the sport through social media.

Welcoming the new sponsors, IFSC President Marco Sclaris said: **"We are excited to bring on new, innovative partners to support our world-class events, and Toyo Tires certainly fits the bill."**

"They are a world leader in their industry, as we aim to be in ours, and this new partnership will bring added value for our stakeholders, especially fans, at our elite events."

TOYO TIRE HOLDINGS OF EUROPE GMBH CEO Kenta Kuribayashi said: **"At Toyo Tires Holding of Europe, we are very excited to be partnering and supporting the IFSC and look forward to being part of a young, energetic, and growing Sport Climbing community."**

"Watching the Sport Climbing athletes push their boundaries of possibilities is truly inspirational and resonates with Toyo Tires's philosophy to continue advancing creativity and innovation to offer tyre products that exceed customer expectations around the world. We hope to support the growth of Sport Climbing in Europe and around the world."

Pictured
Janja GARNBRET (SLO)

Website



3.5 million

page views

+71% year-on-year



1 million

users

+179% year-on-year



1.8 million

sessions

+93% year-on-year

TOP 10 COUNTRIES

1



USA 18% (1st in 2022)

2



Germany 9% (3rd)

3



France 8% (4th)

4



Great Britain 7% (2nd)

5



Switzerland 5% (7th)

6



Canada 4% (5th)

7



Japan 3% (N.A.)

8



Italy 3% (6th)

9



Australia 3% (N.A.)

10



Austria 3% (8th)

IFSC CLIMBS UP FIVE PLACES IN LEAGUE TABLE REPORT

London-based research, digital and creative agency Redtorch once again published its yearly report – League Table 2023 – analysing the digital performance of every Olympic International Federation across Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and TikTok.

After placing in 22nd position in the 2022 report, the IFSC moved up five places and placed 17th in 2023 – the sixth best improvement among the 40 organisations.

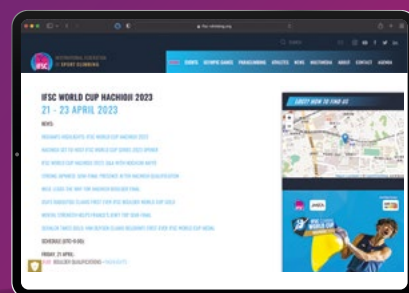
Redtorch highlight



49%

2nd highest growth rate on Facebook, among the 40 organisations, for the IFSC

MOST VISITED PAGE



Calendar,
1.1M views

MOST READ NEWS

IFSC calendar 2023 – the start of a new Olympic qualification path

MEDIA ACCREDITATION



503

media representatives registered in 2023,
+143 compared to 2022

