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President's message

Dear friends and members of the IFSC community,

Once again, passion, dedication, and unity have been the driving forces behind our unforgettable achievements in 2024.

The past four years have marked a period of significant growth and transformation for the IFSC. We've navigated challenges, seized opportunities, and emerged stronger than ever. From expanding our global competition programme to enhancing athlete health and wellbeing, the IFSC has demonstrated its ability to evolve and lead. Our community has grown, our events have reached new heights, and our sport has captured the imagination of millions worldwide.

The year began with great anticipation for our first full Olympic Games experience. I believe you'll all agree that Paris 2024 exceeded our dreams, delivering an unforgettable spectacle. While Le Bourget was outside of Paris's city centre, it embodied the Olympic spirit with vibrant energy, outstanding performances, and passionate crowds, creating memories that will inspire for years to come.

The athletes' performances and the IFSC performance at the Olympic Games reflect the growing global impact of our sport. Yet, at our core, we remain an inherently inclusive community. Securing Sport Climbing's place in the Paralympic Games Los Angeles 2028 gives us an even greater opportunity to advance our mission of making Climbing a sport for all and everyone, while reaffirming our commitment to diversity and accessibility.

At the heart of our success lies a foundation of strong governance and a clear, strategic vision. The reforms we've implemented, including updated statutes and improved organisational structures, demonstrate our commitment to transparency, sustainability and excellence. During the Climbing Summit in December, we reviewed our strategic plan at its halfway point, celebrating achievements while identifying key areas for future focus. Our goal is not just to celebrate success today but to build a legacy.

I am proud and grateful to lead the IFSC alongside my colleagues on the Executive Board, the dedicated team in Torino, the Continental Councils, and all the Commissions, whose valuable efforts drive the global growth of our sport. As we turn the page



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to the next chapter, we carry with us the lessons, triumphs, and spirit of Paris 2024, and also some clouds in the bright sky – that is unavoidable.

Together, we will continue to climb higher, developing a sport that inspires, unites, and transcends boundaries. Thank you for being part of this journey.

Juli

Marco Maria Scolaris IFSC President

Secretary General's message

Dear Sport Climbing family,

What an unforgettable year 2024 has been for the IFSC. It also marks my final full year as Secretary General. Working alongside President Marco Scolaris and the IFSC Executive Board, we have taken significant steps to ensure a strong and sustainable future for Sport Climbing.

Reflecting on my role and involvement with the Federation, I am very proud of how far our sport has come. A highlight of this year was Sport Climbing's success at the Olympic Games Paris 2024. Our second Olympic appearance not only demonstrated the talent of our athletes but also captured the attention of global audiences with fantastic performances. The energy on display in Paris reaffirmed Sport Climbing's place within the Olympic Movement, and we now look ahead to LA28 and beyond.

Beyond the Olympics, the IFSC World Cup series reached new levels in 2024, with more host cities, enhanced event organisation, and increased fan engagement, thanks in part to our refreshed content strategy.

Another key area of progress has been the strengthening of relationships with our National Federations. The increased engagement has been important for the continued growth of Sport Climbing at all levels. Together with the Continental Councils and Commissions, we have made improvements in governance, transparency, inclusivity, and in efficiency in our decision-making processes. This commitment to good governance reinforces our vision for the future and strengthens the IFSC's position within the global sports community and its ability to support the federations.

As I look back on my time with the IFSC, I am proud of the progress we have made in creating and then implementing the IFSC Strategic Plan, positioning



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Sport Climbing for long-term success. While this is an evolving plan, I am confident that the IFSC will continue to move forward with the same drive and dedication that has brought us to where we are today.

I would like to thank the IFSC Executive Board, our National Federations, our athletes, and the entire Climbing community for their commitment and support. It has been an incredible ride.

Debra Gawrych IFSC Secretary General

IFSC Executive Board's messages



"I felt that we could finally conclude the first chapter of our Olympic journey at Paris 2024, which in my case began in 2014 and passed through Tokyo 2020 under COVID restrictions. In addition to our regular IFSC events, we had two Olympic Qualifying Series (OQS) events, in Shanghai, China, and Budapest, Hungary. These were not only qualifiers for Paris but also good opportunities for us to test our preparations. This was followed by the test event at Le Bourget in June. Once the Games began, there were always challenges to address and solutions to find with stakeholders. However, I never imagined how incredible the event would be, with full crowds of spectators for six days. This was completely missing during our debut at Tokyo due to COVID restrictions. The atmosphere created by the spectators was totally beyond my expectations and I believe that marked a significant milestone for us: successfully delivering our sport in the Olympics with a full audience. I am very much grateful to everyone involved, especially those in Paris 2024: ITOs, NTOs, IFSC staff, athletes, and all those who came to our venue. It was also with great pleasure that I could support the Asian continent council while we prepare to deliver our sport at the next edition of the Asian Games, which will be held in Aichi Nagoya, Japan, in 2026."

IFSC Vice President Kobinata Toru



"Thanks to lots of voluntary effort and overall good teamwork, 2024 has again been a great year. We had the Olympic Games in Paris, many successful continental events and a first-ever European Para Climbing Championship; heightened interaction with the athletes; with a new European Health and Safeguarding Commission that focuses on the prevention approach, at the same time launching a European Long Term Evaluation and Planning Commission; having routesetters and judges courses in Europe as well as growing the visibility of IFSC Europe through well-thoughtout communication efforts, and lastly a positive European profit and loss to conclude the year. 2024 showed again our potential for growth at all levels inside the IFSC. Let's continue #strongertogether."

IFSC Europe Representative Tijl Smitz



"2024 has been a remarkable year for Climbing across Asia. The first-ever OQS in Shanghai was a historic milestone, showcasing our sport on a global stage and highlighting its deep connection to our Asian Climbing community. This event paved the way for the subsequent Olympic successes of Veddriq Leonardo, Deng Lijuan, Wu Peng and Anraku Sorato in Paris. It has been an honour to oversee the development and growth of Climbing in Asia over the past four years and, as I leave my posts with the IFSC and the ACC, I wish all the best to my successors. I know Climbing in Asia is in safe hands and we will continue to grow as a continent, together."

IFSC Asia Representative Li Zhixin



"The Olympic Games Paris 2024 were fantastic for the IFSC and for our sport, with the introduction of Speed as a standalone discipline bringing a new level of excitement. This change not only provided more athletes with the opportunity to experience the Olympic Games and become Olympians, but also delivered a great show that further elevated the profile of our athletes. When the IOC fully embraces Climbing with three sets of medals, I know my journey of over a decade on the Athletes' Commission will be fulfilled. Looking ahead, we are committed to expanding the visibility of our World Cup Series, ensuring that our athletes and their performances receive the recognition they deserve. I am excited to continue working alongside my fellow athletes to build on our success so far."

IFSC Athletes' Commission Vice President Sean McColl



"In 1999, the World Cup Series consisted of three Lead events, Boulder had just started and in Speed we climbed on two routes, on different walls and routes at each event. 2005 was the first World Championships with all three disciplines, and with the invention of the Speed record wall and route. From 2001 on, I had the opportunity to contribute a little bit to the development of Climbing, together with many others, including the athletes and a growing number of National Federations. At that time, only very few believed that Climbing could become an Olympic sport. We then started the dream of pushing Climbing to new heights. In 2007, the IFSC was founded as an independent federation, and in a record time of less than one year, we achieved IOC recognition. The rest is history: the development was fast, and maybe too fast sometimes. We suffered the pain of growth, but the IFSC and all of our stakeholders grew within this development. The debut of Climbing at the Games took place in difficult conditions at Tokyo 2020. The full Olympic experience came at Paris 2024, which may have become the model for future Olympic Summer Games. In 2024 a long journey saw another chapter completed in our wonderful story. Thanks, as always, to the athletes for creating magic moments."

IFSC Vice President Wolfgang Wabel



"2024 was an exciting year as a member of the Executive Board and as Oceania Council President. Seeing the culmination of so many years of work in Paris in person was an unforgettable experience. This was only improved by the achievements of our Oceanian athletes, who were present in the finals of both disciplines. At the same time, the National Federations have been working hard on development and hosting continental events. I look forward to seeing this work continue as a regular calendar of events evolves through the next quadrennial."

IFSC Oceania Representative Naomi Cleary



"As we evaluate the 'Tipping Point 2024 year', we cannot but pause and shake our heads in disbelief as to how quickly Sport Climbing has captured the world's attention. The success of the official IFSC competitions, the OQS, the Para Climbing competitions and Paris 2024 showcased our sport globally and attracted many more admirers and more climbers to our sport. As a collective effort we can say 'we have arrived' in an honest, healthy, humble and proud way. As IFSC Africa, our focus is on grassroots development; helping our members build training facilities; direct engagement with NOCs and sport and education ministries, and promoting Sport Climbing; and its benefits for young people.

IFSC Africa Representative George Stainton



"This year was marked by the Olympic Games with important issues such as sporting success, public presence, media impact, and budgetary constraints. Thanks to all the stakeholders involved, it was undoubtedly a great success that is preparing a bright future for us. 2024 also marked the announcement of our entry into the Paralympic Games Los Angeles 2028, which we are already actively preparing for."

IFSC Treasurer Pierre You



"2024 was a landmark year for our sport. Para Climbing's inclusion at LA28 made history and Paris 2024 showcased our growth and success. Climbing is for everyone, and it deserves to be celebrated on the biggest stage, inspiring climbers of all ages and backgrounds. The Athletes' Commission (AC) has worked tirelessly to amplify athlete voices across committees, commissions and board meetings while pioneering new communication channels such as the first online athlete forum. It's an honour to collaborate with the passionate AC members and the dedicated Para Climbing Committee."

IFSC Athletes' Commission President Shauna Coxsey







To welcome all National Federation representatives from around the world to the Olympic Games, IFSC President Marco Scolaris was joined by the federation's Executive Board at the foot of the Paris 2024 Speed wall on the eve of the Climbing competition at Paris 2024.

irect from the Le Bourget venue, Scolaris addressed the attendees online and covered many Olympic related subjects with the wish of bringing the Climbing world closer together, even if they could not be in Paris in person.

Joining President Scolaris were IFSC General Secretary
Debra Gawrych, IFSC Vice President Kobinata Toru, IFSC
Treasurer Pierre You, IFSC General Director Piero Rebaudengo,
IFSC Oceania Representative Naomi Cleary, IFSC Africa
Representative George Stainton and Willy Montenegro Garcia.
President Scolaris began by acknowledging the task

undertaken by the previous Games host in extremely hard times: "Thank you Tokyo, thank you Japan, for what you have done in 2020 and in 2021.

"Your resilience, your determination, your strength made possible the impossible, overcoming huge and unprecedented obstacles and difficulties. In the COVID-19 days, those Olympic Games were an act of faith in the future."

Flowing together, the social impact of the Games, the legacy and inclusion were all addressed, with President Scolaris





Men's Speed

The Men's Speed Climbing competition was a fantastic display of pace and power, with a number of records being set. Leading the charge was Sam Watson of the USA, who reclaimed his world record in spectacular fashion, but it was Indonesia's Veddriq Leonardo who ultimately secured Olympic glory with a history-making gold medal.

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From the start it was clear that the athletes were pushing the limits. During the qualification round, Indonesia's Rahmad Adi Mulyono set a new Olympic record of 5.07s, which was quickly broken by teammate Leonardo with an outstanding 4.92s. The records kept falling as Kazakhstan's Amir Maimuratov and Italy's Matteo Zurloni set new continental records while recording personal bests of 4.89s and 4.94s, respectively.

ELIMINATION ROUND

The drama really unfolded in the elimination rounds, where athletes faced off for a spot in the finals. A standout was the all-American race between Watson and Zachary Hammer. Watson triumphed and did so in a new world record time of 4.75s.

Earlier, Leonardo equalled the world record (4.79s) in the second set of runs, only to be outdone by Watson a short time later.

"Obviously setting a new world record is awesome and taking it back after I lost it by a couple of thousandths of a second (in the seeding heats) definitely means a lot," Watson said at the time.

The elimination races were extremely competitive, with New Zealand's Julian David continuing the competition recordbreaking by setting a new Oceania record twice in one day – 5.24s and then 5.20s.

Pictured

Veddriq LEONARDO (INA) **Left L/R** Veddriq LEONARDO (INA), Bassa MAWEM (FRA)

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Sam WATSON (USA)





FINALS

Indonesia's Leonardo wrote himself into the history books by clinching gold with a personal best of 4.75s, edging out China's Wu Peng (who clocked his personal best of 4.77s) in one of the closest and fastest races ever. Leonardo's victory marked Indonesia's first Olympic gold in Climbing and its first in any sport outside of badminton, a monumental achievement for his nation.

"I feel very happy, I feel very joyful to bring the first gold medal for Indonesia at Paris 2024 to my country," Leonardo said. "I was very excited, and there was also anxiety. My heart raced, but I stayed focused and finished it."

Meanwhile, Watson recovered from his tough semi-final loss to Wu and delivered a spectacular 4.74s run (yet another world record) to clinch the bronze medal ahead of Iran's Reza Alipour Shenazandifard.

The event also marked the end of an era as France's Bassa Mawem, buoyed by the deafening support of the home crowd, announced his retirement. His thrilling race against Ukraine's Yaroslav Tkach had the stadium roaring as Mawem edged his opponent by just 0.01s to finish in seventh overall, a fitting end to his storied career.



RECORD BREAKERS

OLYMPICS

The Paris 2024 Speed
Climbing competition
was spectacular from
the start as speedsters
from across the globe
broke records one after
the other. The star of
the competition was
Poland's Aleksandra
Miroslaw, who shattered
both the Olympic and
world records in a
dominant display of
speed and precision.

Women's Speed

The statistics team was kept busy as climbers set nine personal bests, four continental records, and two world records, while the Olympic record was broken a staggering four times in the first qualification session alone.

QUALIFICATION HIGHLIGHTS

In a change from the usual World Cup competition format, the 14 climbers initially raced for seeding before moving into the qualification elimination phase. China's Zhou Vafei was first to break the Olympic record with a time of 6.54s, but her joy was short-lived as Indonesia's world champion Desak Dewi surpassed that mark with her time of 6.52s.

The records didn't stop there. Emma Hunt of the USA then set a new Pan American record of 6.36s.

It was Aleksandra Miroslaw who stole the show with a blistering time of 6.21s, setting a new world record in the process. Not content with this, Miroslaw went even faster in her next run, breaking her own record with an extraordinary 6.06s, setting a new benchmark for the sport.

Other record breakers included South Africa's Aniya Holder, who improved her African record from 9.61s to 9.12s, and New Zealand's Sarah Tetzlaff, who set a new Oceania record of 8.39s.







LEAD SEMI-FINALS

The Lead round saw Anraku maintain his lead with a steady 68.1-point climb, sealing his place in the final with an impressive overall score of 137.1 points. Roberts and Czechia's Adam Ondra matched Anraku's Lead score to finish second and third, respectively, heading into the finals.

A highlight of the Lead round was the comeback performance by Spain's Alberto Ginés López, the reigning Olympic champion. His climb earned him a score of 72 points, propelling him into the final after a tough Boulder round. Ginés López's strategy had paid off as he remained in the race to defend his Olympic title.

THE FINAL

The final round offered a compelling narrative of youth versus experience for the eight male finalists, with 19-year-old Roberts going up against the veteran Jakob Schubert, who at 33 became the first two-time Olympic Climbing medallist after securing bronze at Tokyo 2020.

Roberts' journey to gold was hard-fought, and the moment of victory came as he watched Anraku fall short at the 76.1-point mark, confirming Roberts' total of 155.2 points as the winning score. Anraku ended the competition with a score of 145.4 points to take the silver medal.

Schubert, after a difficult start in the Boulder round, showcased his expertise in Lead, delivering the joint-best climb of the round with 96 points, giving him a final score of 139.6 points to win bronze.

USA's Colin Duffy, the only athlete to top Boulder four, narrowly missed the podium after a 68.1-point Lead climb gave him a final score of 136.4 points to finish fourth, while Ondra, despite equalling Schubert's Lead performance, was unable to recover from a low Boulder score of 24.1 points and finished sixth.

Hamish McArthur gave Great Britain two climbers in the top five, while Tokyo 2020 gold medallist Ginés López finished seventh and a home favourite, Paul Jenft, finished in eighth. The final placings were a testament to the unpredictable nature of Olympic Climbing.



Women's Boulder & Lead

The women's Boulder & Lead competition at Paris 2024 was a great showcase of the very best climbing in the world that culminated in Slovenia's Janja Garnbret once again proving her dominance on the Olympic stage. Garnbret, the defending Olympic champion from Tokyo 2020, embraced the pressure and secured her second Olympic gold medal with a near-flawless performance.

BOULDER SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals took place with Garnbret recreating the form that won her gold at Tokyo 2020. She put on a masterclass in Boulder climbing, topping all the problems and finishing with an impressive 99.6 points. The home crowd had reason to celebrate as France's Oriane Bertone secured second place with 84.5 points, followed closely by USA's Brooke Raboutou and Australia's Oceania Mackenzie, both of whom topped three Boulders. Mackenzie impressed early by being the first to conquer the challenging opening Boulder on her first attempt.

LEAD SEMI-FINALS

Garnbret and Japan's Mori Ai both performed brilliantly in the Lead round, achieving the highest scores of 96.1 points. With Garnbret's superior Boulder score, she remained in first place, advancing to the final with a combined score of 195.7 points. Austria's Jessica Pilz climbed into second with a strong Lead performance, while Raboutou secured third place.

The final was a showdown between Garnbret, Pilz, Raboutou, and five other climbers in a highly competitive lineup that included local favourite Bertone, who was determined to shine in front of her home crowd.





IFSC opens up Olympic experience to non-qualified climbers

The IFSC wanted as many members of the Climbing community as possible to be able to experience the Olympic Games Paris 2024, so we invited athletes and guests from our National Federations to join us at Le Bourget climbing venue as part of a ticketing initiative.

he IFSC made tickets available for each National Federation President and an athlete, free of charge, to broaden the Games experience within the Climbing community for Sport Climbing's second Olympic appearance.

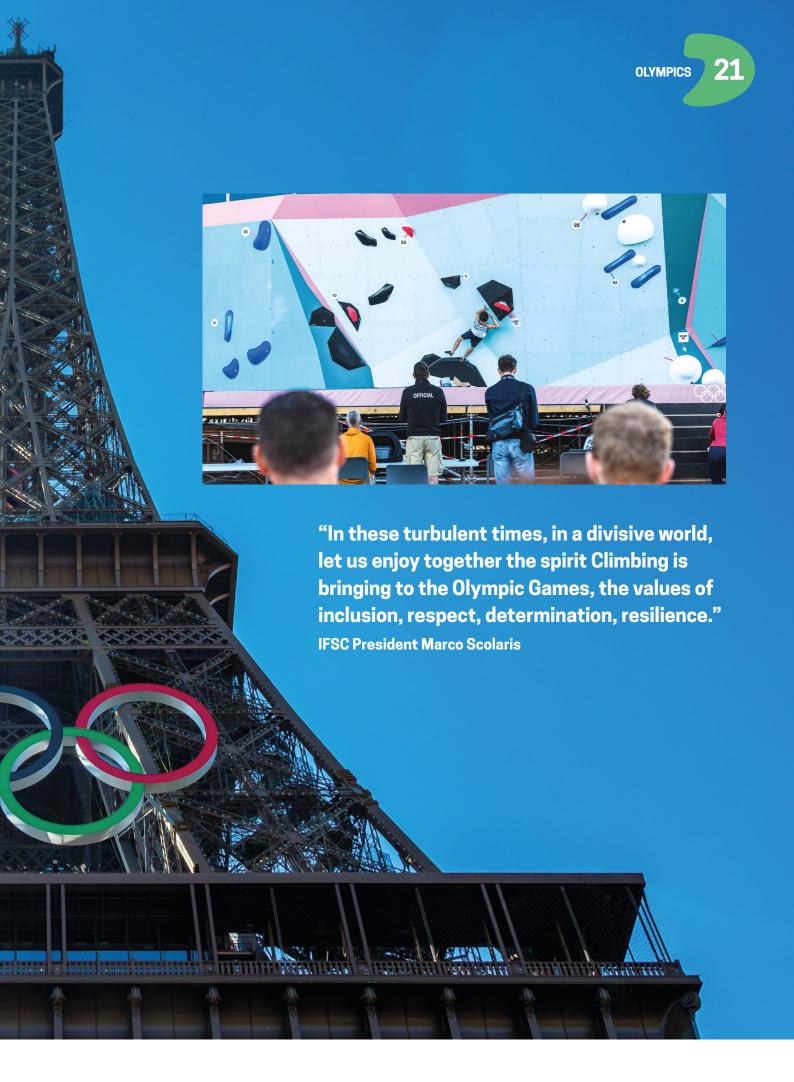
The National Federations were able to nominate an athlete who had been part of the Paris 2024 qualification process but was ultimately unsuccessful in gaining a participation slot – climbers such as USA's Sean Bailey, France's Manu Cornu, Indonesia's Aspar Aspar and Ukraine's Ilchyshyn Hryhorii.

One athlete in particular was eager to attend after narrowly failing to qualify – Poland's Natalia Kalucka. With women's Speed world record holder Aleksandra Miroslaw already booking her place earlier in the process, only one of the Kalucka twins, Natalia or Aleksandra, could make the Games via the Olympic Qualifier Series. Thanks to the IFSC ticket initiative, both were able to experience the Olympic Games environment.

Talking about having her sister Natalia in Paris, Aleksandra said: "We have a magical and wonderful connection with each other ... I can truly say that without her I would not be here. She is my biggest support.

"One of our pre-competition habits is having a coffee together, so she came to Paris to do it."

Marco Scolaris joined the federation delegates and athletes to absorb the atmosphere along with the sold-out crow





Climbing's Olympic legacy in motion

The IFSC was already thinking of the legacy it would leave behind long before the first climber took to the wall at Paris 2024.

art of the IFSC's legacy plan for the Games was to aid in the development of the sport around the world by donating equipment, including the Holds, Macros and Volumes used at Paris 2024, to IFSC member federations.

IFSC President Marco Scolaris said: "Our philosophy is, and has always been, to 'make the world better through Climbing', so legacy is a very important part of that for the IFSC. The distribution of the Olympic equipment will be a source of inspiration long after the Games is over."

In Asia, material was donated to Jordan, which will use it to host regional and continental clinics and educational courses for officials, coaches, and athletes alongside the IFSC Research and Development Department. All member federations in the West Asia region will be invited to participate in such activities with the intention of growing the sport in their area.

For Africa, South Africa was the recipient, while in Oceania, Australia received holds. In both cases, part of the equipment will be used exclusively for continental competitions happening in 2025 and 2026, while other equipment has been

redistributed within the continent for use in workshops and clinics aimed at developing the sport.

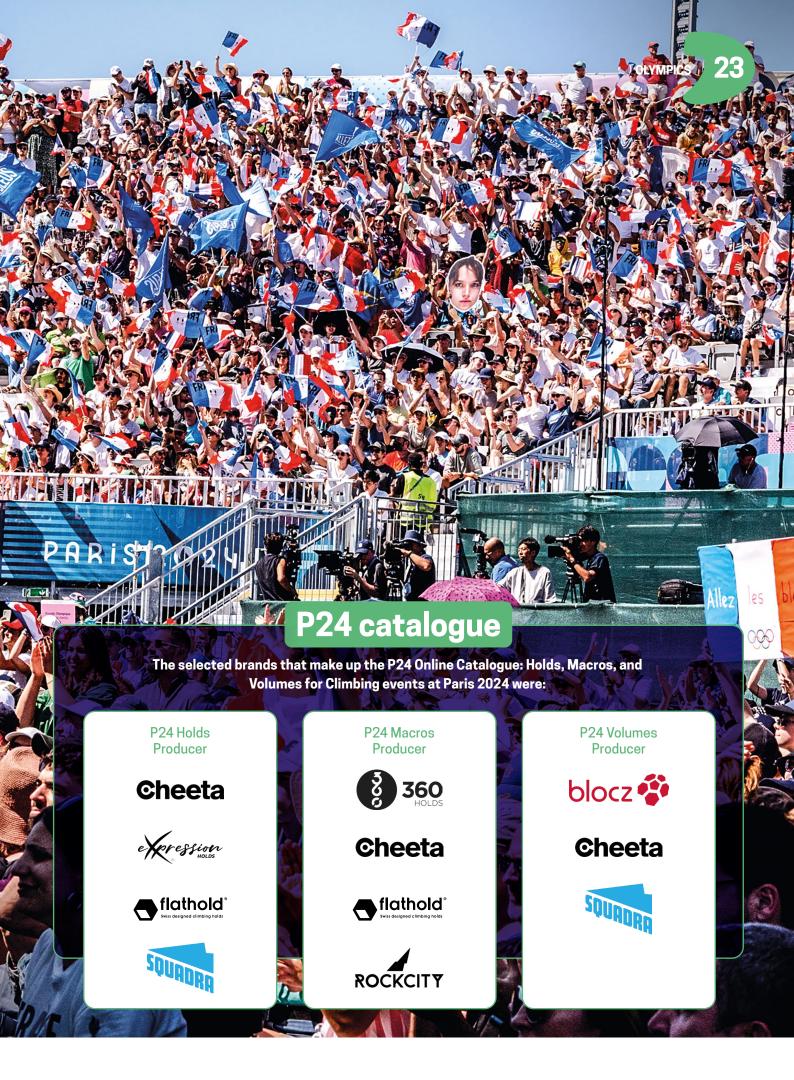
In Pan America, which is a region targeted for growth with further legacy and development programmes in the works, El Salvador received Paris 2024 holds. Climbers from the Pan America region were part of the IFSC Universality Program that focused on exposing selected athletes to international competition with dedicated coaching and travel expenses covered by the IFSC and through Olympic Solidarity funding.

More training and clinics were planned for Costa Rica at the end of 2024, with the IFSC's ambition to build the first Speed Climbing wall in the country dependent on further funding approval. The material supplied for use at Paris 2024 was done so with an agreement in place that it would be distributed by the IFSC as a legacy for the development of Sport Climbing after the Olympic Games.

In fact, all of the equipment used during the Games – the mats, the walls, the autobelay systems – were intended to be reused in the future.









Olympic Qualifier Series sees 38 climbers book their ticket to Paris 2024

The newly created Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS) brought climbers to Shanghai, China, and Budapest, Hungary, to battle it out for the remaining spots at the Olympic Games.

LAST-CHANCE SALOON AS OQS GETS STARTED IN SHANGHAI

For athletes looking to book one of the final 38 quota spots for the Olympic Games, the road to Paris 2024 included one last opportunity via a two-leg OQS.

The new IOC-led event featured athletes in four sports (Breaking, BMX Freestyle, Skateboarding and Sport Climbing) competing for Paris 2024 qualifying berths in Shanghai and Budapest from March-June 2024.

In total, 160 climbers (80 men and 80 women) from around the world participated, knowing solid performances in both cities would be required to progress. And with Olympic country quotas added to the mix, nothing was straightforward, making for a number of intriguing storylines.

Putting themselves in pole position for the final showdown in Budapest were Veddriq Leonardo of Indonesia in men's Speed, Zhou Yafei of China in women's Speed, Lee Dohyun of South Korea in men's Boulder & Lead, and USA's Brooke Raboutou in women's Boulder & Lead. Each topped their respective divisions in Shanghai, but this was only half of the battle and there was still everything to climb for in the second leg.

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The last 38 Olympic berths were decided from 20-23 June – 12 per gender in Boulder & Lead, and seven per gender in Speed.

China's Zhou Yafei finished first overall in the women's Speed with two strong showings in Shanghai (1st) and Budapest (2nd). Alexandra Kalucka catapulted up the standings to finish second overall with a win

in Budapest, downing Zhou 6.50s to 6.52s in the big final. Indonesia's Rajiah Sallsabillah rounded out the overall top three.

Also qualifying for the Olympic Games were France's Capucine Viglione (7th overall) and Manon Lebon (10th), Spain's Leslie Adriana Romero Perez (12th), and Italy's Beatrice Colli (13th).

In men's Speed, China's Wu Peng beat Kazakhstan's Amir Maimuratov in the big final in Budapest, finishing first in the overall rankings. Maimuratov also qualified for Paris (3rd overall) along with Shanghai winner Veddriq Leonardo (2nd), USA's Zach Hammer (6th), Iran's Reza Alipour Shenazandiford (7th), Ukraine's Yaroslav Tkach (8th) and South Korea's Shin Euncheol (11th).

In the men's Boulder & Lead, all eyes were on the French battle for Paris 2024 places, with three French athletes finishing in the overall top ten but with only two quota spots available. With Sam Avezou and Mejdi Schalck in the Lead final in Budapest, it left Paul Jenft having to watch as his compatriots decided his Olympic fate.

Avezou did his job with 51.1 points, good enough for third place on the day, second overall, and a ticket to Paris. However, Schalck's 39.1 points on the Lead wall left him in seventh overall, just behind Jenft in sixth, meaning that he was the only climber in the top 13 not to qualify for the Games.

Similarly, only Ito Futaba (7th) failed to qualify on the women's side out of the top 13 due to Japan's quota already being filled.

USA's Brooke Raboutou finished first overall with a perfect 100 points, followed by Japan's Nonaka Miho in second, and Great Britain's Erin McNeice in third.





Before the world saw Sport Climbing in action at Paris 2024, 34 young climbers from host nation France competed at a test event as part of the preparation ahead of the summer showpiece.

Ithough there were no spectators and only a simulation and operational test of the newly built competition venue, the youth athletes were the first to compete on the Boulder, Lead and Speed walls at the Le Bourget Sport Climbing Venue in the Parisian suburb of Saint-Denis.

The two days of competition served as an opportunity to test and simulate Gamestime protocols and procedures from an operational perspective to ensure the venue readiness and had many key operational staff in attendance.

From the field of play to technology, routesetting to volunteers, all aspects of Climbing's second Olympic appearance were tested by the Paris 2024 Organising Committee with the support of IFSC Vice-President Kobinata Toru and IFSC Paris 2024 Delegate Haesol Han.

Among the officials in attendance integral to the Paris 2024 competition were Event













World Cups Olympic	events Continental Championships
Youth World Championships	
08/04/2024 - 10/04/2024	IFSC World Cup (Boulder), Keqiao (CHN)
12/04/2024 - 14/04/2024	IFSC World Cup (Lead, Speed),
	Wujiang (CHN)
03/05/2024 - 05/05/2024	IFSC World Cup (Boulder, Speed),
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07/05/2024 - 08/05/2024	IFSC Para Climbing World Cup (Lead),
	Salt Lake City (USA)
16/05/2024 - 19/05/2024	Olympic Qualifier Series (B&L, Speed),
	Shanghai (CHN)
20/06/2024 - 23/06/2024	Olympic Qualifier Series (B&L, Speed),
20,30,2324 20,30,2324	Budapest (HUN)
24/06/2024 - 25/06/2024	IFSC Para Climbing World Cup (Lead),
24,36,2324 25,36,2324	Innsbruck (AUT)
26/06/2024 - 30/06/2024	IFSC World Cup (Boulder, Lead),
20,30,2324 00,30,2324	Innsbruck (AUT)
12/07/2024 - 14/07/2024	IFSC World Cup (Lead, Speed),
22,07,2024 24,07,2024	Chamonix (FRA)
17/07/2024 - 19/07/2024	IFSC World Cup (Lead, Speed),
1//01/2024 15/01/2024	Briançon (FRA)
26/07/2024 - 11/08/2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024 (B&L, Speed)
22/08/2024 - 31/08/2024	IFSC Youth World Championships
	(Boulder, Lead, Speed), Guiyang (CHN)
24/08/2024 - 25/08/2024	IFSC Para Climbing European
	Championships (Lead), Villars (SUI)
27/08/2024 - 01/09/2024	IFSC European Championships
1	(B&L, Boulder, Lead, Speed), Villars (SUI)
06/09/2024 - 07/09/2024	IFSC World Cup (Lead), Koper (SLO)
20/09/2024 - 22/09/2024	IFSC World Cup (Boulder), Prague (CZE)
27/09/2024 - 28/09/2024	IFSC Para Climbing World Cup (Lead),
	Arco (ITA)
02/10/2024 - 06/10/2024	IFSC World Cup (Boulder, Lead, Speed),
	Seoul (KOR)
10/10/2024 - 14/10/2024	IFSC Asian Championships
	(Boulder, Lead, Speed), Tai'an (CHN)
20/11/2024 - 24/11/2024	IFSC Pan American Championships
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16/11/2024 - 17/11/2024	IFSC Oceania Championships (Boulder),
	Perth (AUS)
07/12/2024 - 08/12/2024	IFSC Oceania Championships (Lead),

Sydney (AUS)

WORLD CUP





Garnbret, Narasaki claim milestone victories

Taking place at the Keqiao Yangshan Sport Climbing Centre, the 2024 World Cup Series opened with the Boulder discipline.

It was Climbing's golden girl, Slovenia's Janja Garnbret, and the ever-present Narasaki Tomoa of Japan who topped the respective podiums.

Garnbret topped all four boulders with three flashes. Her only hiccup was two attempts on boulder three, where she slipped on the slab. Italy's Camila Moroni won her first Boulder World Cup medal after topping two of the final boulders for silver. China's Luo Zhilu gave the home crowd plenty to cheer about, matching her personal best with a third-place finish.

On the men's side, Narasaki secured his seventh Boulder World Cup gold medal to move up to fourth all-time. It was also his 25th medal from 28 World Cup appearances.

Two flashes and two zones were enough for the Japanese climber, who was up against 19 climbers rather than the usual six in the final due to a scheduling rearrangement as a result of heavy rains.

Joining Narasaki on the podium was wunderkind Anraku Sorato of Japan, who continued his fine medal form with a silver, and Belgium's Hannes Van Duysen in third.





Lead, Speed seasons get off to flying start

Location: Wujiang (CHN)
Date: 12-14 April

Disciplines: Lead and Speed

Moving on to Wujiang, China, the first Lead and Speed gold medals of the 2024 climbing season were up for grabs, with all eyes on the new men's Speed world record holder, USA's Sam Watson, but China's Wu Peng wasn't in the mood to play second fiddle on home soil.

Both climbers exhibited remarkable consistency throughout the competition and, in the battle for gold, Wu defended the title he won in the same arena a year earlier with a 4.91 compared with Watson's 5.11. Former world record holder Kiromal Katibin of Indonesia beat Italy's Ludovico Fossali to take bronze, despite the latter setting a personal best of 5.16.

In the women's Speed competition, world record holder Aleksandra Miroslaw collected the 12th World Cup gold medal of her career. Miroslaw tied her world record time of 6.24 in the final against compatriot Natalia Kalucka, who took silver. Jeong Jimin claimed the bronze to become the first South Korean to win a women's Speed World Cup medal.

On the Lead wall, Slovenia's Janja Garnbret took her second IFSC World Cup gold in the space of a week. Garnbret was the only climber to top the final route, with Luo Zhilu taking silver ahead of South Korea's Seo Chaehyun, who won bronze.

Great Britain's Toby Roberts, meanwhile, won the second Lead World Cup gold of his career, pipping Japan's Homma Taisei to the title. Joining teammate Homma on the podium was Anraku Sorato in third.



US climbers shine at home

Team USA dominated on the third stage of the IFSC World Cup Series 2024, featuring Boulder and Speed, winning three of the four golds up for grabs at the USA Climbing Training Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Natalia Grossman (women's Boulder), Emma Hunt (women's Speed), and Samuel Watson (men's Speed) all won gold, with only Japan's Anraku Sorato preventing a clean sweep with a win in the men's Boulder event.

Grossman finished level with France's Oriane Bertone but placed ahead of her rival by topping the first three boulders in her first attempt. Bertone's French compatriot Naïlé Maignan won bronze.

Youngster Anraku dominated the men's Boulder final, winning his fifth World Cup medal. Narasaki Meichi of Japan took silver while Austria's Jakob Schubert, appearing in his 153rd World Cup, took bronze

On the Speed wall, Hunt struck gold for the first time, besting silver medallist Aleksandra Kalucka of Poland in the final. Hunt also set another Pan American record in the semi-final against China's Deng Lijuan with 6.41s. Deng also reached the podium, winning a neck-and-neck race against Aleksandra's sister Natalia in the small final.

In the men's Speed event, Watson defeated teammate Noah Bratschi in the battle for gold with a 4.89s race, while Austria's Kevin Amon took bronze in the small final against world champion Matteo Zurloni of Italy.

Location: Salt Lake City (USA)
Date: 3-5 May
Disciplines: Boulder and Speed





Fresh off World Cup wins in China, Slovenia's Janja Garnbret continued her winning ways in Innsbruck, Austria, taking both the women's Boulder and Lead titles.

In front of a sold-out crowd, the 25-year-old won the 17th Boulder World Cup gold of her career after finishing with four tops and four zones, placing ahead of 17-year-old compatriot Jennifer Eucharia Buckley and 16-year-old Annie Sanders of the USA.

The Tokyo 2020 gold medallist then went on to claim gold in the Lead competition, where she struggled to read one of the last moves and spent more than a minute trying to find the way to unlock it. Eventually, Garnbret managed to survive the move, and sealed the top score with only three seconds left.

Japan's Mori Ai finished level with Garnbret on points but had to settle for silver due to a lower semi-final placement. The podium was completed by Seo Chaehyun of South Korea.

On the men's side, Team Japan dominated the Boulder final. Amagasa Sohta secured the first gold of his career with a three-top, three-zone performance. World No. 1 Anraku Sorato finished third with two tops and three zones. Sandwiched in silver and completing the all-Japanese podium was Narasaki Meichi.

In men's Lead, home favourite Jakob Schubert finished with a top score of 49+ to claim his 21st World Cup gold in the Lead discipline. Alexander Megos of Germany placed second at 42+, and Toby Roberts of Great Britain took bronze with 41+.

Location: Innsbruck (AUT)
Date: 26-30 June
Disciplines: Boulder
and Lead

Opposite
page above
NARASAKI Tomoa
(JPN)
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page below
Toby ROBERTS (GBR)
Left
Natalia GROSSMAN
(USA)
Pictured
Janja GARNBRET
(SLO)





All eyes on France

Chamonix was the perfect test for both Lead and Speed climbers ahead of the Olympic Games Paris 2024, taking place just a month later in the French capital.

China's Zhang Shaoqin won her first IFSC Speed World Cup gold medal after defeating Poland's Natalia Kalucka in the final. South Korea's Jeong Jimin completed the podium by winning the bronze medal, her second podium after also claiming bronze in Wujiang at the start of the season.

World record holder Sam Watson of the USA won the men's Speed gold, the third of his career. Watson posted three times under five seconds in the competition, beating China's Wang Xinshang in the final, while Spain's Erik Noya Cardona finished third.

On the Lead wall in front of a bumper crowd of 15,000 people, Japan's Mori Ai and Jessica Pilz of Austria both topped the final route, but Mori was crowned champion thanks to a better semi-final performance, while Pilz had to settle for silver. Japan's Kotake Mei claimed bronze on hold 44+.

In the men's competition, USA's Colin Duffy won the second IFSC Lead World Cup gold of his career after reaching hold 42+. France's Sam Avezou took silver for the second successive year in Chamonix, reaching hold 41+ to do so. The podium was completed by Great Britain's Toby Roberts following a climb to hold 39.

Location: Chamonix (FRA) **Date: 12-14 July Disciplines: Lead** and Speed

Below Colin DUFFY (USA) **Above** MURASHITA Zento (JPN)

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Jessica PILZ (AUT), Janja GARNBRET (SLO), Annie SANDERS (USA) Opposite page below

LEE Dohyun (KOR)





eight of the 12 Speed and Lead medals on offer in Briançon, France.

China's Deng Lijuan won gold in women's Speed, topping a podium that also included South Korea's Jeong Jimin in second and China's Zhang Shaogin in third.

In the men's Speed, two of the most experienced climbers on the circuit, Ludovico Fossali of Italy and Erik Noya Cardona of Spain, battled neck and neck until the end.

Fossali ran his first-ever sub-five and won gold with 4.97 - equalling the current men's European record and taking the second World Cup win of his career. Noya Cardona took silver with 5.06.

China's Long Jianguo placed third after beating Germany's Leander Carmanns in the men's bronze medal race, giving Asian climbers four of six possible Speed medals.

It was then Team Japan's turn to make headlines in the Lead competition. Murashita Zento struck gold, Yoshida Satone took silver, and Omata Shion completed the sweep by claiming bronze.

Japan's Kotake Mei continued the Asian medal haul by winning the women's Lead event, her first victory in 25 World Cup appearances.

Italy's Laura Rogora - one of the few athletes who had qualified for Paris 2024 that was competing in Briançon - won silver, while third place went to Austria's Mattea Pötzi.

Location: Briançon (FRA) **Date: 17-19 July Disciplines: Lead and Speed**



Olympic champions lead way

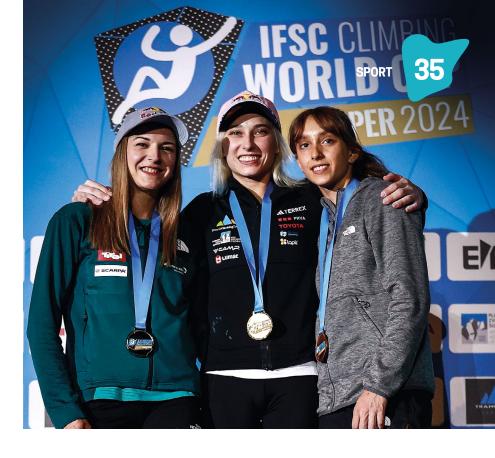
At the first World Cup following the Olympic Games Paris 2024, it was only fitting that the two Olympic champions would shine the brightest.

Paris 2024 Olympic champions Janja Garnbret and Great Britain's Toby Roberts continued their winning ways with Lead gold at the IFSC World Cup in Koper, Slovenia.

Climbing in front of the President of Slovenia, Nataša Pirc Musar, Garnbret defended her title from last year while giving her adoring Slovenian fans even more to cheer about.

With two tops in qualification and the only top in the semi-final, Garnbret was determined, and a hold 46+ climb was enough for yet another win.

Joining Garnbret on the podium were Austria's Jessica Pilz in second and USA's Annie Sanders in third.



Team GB's Roberts, meanwhile, took his third IFSC Lead World Cup gold medal with a hold 40 climb, taking advantage of a slip on hold 35 by rival Anraku Sorato of Japan, who climbed last

Roberts' win was his fourth World Cup win in all disciplines, which equalled Simon Nadin's British men's record.

France's Sam Avezou finished third with a hold 31+ climb.

Location: Koper (SLO) Date: 6-7 September Discipline: Lead

Lee, Grossman strike gold Ask Lee Dohyun of South Korea and Natalia With her win in Prague. Grossi

Ask Lee Dohyun of South Korea and Natalia Grossman of the USA what their favourite travel destinations are, and Prague, Czechia, is bound to be near the top of the list.

Lee won his first career World Cup gold in the city in 2023 and then doubled down on the accomplishment by winning the 2024 event following a hard-fought battle that went down to the very last climber on the very last boulder.

Manuel Cornu of France returned to the medals podium for the first time in five years, taking silver, with Paris 2024 champion Toby Roberts of Great Britain finishing in third place.

Grossman, meanwhile, secured an emotional gold medal over rivals Naïlé Maignan of France, who took silver, and bronze medallist Oceania Mackenzie of Australia, who took the first World Cup medal of her career.

With her win in Prague, Grossman jumped to the top of the provisional rankings of the women's Boulder World Cup event, tied with Slovenia's Janja Garnbret at 2,000 points. The World Cup Boulder champion would therefore be decided at the final Boulder competition of the 2024 season in Seoul, South Korea.

Location: Prague (CZE) Date: 20-22 September Discipline: Boulder









2024 World Cup season comes to thrilling conclusion in Seoul

The ninth and final World Cup event of the season was a special one. It featured, for the first time in IFSC history, Boulder, Lead, and Speed trophies being awarded at the same event.

It also attracted a record-breaking 268 athletes: 157 men and 111 women - representing 42 nations and all five continents.

BOULDER

South Korea's Lee Dohyun capped a rollercoaster World Cup in his homeland by taking the third win of his career - and his second in the space of two events.

Lee began the World Cup in Seoul by dominating everyone else in qualification. While others were taking two tops, Lee did all five. But his sizzle fizzled somewhat from the semi-finals onwards, and only a major dose of patience and perseverance would be enough to see him come through in the end.

Lee eventually won the gold thanks to one fewer attempt than fellow finalist Maximillian Milne of Great Britain as both climbers had two tops and four zones. Milne's silver gave him his first World Cup podium since Brixen 2022, when he also finished second.

With four zones, Amagasa Sohta won bronze, the second World Cup medal of the year for the Japanese climber.

The women's Boulder competition was won by USA's Annie Sanders, her first Boulder World Cup gold medal, marking an impressive first full senior season on the international circuit.

France's Zélia Avezou won silver, while Great Britain's Erin McNeice took bronze to become just the third British woman to podium at a Boulder World Cup after Shauna Coxsey and Claire Bell.

The results meant that Japan's Anraku Sorato (3365 pts) took the overall 2024 World Cup Series ranking, becoming only the fourth male to win back-to-back titles. His

compatriots Narasaki Meichi (2860 pts) and Narasaki Tomoa (2690 pts) finished second and third, respectively.

USA's Natalia Grossman won the Boulder World Cup Series title for the fourth time on 2610 points, with Oceania Mackenzie (2405 pts) finishing second and Nakamura Mao (2262.5 pts) placing third.

SPEED

with both the men's and women's winners standing on the top step of a World Cup







In the men's competition it was Wang Xinshang who took gold, while in the women's it was teammate Zhou Yafei.

Wang won men's gold with a messy win over fellow finalist Amir Maimuratov of Kazakhstan, with both climbers slipping at different points. Indonesia's Kiromal Katibin took the bronze for the ninth medal of his World Cup career.

Zhou claimed women's gold over former World Cup winner Rajiah Sallsabillah, who settled for silver after a slip in the final, while China's Wang Shengyan won bronze – the first World Cup medal of her career.

The overall 2024 World Cup Series ranking for men's Speed saw Olympic bronze medallist Samuel Watson finish in first with 3185 points, the first American male to win a Series title. World champion Matteo Zurloni of Italy finished second (2805 pts) with China's Wang Xinshang placing third (2650 pts).

Deng Lijuan became the second Chinese woman to win the overall Speed Series title, with a win in Briançon, France, helping her points tally to 2845 points. Poland's Natalia Kalucka finished second (2765 pts) while Jeong Jimin of South Korea placed third (2730 pts).

LEAD

Austria's Jessica Pilz signed off the 2024 season with a Lead victory in Seoul, the third gold of her career, which also powered her to the top of the overall Series ranking.

Pilz came just shy of topping the final route with a hold 48 enough to see off silver medallist Mori Ai of Japan (46) and USA's Annie Sanders (45), who added bronze to the gold she won earlier in Boulder.

Japan's Anraku Sorato returned to the top step of a World Cup podium with gold in men's Lead. The win was the first of the season and fourth of his career. Anraku reached hold 45+ and at first appeared disappointed until he realised it was enough to take the win and the smile returned to his face.

South Korea's Lee Dohyun just missed out on a rare double after winning gold in Boulder earlier at the event. Lee made it to the same hold as Anraku but was left with silver after their semi-final places were counted. Omata Shion of Japan finished third.

Although not competing in Seoul, Olympic champion Toby Roberts of Great Britain won the men's overall Lead title on 3380 points. He was followed by Omata in second (2915 pts) and Anraku in third (2845 pts).

On the women's side, winning in Seoul gave Pilz the overall title with 3220 points, ahead of Janja Garnbret in second (3000 pts) and Mori Ai in third (2610 pts).

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Tamara ULZHABAEVA (KAZ)
Above
LEE Dohyun (KOR)
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Women's Lead qualification

Location: Seoul (KOR)
Date: 2-6 October
Discipline: Boulder, Lead
and Speed



IFSC Climbing World Cup Medal Table 2024

	IFSC Boulder Wo	rld Cup Serie	s 2024 - Me	dal table	
Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Japan	3	3	2	8
2	USA	3	0	1	4
3	Slovenia	2	1	0	3
4	South Korea	2	0	0	2
5	France	0	4	1	5
6	Great Britain	0	1	2	3
7	Italy	0	1	0	1
8	Australia	0	0	1	1
8	Austria	0	0	1	1
8	Belgium	0	0	1	1
8	China	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	10	10	10	30

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IFSC Lead World Cup Series 2024 - Medal table						
Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	
1	Japan	4	5	4	13	
2	Slovenia	3	0	0	3	
3	Austria	2	2	1	5	
4	Great Britain	2	0	2	4	
5	USA	1	0	2	3	
6	South Korea	0	1	2	3	
7	France	0	1	1	2	
8	China	0	1	0	1	
8	Germany	0	1	0	1	
8	Italy	0	1	0	1	
	TOTAL	12	12	12	36	



	IFSC Speed Worl	d Cup Series	2024 - Med	al table	
Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	5	1	4	10
2	USA	3	2	0	5
3	Poland	1	3	0	4
4	Italy	1	0	0	1
5	Indonesia	0	1	2	3
5	South Korea	0	1	2	3
7	Spain	0	1	1	2
8	Kazakhstan	0	1	0	1
9	Austria	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	10	10	10	30

IFSC World Cup Series 2024 - Medal table					
Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Japan	7	8	6	21
2	USA	7	2	3	12
3	China	5	2	5	12
4	Slovenia	5	1	0	6
5	South Korea	2	2	4	8
6	Austria	2	2	3	7
7	Great Britain	2	1	4	7
8	Poland	1	3	0	4
9	ltaly	1	2	0	3
10	France	0	5	2	7
. 11	Indonesia	0	1	2	3
12	Spain	0	1	1	2
13	Germany	0	1	0	1
13	Kazakhstan	0	1	0	1
15	Australia	0	0	1	1
15	Belgium	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	32	32	32	96

Pictured L/R Ludovico FOSSALI (ITA), Erik NOYA CARDONA (ESP)



Salt Lake City hosts first Para Climbing World Cup of 2024

The IFSC Para Climbing World Cup season got under way in May in Salt Lake City, USA: the first of three events on the 2024 calendar.

total of 129 climbers from 20 nations took to the Lead wall at Momentum Millcreek gym in a terrific display of skill, technique, power and endurance from athletes with physical, visual, range and/or power impairments.

Athletes took part in 14 sport classes over two days of competition, with the routesetters receiving praise for posing some particularly tricky problems.

Only one climber, France's Lucie Jarrige, topped a qualification route in the women's AL2, and she was also the only climber to top the final route to secure the gold. "I'm proud of myself because I topped all the routes during this competition. I really enjoyed the competition because I love the wall, it's really steep," she said. "The routesetting was a bit different to what I'm used to – not good, not bad, just different. There were sections with like three moves which got progressive and a bit bouldery, but the long routes gave everyone a chance to show what they could do."

In the men's RP2, Spain's Iván Muñoz Escolar topped both qualification routes to go through to the final in first place, a position he held with another top in the final for gold. "I feel really good winning, but also I feel good because the routes were really good," he said. "The style was good for me, and I love the type of crimpy holds that were on the route, so thank you to the routesetters."





Finals flourish in Innsbruck

The second stop of the 2024 IFSC Para Climbing World Cup series took place in June in Innsbruck, Austria, with gold medals in 19 Lead classes.

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Lucie JARRIGE (FRA)
Opposite page below
Iván MUÑOZ ESCOLAR (ESP)
Right L/R
Aloïs POTTIER (FRA),
Kim RISHAUG (NOR),
Korbinian FRANCK (GER)

here were some home nation wins, some serial gold medallists and some new names on the Para Climbing World Cup podiums.

In the men's B2, a plus hold gave Romania's Razvan Nedu a win with 39+ – enough for gold ahead of silver medallist Hamanoue Fumiya of Japan, who reached hold 39.

"I'm surprised to win. I really didn't expect it," said Nedu. "I liked the route. I moved very smoothly throughout until the last section where I was kind of stuck with my feet. I couldn't get my feet in the right position for my hands. But I'm happy with what I did."

Belgium's Pavitra Vandenhoven continued her strong climbing in the women's RP1 to



take gold with a hold 50+ climb. Spain's Marta Peche Salinero overtook rival Eva Mol from the Netherlands, switching positions from qualification to give the Spanish climber silver and Mol the bronze.

In the women's RP2, Italy's Chiara Cavina came away with the gold as the rest of the field struggled with the route. Austria's Jasmin Plank joined Cavina on the podium taking silver and Norway's Dina Eivis took bronze.







Arco medals bring curtain down on 2024 Para Climbing season

A feast of Para Climbing action came to a close in Arco, Italy, signing off the IFSC Para Climbing World Cup 2024 Series with the final event of the year.



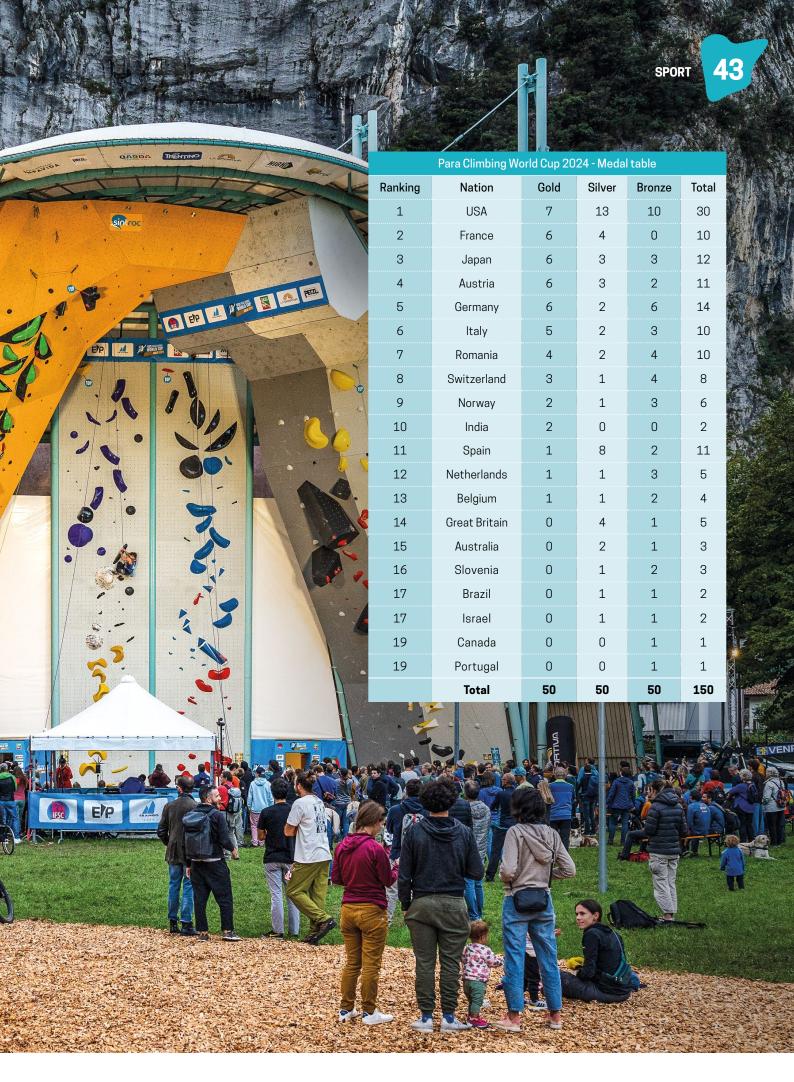
eventeen sport classes took to the podium under the northern Italian sky in the shadow of the limestone cliffs that overlook the historical climbing town. In a glowing testament to the universality of the sport, athletes from 11 nations left with a gold medal.

One of those was India's Manikandan Kumar, whose triumph in Arco was a story of personal redemption. "Our category I feel is one of the strongest, so you need to be on top form, you have to always bring your 'A' game to win a gold," he said of the men's RP2. "Eleven years ago I competed here in Rock Masters and I missed out on gold by one place. Today I got it, and it is a proud moment.

"It was a good climb. Yesterday I messed up a bit in the qualification but today I made up my mind that I would not make any mistakes, and I didn't. I did my absolute best. I gave 100% and I'm thrilled to win gold."

For women's B2 gold medallist Linda Le Bon of Austria, it was about overcoming her climbing weaknesses. "I'm so happy. It's the first time I was first in qualification and first overall," she said. "The route was so technical, I've never climbed something like that. I don't really like technical as I am quite strong so I wasn't very happy when I found out the route I was climbing, but I timed out and actually thought the top was really possible."

PicturedManikandan KUMAR (IND)









he decision was made by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Governing Board, which approved a proposal from the LA28 Organising Committee following a lengthy process that began in 2022 and initially featured a record 33 sports applying to be part of the LA28 Paralympic Games.

After approving 22 of the sports in January 2023, the IPC then granted LA28 the opportunity of including either Para Climbing or Para Surfing at their edition of the Paralympics. LA28 conducted a

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Sebastian DEPKE (GER),
IFSC Treasurer Pierre YOU,
IFSC President Marco SCOLARIS
Above
Lucia CAPOVILLA (ITA)

thorough evaluation process before ultimately deciding to put forward Para Climbing for inclusion.

"Congratulations to the International Federation of Sport Climbing for the inclusion of Para Climbing into the LA28 Paralympic Games," said Andrew Parsons, IPC President. "Para Climbing is a fast-paced, exhilarating sport that I am sure will attract new audiences to the Paralympic Games, you only have to see the sport's impact on the Olympic Games programme to understand this."

IFSC President Marco Scolaris also hailed the announcement. "Thank you to the IPC for welcoming us as part of the Paralympic family, but thanks must also go to the LA28 Organising Committee for believing in our sport and making history for the both of us," he said. "By proposing Climbing as an additional sport they have given us another opportunity to fulfil our purpose – to make the world a better place through Climbing. All of our Para athletes do this every day, and now they can do it on the world stage for all to see at the Paralympic Games."

The IFSC has been hosting Para Climbing competitions since 2006, when the first international event saw athletes from National Federations compete. Today, athletes from 27 different nations regularly compete in the sport, which features an annual competition circuit including World Cup events, as well as biennial Para Climbing World Championships that run alongside the IFSC Climbing World Championships. The IFSC was granted the status of Recognised International Federation by the IPC in 2017.



China and Japan go heavy on the medals at Youth Worlds

Two nations stood head and shoulders above the rest in terms of medals at the IFSC Youth World Championships Guiyang 2024 in southwestern China.

hina and Japan secured a combined 30 medals over the 10 days of competition, 16 for the hosts and 14 for Team Japan.

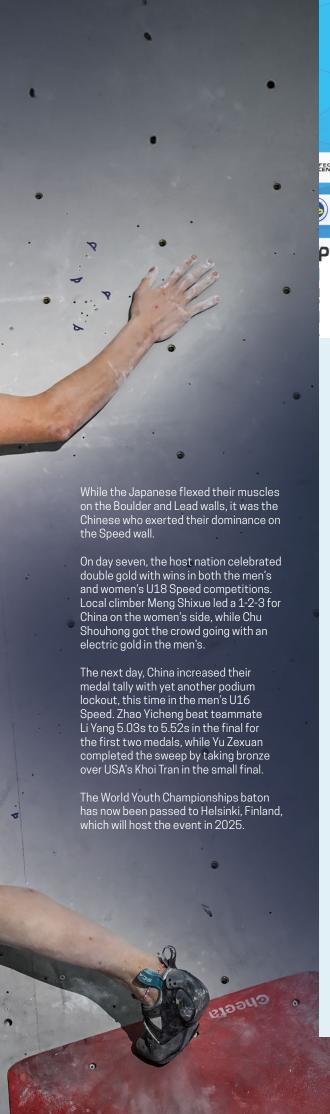
It was an impressive haul for an event that featured 599 young climbers from 49 nations competing in Boulder, Lead and Speed across three age categories – U16, U18 and U20.

Expertly organised by the Chinese Mountaineering Association from 22-31 August, the competition saw its first world champion crowned on day three, with Japan and Slovenia leading the way.

Slovenia's Jennifer Eucharia Buckley got things started with a dominant victory in the U18 women's Lead division and later made it a golden double with a win in the corresponding Boulder category.

Japan's Kurashiki Manato initiated the medal rush for his country by topping the podium in the U18 men's division, with compatriot Funaki Haru taking bronze. So dominant were the Japanese men on the Boulder wall, in fact, that they claimed six of the nine medals up for grabs. A gold-medal performance by South Korea's Chanjin Jung in the men's U16 Boulder category was the only thing that kept Japan from a golden treble.

Pictured Jennifer Eucharia BUCKLEY (SLO) Opposite page L/R LI Yang (CHN), ZHAO Yicheng (CHN), YU Zexuan (CHN)





UNDER 16

Men's U16 Boulder Podium

- 1. HAMADA Ryusei (JPN)
- 2. JUNG Chanjin (KOR)
- 3. NAKATA Kazuki (JPN)

Women's U16 Boulder Podium

- 1. LI Meini (CHN)
- 2. KIM Gyurin (KOR)
- 3. MURAKAMI Waka (JPN)

Men's U16 Lead Podium

- 1. JUNG Chanjin (KOR)
- 2. HAMADA Ryusei (JPN)
- 3. PARK Taesung (KOR)

Women's U16 Lead Podium

- 1. HAYASHI Arisa (JPN)
- 2. YU Chenxuan (CHN)
- 3. Julia RASMUSSEN (SUI)

Men's U16 Speed Podium

- 1. ZHAO Yicheng (CHN)
- 2. LI Yang (CHN)
- 3. YU Zexuan (CHN)

Women's U16 Speed Podium

- 1. Alice MARCELLI (ITA)
- 2. WANG Chunyouxuan (CHN)
- 3. Ratchamon THONGBAI (THA)

UNDER 18

Men's U18 Boulder Podium

- 1. NAGAMORI Hareru (JPN)
- 2. PARK Beomjin (KOR)
- 3. Corentin LAPORTE (BEL)

Women's U18 Boulder Podium

- 1. Jennifer Eucharia BUCKLEY (SLO)
- 2. MURAKOSHI Kaho (JPN)
- 3. Geila MACIA MARTIN (ESP)

Men's U18 Lead Podium

- 1. KURASHIKI Murato (JPN)
- 2. LEE Hakjin (KOR)
- 3. FUNAKI Haru (JPN)

Women's U18 Lead Podium

- 1. Jennifer Eucharia BUCKLEY (SLO)
- 2. Flora OBLASSER (AUT)
- 3. Geila MACIA MARTIN (ESP)

Men's U18 Speed Podium

- 1. CHU Shouhong (CHN)
- 2. Michael HOM (USA)
- 3. TABUCHI Motonori (JPN)

Women's U18 Speed Podium

- 1. MENG Shixue (CHN)
- 2. YANG Feiyan (CHN)
- 3. HUANG Xinyi (CHN)

UNDER 20

Men's U20 Boulder Podium

- 1. KAYOTANI Ritsu (JPN)
- 2. Yannick NAGEL (GER)
- 3. Slav KIROV (BUL)

Women's U20 Boulder Podium

- 1. Lily ABRIAT (FRA)
- 2. Anastasiia KOBETS (UKR)
- 3. Anna Maria APEL (GER)

Men's U20 Lead Podium

- 1. SUGIMOTO Yusuke (JPN)
- 2. Darius RAPA (ROU)
- 3. OMATA Shion (JPN)

Women's U20 Lead Podium

- 1. Rosa REKAR (SLO)
- 2. Anastasiia KOBETS (UKR)
- 3. Magdalena KOMPEIN (AUT)

Men's U20 Speed Podium

- 1. Jerome MOREL (FRA)
- 2. Oskar SZALECKI (POL)
- 3. ZHOU Ziyu (CHN)

Women's U20 Speed Podium

- 1. MOU Yuju (CHN)
- 2. ZHANG Tianxiang (CHN)
- 3. Berliana PUTERI WIJAYA (INA)



NEOM IFSC Masters returns

The NEOM Beach Games once again played host to Climbing competitions, with Boulder and Speed events featuring.

he second edition of the NEOM IFSC Masters took place in Saudi Arabia, once again featuring Boulder and Speed competitions. The event was part of the NEOM Beach Games 2024, a multi-sport event also including beach soccer, mountain biking, open water swimming, triathlon, and 3x3 basketball.

BOULDER

Made up of two rounds only – qualification and final – the men's Boulder event entertained the audience on day one. Manuel Cornu of France, who finished in fifth place at the 2023 NEOM Beach Games, eventually placed first, taking gold with 119 points out of a maximum of 120.

Placing second and winning silver was Hungary's Nimród Sebestyén Tusnády, with 115 points; Ireland's Michael O'Neill completed the podium in third place with 113.

Day two saw France's Agathe Calliet as the only athlete among the six finalists finishing with a four-top score – 114 points – to take gold in the women's Boulder competition.

Alongside Calliet on the podium was Evangelina Briggs of Canada and levgeniia Kazbekova of Ukraine. The two athletes ended up being separated by just one point: Briggs closed with 90 and took silver, while Kazbekova needed one more attempt to top boulder number three, eventually placing third and winning bronze.

Pictured
Michael O'NEILL (IRL)
Above right L/R

Evangelina BRIGGS (CAN), Agathe CALLIET (FRA), levgeniia KAZBEKOVA (UKR)

SPEED

Attention turned to Speed on the third and final day as Indonesia won gold in the women's Speed event as Rajiah Sallsabillah (fourth at Paris 2024) stopped the clock at 7.13s and prevailed over Poland's Aleksandra Kalucka in a tight gold medal race. Indonesia's second medal went to Desak Made Rita Kusuma Dewi, who won bronze against South Korea's Jeong Jimin.

The race for gold in the men's Speed event saw Kazakhstani friends and teammates Amir Maimuratov and Rishat Khaibullin stumble along the route, with Maimuratov eventually finishing first with 6.87s. The men's podium also featured Japan's Yasukawa Jun, winner of the bronze medal race against Ukraine's Kostiantyn Pavlenko.









New Speed format makes debut in Madrid

A new and exciting speed climbing format debuted in Madrid, with four speed lanes instead of the traditional two-lane competition, with top Speed climbers taking part in the unique event.

efore the newly created IFSC Speed Four Lanes format launches officially in the 2025 World Games in Chengdu, China, Climbing fans had the chance to sample it over one weekend. For the first time ever, Spain hosted the discipline at the IFSC Madrid 4 Speed, an international test event organised by the IFSC.

The first day of action, Saturday 19 October, showcased the four-lane format and the Spanish Speed Cup, followed by the standard IFSC Speed competition on Sunday 20.

The stars in Madrid included Paris 2024 Olympic champion Veddriq Leonardo of Indonesia and USA's Sam Watson, who holds the current world record of 4.74s. Held at the Explanada Puente de Rey in Madrid, a pedestrian walkway that offers a stunning view of the city and runs alongside the banks of the Manzanares River, on a massive 17 metre wall, the event was broadcast live and the competition was free to attend.

Pictured

Spectators take in the new four-lane Speed format





IFSC at forefront of fight against REDs

The IFSC is the first International Federation to introduce comprehensive regulations related to Relative Energy Deficiency in Sport (REDs), with the implementation of an event policy for athletes ahead of the 2024 season.

eveloped by the IFSC Medical and Anti-Doping Commission and other IFSC scientific experts, the new policy is based on the Consensus Statement of the IOC's REDs Group and is designed to enhance awareness, education, and protection of athletes. The policy foresees the IFSC working in tandem with National Federations, athletes, and independent experts in the field of REDs.

Briefly, the IFSC REDs Health Screening Policy requires:

- Athletes to fill out two questionnaires and measure height, weight, heart rate, and blood pressure;
- National Federations to screen each athlete and, if needed, request more testing before being allowed an IFSC Licence;
- The IFSC to perform random and focused screenings of several parameters (including height, weight, and lying down and standing heart rate and blood pressure) throughout the Climbing season;
- An independent REDs advisor to review the data of suspected cases.

What is REDs?

REDs is a syndrome that affects health and performance and is caused by a mismatch between the calories eaten and burned during exercise that leads to low energy availability. It can cause many shortand long-term health and performance issues.



IFSC PROMOTES RESEARCH STUDY ON MENTAL HEALTH AND BURNOUT

The wellbeing of athletes has always been a priority at the IFSC. Athletes are most visible in moments of victory where feelings of joy prevail, but they may also find themselves in need of mental health support. With the very rapid growth of the sport in the past few years, the Federation is mindful that elite athletes are people first, and that their mental health is just as important as their physical health.

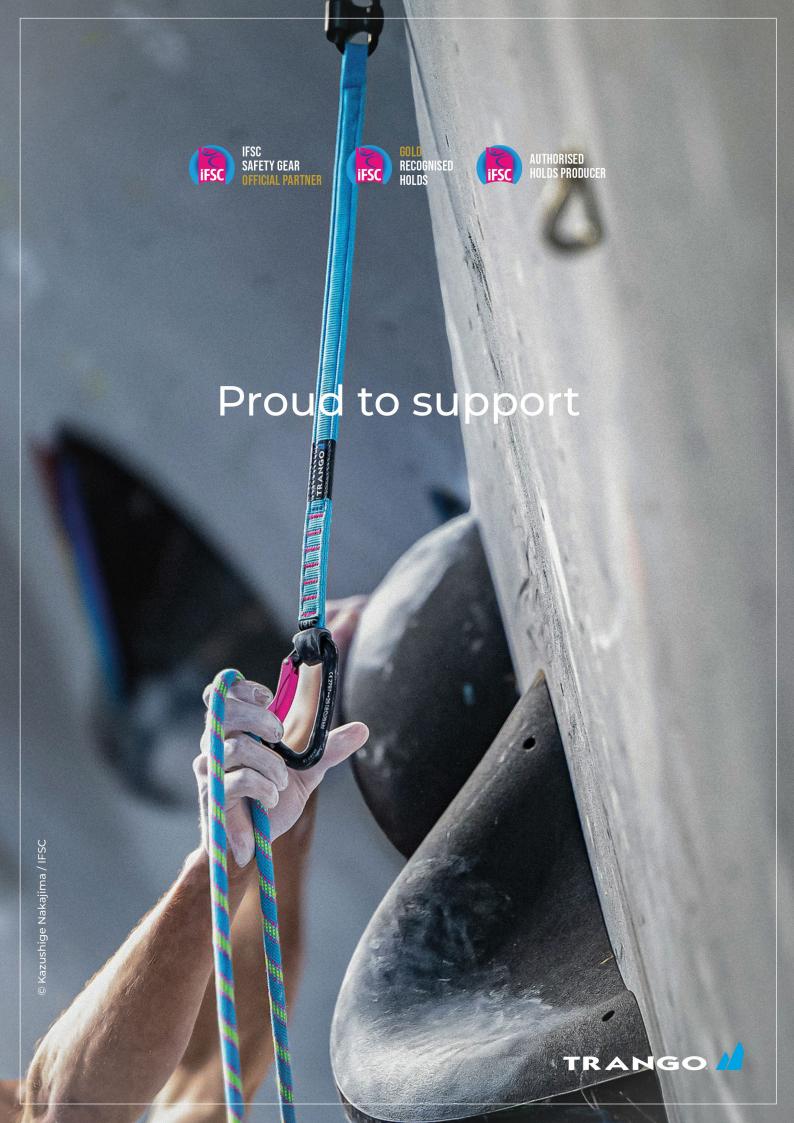
It is with this understanding and knowledge that the IFSC Athletes' and Medical & Anti-Doping Commissions

supported an important study* focusing on mental health and burnout among professional climbers.

The research, titled "The Impact of Stressors on Athletic Performance and Burnout: Exploring the Mediating Role of Affect, Intolerance of Uncertainty, Personality, and Emotion Regulation in Professional Sport Climbers", aims to raise awareness about the intricate relationship between mental wellbeing and athletic performance in Climbing.

*Study is being conducted by:

PhD student Zsófia Németi-Fehér, under the supervision of Professor Andrei Ion, PhD, from the University of Bucharest, and IFSC Medical & Anti-Doping Commission member Maria Stefania Ionel, PhD, from Babes-Bolyai University.







XXI IFSC General Assembly

The XXI General Assembly of the IFSC was held in Santiago, Chile, on 22-23 March 2024, bringing together 65 delegates representing 51 National Federations from all five continents.

osted by the Chilean Federation at the Icon Hotel in the country's capital, the 2024 General Assembly was the first in-person gathering following the adoption of the new IFSC Statutes during the Extraordinary General Assembly in October 2023.

On 21 March, ahead of the official opening of the General Assembly, workshops focusing on two important topics, athletes' health and the planning of the IFSC calendar for the upcoming Olympic cycle (2025–2028), took place. These sessions aimed to increase collaboration among National Federations and gather feedback to address key priorities ahead of Paris 2024. Additionally, the introduction of the National Federation Desk initiative provided a platform for closer engagement between National Federations and the IFSC leadership.

The General Assembly officially opened on Friday morning (22 March) with speeches from Miguel Ángel Mujica, President of the Chilean Olympic Committee (COCH), and Loreto Santa Cruz, COCH General Manager. Delegates also received a video message from IOC President Thomas Bach in which he highlighted the IFSC's exemplary promotion of sport through initiatives such as the Olympic Qualifier Series, gender empowerment, anti-doping collaboration with the ITA, governance reforms and digital strategy development.

IFSC President Marco Scolaris addressed the General Assembly, reflecting on key achievements from 2023, including the



World Championships in Bern, the IFSC's debut at events including the European Games in Krakow and the Pan American Games in Santiago. He emphasised the IFSC's commitment to providing equitable conditions for athletes despite global challenges, reinforcing the role of sport in promoting inclusion and peaceful competition.

During the formal part of the General Assembly, delegates ratified decisions made by the Executive Board over the past year, including the addition of Guam, Nigeria, and Palestine as new IFSC members. The 2023 financial statements, the 2024 provisional budget, updated fees for 2025, and adjustments to the age categories for the Youth World Championships were also approved. Delegates also received reports from the IFSC's Continental Councils and commissions, alongside updates from the Media & Communications and Research & Development Departments.

The General Assembly wrapped up with the third IFSC National Federations Forum, highlighting the transformative role of sport in society. After the forum, delegates had the opportunity to experience the culture and energy of one of the largest cities in the Americas before departing Chile.









AboveWilly MONTENEGROGARCIA (CHI)



IFSC meeting target score set out for ASOIF's governance review

he Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) published the results of its Fifth Review of International Federation Governance, a project led by ASOIF's Governance Task Force to promote and ensure a culture of good governance within International Federations, and help drive continuous progress.

For the first time since its first publication back in 2017, all 32 organisations, including the IFSC, have met the target score of 150 points out of 240 set by ASOIF.

The report features an overview of changes in scores from the first edition of the review to the fifth. Also, the Governance Task Force presented the 2024 report as the start of a new cycle, as it includes a set of 10 new measurable

indicators that brings the total to 60. IFSC President Marco Scolaris said: "Our International Federation's achievement in the ASOIF's Governance Review, being one of the latest members into the ASOIF family, is a giant leap forward.

"To be judged as an A2 category, together with veteran organisations in Summer Olympic Sports, is a sign that the path we have set for our growth as a sports body has been correct. After congratulating the IFSC staff today, I reiterated to them that in order to grow further, we will have to apply similar target models to our National Federations. The method is there, consolidated by ASOIF, and we have to copy from the best. We are a family and we help each other to be exemplary at all levels."





Climbing Summit, Commissions' meetings and organisers' meetings

To close out the year, the IFSC brought together National Federations, Commissions, and event organisers to review 2024 and plan for the future at the III IFSC Climbing Summit.

he III IFSC Climbing Summit provided a virtual platform for National Federations worldwide to review progress against the Federation's Strategic Plan.

In Torino, IFSC President Marco Scolaris, alongside the Executive Board, led discussions on key topics, including the Olympic journey, governance, sustainability, and athlete welfare. Secretary General Debra Gawrych guided attendees through key milestones of the plan and future objectives, while IFSC Oceania President Naomi Cleary promoted governance and collaboration within the Climbing community, following a presentation by outgoing ASOIF President Francesco Ricci Bitti.

The achievement of securing Para Climbing's place at the Paralympic Games LA28 was celebrated during the interventions from Treasurer Pierre You and former IPC Marketing Director Alexis Schäfer, who discussed its integration and the opportunities for the National Federations to develop Para Climbing programmes.

Speakers shared reflections on Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024, with Niccolò Campriani and Jack Smith from the LA28 sport team outlining a vision for Sport Climbing in Los Angeles. Olympian Alannah Yip and Medical & Anti-Doping Commission Chair Naama Constantini highlighted the importance of athlete health and the tools available to support wellbeing. Vice-President Wolfgang Wabel addressed sustainability initiatives ahead of the launch of the IFSC Sustainability Strategy in 2025.

Prior to the summit, the IFSC Commissions' Annual Meetings took place in Torino. Topics included athlete welfare, event management, sustainability, and sport development across a full week of discussions. The Media & Marketing, Medical & Anti-Doping, Para Climbing, Risk & Finance, and Rules Commissions, along with the newly formed Sustainability Working Group, convened both in-person and online to evaluate the season and set strategic goals.



At the heart of IFSC's mission is the athlete experience, and the Athletes' Forum, held during the Commissions' meetings, provided a direct platform for climbers to engage in decision-making. Their recommendations were reviewed by the IFSC Executive Board immediately after the forum.

The week concluded with the IFSC Event Organisers' Meetings, where representatives from World Cup host cities gathered to discuss the 2025–2028 World Cup Series cycle both as a group for knowledge sharing and on an individual event basis with the IFSC team. Key topics included the integration of Para Climbing, updates to competition formats, such as the new Speed four-lane format, ranking systems, media strategies, and logistical planning. A major focus was enhancing event presentation, fan engagement, and broadcasting opportunities to increase the global reach of Climbing.



IFSC Commissions' members

IFSC Commissions make a valuable contribution to the future and growth of Climbing and continued to do so throughout 2024.

Coaches Commission

- Pavlos GEORGIADES (CYP) Chair
- Emma HAWKE (SWE) Vice Chair
- Ekaterina DEULINA* (RUS)
- Kilian FISCHHUBER (AUT)
- Marco JUBES (BEL)
- Jay KOH (SGP)
- Josh LARSON (USA)
- Mateuzs MIROSLAV (POL)
- Yoshiko NISHITANI (JPN)
- Daniel SERMAN (CHI)
- Christopher SMOLKOVIC (SUI)
- Jeff THOMSON (CAN)
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- Loïc TIMMERMANS (BEL)

Ethics Commission

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- Mario MORELLI (ITA)
- Patti RUBE (USA)

Events Commission

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- Emilie GHEUX (FRA)
- Guo Wei LI (CHN)
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Risk & Finance Commission

- Pierre YOU (FRA) Chair
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- Stephane DAVID (NZL)
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Routesetters Commission

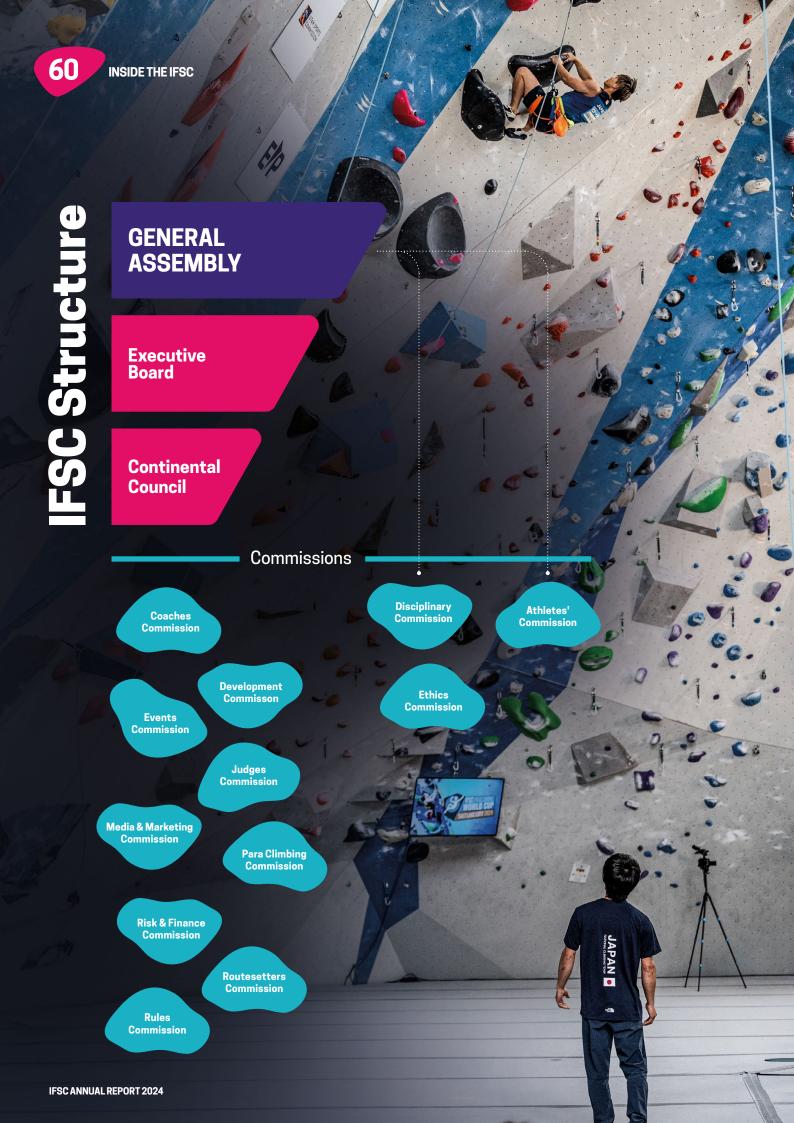
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IFSC membership

With more than 100 National Federations in the IFSC family, 2024 saw another step forward in participation and involvement from the members around the world - in both competition and institutional engagement, which help grow and move the sport on.



Africa (10):

Algeria; Cameroon; Congo; Mauritius; Morocco; Nigeria; Rwanda; Senegal; South Africa; Uganda. Hungary; Iceland; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Kosovo; Latvia; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Macedonia; Malta; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Russia*; Serbia; Slovakia; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; Ukraine.

Singapore; South Korea; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Chinese Taipei; Uzbekistan.

Oceania (3):

Australia; Guam; New Zealand.

* suspended



Targeting a sustainable future

The IFSC is committed to fostering a sustainable environment, both through the reduction of our carbon footprint and the promotion of equity, wellbeing, and best practices both at IFSC events and in the workplace.

he IFSC decided to draw inspiration from the pillars of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) outlined by the United Nations. These global goals provide a shared framework for creating a more sustainable, equitable, and prosperous world. A new sustainability plan was launched in the summer of 2024, with the IFSC prioritising five SDG objectives that resonate most strongly with the values and responsibilities of a modern sport organisation.

While the SDGs encompass 17 interconnected objectives, the IFSC's targeted focus reflects the strategic alignment of the needs of our community and the broader challenges facing the planet. The five SDGs at the heart of our plan are:

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Gender equality

As a global organisation, the IFSC remains dedicated to eliminating barriers and fostering inclusivity, ensuring equal opportunities for athletes, staff and stakeholders, regardless of gender.

Actions:

- Actively work to ensure gender-balanced representation across all official structures and activities. This includes striving for equal representation in institutional meetings with National Federations that are part of the IFSC
- The IFSC is deeply committed to achieving gender balance within its Board. This effort reflects our dedication to leading by example and setting a benchmark for governance in sport organisations

Responsible consumption and production

Reflecting our commitment to minimising waste and optimising resource use, the IFSC will advocate for and adopt more sustainable practices in the organisation and delivery of our events.

Actions:

- The IFSC has already adopted sustainability guidelines for its events.
 These guidelines provide a framework for environmentally conscious event planning and execution
- In collaboration with holds brands, the IFSC is also implementing a comprehensive recycling and waste management programme
- Sustainability has become a key criterion in evaluating companies for inclusion in the IFSC Holds, Macros, and Volumes Catalogue
- The IFSC is in the process of developing a policy for the standardisation of climbing walls. This policy aims to streamline wall design and construction, emphasising durability, safety, and reduced environmental impact

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Climate action

Climate change is a shared global challenge, and the IFSC will lead by example, implementing strategies to reduce emissions, protect natural environments, and raise awareness within the sport community.

Actions:

- A central element of the IFSC's climate action strategy is the measurement and offsetting of the carbon footprint generated by IFSC events and official travel
- The IFSC has embedded a green commuting policy into its daily operations, underscoring the importance of sustainable practices at every level of the organisation and setting a cultural standard for sustainability



Voluntary CO₂ cancellation through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Number of units cancelled

4,160 CERs

Equivalent to 4,160 tonnes of CO₂



Good health and wellbeing

Recognising sport's inherent role in promoting physical and mental health, we aim to further leverage Climbing as a vehicle for wellbeing across diverse populations.

Actions:

- Implement targeted initiatives that support athletes and participants at every stage of their journey. Among these efforts is the introduction of courses on athletes' transition paths
- Adopt comprehensive company welfare policies. The IFSC is committed to creating a supportive and empowering work environment for its employees, partners and stakeholders





n 2024, IFSC activities and related resources were mostly focused on the preparation and delivery of the unforgettable Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The extremely positive end-of-year result reflects the tremendous growth of the sport and the continuous efforts from the entire team to secure revenues and monitor costs.

Compared to the budget approved by the General Assembly in 2024, Operating Revenues increased by 15% while Operating Costs increased only by 4%. The delta between revenues and costs generated a Gross Operating Profit of more than EUR 820,000.

Variance between the approved Budget and end-of-year result is mainly due to the revenues and costs of the Olympic Qualifier Series (Shanghai and Budapest).

While securing the revenues coming from the events' rights, all Departments worked jointly to control the operating costs across all areas.

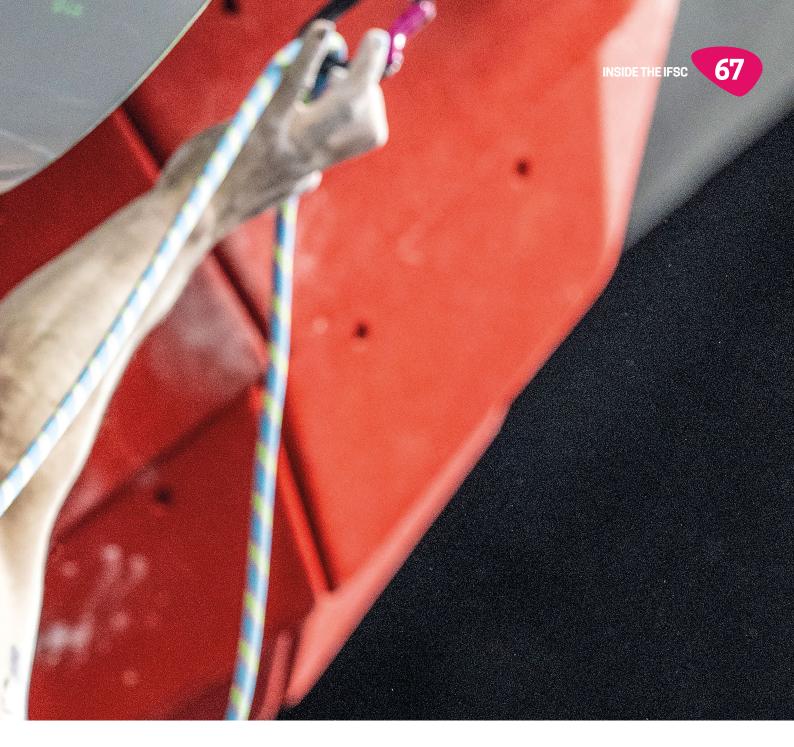
At the end of the financial year, more than EUR 600,000 of the Gross Operating Profit were allocated to the Funds, and specifically:

- EUR 15,000 to funds designated to sustainability programmes;
- EUR 621,932 to Operating Funds.

ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

Throughout the year, most financial resources were allocated to cover activities in the following areas:

 Olympic Games: Paris 2024 Olympic Games and Olympic Qualifier Series operations, including: International Technical Officials and IFSC delegation



costs, legacy plan, ticketing, hospitality opportunities, media and medical services, operational test.

- Athletes: delivery of a state-of-the-art anti-doping programme; collaboration with the IFSC Medical & Anti-Doping Commission; definition of IFSC REDs Health Screening Rules; support to Athletes Commission activities and their representation in the Executive Board and Commissions; development of educational programmes for Athletes, Coaches and Officials.
- Membership: financial support to Member Federations attending the General Assembly in person; confirmation of the new membership fee system with a lower annual fee to reduce the financial burden on Members;

- multi-language simultaneous translation services to increase engagement of Members at the General Assembly; inclusion of NFs representatives in IFSC Commissions, organisation of the annual Commissions meetings.
- Development: tailored development plans in specific regions; launch of 2024 Youth Athlete Development programme; distribution of holds, macros and volumes from Paris 2024 to the five continents; confirmation of Routesetters Diversity Programme.
- New Headquarters: consultation, project management and start of reconstruction works of the new Headquarters in Torino.
- **Brand awareness:** launch of the new website; registration of World Climbing.



Balance Sheet

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Account	31 Dec 2024 EUR	31 Dec 2023 EUR	Variance EUR
Assets				
	Current Assets			
	Accounts Receivable (net of provision for bad debts)	841,386	548,689	292,696
	Deferred expenses	30,603	169,712	(139,109)
	Cash			
	Cash On Hand	12,439	11,983	456
	Banca Sella-checking	566,793	517,600	49,193
	Banca Sella Loan bank account	106	-	106
	Crédit Suisse-checking USD	56,626	52,032	4,594
	Crédit Suisse-checking CHF	109,254	132,777	(23,523)
	Crédit Suisse-checking EUR	699,946	189,394	510,552
	PayPal	4,391	1,663	2,728
	UniCredit-checking	59,376	104,111	(44,736)
	Credit Cards	11,051	15,805	(4,754)
	Total Cash	1,519,982	1,025,365	494,617
	Cash - Continental Councils			
	IFSC Asian Council - Crédit Suisse-checking	73,510	49,309	24,202
	IFSC European Council - UniCredit-checking	133,467	104,814	28,653
	IFSC Oceania Council - Crédit Suisse-checking	11,020	9,497	1,523
	IFSC Pan American Council - Crédit Suisse-checking	24,138	9,776	14,362
	Total Cash - Continental Councils	242,136	173,395.62	68,740
Total Current Assets		2,634,107	1,917,161	716,945
	Fixed Assets			
	Computer Equipment	30,266	33,285	(3,020)
	Office Equipment	24,447	5,101	19,346
	Property	1,085,973	1,070,247	15,726
Total Fixed Assets		1,140,686	1,108,634	32,052
	Intangible Assets			
	Identity, Trademark	213,291	45,120	168,170
Total Intangible Assets		213,291	45,120	168,170
	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		5,188,083	4,270,915	917,168

	Account	31 Dec 2024 EUR	31 Dec 2023 EUR	Variance EUR
Liabilities & Equity				
	Current Liabilities			
	Accounts Payable	494,614	715,810	(221,196)
	Accounts Payable to be received	201,392	88,539	112,853
	COVID-19 Bridge Loan	148,141	-	148,141
	Deferred Revenues	715,382	268,052	447,330
Total Current Liabilities		1,559,529	1,072,402	487,128
	Non-current Liabilities			
	COVID-19 Bridge Loan	-	163,660	(163,660)
	Banca Sella Loan	758,264	837,413	(79,149)
Total Non-current Liabilities		758,264	1,001,072	(242,809)
	Designated Funds			
	IOC Road to Paris 2024 Funds Designated to HQ purchase	712,000	712,000	-
	Sustainability Programmes	15,000	-	15,000
Total Designated Funds		727,000	712,000	15,000
	Operating Funds			
	Operating Funds, including current year result	1,662,643	1,056,142	606,500
Total Operating Funds		1,662,643	1,056,142	606,500
	Equity			
	Current Year Earnings	57,733	12,684	45,049
	Retained Earnings	29,426	26,893	2,532
	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	-	1,773	(1,773)
	Member Funds	393,489	387,948	5,541
Total Equity		480,647	429,299	51,349
Total Liabilities & Equity		5,188,083	4,270,915	917,168



Profit and Loss

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Account	2024 EUR	2023 EUR	Variance EUR
Operating Revenues				
	IOC Funds			
	IOC Annual Funds	71,755	70,567	1,188
	IOC Funds / Covid-19 Contribution	-	267,149	(267,149)
	Olympic Solidarity Funds	102,390	128,865	(26,475)
Total IOC Funds		174,145	466,581	(292,436)
	Institutional			
	Membership Fees	143,643	126,828	16,815
Total Institutional		143,643	126,828	16,815
	Marketing			
	Broadcasting Rights	665,453	853,040	(187,588)
	Sponsorship	330,000	465,943	(135,943)
Total Marketing		995,453	1,318,983	(323,530)
	Olympic Preparation			
	Funds for the Olympic Preparation	44,455	1,529,972	(1,485,517)
Total Olympic Preparation		44,455	1,529,972	(1,485,517)
	Sport & Events			
	Appeals	10,546	13,792	(3,246)
	Athletes & Team Officials' Licences	114,685	110,775	3,910
	Calendar Fees	4,069,575	763,244	3,306,330
	Continental Councils Officials Courses Revenues	6,600	-	6,600
	Official Sport Equipment	245,298	238,853	6,445
	Registration Fees	271,844	346,688	(74,844)
Total Sport & Events		4,718,549	1,473,353	3,245,195
	Other Revenues			
	Other Income	53,182	2,475	50,707
Total Other Revenues		53,182	2,475	50,707
Total Operating Revenues		6,129,426	4,918,192	1,211,234
Operating Costs				
	Administration			
	Bank costs	11,118	7,563	3,555
	Insurance	49,662	45,021	4,641
	Legal	93,488	66,445	27,043
	Office expenses and administration	172,651	194,075	(21,423)
	Salaries & Social Charges	1,176,482	1,144,128	32,354
	Travel Expenses & Hospitality	154,656	244,227	(89,571)
Total Administration	1 2 2	1,658,058	1,701,459	(43,401)

	Account	2024 EUR	2023 EUR	Variance EUR
	Anti-Doping & Medical			
	Anti-Doping & Medical	309,847	248,271	61,576
Total Anti-Doping & Medical		309,847	248,271	61,576
	Communications			
	Content Production	90,206	115,136	(24,930)
	Corporate Communication	176,937	134,989	41,948
	Website	50,832	32,518	18,314
Total Communications		317,975	282,643	35,333
	Development			
	Development Programmes	158,208	224,763	(66,555)
Total Development		158,208	224,763	(66,555)
	Institutional			
	Board Expenses / Indemnity & Per Diem	153,317	123,990	29,327
	Board Expenses / Travel Expenses	102,631	178,379	(75,748)
	Commissions	26,118	31,780	(5,662)
	General Assembly & Institutional Meetings	98,220	181,761	(83,540)
	Governance	10,000	67,450	(57,450)
	International Associations Membership	2,716	2,096	620
Total Institutional	·	393,002	585,456	(192,454)
	Marketing			
	Promotion	185,001	315,901	(130,900)
	TV Production	459,083	952,056	(492,973)
Total Marketing		644,084	1,267,957	(623,873)
	Olympic & Multi-Sport Games Preparation			
	Olympic & Multi-Sport Games Services	1,230,658	78,433	1,152,225
	Olympic Preparation Visits	-	6,050	(6,050)
Total Olympic & Multi-Sport Games Preparation		1,230,658	84,483	1,146,176
<u> </u>	Sport & Events			
	Continental Councils Officials Courses Costs	1,455	6,587	(5,132)
	Event Preparation Costs	9,018	45,974	(36,957)
	Official Sport Equipment Expenses	6,516	17,076	(10,559)
	Officials	404,758	561,253	(156,496)
	Para Climbing Activities	25,671	29,461	(3,790)
	Sport Data Management	92,462	45,869	46,592
	Sport & Events Consulting	33,400	24,000	9,400
	Sustainability	9,350	9,800	(450)
	Trophies	14,113	14,687	(575)
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Total Sport & Events		596,742	754,708	(157,966)
Total Sport & Events Total Operating Costs		596,742 5,308,575	754,708 5,149,740	158,835

	Account	2024 EUR	2023 EUR	Variance EUR
	Depreciation			
	Annual depreciation expense	(60,307)	(26,408)	(33,899)
Total Depreciation		(60,307)	(26,408)	(33,899)
	Foreign Currency Gains (Losses)			
	Foreign Currency Gains and Losses	(30,021)	(23,551)	(6,470)
Total Foreign Currency Gains (Losses)		(30,021)	(23,551)	(6,470)
	Financial Gains (Losses)			
	Interest Income	5,070	3,578	1,492
	Passive interests on loans	(41,936)	(35,701)	(6,236)
Total Financial Gains (Losses)		(36,866)	(32,123)	(4,743)
	Other Operating Revenues and Costs			
	Credit Losses	(8,500)	(5,000)	(3,500)
	Release of provisions for bad debts	8,500	5,035	3,465
Total Other Operating Revenues and Costs		-	35	(35)
	Allocation / Use Operating Funds			
	Allocation to Designated Funds	(15,000)	-	(15,000)
	Allocation to Operating Funds / Provisions	(621,932)	(8,500)	(613,432)
	Use of Operating Funds / Provisions	-	334,915	(334,915)
Total Allocation / Use Operating Funds		(636,932)	326,415	(963,347)
Net Profit		56,724	12,820	43,904

RISK AND FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT

In 2024 the Risk and Finance Commission mainly focused on:

Member Federations insolvency: analysis of the Member Federations insolvency and requests for invoices cancellation / reduction. Proposal of financial measures to support Member Federations:

- Membership Fee Waiver Programme;
- Membership Fee reduction for the first application year.

Both recommendations were approved by the Executive Boaard.

Membership application fee: definition of a non-refundable application fee for new applications. Recommendation approved by the Executive Board.

Cyber risk prevention: development of cyber risk prevention strategy (ongoing project).

2024 Risk and Finance Commission meetings

- 10 January 2024, online
- 07 February 2024, online
- 13 June 2024, online
- 04 December 2024, in person

2021-2024 OVERVIEW

The table below compares the annual consolidated Profit & Loss of the financial years 2021-2024.

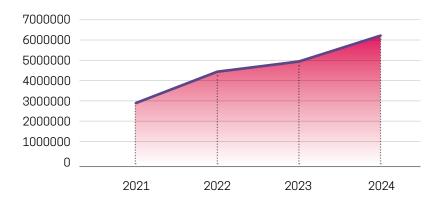
		2021	2022	2023	2024
Operating Revenues					
	IOC Funds & Institutional	419,031	972,272	593,409	317,788
	Marketing, Sport & Events	2,195,363	2,789,460	2,792,336	5,714,002
	Olympic Preparation	143,070	356,333	1,529,972	44,455
	Other revenues	132,646	274,098	2,475	53,182
Total Operating Revenues		2,890,110	4,392,163	4,918,192	6,129,426
	Operating Costs				
	Administration & Institutional	1,264,594	1,848,834	2,286,915	2,051,060
	Anti-Doping & Medical	56,010	96,074	248,271	309,847
	Communications	146,319	217,460	282,643	317,975
	Development	82,321	78,525	224,763	158,208
	Marketing, Sport & Events	990,739	1,920,083	2,022,665	1,240,826
	Olympic & MSG Preparation	218,082	179,159	84,483	1,230,658
Total Operating Costs		2,758,065	4,340,135	5,149,740	5,308,575
Gross Operating Profit (Loss)		132,045	52,028	-231,548	820,850
	Annual Depreciation	-18,041	-19,906	-26,408	-60,307
	Foreign Currency Gains (Losses)	24,726	3,327	-23,551	-30,021
	Financial Gains (Losses)	-	-	-32,123	-36,866
	Other Operating Revenues/Costs	45,643	14,285	35	-
	Allocation/Use of Operating Funds	-164,883	-42,830	326,415	-636,932
Net Profit (Loss)		19,490	6,904	12,820	56,724

On the operating revenues side, over the four years the IFSC relied less and less on institutional incomes, and more on marketing, sport and events. On the costs side, the areas that were mostly developed were, in order of increase rate: Olympic Preparation; Anti-Doping & Medical; Communications; Development. All projects included in these

macro-areas correspond to the implementation of the IFSC Strategic Plan and Olympic Agenda 2020+5.

Overall, the annual turnover has more than doubled, from EUR 2,890,110 in 2021 to EUR 6,129,426 in 2024.

2021-2024 IFSC ANNUAL TURNOVER



Strategic Plan check-in

This year marks not only our first full Olympic experience with fans in attendance, but also the halfway point of our Strategic Plan.

Key dates in the IFSC Strategic Plan 2020-2028

June 2019 Kick-off March 2019 Strategic Plan XIV Plenary Assembly, brainstorming Tokyo, Japan Announcement of Strategic Plan August 2019 Arco Workshop Explanatory and listening session. Feedback from NFs December 2019 I Climbing Summit Presentation of key objectives to main stakeholders January-March 2020 Review Synthesis of data collected, definition of next steps **November 2020** XIV Plenary Assembly, 2024 Limassol, Cyprus

Presentation of the

Strategic Plan

Five strategic key objectives



Showcase Sport Climbing

- Event quality has improved with additional services and more global diversity of events
- Rules/scoring changes that are more understandable to general public Excellent results from both Olympic
- experiences, high ratings and general remarks from Paris 2024
- Currently working on expanding the portfolio of events considering team formats



Develop Sport Climbing

- Implementing several levels of development from the Training Academy to provide support to NFs with solidarity funds for multiple projects and also to encourage development of more and gender diverse officials and coaches worldwide
- Para Climbing, with a secured series of World Cups and World Championships, has achieved
- the Strategic Plan goal of inclusion at LA28
 Gender equity across the IFSC at levels of Executive Board, Commissions, and Officials and Technical positions at events
- Working on encouraging gender equity for our NFs, some of which could help emphasise this more in many countries, as well as
 - Athletes as voting members of the NF Executive Board; more support for athletes from health and professional perspectives



Strengthen Membership and Governance

- Governance Committee we were able to complete a thorough review and revision of our Statutes and have them approved at the General Assembly in Santiago, Chile, in March 2024 Additionally, we have improved in areas such as:

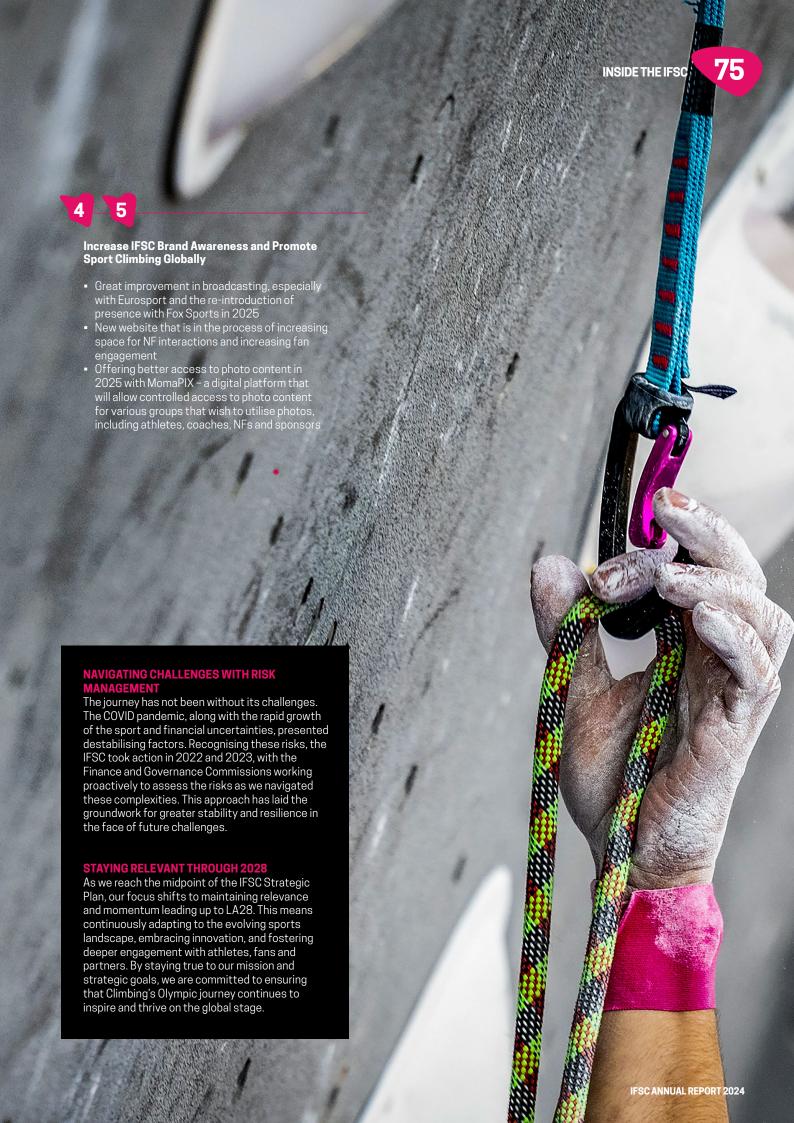
 – Ethics and transparency

- Safeguarding
- Protecting the health and safety of athletes through safeguarding and REDs measures
- Showed great improvement on our governance and structure, confirmed by the ASOIF governance review
- Accounting, Finance & Risk functions. We are receiving excellent audit opinions and improving our financial reporting and fiscal and risk management every year

2028

Where we are now

Completion of the plan







Female coaches level up through WISH programme

In 2024, female coaches from Greece,
Iran, Singapore, Slovenia and the United
States made significant strides through
their participation in the Women in Sport
High-Performance (WISH) pathway, a
programme designed to increase the presence
of female coaches at the Olympic Games.

nitiated by the International Olympic Committee and Olympic Solidarity, WISH aims to develop leadership skills and enhance coaching expertise among women in elite sports.

Beatrix Chong (Singapore), Stella Kerasidou (Greece), Meghan McDonald (USA), Elnaz Rekabi (Iran) and Ajda Remškar (Slovenia) were selected to represent Climbing in this prestigious programme. Open to female coaches demonstrating potential and ambition to excel at the highest levels, WISH commenced with its first online session on 30 November 2023, marking the start of a 21-month leadership journey.

"The purpose of the WISH programme is to encourage women in sports coaching to achieve high levels of performance within sport-specific environments, particularly in Climbing," said Ellie Glennie (Great Britain), IFSC Coaches' Trainer and WISH programme Climbing Mentor. "Coaching other coaches, especially women, is essential to increasing visibility within our sport. Without this visibility, opportunities can often go unnoticed, particularly across diverse cultural contexts. I am excited to work with women from around the world."

Throughout 2024, the programme featured a combination of online learning, leadership development sessions, and sport-specific mentorship, increasing both technical proficiency and leadership growth among participants.

IFSC Secretary General Debra Gawrych highlighted the programme's impact: "The WISH programme offers an invaluable opportunity for our female coaches to gain critical knowledge and experience. It empowers them with the confidence and leadership skills needed to advance in their coaching careers."



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Women Lead Sport: 2024 graduates

In 2024, Naomi Cleary (Australia) and Anne-Worley Moelter (USA) successfully graduated from the Women Lead Sport programme. This initiative is part of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations' Gender Equality Programme, aimed at empowering women in sport through leadership and communications workshops.

Since its launch in November 2021, the programme has supported 24 women from 21 countries, guided by coach Gabriela Mueller.



IFSC and Olympic Solidarity support youth climbers

In 2024, the IFSC, in collaboration with Olympic Solidarity, provided support to young climbers, enabling them to participate in the IFSC Youth World Championships held in Guiyang, China.

his initiative, coordinated by the IFSC Research and Development department, facilitated opportunities for emerging athletes to compete on the global stage.

Through Olympic Solidarity funding, the project covered travel expenses for 34 young athletes and 11 team officials, representing 11 countries. The supported delegation included athletes from Bolivia (1), Cambodia (4), Honduras (2), Indonesia (4), Kyrgyzstan (4), North Macedonia (2), Mauritius (1), Peru (4), Singapore (4), Ukraine (4), and Venezuela (4). In total, USD 100,000 was allocated to support this diverse group of 45 participants, making their involvement in this prestigious event possible.

Additionally, two athletes from El Salvador, who were unable to arrange travel to Guiyang, received support to participate in the IFSC Pan American Championships in Santiago, Chile. This extension of support underlines the IFSC's commitment to youth development in Climbing across all regions.

Pictured Yaku Martín GÁLMEZ SUÁREZ (PER)





Revamp of Officials' Education Pathway

In response to feedback from National Federations seeking enhanced guidance and support for the development of officials, including judges and routesetters, the IFSC announced in October 2023 a comprehensive upgrade to the Officials' Education Pathway.

entral to this initiative is the standardisation of the education pathway and career progression for all IFSC officials globally, with a particular focus on integrating continental-level officials into a cohesive framework.

With the World Climbing Academy platform established to support IFSC's educational initiatives, and the inclusion of continental events in the international athlete ranking system from 2025, the IFSC determined that the timing was optimal to commence this extensive revision process, projected to span over three years.

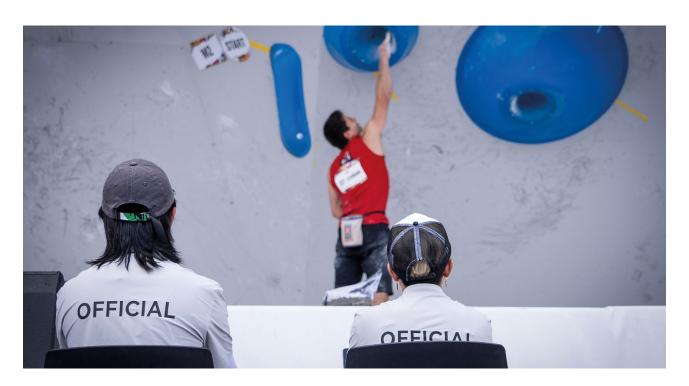
The process began in the summer of 2023 with consultations involving continental councils, subject matter experts, and a review of best practices from other International Federations within the Olympic Movement. Initial findings were presented to the IFSC Executive Board in October 2023, leading to discussions to refine the approach.

These findings were subsequently shared with National Federations through two dedicated sessions, engaging a total of 96 participants. To further diversify the pool of officials and support career progression, the IFSC launched an open call for routesetter applications, receiving 128 applications. This initiative aims to promote greater gender diversity, broader continental representation, and increased participation from a wider range of countries.

Further stakeholder consultations took place during Commissions' Week in December 2023 in Torino. The evaluation and selection of candidates from the application pool followed, with the finalised Officials List for the 2024 season released at the start of the year.

This comprehensive revamp underscores the IFSO's commitment to fostering excellence, inclusivity, and professional development within the Climbing community worldwide.

Right Thais MAKINO SHIRAIWA (BRA)







IFSC Honorary Member Paola Gigliotti represented the IFSC at the Peace and Sport International Forum 2024, held in Monaco on 2–3 December 2024.

In this Olympic year, against the backdrop of renewed international conflicts, the forum powerfully reaffirmed the vital role of sport as a catalyst for peace. Discussions focused on sport's ability to strengthen social bonds, empower youth and women, and foster harmonious coexistence within communities.



Nigeria shows progress in 2024

Climbing in Nigeria saw significant growth in 2024, with a number of meaningful milestones achieved by the National Federation and its climbers.



n March 2024, the Nigerian Climbing Federation was officially admitted as a member during the IFSC General Assembly, marking a significant milestone in the development of Climbing in Nigeria.

From 19-24 June 2024, a
Nigerian delegation made up
of athletes, officials and the
general secretary of the federation
travelled to Torino, Italy, for
an intensive training camp at
B Side Gym. Supported by an
IFSC-appointed expert, the team
focused on enhancing their skills
and building a strong foundation
for future competitions.

Nigeria also made its debut on the international stage at the IFSC World Cup in Prague in September 2024, with athlete Olukayode Adeyemi Sonuga proudly representing the nation. His participation highlighted Nigeria's progress and growing presence in the global Climbing community.





Climbing around the world

With many broadcast deals in place for both live coverage and highlights packages, Climbing reaches all corners of the world. For the countries without broadcast partners all IFSC events are open to the public via the IFSC YouTube channel for free. Free replays can also be found on the Olympic Channel, strengthening the link to the Olympic family.

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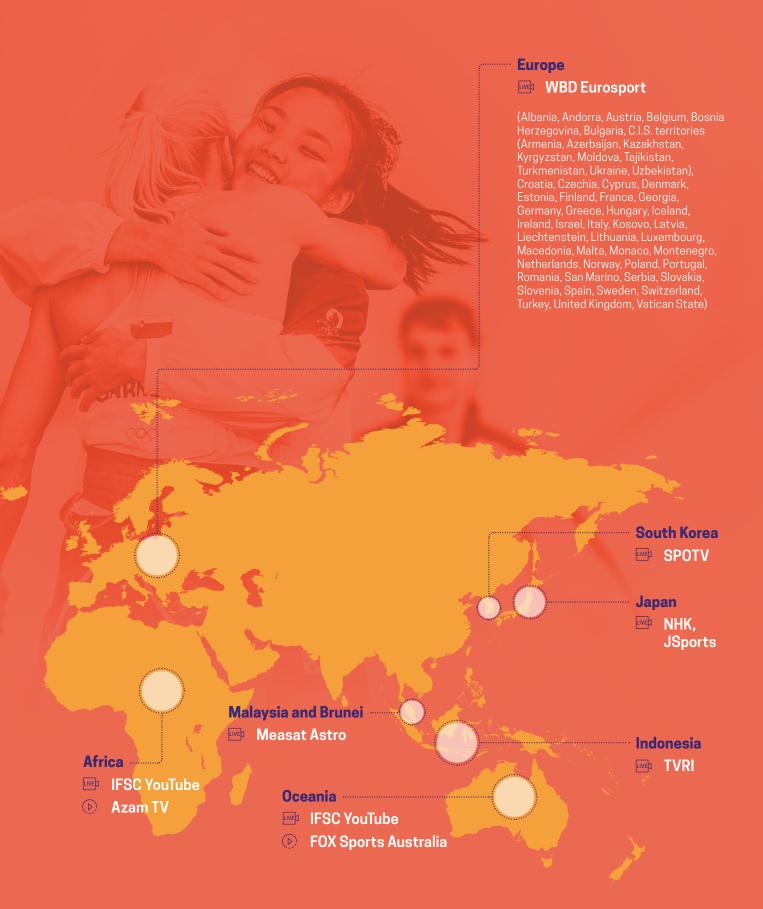
Central and South America

Spring Media/TV Azteca

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

North America

- IFSC YouTube
- **belN Sports**



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

Moving Climbing content forward

This year saw Climbing content reach new heights, with brand new exclusive series and interviews.



The World Climbing Club

CONTENT TYPE: Magazine show

Throughout the 2024 World Cup Series, the IFSC produced a daily magazine show which was hosted by IFSC commentator Matt Groom.

Named 'The World Climbing Club', the short, made for social shows, ran through the day's results from the World Cup competitions and featured climbers with fun and educational content taking you behind the scenes with the athletes.

Everything from 'what's in your bag?' to 'Google questions' provided the entertainment with climber interviews satisfying the Climbing curiosities of the audience.



#ClimbToParis

CONTENT TYPE: Mini-series

Ahead of the summer showpiece event, the IFSC released a mini-series of six short episodes focused on Sport Climbing's second appearance at the Olympic Games.

Filmed in and around Paris, the mini-series, titled '#ClimbToParis', looked at Climbing from six different perspectives and was hosted by IFSC commentator Matt Groom and was found exclusively on the IFSC YouTube channel.

Episode one featured the French athlete Oriane Bertone, who was to make her Olympic debut in Paris.

Next, #ClimbToParis examined the impact climbing has had and will have on the French capital in the future.

Episode three looked at the important role of routesetting through the eyes of Paris local and IFSC routesetter Maragda Gabarre.

Official IFSC photographer Jan Virt talked through a different role at the Olympic Games in episode four as someone who shows the world the sport through his lens but is often not seen himself.

A visit to Paris 2024 HQ featured in episode five as Matt Groom met the people behind the organisation of Climbing and the Olympic Games.

In the final episode, number six, IFSC President Marco Scolaris looked back on the journey to the Games and what a potential future could look like after the sport's second appearance.





IFSC Lounge

CONTENT TYPE: Podcast

In February the IFSC launched its first podcast, called the 'IFSC Lounge', going live on Facebook and YouTube.

The show saw athletes and other Climbing personalities connect from all over the world, addressing both the hottest topics of the moment, and the fondest memories of their career – on and off stage.

Matt Groom and Jinni Xia, creator of the podcast 'That's Not Real Climbing', shared hosting duties, with Canadian climber Sean McColl featuring as the first-ever guest.

There were four episodes in total, with Switzerland's Petra Klingler, USA's Alex Honnold and Germany's Alexander Megos joining the podcast after McColl's inaugural appearance.



The Crux

CONTENT TYPE: Documentary series

A four-part documentary series filmed at selected IFSC events in 2023 was launched by National Geographic and hosted on their YouTube channel.

The series, titled 'The Crux', followed the emotional path of the athletes through a number of events that could potentially qualify them for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

Starting from the 2023 IFSC World Championships in Bern, Switzerland, the series also developed at the IFSC European Qualifer in Laval, France, IFSC Asian Qualifier in Jakarta, Indonesia, and IFSC Oceania Qualifier in Melbourne, Australia.

Directed by Nonuk Walter, Cole Sax and Phil Hessler for Think Less Studios, and executive produced by Academy Award© winners Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi and Jimmy Chin for Little Monsters Films, the series granted the viewers unprecedented full access behind the scenes of IFSC competitions, from the isolation to the after-climb areas.

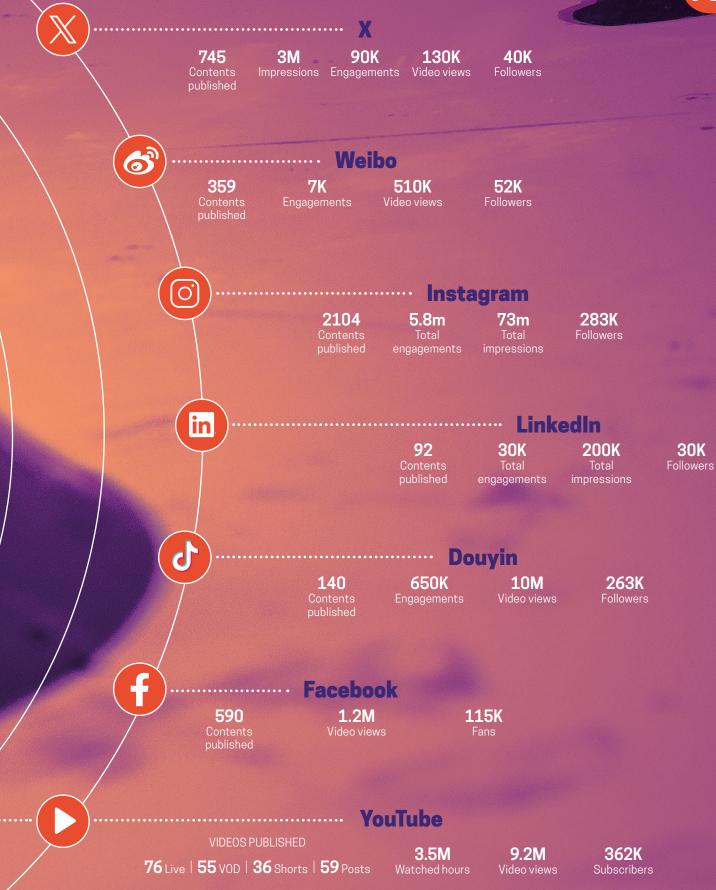


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Most watched livestream video

Men's Boulder final Salt Lake City 2024





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World Climbing Club video:

Did the women's final boulders break Alex Honnold? | Salt Lake City 2024 Athlete of the Week video:

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IFSC appoints Deltatre to transform digital experience

The IFSC chose Deltatre, the global leader in digital, streaming and data technology for sport and media, to power its new website across desktop and responsive web.

uilt using Deltatre's flexible publishing platform - FORGE, the new IFSC website that launched at the General Assembly in Chile, provides Climbing fans around the world with premium digital content, including the latest event news as well as exclusive videos and images.

The website also includes dedicated sections where fans can access the live results and rankings across all formats of the sport, including a calendar for upcoming events.

Website in 2024

TOP 10 COUNTRIES

1

USA 19.7%

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Canada 4.8%

Germany 9.2%

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Australia 3.6%

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Austria 3.0%

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Great Britain 8.7%

Japan 3.5%

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Switzerland 2.9%

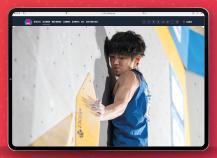
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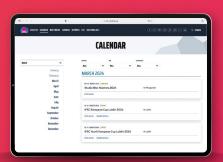


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