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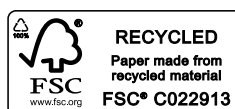
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President's message

Dear Members of the IFSC Community,

2025 - now a quarter of a century into the new millennium - has come to an end. For us, it is a moment to reflect on a year we look back on with gratitude, with a sense of responsibility, and with optimism for the future of our sport. It was a year marked by both continuity and renewal, personally and collectively.

In line with the decision of the General Assembly in 2023 in Santiago, Chile to let me run for another term, the National Federations renewed their confidence by re-electing me as President of our international federation. I am deeply grateful for this trust and support, which I see as a shared commitment to continuing to build our sport together.

The election came just three days after the IOC's announcement of the Los Angeles 2028 programme. Climbing was the only sport to see an increase in both medals and athlete quotas. Although opportunities for our athletes remain limited, progressing from one medal in Tokyo 2020 to two in Paris 2024 and now three in Los Angeles represents an extraordinary milestone: the culmination of twenty years of dedication and collective work.

In October, at the General Assembly in Seoul, the IPC formally recognised the IFSC as a full member - another long-awaited decision following the confirmation of the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic programme. This was one of the most significant steps in our longstanding effort to affirm Para Climbing as an integral part of our sport. Securing clarity for LA28 allows us to plan with confidence and continue developing Para Climbing pathways worldwide. Inclusion is a daily commitment at the IFSC, and Para Climbing's presence on the Paralympic stage is one of its clearest expressions.

The international sporting landscape experienced another major transition in 2025 with the election of a new President of the International Olympic Committee. Leadership changes at this level naturally bring new perspectives and priorities. I am confident, however, that our longstanding dialogue with the IOC will continue in a positive and constructive spirit. Climbing has firmly established its place within the Olympic Movement, and our task now is to consolidate this position while contributing meaningfully to the values embodied by the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Our events, on our side, are far more than competitions: they are moments where our community gathers, where stories unfold, and where new generations find inspiration. This spirit



was fully expressed at our flagship event, the IFSC Climbing and Para Climbing World Championships 2025 in Seoul. Local organisers and the KAF, together with athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, partners, and fans, all contributed to its success.

The World Championships were one of the key moments of our rich calendar, that shaped our season, and - as is now our tradition - you will find a summary of the events in the pages that follow.

In 2025 we also took a decisive step in defining who we are and how we present ourselves to the world. The transition from IFSC to World Climbing is much more than a change of name or visual identity - it reflects the evolution of our Federation, the maturity of our sport, and the global community that has grown around it. This rebranding does not leave our history behind; it gives it a stronger, more coherent voice as we move forward.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to the friends and colleagues of the Executive Board elected in Cyprus in 2025 - some newly arrived, others "veterans" in their roles - who supported me through a challenging year, both in complexity and in success.

My thanks also go to the Secretary General and the entire IFSC Dream Team, who once again spared no effort to make our sport ever more universal, accessible, and sustainable.

At a time when the world grows increasingly divided by disputes and conflicts, the IFSC continues setting one hold after another - climbing together toward a better world, in the colours of our shared hope.

Marco Sclaris
President, IFSC

Secretary General's message



Dear Members of IFSC,

2025 was a year of transformation for the Climbing community. For me personally, formally taking on the role of Secretary General was a responsibility I accepted with great respect for the Federation's history and with a strong sense of commitment to its future. Working closely with President Marco Sclaris, the Executive Board, and our National Federations, my focus throughout the year has been on continuity, operational stability, and delivering concrete progress across all areas of the organisation.

A key priority in 2025 was the continued strengthening of our headquarters in Torino. The HQ is not only an administrative centre, but the operational backbone of the IFSC. Over the course of the year, we refined internal processes, improved department coordination, and implemented systems that allow us to work more efficiently and transparently. These efforts support better planning, clearer communication, and stronger service delivery to our athletes, organisers, and National Federations worldwide.

At the same time, 2025 was a year of evolution for the IFSC team. As the Federation continues to grow in scope and responsibility, we adapted our structure to meet increasing demands. New colleagues joined the organisation, roles evolved, and expertise was strengthened.

From a sporting perspective, the 2025 competition calendar was extensive and successful and the World Championships in South Korea were a fitting headline event for the sport. Delivering a global calendar requires close cooperation between the IFSC, Local Organising Committees, officials, and volunteers. I would like to sincerely thank all those involved for their commitment and professionalism throughout the season.

Beyond competitions, 2025 was also a year of progress in governance and institutional development. New mandates began for Commission members, bringing renewed expertise and perspectives into the Federation's work. Their

contributions play a vital role in ensuring that the IFSC operates in line with best practice in international sport governance.

An important element of organisational stability is financial sustainability, and in this context, 2025 saw positive developments with commercial partnerships. During the year, the IFSC successfully welcomed new partners while continuing to strengthen long-term collaborations with existing ones.

The transition from IFSC to World Climbing also had practical implications for the HQ. Implementing a new identity requires careful coordination with our partners and stakeholders. Thanks to the dedication of the team and the cooperation of National Federations and organisers, this ongoing transition provides a clearer and more coherent framework for our external engagement.

Looking ahead, my role as Secretary General remains focused on ensuring that ambition is matched by structure, and vision by effective execution.

I would like to thank President Sclaris and the Executive Board for their trust and guidance, and our National Federations for their ongoing engagement. Above all, I thank the IFSC staff, whose dedication and expertise are fundamental to everything we achieve.

Piero Rebaudengo
Secretary General, IFSC

Executive Board's messages



“Being elected Vice President in 2025 was both an honour and a responsibility I accepted with deep respect for our sport and its community. Climbing continues to evolve at an extraordinary pace - on the world stage, within the Olympic Movement, and at the grassroots level across every continent. This moment calls for thoughtful leadership, collaboration, and a clear commitment to the values that unite us. In 2025, we strengthened our role as a truly global federation. From advancing high-performance competition and athlete pathways, to supporting National Federations and broadening access to the sport, our work reflects a shared belief: climbing should be inclusive, inspiring, and grounded in integrity. The growth of our sport brings opportunity, but also responsibility - to athletes, officials, organisers, and the next generation of climbers who will define what comes next. I have been especially encouraged by the spirit of cooperation across our Executive Board, Committees, staff, and national federations. Progress at this scale is never the result of one voice, but of many working together with trust and purpose. As we look ahead to key milestones such as LA28, and especially the inclusion of Para Climbing, our focus remains on long-term sustainability, athlete-centred decision-making, and continued support for National Federations in alignment with Olympic values. It is with optimism and confidence that we continue this journey together, shaping the future of the IFSC.”

Anne-Worley Moelter, Vice President



“The biggest news of 2025 was the confirmation of the three single disciplines for the Olympic Games LA28, as well as the inclusion of our sport in the Paralympic Games. My sincere thanks go to everyone involved in this process, as the evaluation of Paris 2024 exceeded our expectations. I am very grateful to all those who made such an effort to achieve this milestone and who are now working to ensure that LA28 will be an even greater success. Another personal highlight of the year was the event in Fukuoka, hosted in my home nation of Japan. We successfully delivered a mixed-gender team format for Boulder. While this format is not yet perfect, the most important step was to begin. It represents the start of a new challenge and an opportunity for further growth and evolution of our sport. Looking ahead, the priority remains the success of climbing at LA28. At the same time, I am keen to work more closely with the IFSC team on mid- and long-term developments relating to sport and events. To achieve this, I value open dialogue and the exchange of different perspectives, as each area brings its own challenges and opportunities. Finally, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who voted for me to continue in my role as Vice President. I will, as always, endeavour to repay your trust and contribute to the continued development of our sport.”

Kobinata Toru, Vice President



“2025 was a post-Olympic year marked by renewal for the Executive Board and the launch of our new identity as World Climbing. The year ahead will be pivotal for the continued development of our Federation, and particularly for Para Climbing. Following the announcement of our inclusion in the Paralympic Games LA28, a new chapter begins. We now have a responsibility to present our values to the world and to demonstrate the strength and relevance of Para Climbing on the global stage. To achieve this, we must continue to structure Para Climbing, clarify sporting rules, expand the international competition calendar, and further strengthen the World Rankings. The upcoming season will see the number of Para Climbing Series events increase from three to five, representing a significant step towards the long-term objective of hosting six events per year on a consistent basis. None of this progress would be possible without the commitment of National Federations, event organisers, and athletes. I would like to thank you all for your continued investment and for the unforgettable moments you bring to our sport.”

Pierre You, Vice President, Para Climbing



“The past year was a significant one for governance within the IFSC. In April, we held elections in Cyprus and began the important process of coming together as a new Executive Board. As an organisation, we face both challenges and opportunities during this transitional period ahead of our appearance as an Olympic and Paralympic sport at LA28. I am confident that we have a strong team in place to address this work and to establish a sustainable foundation for the future. A personal highlight of 2025 was the opportunity to bring my eldest daughter to our flagship event, the World Championships in Seoul, in September. Sharing such a spectacular event with her, alongside the experience of Korean culture and hospitality, was a very special moment. I am deeply grateful to the many people whose dedication and hard work make our events possible. Looking ahead to 2026, we enter a new era as World Climbing. As Vice President of Finance, a key priority for me will be to broaden our financial base to continue supporting the development of our sport at every level. There are significant opportunities ahead, and this is a moment to make strategic decisions with the long term in mind.”

Naomi Cleary, Vice President, Finance



“2025 was a landmark year, marked by the inclusion of Para Climbing in the Paralympic Games LA28 and the confirmation of medal events across all three Climbing disciplines for the Olympic Games. It has been inspiring to witness the continued growth of climbing within both the Olympic and Paralympic Movements. The 2025 season also saw the first-ever Boulder World Cup hosted in South America, in Curitiba, Brazil. I had the opportunity to compete at that event, and the atmosphere was exceptional. It was powerful to see new audiences experience the energy and excitement of a World Cup firsthand, and I am thrilled that South America is set to host another event in 2026. In the lead-up to Paris 2024, the athlete perspective was more central than ever in key decision-making processes. As a Board member, I am deeply motivated to sustain that momentum and to ensure that athletes' voices remain meaningfully integrated across the many facets of the IFSC.”

Kyra Condie, OLY, Athletes' Representative



“2025 was my first year as a member of the Executive Board, and it will remain a significant one in the history of our Federation. Most notably, the IFSC has taken an important step forward by becoming World Climbing. This rebranding has given us an identity that truly reflects the philosophy and potential of our sport: Climbing is for everyone, regardless of age, background, or where in the world they live. From grassroots participation to the extraordinary performances of our athletes on the world’s biggest stage, the Olympic Games, climbing continues to inspire and captivate audiences. These performances embody our vision: we get the world climbing. When reflecting on 2025, two major successes must be highlighted. First, Climbing was among few sports to increase its number of medals at LA28, and second, the inclusion of Para Climbing in the Paralympic programme. These achievements reflect both the attractiveness of our sport and the consistently high level of performance delivered by our athletes on the international stage. They are also the result of the tireless efforts of the Federation’s leadership, whom I would like to sincerely thank for their commitment and dedication. My special thanks go to the athletes, who time and again create unforgettable moments in competition.”

Burgi Beste, Executive Board Member



“It is a privilege to join a team stewarding a rapidly growing sport. The expansion of Para Climbing and Speed, alongside strengthened safeguarding, athlete health measures, athlete representation, and the continued development of coaches and officials, demonstrates what committed people working together can achieve. Membership continues to rise across our continent and globally, even as challenges such as facility access and travel costs remain significant hurdles. In 2025, European partners once again enabled African athletes to compete in European events, providing much-needed access to high-level competitive opportunities. A successful training camp covering coaching, routesetting, and judging was hosted for African federations, held alongside the South African selection competition and open to invited federations from across the continent. In parallel, several new climbing facilities have opened, with others currently in planning stages - encouraging signs of steady growth across Africa. Looking ahead, we must balance the strategic tension between maintaining stability in the competitive environment and embracing the greater agility required in a fast-changing world. This will necessitate careful monitoring of geopolitical risks and the ability to make appropriate adjustments when required. A key priority is to deepen inter-federation communication and collaboration, strengthening links between clubs, regional competitions, and training initiatives so that resources, knowledge, and opportunities can flow more freely. Practical next steps include more closely coordinated regional calendars, the sharing of officials and routesetters, and improved visa and travel support for emerging teams. Together, we can continue to lower barriers, protect athlete welfare, and raise the stature of our sport.”

Chris Naude, Executive Board Member



“2025 marked the beginning of my mandate as an Executive Board Member, and it is an honour to contribute to the continued development of our sport at a global level. Climbing is entering a new phase of maturity, with the transition to World Climbing reflecting both the growth of our community and the expanding reach of the sport across continents. Climbing’s rapid development brings both opportunity and responsibility. As we move towards LA28 and continue to expand our global presence, it is important that we strengthen our governance structures, support National Federations, and embrace innovation that enhances both competition and athlete experience. I look forward to working alongside my fellow Board members, our National Federations, and the wider climbing community to ensure that World Climbing continues to grow in a way that is inclusive, sustainable, and inspiring for the next”

René Sepúlveda, Executive Board Member



“2025 has been a pivotal year for Asian climbing and for my tenure as a Continental Board Member, marked by strong collaboration and regional progress. Working closely with our Continental Council and President Ding Xianghua, I have contributed to advancing the sport across Asia. Key highlights included the successful delivery of four continental events, the facilitation of three IFSC World Cups, and the organisation of the IFSC Technical Officials Seminar. Asia also hosted two World Cup events in China, while the Climbing competition at The World Games in Chengdu showcased the region’s strong organisational and hosting capabilities. Asian athletes won nearly half of the medals at the World Championships, demonstrating the exceptional competitiveness of the continent. Looking ahead to 2026, my focus will be on four strategic priorities. First, expanding Asia’s membership towards 30 National Federations, with particular attention on Vietnam, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. Second, supporting the successful and fair implementation of the Climbing competition at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games. Third, increasing the number of Asian-level events to eight, with China hosting four of these competitions. Fourth, strengthening Asia’s climbing ecosystem by systematically developing judges, routesetters, athletes, and coaches, to raise professional standards across the region. I sincerely wish the international climbing community a successful and rewarding year ahead, and continued progress for our sport worldwide.”

Li Guowei, Executive Board Member



“2025 was a year that genuinely meant a great deal to our community. The announcement of three medal events for the Olympic Games LA28 was a significant moment, not only for what it represents on the Olympic stage, but also for the athletes who have carried this ambition for many years. The confirmation of Para Climbing’s place within the Paralympic Movement was equally meaningful, reflecting the values we want our sport to stand for: openness, inclusion, and the belief that climbing should be accessible to everyone who feels drawn to it. 2025 was also the year we transitioned to World Climbing. The new identity feels clear and authentic, capturing the direction our sport is taking while continuing to respect the grassroots foundations that make climbing special. Behind every major announcement are clubs, volunteers, coaches, and young climbers who support and grow the sport day after day around the world. Finally, the election of a new Board brings a renewed sense of purpose. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute and to work alongside people who care deeply about the future of climbing. As we move into 2026, I look forward to supporting our athletes and helping our community continue to enjoy and grow our sport together.”

Stéphane David, Executive Board Member



“2025 was an exciting year for me as I stepped into new roles: as Vice Chair of the Athletes' Commission, Athlete Representative for the Oceania Council, and Athlete Representative on the IFSC Executive Board. As an athlete still active on the international circuit, it's been a valuable experience to contribute behind the scenes and support the continued growth of our sport from an athlete perspective. Following the success of the Olympic Games Paris 2024, it feels like there's no time to rest as we already look forward to the next games in LA 2028! We've seen the popularity of our sport really explode over the last years, and I'm looking forward to seeing where we can take it from here.”

**Campbell Harrison, OLY,
Athletes' Representative**



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

A large LED screen displaying climbing action and event information. The screen is divided into sections. The top section shows a climber on a wall. The middle section features logos for E/P, TRANGO, Shinhan, and THE NORTH FACE. The bottom section shows a climber on a wall. The screen is brightly lit, contrasting with the dimly lit arena.

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A stage area with a large LED screen showing climbing action and event information. The screen is divided into sections, with the top section showing a climber on a wall and the bottom section showing event details and logos. The stage is dimly lit, with stage lights illuminating the stage area. The audience is seated in the foreground, looking towards the stage.

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Lee takes first world title

On the seventh day of competition at the IFSC Climbing and Para Climbing World Championships 2025, home nation climber Lee Dohyun gave the crowd something to remember as he won his first World Championships title, and the first South Korean men's World Championships medal in the Lead discipline.

Lee climbed to hold 43+ and as he was lowered to the ground glanced at the scoreboard to see that he was in the top spot. He celebrated as he had secured a medal, but as France's Sam Avezou was still to come, he would have to wait to see what colour it would be.

As Avezou fell from the wall on hold 34+, Lee was stunned to know he had been crowned the world champion.

After his win Lee said: "I feel amazing. It's my dream to win a World Championship, and it has come true. I'm lost for words. This is my hometown and my parents and friends are here so it means a lot."

Lee won a medal in Boulder in the last World Championships and has more World Cup medals in the discipline, but Lead was where it all began: "When I was young I was a Lead climber and when I did Boulder my results were good, so I changed to Boulder, but I like to do both."



**Pictured**

LEE Dohyun (KOR)

Left

HOMMA Taisei (JPN)

Lee overtook Yoshida Satone to take the gold which meant the Japanese climber had to settle for silver. Both climbers reached hold 43+ but due to his semi-final performance Lee edged it for the top spot.

Joining his teammate on the podium, Homma Taisei took the bronze medal climbing to hold 42+ which put him ahead of Spain's Alberto Ginés López, again due to countback to the semi-final as they both made the same spot on the wall.

Lee, Yoshida and Homma's medals were all the first in a World Championships for the climbers in the Lead discipline.

Another Japanese climber was in fifth with Suzuki Neo on hold 39+ ahead of Avezou who ended in sixth. The former world champion Jakob Schubert was going for his third gold in a row but a foot pop on hold 34 meant he finished in seventh ahead of Italy's Giovanni Placci who was competing in his first ever world level final.

Garnbret makes it three in Lead

Janja Garnbret won her third Lead World Championships title in style with the only top in the women's final.

Things could have been so different for Garnbret though as a nervous slip sent a gasp through the crowd: "I thought I was gone to be honest. I was trying to clip, and the right hold was super slippery and I was slipping mid clipping, but I thought I just have to clip and luckily I caught myself with the left hand and it all worked out in the end."

That moment of unease came on a hold that could have been gold or silver depending on what the judges thought had she done. But with the save, Garnbret carried on and the top never looked in doubt.

After her win Garnbret said: "This one feels extra special. After last year, the Olympic year, where the pressure was the highest, I didn't know if I could handle another year with another important competition, but I am so glad I did this World Champs. My body was ready, and my mind was at peace with myself and whatever happened would happen, and it's another world title and I am so excited."

Garnbret's other World Championships wins came in Hachioji in 2019 and Paris in 2016. In Hachioji she was joined by Slovenian teammate Mia Krampfl who took silver, and in Seoul there was another Slovenian standing next to the double Olympic champion on the podium, Rosa Rekar.

Rekar won the youth world title in 2024 and now has a senior World Championships silver to add to her collection. The Slovenian climbed to hold 45 for her medal and was ahead of another home nation favourite – Seo Chaehyun.

Seo won gold in 2021 and bronze last time around in 2023, and now she has a third medal with the bronze in her home country. Hold 44+ was enough for her place on the podium to give the Seoul crowd medals to cheer for during the medal ceremonies.

In fourth place was Great Britain's Erin McNeice who climbed to hold 44. USA's Annie Sanders was fifth on hold 42+ and was ahead of France's Zélia Avezou who was sixth on hold 35+.

The third Slovenian in the final was Lucka Rakovec who made it to hold 30 for seventh place with Austria's Flora Oblasser rounding out the top eight on hold 29+.





Pictured
Janja GARNBRET (SLO)
Right
Women's finalists

New names and defending champs take Para Lead top step

AU SPORT CLASSES

Germany's Kevin Bartke completed his World Championships medal set by taking gold in the men's AU2. He was joined on the podium by silver medallist Eduardo Miguel Schaus of Brazil and bronze medallist Brian Zarzeula of the USA.

Talking about his win Bartke said: "It's amazing. I've been waiting quite a few years for this title so I am overwhelmed I would say. I've been second and third, so now I have a full set of medals."

France's Solenne Piret won her fifth world title and was a step above her competitors in the final round of the women's AU2. Lucia Capovilla of Italy was the silver medallist and the bronze medallist was Eleanor Rubin.

After her win Piret said: "I'm feeling happy, but I think I need a bit of time to process this victory. But I will enjoy it."

Yasuraoka Nobuhiro has two medals in his climbing career, a silver from Bern 2023, and now a gold from Seoul. Qualification results came into play for silver and bronze in the men's AU3 as Hungary's Bence Kerekes and Israel's Mor Michael Sapir were level in the final, with standings in the qualification separating them. Kerekes took silver and Sapir took bronze due to their standings in the previous round.

With three climbers in the final it was all about the colour in the women's AU3, and it was Germany's Rosalie Schaupt who had the shiniest one of all taking gold.

After her win Schaupt said: "I'm quite excited still, but I'm starting to realise what has happened. It's my first World Championships in this category and I'm feeling pretty good."

Slovenia's Manca Smrekar took silver and France's Oriane Ilpide took bronze.





AL SPORT CLASSES

Angelino Zeller led an Austrian one-two in the mixed AL1 final with teammate Markus Pösendorfer joining him on the podium. It was Zeller's fourth World Championships title. Slovenia's Matej Arh rounded out the podium with the bronze.

There were two French champions in the AL sport classes as Thierry Delarue and Lucie Jarrige both claimed gold.

Delarue won the men's AL2 for his fifth title being joined on the podium by Japan's Yuki Shuhei who took silver and USA's Corey Ramos who took bronze.

Jarrige won the women's AL2 class for her sixth title. She beat Australia's Sarah Larcombe who took silver and USA's Daliya Hansen who took bronze.

Pictured
Solenne PIRET (FRA)
Right
Korbinian FRANCK (GER)

B SPORT CLASSES

Japan's Aita Sho secured his sixth World Championships title winning the men's B1 competition. Spain's Francisco Javier Aguilar Amoedo was his nearest rival eventually taking silver while France's Nicolas Moineau took bronze.

There was another Japanese winner in the women's B1 as Aoki Hiromi took gold.

After her win Aoki said: "I'm very happy. I wasn't expecting it, but I was 50-50 coming into the final after my qualification round where I thought I was climbing well. The end of the route was so hard though, I was so tired."

Joining Aoki on the podium was Italy's Nadia Bredice in silver and Slovenia's Tanja Glusic in bronze position.

Romania's Razvan Nedu rose highest in the men's B2 beating two Japanese climbers to the gold medal. Ejiri Motohiro took silver with teammate Hamanoue Fumiya taking bronze.

For the B2 women, it was USA's Seneida Biendarra who was a step above the rest for her gold medal and world title. It was Biendarra's first World Championships title after taking silver in Bern 2023. Austria's Linda Le Bon and Germany's Luisa Grube both reached the same hold, but it was Le Bon who took the silver with Grube taking the bronze on countback to qualification.

The men's B3 was a straight shootout between Romania and Japan for the medals with two climbers from each country contesting the final, and it was Romania who came out on top winning the gold with Cosmin Florin Candoi, and teammate Daniel-Bebe-Vasilică Andrei winning bronze. Minowada Kazuhiro took silver.

USA's Linn Postin pleased the crowd by reaching the top of the final route and was the only climber of the day to do so. Her top secured her the gold and the World Championships title. Postin's teammate Phoebe Barkan joined her on the podium with silver and France's Elsa Boutel Menard took the bronze.



RP SPORT CLASSES

France's Aloïs Pottier defended the title he won at Bern 2023 with gold in the men's RP1. Germany's Korbinian Franck took silver and Kim Rishaug took bronze.

There were two USA world champions in the RP classes with Melissa Ruiz winning in the women's RP1 and Brayden Butler in the men's RP2.

Ruiz won her gold medal ahead of silver medallist Eva Mol from the Netherlands and bronze medallist Hannah Zook from the USA.

After winning in the men's RP2 Butler said: "I'm blessed. I'm so happy I got the opportunity to come out here and show what I have been training for. Yes, it's about trying to win but it's also about showing the para climbers and RP2 climbers can climb hard and display strength, that's my goal."

India's Manikandan Kumar was second taking silver and Germany's Philipp Hrozek was third for the bronze.

Emily Seelenfreund from the USA was crowned the winner of the women's RP2. Her win was the first gold of her career. Austria's Jasmin Plank took silver and Japan's Futahashi Matoi took bronze.

The men's RP3 title went to Japan's Yamashita Kazuhiko who continued his strong climbing from qualification into the final to secure the gold medal. Although quite new to Para Climbing, Belgium's Camille Caulier claimed a World Championships silver in his first outing at that level. Netherlands' Jamie Barendrecht took bronze.

Brazil's Marina Dias' win at the World Championships in 2023 was the last time she stood on the top step of the podium, but she returned to defend her title in Seoul. USA's Nat Vorel took silver ahead of Japan's Yoshida Momoko who took bronze.

Pictured

AITA Sho (JPN)

Miroslaw breaks world record on the way to women's Speed title

Poland's Aleksandra Miroslaw put past World Championships pain behind her to secure the third women's Speed title of her career.

After coming through qualification almost half a second ahead of everyone else, Miroslaw progressed through the final's series with perfection. The Polish Olympic champion lowered her times in every round culminating in a new world record of 6.03s and a World Championships title.

After her win Miroslaw said: "This one is special. After the Olympic Games, the next year is tough for every athlete who took part, so I'm happy for this one. I think my hard work has paid off."

After her semi-final win against Zhou Yafei, Miroslaw looked almost relieved with potentially memories of slipping at the same stage two years earlier at the Bern 2023 World Championships on her mind, but it wasn't the case: "The last World Championships I was third, but honestly, I didn't think about it. I just wanted to be here, now, and in the present and focus on the next step. I was just happy to be in the big final."

With a gold medal and World Championships title, Miroslaw had her thoughts on the triple delight of also taking a new world's best time: "Since I broke the world record the first time I've never thought about it, I just want to run and do my job. For me the most precious thing is titles, so here I just wanted to focus and go fast every single round."

On the podium with Miroslaw were two Chinese climbers – Deng Lijuan and Zhou. The gold medal race was a repeat of the Paris 2024 final, and with the same result, as Miroslaw secured gold and Deng the silver with a time of 6.22s.

The silver medal was Deng's first in a World Championships.

Deng beat home favourite Jeong Jimin in her semi-final, and so did Zhou when it came to the bronze medal race. Zhou's time of 6.34s narrowly gave her victory and the third spot against Jeong's time of 6.38s. The bronze was also the first World Championships medal of Zhou's career.



Pictured L/R
Aleksandra MIROSLAW (POL),
DENG Lijuan (CHN)
Right L/R
DENG Lijuan (CHN),
JEONG Jimin (KOR)



Consistency key for Long's Speed world title win

China's Long Jianguo quietly moved through a noisy field of Speed climbers to take his first ever World Championships title.

While others looked for the bright lights and crowd adulation, Long flew somewhat under the radar in Seoul to win gold in the men's Speed, and only the second World Championships title for his country.

Qualifying for finals in third, Long was behind the two Americans Zach Hammer and world record holder Sam Watson. But Long focused on his racing and moved from round to round until he hit the final timing pad for his win in a show of consistency with every race under five seconds.

Long couldn't have asked for more from a competition. Every single round he got quicker and quicker culminating in a gold medal race win against Germany's Leander Carmanns - 4.80s to 4.99s.

After his win Long said: "I'm really happy and excited to be the champion, but honestly, I didn't think that I could get to the podium, I just wanted to do my best and climb the way I wanted to."

Pictured

LONG Jianguo (CHN) with coach ZHONG Qixin



“The podium means the same to everyone, everyone wants to aim for it. But I was a bit more lucky than my opponents today, and it means a lot that I could get there and win.”

Luck or simple race craft, Long won and planned to celebrate the same way he raced, simply: “I just want to celebrate with my team as they are so supportive, and it means a lot to everyone.”

Although beaten in the gold medal race, Carmanns still claimed the silver by reaching that stage for a first ever Speed World Championships medal for his country. The German climber also set a new personal best time of 4.86s along the way in the round of 16.

To set up their final, Long beat Iran’s Reza Alipour Shenazandifard in the semi-final and Carmanns beat USA’s Zach Hammer who had looked good until a fall in his semi-final.

With Alipour Shenazandifard and Hammer beaten semi-finalists, they faced off in the bronze medal race and produced the closest race of all with Hammer taking the bronze with a time of 4.93s to Alipour Shenazandifard’s 4.94s.

Hammer’s bronze meant that all three on the men’s Speed podium were first time World Championships medallists.



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Garnbret adds Boulder gold to ever growing number of world titles

Janja Garnbret made it a golden double in Seoul as she won the Boulder World Championships title a day after winning the Lead competition.

The Slovenian climber won her fourth Boulder gold, and the tenth World Championship title of her career beating France's Oriane Bertone in silver and USA's Melina Costanza in bronze.

Coming into the final in third from the semi-finals, and with five attempts to top the first final boulder, Garnbret came under immense pressure in Seoul from a near faultless Bertone.

The French climber flashed boulder one, two and three, and then made the zone on boulder four in one attempt. However, Bertone came agonisingly close to a perfect score just falling on the very last move. Despite composing herself on the mats, Bertone once again missed the top which left her on 85 points and left the door open for Garnbret.

Garnbret had to top the final boulder to win, and as she always seems to do, she delivered – and secured yet another gold medal with a score of 99.5 points.

Talking about her win Garnbret said: "It's incredible, honestly. I don't know if I wished that this would happen, but I just climbed with my heart. I felt kind of empty from the Lead semi and final, after winning the adrenaline goes a little down but I really just focused on myself and my climbing and luckily it worked out."

Whether Garnbret knew if she had to top to win she said: "You kind of know what is going on, but not really. I knew already at the observation that the boulders were not that hard, maybe the last one was the hardest, but I knew there wasn't a lot of room for mistakes. I knew what I had to do on the last boulder as I knew Oriane didn't top. It definitely looked like my style and I knew I would top it, but it adds a bit of pressure."

Garnbret and Bertone looked out of reach in the final and rightly claimed their medals. Costanza joined them on the podium after a special first World Championships appearance.

Costanza is well known in the home country for her climbing, but on the world stage she is rarely seen. It was her first World Championships and her first world Boulder competition since 2022, and she returned home with a medal.

The American had a score of 59.8 points for her bronze including a flash on boulder three.

There was heartbreak again for Great Britain's Erin McNeice as she finished fourth for the second day in a row. She scored 54.8 points.

Slovenia's Jennifer Buckley was fifth with 44.5 points, Germany's Anna Maria Apel was seventh with 44.0 points, USA's Annie Sanders was sixth with 39.3 points and Israel's Ayala Kerem was eighth with 29.6 points.

Pictured L/R

Oriane BERTONE (FRA),
Janja GARNBRET (SLO),
Melina COSTANZA (USA)



Anraku wins world title in more last gasp gold drama

The final act of the IFSC Climbing and Para Climbing World Championships saw Japan's Anraku Sorato crowned the men's Boulder world champion.

In what seemed to be a repeat of the women's final, Anraku had to top the final boulder to overtake French climber Mejdí Schalck for the gold. South Korea's Lee Dohyun won bronze to add to his Lead gold.

From the first boulder of the final Schalck was always in front after a flash. He topped the next two to go onto the last boulder knowing a quick top would guarantee the gold. Both Anraku and Lee topped the first three boulders, but were behind on attempts.

Schalck made the zone in one attempt but could not make the top. All he could do was sit and wait for Lee and Anraku to try. Lee made the zone in two attempts but couldn't make the top. The stage was set for Anraku.

The Japanese climber hit the zone in one but fell. On his second attempt he made the top to dash the dreams of Schalck and secure a gold medal for himself.

Anraku said: "I knew that I had to finish the last boulder and I'm happy I could do it. I was able to really enjoy my climbing. I usually get

stiff in that situation but I was so happy I could do well this time."

Anraku just loves to climb and compete, and the end was fitting of a World Championships. The new champion won with a score of 99.2 points, Schalck took silver with 84.5 points, and Lee took bronze with 84.2 points.

In fourth place was Narasaki Tomoa who had two tops and a score of 59.7 points. Following in fifth was teammate and brother Meichi who scored 44.8 points.

Austria's Jan-Luca Posch was sixth in his first World Championships final on 29.7 points while two first time finalists filled the remaining two places. Germany's Thorben Perry Bloem was seventh with 29.0 points and Great Britain's Jack MacDougall was eighth with 19.8 points.

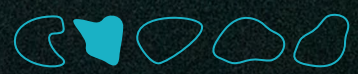




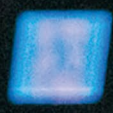
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ANRAKU Sorato (JPN)
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Mejdi SCHALCK (FRA)







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2025 Events Calendar

Fourteen IFSC World Cup and three IFSC Para World Cup's made up the 2025 calendar of events with the showpiece World Championships bringing all disciplines together in Seoul, South Korea.

World Cups

Youth World Championships

World Championships

Other Events

18/04/2025 - 20/04/2025

IFSC World Cup Keqiao 2025 (Boulder)

25/04/2025 - 27/04/2025

IFSC World Cup Wujiang 2025

(Lead, Speed)

02/05/2025 - 04/05/2025

IFSC World Cup Bali 2025 (Lead, Speed)

16/05/2025 - 18/05/2025

IFSC World Cup Curitiba 2025 (Boulder)

20/05/2025 - 21/05/2025

IFSC Para Climbing World Cup Salt Lake

City 2025 (Lead)

23/05/2025 - 25/05/2025

IFSC World Cup Salt Lake City

2025 (Boulder)

31/05/2025 - 01/06/2025

IFSC World Cup Denver 2025 (Speed)

06/06/2025 - 08/06/2025

IFSC World Cup Prague 2025 (Boulder)

13/06/2025 - 15/06/2025

IFSC World Cup Bern 2025 (Boulder)

23/06/2025 - 24/06/2025

IFSC Para Climbing World Cup

Innsbruck 2025 (Lead)

25/06/2025 - 29/06/2025

IFSC World Cup Innsbruck 2025

(Boulder, Lead)

05/07/2025 - 06/07/2025

IFSC World Cup Krakow 2025 (Speed)

11/07/2025 - 13/07/2025

IFSC World Cup Chamonix 2025

(Lead, Speed)

18/07/2025 - 19/07/2025

IFSC World Cup Comunidad

de Madrid 2025 (Lead)

28/07/2025 - 03/08/2025

IFSC Youth World Championships

Helsinki 2025 (Boulder, Lead, Speed)

05/09/2025 - 06/09/2025

IFSC World Cup Koper 2025 (Lead)

12/09/2025 - 13/09/2025

IFSC World Cup Guiyang 2025 (Speed)

20/09/2025 - 28/09/2025

IFSC Climbing & Para Climbing World

Championships Seoul 2025

(Boulder, Lead, Speed)

25/10/2025 - 26/10/2025

IFSC Para Climbing World Cup Laval

2025 (Lead)

23/10/2025 - 25/10/2025

International Speed Master Meishan 2025

23/10/2025 - 26/10/2025

IFSC Para Climbing Master Fukuoka 2025

23/10/2025 - 26/10/2025

IFSC Nations Grand Finale Fukuoka 2025



Keqiao kicks off 2025 season

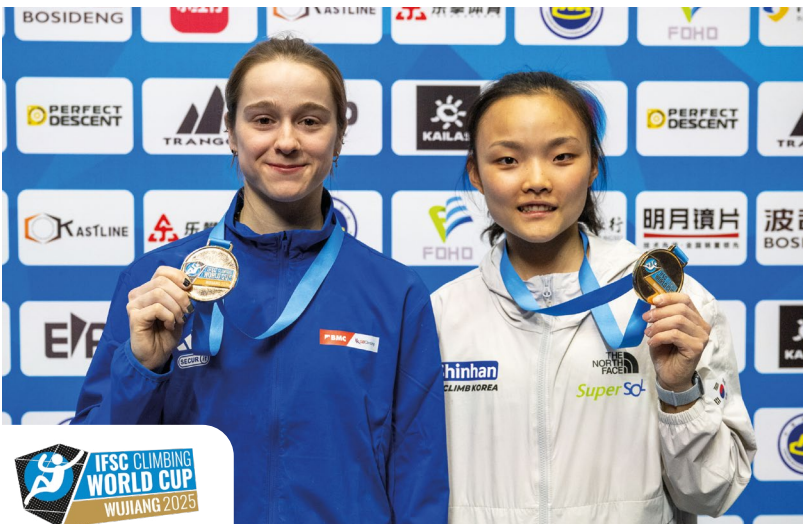
Location: Keqiao (CHN)
Date: 18-20 April
Discipline: Boulder

The 2025 IFSC World Cup season opened in Keqiao, China, with the first Boulder event of the year delivering strong performances and early signals for the season ahead. Held at the purpose-built Keqiao Yangshan Climbing Center, the competition took place over three days in front of a capacity crowd of 1,200 spectators.

In the women's competition, Annie Sanders (USA) continued her late-2024 momentum by securing gold, following her breakthrough victory at the previous season's finale in

Seoul. Sanders demonstrated consistency across all rounds, setting the tone for a strong start to her 2025 campaign. She was joined on the podium by Oriane Bertone (FRA), returning to World Cup competition after the Olympic Games Paris 2024, and Erin McNeice (GBR), who claimed bronze.

The men's final saw Anraku Sorato (JPN) deliver a decisive performance, scoring 99.7 points out of 100. While Lee Dohyun (KOR) topped every boulder throughout the competition, Anraku's efficiency in the final round proved decisive under Boulder scoring rules, where attempts play a critical role. Narasaki Meichi (JPN) completed the podium in third place.



Lead and Speed join World Cup Programme

Location: Wujiang (CHN)
Date: 25-27 April
Disciplines: Lead, Speed

The second step of the 2025 IFSC World Cup season in Wujiang, China, marked the first appearance of all three disciplines, as Lead

and Speed competitions joined Boulder on the international calendar.

In Lead, Anraku Sorato (JPN) continued his strong start to the season by claiming gold in the men's competition, adding to his Boulder victory in Keqiao. The women's Lead event concluded with a shared gold for Erin McNeice (GBR) and Seo Chaehyun (KOR), who remained inseparable across qualification, semi-final, and final rounds.

Annie Sanders (USA) added a bronze medal to her season tally in the women's Lead, while Suzuki Neo (JPN) secured silver in the men's event, earning the first World Cup medal of his career. Alberto Ginés López (ESP) completed the men's podium with bronze.

Speed competition brought success for the host nation, with Long Jianguo and Zhang Shaoqin (CHN) both securing gold medals. Zhang was joined on the podium by Jeong Jimin (KOR), who set a national record on her way to silver, and Deng Lijuan (CHN) in bronze. In the men's event, Hryhorii Ilchyshyn (UKR) earned silver, his first World Cup medal, while Kiromal Katibin (INA) claimed bronze.



New venue, new medal winners

New to the World Cup calendar, the IFSC World Cup Bali 2025 produced a Speed world record and multiple first-time World Cup medallists across Lead and Speed.

In the men's Speed competition, Samuel Watson (USA) delivered a standout performance, setting a new world record of 4.64 seconds on his way to gold. Watson broke the record twice during the event. Omasa Ryo (JPN) took silver, while Kiromal Katibin (INA) completed the podium in bronze.

The women's Speed event saw Aleksandra Mirosław (POL) claim gold ahead of Yafei Zhou (CHN) in silver. Adi Asih Kadek (INA) earned bronze for the host nation in her first World Cup appearance.

Lead competition also delivered new names at the top of the podium. Yoshida Satone (JPN) secured his first World Cup gold in the men's event, while Max Bertone (FRA) claimed silver, his first World Cup medal. Alberto Ginés López (ESP) took bronze. In the women's Lead, Erin McNeice (GBR) earned gold ahead of Seo Chaehyun (KOR) and Mori Ai (JPN).

Location: Bali (INA)
Date: 2-4 May
Disciplines: Lead, Speed



Climbing makes its South American debut

The IFSC World Cup Curitiba 2025 marked the circuit's first World Cup event held in South America and attracted enthusiastic crowds of 1,200 spectators at each round of competition.

Location: Curitiba (BRA)
Date: 16-18 May
Disciplines: Boulder

In the women's Boulder competition, Naïlé Meignan (FRA) claimed her first gold medal of the season, narrowly edging out compatriot Oriane Bertone (FRA) in silver. Camilla Moroni (ITA) secured bronze, earning her second career World Cup medal following silver in Keqiao earlier in the season.

The men's competition was dominated by Anraku Sorato (JPN), who completed a clean sweep by finishing first in qualification, semi-final, and final rounds. The victory marked his fourth career World Cup gold. Mejdí Schalck (FRA) took silver, while Narasaki Tomoa (JPN) earned bronze, extending his record to 26 World Cup podium finishes.

Curitiba represented a significant milestone for the World Cup circuit and demonstrated strong regional engagement with international competition.

Opposite page above ANRAKU Sorato (JPN)
Opposite page below L/R ERIN MCNEICE (GBR), SEO CHAEHYUN (KOR)
Left SAMUEL WATSON (USA)
Pictured NAÏLÉ MEIGNAN (FRA)



Japanese first lights up Salt Lake City

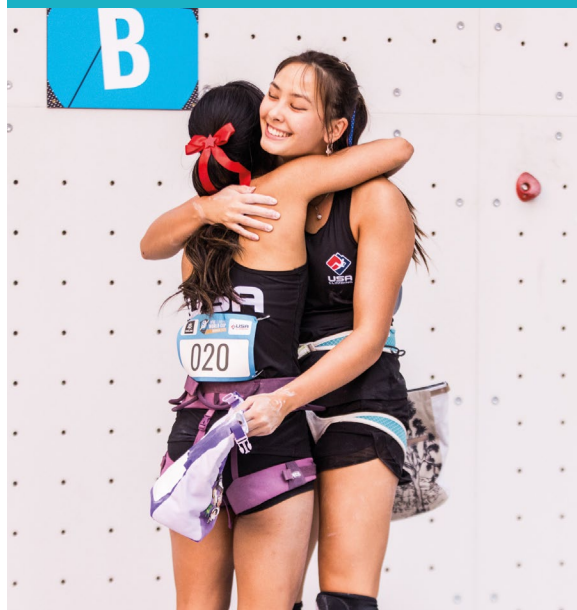
The IFSC World Cup Salt Lake City 2025 produced historic results, particularly for Japanese athletes, in one of the season's most competitive Boulder events.

In the men's competition, Anraku Sorato (JPN) became the first male climber to win three consecutive gold medals at the Salt Lake City World Cup. The final featured five Japanese climbers, underlining the nation's depth in Boulder. Amagasa Sohta (JPN) secured silver, while Lee Dohyun (KOR) claimed bronze, preventing a full Japanese podium sweep.

The women's event delivered a long-awaited breakthrough, as Nakamura Mao (JPN) secured her first World Cup gold. Nakamura posted a perfect score in the semi-final and carried that form into the final. Zélia Avezou (FRA) earned silver, while Annie Sanders (USA) added bronze to her season medal tally following her gold in Keqiao.

Location: Salt Lake City (USA)
Date: 23-25 May
Disciplines: Boulder

Below L/R
 NAKAMURA Mao celebrates with NONAKA Miho and ITO Futaba (All JPN)
Above L/R
 Micaela PATAJO and Lily NGUYEN (both USA)
Opposite page above L/R
 Mejdi SCHALCK, Oriane BERTONE, Agathe CALLIET, Samuel RICHARD (All FRA)
Opposite page below
 PAN Yufei (CHN)



Speed in the heart of the city

The IFSC Speed World Cup Denver 2025 concluded under challenging conditions, with weather ultimately forcing the early cancellation of competition. Despite this, gold medals were awarded to Emma Hunt (USA) and Kiromal Katibin (INA) based on completed rounds.

Following the Round of 16, increasing wind, rain, and lightning led to the suspension and eventual abandonment of further racing. Final rankings were determined using the fastest times recorded in either qualification or the Round of 16.

In the women's event, Hunt posted the fastest time of the competition to secure the second World Cup gold of her career. Natalia Kalucka (POL) claimed silver, while Deng Lijuan (CHN) took bronze.

The men's competition saw Katibin earn his second career World Cup gold. Zach Hammer (USA) secured silver, marking his first World Cup medal, and Samuel Watson (USA) completed the podium in bronze.

Location: Denver (USA)
Date: 31 May-1 June
Disciplines: Speed



French climbers shine in Prague

The IFSC Boulder World Cup Prague 2025 saw France claim four of the six medals on offer, continuing a strong season for French athletes. The event carried additional significance as Czech climbing legend Adam Ondra announced it would be his final appearance in the Boulder discipline at World Cup level.

In the men's competition, Mejdí Schalck (FRA) returned to the top of the podium, ending Anraku Sorato's (JPN) run of three consecutive victories. Samuel Richard (FRA) earned bronze in his first World Cup final, securing his first career medal.

The women's competition saw Oriane Bertone (FRA) claim her second gold in Prague, the venue where she won her



first World Cup title in 2023. Agathe Calliet (FRA) took silver, while Sekikawa Melody (JPN) secured bronze. Due to high winds and safety concerns, the women's final was cancelled and results were taken from the semi-final standings.

Location: Prague (CZE)
Date: 6-8 June
Discipline: Boulder



First-time Boulder winners on return to Bern

Returning to the host city of the 2023 World Championships, the IFSC World Cup Bern 2025 delivered two first-time Boulder gold medallists.

In the women's competition, Erin McNeice (GBR) secured gold with a flawless final, topping all four boulders. The victory made her the first British woman to win World Cup gold in multiple disciplines. Annie Sanders (USA) took silver, while Nonaka Miho (JPN) claimed bronze, marking her 26th World Cup podium.

The men's final produced a closely contested outcome, with Pan Yufei (CHN) edging out Mejdí Schalck (FRA) to claim his first World Cup gold in only his second Boulder final. Anraku Sorato (JPN) added bronze, continuing a consistent medal run that included multiple golds earlier in the season.

Location: Bern (SUI)
Date: 13-15 June
Discipline: Boulder





The return of the Queen

The IFSC World Cup Innsbruck 2025 marked the return of Janja Garnbret (SLO) to competition following the Olympic Games Paris 2024, with the double Olympic champion delivering gold medals in both Boulder and Lead.

Location:
Innsbruck (AUT)
Date:
25-29 June
Disciplines:
Boulder, Lead



In Boulder, Garnbret topped the podium ahead of Oriane Bertone (FRA), who secured the 2025 Boulder Series title, and Matsufuji Anon (JPN) in bronze. The men's Boulder competition saw Toby Roberts (GBR) claim gold after a challenging start to the season, with Anraku Sorato (JPN) earning silver and his third consecutive Boulder Series title. Hannes Van Duysen (BEL) completed the podium.

In Lead, Garnbret once again claimed gold, joined by Laura Rogora (ITA) in silver and Erin McNeice (GBR) in bronze. The men's Lead final delivered a first-time World Cup gold for Suzuki Neo (JPN), who finished ahead of Roberts and Alberto Ginés López (ESP).

Indonesia rise to the top in new host city



The IFSC Speed World Cup Kraków 2025 was staged in the city's central square, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and attracted a packed crowd for Speed competition in a landmark city-centre setting. Indonesia secured both gold medals, underlining its continued strength in the discipline.

In the women's competition, Desak Made Rita Kusuma Dewi (INA) claimed her first World Cup gold with a clean 6.27-second run, defeating Emma Hunt (USA) in the final. Aleksandra Miroslaw (POL) took bronze, marking her 21st career World Cup medal.

The men's event was won by Raharjati Nursamsa (INA), who posted a new Asian record of 4.73 seconds. Kiromal Katibin (INA) earned silver, while Omasa Ryo (JPN) secured bronze, his second podium of the season.

Location: Krakow (POL)
Date: 5-6 July
Disciplines: Speed



Chamonix crowds continue to impress

More than 10,000 spectators gathered at the Place du Mont Blanc as Chamonix once again delivered one of the season's most popular World Cup events.

In Lead, Seo Chaehyun (KOR) and Anraku Sorato (JPN) each claimed their sixth career Lead World Cup gold. Annie Sanders (USA) and Erin McNeice (GBR) completed the women's podium, while Alberto Ginés López (ESP) and Filip Schenk (ITA) earned silver and bronze respectively in the men's competition.

Speed competition saw world record holders return to the top step, with Samuel Watson (USA) and Aleksandra Miroslaw (POL) claiming gold. Rishat Khaibullin (KAZ) earned silver, while Zach Hammer (USA) and Dewi secured bronze medals.

Location: Chamonix (FRA)
Date: 11-13 July
Disciplines: Lead, Speed



More World Cup golden firsts

Another new venue and host city on the IFSC World Cup calendar, the IFSC World Cup Comunidad de Madrid 2025 held in Alcobendas concluded with first-ever Lead gold medals for Annie Sanders (USA) and Lee Dohyun (KOR).

Sanders became the first American woman to win World Cup gold in both Boulder and Lead. Laura Rogora (ITA) secured silver, while Brooke Raboutou (USA) earned bronze.

In the men's competition, Alberto Ginés López (ESP) continued his consistent season with silver, while Yoshida Satone (JPN) took bronze.

Location: Madrid (ESP)
Date: 18-19 July
Disciplines: Lead

Opposite page above

Janja GARNBRET (SLO)

Pictured

Alberto GINÉS LÓPEZ (ESP)





Garnbret nears World Cup half-century

Competing in front of a home crowd, Janja Garnbret (SLO) secured her 31st Lead World Cup gold and 49th career World Cup victory.

Seo Chaehyun (KOR) took silver, while Laura Rogora (ITA) completed the podium. Despite finishing fourth, Erin McNeice (GBR) secured the 2025 Lead Series title, becoming the first British woman to win the honour.

In the men's event, Anraku Sorato (JPN) claimed his seventh Lead World Cup gold, equalling the Japanese record. Alberto Ginés López (ESP) earned silver, with Toby Roberts (GBR) taking bronze. Ginés López's result also secured the 2025 Lead Series title, making him the third Spanish man to win the honour. He finished on the podium at every Lead World Cup of the season.

Location:
Koper (SLO)
Date:
5-6 September
Disciplines:
Lead

Pictured
Janja GARNBRET (SLO)
Right L/R
MENG Shixue,
CHU Shouhong
(both CHN)



First World Cup medal – make it a gold

The final IFSC Speed World Cup of the 2025 season concluded with first-time gold medallists in both competitions.

In the men's event, Chu Shouhong (CHN) claimed victory with a personal best of 4.79 seconds, defeating Omasa Ryo (JPN) in the final. Yaroslav Tkach (UKR) set a new European record during the event, but Leander Carmanns (GER) secured bronze to earn his first World Cup medal.

The women's competition saw Meng Shixue (CHN) secure gold after defeating Jeong Jimin (KOR) in the final. Emma Hunt (USA) took bronze, confirming the 2025 women's Speed Series title after finishing in the top four at all five events she contested. Kiromal Katibin (INA) secured the men's Speed Series title following four podium finishes across the season.

Location: Guiyang (CHN)
Date: 12-13 September
Disciplines: Speed

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IFSC Climbing World Cup Medal Table 2025

IFSC Boulder World Cup Series 2025 - Medal table

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Japan	4	3	6	13
2	France	3	7	1	11
3	Great Britain	2	0	1	3
4	USA	1	1	1	3
5	China	1	0	0	1
6	Slovenia	1	0	0	1
7	South Korea	0	1	1	2
8	Belgium	0	0	1	1
9	Italy	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	12	12	12	36

IFSC Lead World Cup Series 2025 - Medal table

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Japan	5	1	2	8
2	South Korea	2	3	0	5
3	Great Britain	2	1	3	6
4	Slovenia	2	0	0	2
5	USA	1	1	2	4
6	Spain	0	3	3	6
7	Italy	0	2	2	4
8	France	0	1	0	1
	TOTAL	12	12	12	36



IFSC Speed World Cup Series 2025 - Medal table

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	4	1	2	7
2	USA	3	2	4	9
3	Indonesia	3	2	3	8
4	Poland	2	1	1	4
5	Japan	0	2	1	3
6	South Korea	0	2	0	2
7	Kazakhstan	0	1	0	1
7	Ukraine	0	1	0	1
9	Germany	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	12	12	12	36

IFSC World Cup Series 2025 - Medal table

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

Para Climbing Review 2025

Record participation and growing global depth defined the 2025 Para Climbing season.

The 2025 Para Climbing season was a defining moment in the evolution of the discipline. Building on the confirmation of Para Climbing’s inclusion in the Paralympic Games Los Angeles 2028, the year represented a shift from development to consolidation, with record participation and increasing competitive depth across all events. More than any previous season, 2025 demonstrated that Para Climbing has matured into a stable and internationally robust component of the IFSC calendar.

Across the three Para Climbing World Cups held during the season, a total of 303 athletes took part, making 2025 the largest Para Climbing season to date in terms of participation. Athletes from a growing number of National Federations competed across all categories, reflecting investment at national level and increasing confidence in the sport’s structures.

One of the most significant developments of the 2025 season was the continued diversification of the Para Climbing community. Athletes from all five continents reached finals and podiums throughout the year, underlining the global nature of the discipline. While established Para Climbing nations including France and the United States continued to demonstrate depth and consistency, the season also saw the emergence and consolidation of programmes from 12 other climbing countries whose athletes claimed gold medals on the circuit, including Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Germany, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Norway, Romania, and Spain.

This geographic spread reflects long-term efforts by the IFSC and its National Federations to build sustainable Para Climbing pathways, supported by education, classification development, and access to international competition.

The organisation and delivery of Para Climbing competitions in 2025 demonstrated increasing alignment with World Cup standards. Consistency in classification processes and competition structures was a key focus throughout the season, with event environments designed around athlete experience. As Para Climbing

continues to move closer to its Paralympic debut, the importance of reliable, transparent, and athlete-centred competition delivery has become increasingly central, and the 2025 season provided a strong foundation in this regard.

Parallel to competition delivery, 2025 saw continued investment in education and capacity-building initiatives that support the long-term sustainability of Para Climbing. Clinics and development programmes for classifiers and routesetters contributed to expanding the pool of qualified experts globally, reducing reliance on a limited number of specialists and supporting national-level autonomy. These initiatives are essential for ensuring consistent standards as participation grows, while reinforcing the integrity and credibility of Para Climbing at international level.

The achievements of the 2025 Para Climbing season are the result of a collective effort. Athletes, coaches, classifiers, routesetters, officials, organisers, volunteers, and National Federations all contributed to this progress. Building on this foundation, the 2026 season is set to be even stronger.

Left
Lucie JARRIGE (FRA)
Right
Carolin HEBERLE (GER)



IFSC Para World Cup Series 2025 - Medal table

All events

Ranking	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	France	13	2	5	20
2	USA	12	9	11	32
3	Austria	8	4	1	13
4	Japan	7	7	4	18
5	Germany	4	7	6	17
6	Italy	3	5	2	10
7	Romania	3	4	2	9
8	Belgium	2	0	2	4
9	Spain	1	7	4	12
10	Norway	1	2	3	6
11	India	1	1	0	2
12	Brazil	1	0	4	5
13	Hungary	1	0	0	1
13	Israel	1	0	0	1
15	Slovenia	0	4	1	5
16	Switzerland	0	3	2	5
17	Netherlands	0	2	2	4
18	South Africa	0	1	0	1
19	Great Britain	0	0	4	4
20	Slovakia	0	0	2	2
21	Canada	0	0	1	1
21	New Zealand	0	0	1	1
21	Poland	0	0	1	1
	Total	58	58	58	174



History made in Salt Lake City

In the AL1, Austria's Angelino Zeller, teammate Markus Pösendorfer and Belgium's Pavitra Vandenhoven shared a mixed podium for the first time in Para Climbing history.



IFSC Para Climbing World Cup Salt Lake City 2025
Location: Salt Lake City (USA)
Date: 20-21 May
Disciplines: Lead



**IFSC Para Climbing
World Cup Innsbruck 2025**
Location: Innsbruck (AUT)
Date: 23-24 June
Disciplines: Lead



**IFSC Para Climbing
World Cup Laval 2025**
Location: Laval (FRA)
Date: 25-26 October
Disciplines: Lead

A New Era for the Youth World Championships

The IFSC Youth World Championships Helsinki 2025 was the first edition of the event with competitors divided into two age categories (U17 and U19) instead of the previous three (U16, U18, and U20).

Hosted across multiple venues in the Finnish capital Helsinki, the Youth World Championships welcomed more than 600 young climbers to take a shot at a world title.

In Boulder, Japan emerged as the dominant nation, claiming three of the four gold medals on offer and a total of six medals overall. At the Helsingin Kiipeilykeskus, Japanese athletes achieved a full podium lock-out in one category. In the men's U17 final, Hamada Ryusei (JPN) was the standout performer, topping all four boulders to lead a Japanese 1-2-3. In the women's U17 event, Li Meini (CHN) secured gold after a closely contested final, successfully defending her Youth World title. The U19 Boulder titles were also claimed by Japan, with Yamada Kodai winning the men's event and Murakoshi Kaho taking gold in the women's competition.

Hamada Ryusei continued his impressive Championships by completing a Boulder-Lead double, rising above a strong field in the men's U17 Lead at the KiipeilyAreena Ristikko. In the women's U17 Lead, Rafael Kazbekova (UKR) claimed gold, emulating her sister, Olympian Jenya Kazbekova, who won a Youth World title 15 years earlier. Japan added another title in the men's U19 Lead, where Kurashiki Manato secured gold.

In the men's U17 Speed category, Zhao Yicheng (CHN) impressed throughout the event, breaking the five-second barrier and improving his time in every round on his way to gold. The women's U17 Speed final saw Evie Albrecht (USA) claim gold despite being outnumbered three-to-one by Chinese athletes in the final rounds.

China dominated the women's U19 Speed event with a full podium sweep, led by Meng Shixue, while the men's U19 category was an all-European affair, with Aodhan Umlauf (GER) securing gold.

The next edition of the IFSC Youth World Championships will take place in Arco, Italy, in 2026, returning to the iconic Climbing Stadium, now fully renovated and newly designated as the National Training Centre for the Italian national climbing team.







<p>RESULTS</p> <p>U19 Men Lead</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manato KURASHIKI (JPN) 2. Lukas MOKROLUSKY (CZE) 3. Hareru NAGAMORI (JPN) <p>U19 Women Lead</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geila MACIÀ MARTÍN (ESP) 2. Lana GORIC (SLO) 3. Louise PUECH YAZID (FRA) <p>U17 Men Lead</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ryusei HAMADA (JPN) 2. Kazuki NAKATA (JPN) 3. Jungbin CHOI (KOR) <p>U17 Women Lead</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rafael KAZBEKOVA (UKR) 2. Milena CASSETTA (SRB) 3. Arisa HAYASHI (JPN) <p>U19 Men Boulder</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kodai YAMADA (JPN) 2. Samuel RICHARD (FRA) 3. Auswin AUEAREECHIT (THA) <p>U19 Women Boulder</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kaho MURAKOSHI (JPN) 2. Geila MACIÀ MARTÍN (ESP) 3. Manami YAMA (JPN) 	<p>U17 Men Boulder</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ryusei HAMADA (JPN) 2. Taketo SAIKI (JPN) 3. Soran KOYAMA (JPN) <p>U17 Women Boulder</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meini LI (CHN) 2. Lucy DUNCAN (USA) 3. Lou AUCLAIR (FRA) <p>U19 Men Speed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aodhan UMLAUF (GER) 2. Francesco PONZINIBIO (ITA) 3. Paco LEHMANN (FRA) <p>U19 Women Speed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shixue MENG (CHN) 2. Yuting WANG (CHN) 3. Yumei BAI (CHN) <p>U17 Men Speed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yicheng ZHAO (CHN) 2. Zexuan YU (CHN) 3. Sota SAITO (JPN) <p>U17 Women Speed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evie ALBRECHT (USA) 2. Jiaxin TANG (CHN) 3. Chunyouxuan WANG (CHN)
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Pictured
 Lukas MOKROLUSKY (CZE)
Top right L/R
 HAMADA Ryusei (JPN),
 YAMADA Kodai (JPN),
 MURAKOSHI Kaho (JPN),
 LI Meini (CHN)



IFSC Nations Grand Finale 2025

A new competition brought the world's top climbing nations together in a format shaped by strategy, teamwork, and collective performance.

In October 2025, Fukuoka, Japan, hosted the inaugural IFSC Nations Grand Finale, a new team-based international competition that brought together six of the top performing climbing nations to compete in two disciplines, Boulder and Lead. The event showcased a unique format that blended individual excellence with team depth and tactical decision-making.

The Nations Grand Finale invited teams composed of four climbers (two men and two women) and a head coach, highlighting a strategic dimension that differs from traditional individual IFSC competitions. In Boulder, teams scored across two men's and two women's problems, followed by a 'mixed' round where one man and one woman climbed jointly. In Lead, each team competed across two routes per round under a flash format, with coaches allocating climbers to optimise team performance.

The Boulder discipline saw Team Japan excel in front of their home crowd. With climbers Amagasa Sohta, Anraku Sorato, Nakamura Mao, and Nonaka Miho firing early with near-perfect scoring, Japan secured first place with a total of 219.6 points. Their consistency across the Boulder round demonstrated depth and coordination, particularly on the mixed boulder where climbers of both genders tackled the same problems within the shared format. South Korea finished second, and Israel completed the podium in third place.

In the Lead discipline, South Korea claimed the title with a strong combined performance from World Champion, Lee Dohyun, Seo Chaehyun, Noh Hyunseung, and Kim Chaeyeong. The team scored 167 points in the final, edging out Japan's 161.5 by capitalising depth across both men's and women's climbs. Israel captured the bronze medal, narrowly defeating the United States in a tight battle for third place.

Alongside the main competition, the event also featured a Para Climbing exhibition designed to introduce audiences to the discipline ahead of its debut at the Paralympic Games Los Angeles 2028. Part exhibition and part competition, 14 climbers were split into two groups to climb a Lead route they had worked through on the opening day, offering spectators insight into the different classifications and technical demands of Para Climbing. Seven climbers competed on each route, with Japan's Fujisaku Junichi winning on Route A and Kurosawa Shingo taking victory on Route B.

The event concluded with athletes and spectators having another opportunity to enjoy the show beyond the competition format. Participants from the Nations Grand Finale tested a speed traverse boulder, while Japan's Anraku climbed one of the Para final routes blindfolded to simulate the experience of visually impaired athletes competing.

International Speed Master Meishan 2025

The evolution of Speed continued with the testing of new four-lane and relay formats.

The event tested a full range of four-lane Speed formats ahead of the World Climbing Speed Series 2026.

The International Speed Master Meishan 2025 concluded in Sichuan Province, China, marking an important milestone in the ongoing development of Speed Climbing and the testing of new team-based formats.

Held from 23 to 25 October at the Meishan International Climbing Center, the event was organised by the Chinese Mountaineering Association under the guidance of the IFSC. More than 40 athletes from eight countries – including China, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, and Thailand – competed across five events: men’s and women’s Speed, men’s and women’s Speed relays, and mixed Speed relay.

Athletes from six nations reached the podium, with gold medals shared among China, Italy, Japan, and South Korea.

A highlight of the event was the debut of the Mixed Team Speed Relay — the first time the format was featured at an international competition following successful trials in national events. The new format provided valuable insights for the continued evolution of team Speed Climbing and will inform the development of Speed Relay events set to debut on the IFSC World Cup circuit in 2026.

Alongside the competition, IFSC Officials, representatives, and National Federations held meetings to refine the rules and structure of the upcoming four-lane Speed formats, including team composition, regulations, and scoring systems.



The World Games

Hosted in Chengdu on 14-16 August, The World Games featured new formats of Speed to excite the crowds with the host nation excelling across the programme.

The opening finals session saw China claim five of the six medals on offer in the individual format, with Chu Shouhong taking men's gold and Deng Lijuan leading a clean sweep in the women's event.

The first-ever Speed 4 finals in the history of climbing delivered drama, personal bests, and tightly contested races. Desak Made Rita Kusuma Dewi of Indonesia and Long Jianguo of China claimed gold in a new format that brought four athletes onto the wall simultaneously, creating a unique spectacle for fans and a new challenge for the world's fastest climbers.

The curtain came down on the climbing programme with the first-ever Speed Relay finals, a format making its international debut. The night delivered high-paced entertainment, and a flurry of world and continental records in both the men's and women's events.

Chu Shouhong and Long Jianguo of China powered to gold in the men's Speed Relay, while USA's Zach Hammer and Samuel Watson set a new world record of 10.06 in the bronze medal race.

China secured both gold medals in the women's Speed Relay, with Deng Lijuan and Zhou Yafei triumphing in an all-Chinese gold medal race against Qin Yumei and Zhang Shaoqin.

Pictured
ZHOU Yafei (CHN)



Indonesia's Veddriq Leonardo named The World Games Athlete of the Year 2024 becoming the third climber to win the award after Adam Ondra in 2014 and Reza Alipour Shenazandifard in 2017.



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XXII IFSC General Assembly

The XXII IFSC General Assembly, held in Larnaca, Cyprus brought together National Federations to elect new leadership and confirm the Federation's strategic direction for the 2025–2029 cycle.

The General Assembly took place on 11–12 April 2025 and was attended by 95 delegates from 65 National Federations. In the days preceding, a series of workshops and forums were organised to offer National Federations a space for exchange and reflection.

A dedicated Para Climbing workshop addressed the continued development following confirmation of its inclusion in the Paralympic Games LA28, and, alongside this, a strategic forum on organisational values and future direction offering space for dialogue on the principles guiding the Federation.

The General Assembly was formally opened with welcome remarks from the Deputy Mayor of Larnaca, Iasonas Iasonides; Treasurer of the Cyprus Olympic Committee, Giannos Photiou; and Representative of the Ministry of Education, Angelos Angelides. These were followed by video addresses from IOC President Thomas Bach and IPC President Andrew Parsons, reaffirming climbing's place within the Olympic and Paralympic Movements.

President Marco Scolaris addressed the Assembly, reflecting on the Federation's growth, governance developments, and



Olympic and Paralympic participation. An overview of the evolution of the IFSC and of Climbing was presented by Secretary General Debbie Gawrych and General Director Piero Rebaudengo, alongside highlights of the Federation's activities in 2024.

Delegates unanimously approved a series of statutory amendments, including the formal recognition of eClimbing and ePara Climbing within the Federation's statutes, as well as amendments strengthening Para Climbing provisions in line with IPC membership requirements.

The Assembly formally welcomed two new National Federations, the Congolese Federation of Sport Climbing (FCES) and the Iraq Climbing Federation, bringing total IFSC membership to 101. Delegates also reviewed and approved the audited financial statements for 2024 and the provisional budget for 2025, before receiving

operational updates and reports from the Continental Councils, Working Groups and Commissions, including the newly formed Sustainability Working Group.

Delegates were also tasked with selecting the host of the 2027 IFSC Climbing and Para Climbing World Championships, with Brno, Czechia confirmed as the host city.

The agenda for day two of the General Assembly was dominated by elections. Marco Sclaris was re-elected President of the IFSC for the 2025–2029 term, ensuring leadership continuity into the next Olympic cycle. Delegates also elected a new Executive Board, which, following the election, appointed Piero Rebaudengo as Secretary General.

Prior to the close of the General Assembly, which concluded with remarks from President Sclaris and President of the Cyprus Mountaineering & Climbing Federation Pavlos Georgiades, delegates selected Riyadh, Saudi Arabia as the host city for the 2026 Assembly.



Above
Pavlos GEORGIADES (CYP)

Executive Board

Vice Presidents:

Naomi Cleary (AUS)

Pierre You (FRA)

Toru Kobinata (JPN)

Anne-Worley Moelter (USA)

Executive Board Members:

Li Guowei (CHN)

Burgi Beste (GER)

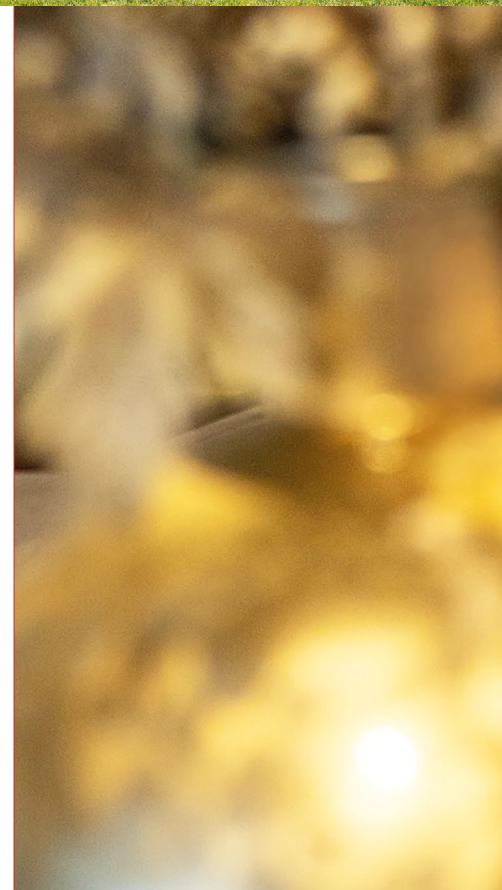
Stéphane David (NZL)

René Sepulveda (PUR)

Chris Naude (RSA)



Coming to the end of her term as Secretary General, USA's Debbie Gawrych was proposed as an IFSC Honorary Member with the General Assembly unanimously confirming the proposal.





XXII IFSC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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IFSC Meetings 2025

NF Calls

11 FEB

19 MAR

26 MAR

22 NOV

EB Meetings

15 JAN

5 FEB

5 MAR

9 APR

12 APR

14 MAY

7-9 JUL

17 SEPT

8 OCT

4 DEC

Athletes' Commission: Elevating the voice of competitors

Representing climbers from across disciplines and regions, the Athletes' Commission plays a central role in connecting athlete experience with the ongoing development of the IFSC.

Established in the IFSC Statutes as a permanent liaison between athletes and the Executive Board, the Athletes' Commission ensures that the experiences and needs of climbers are consistently integrated into policy and strategic direction.

In 2025, the Athletes' Commission entered a new chapter with the election of its leadership and the renewal of its membership. Following an online voting process held from 15 to 24 September, climbers and para climbers from around the world cast their votes to elect the body that represents them, resulting in seven new members joining the Commission.

At its first meeting under the renewed mandate, the Commission elected Kyra Condie (USA) as Chair and Campbell Harrison (AUS) as Vice Chair. Condie succeeds Shauna Coxsey (GBR), and Harrison succeeds Sean McColl (CAN), both of whom previously served as Chair and Vice Chair and were instrumental in elevating athlete voice within the Federation.

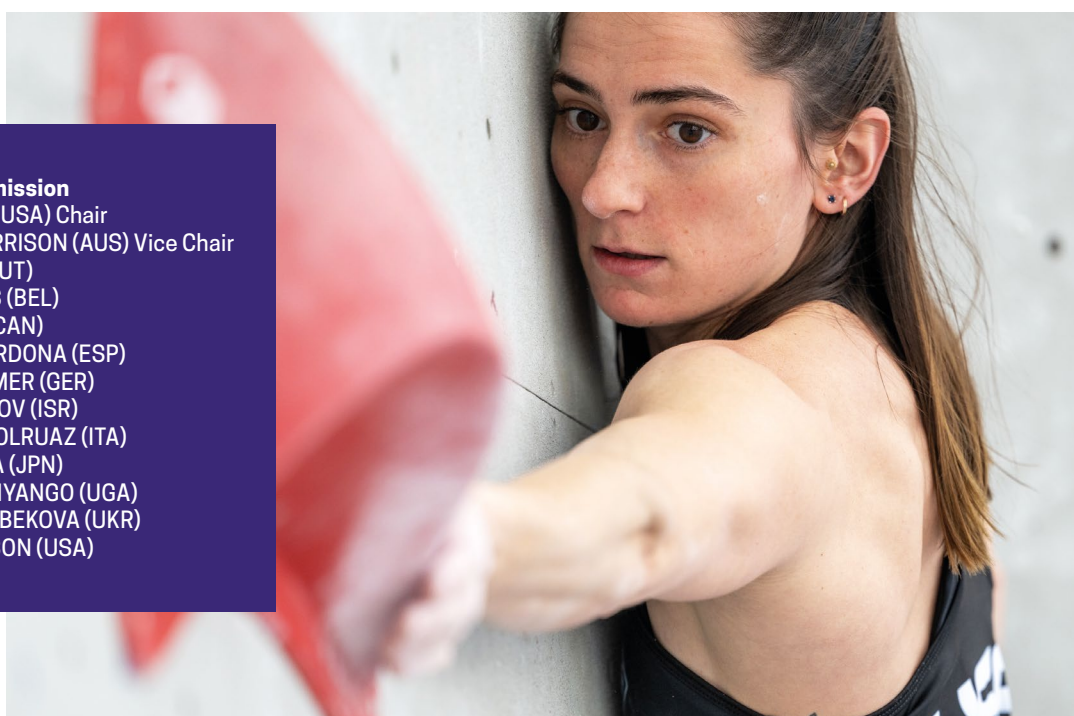
The 2025–2029 Commission includes athletes from across the globe, with members drawn from multiple disciplines and regions. In addition to Condie and Harrison, newly elected members are Julia Fiser (AUT), Frederik Leys (BEL), Corinna Wimmer (GER), Michael Piccolruaz (ITA) — re-elected after completing a previous term — Erik Noya Cardona (ESP), Emmanuel Onyango (UGA), and Samuel Watson (USA). They join returning members Alannah Yip (CAN), Alex Khazanov (ISR), Nonaka Miho (JPN), and Ievgeniia Kazbekova (UKR).

Throughout 2025, the Commission focused on strengthening its representation and engagement mechanisms, ensuring that athletes' voices are heard at all levels of the Federation. The role of the Commission is especially important as the sport prepares for the Olympic Games LA28 and the historic Paralympic debut of Para Climbing, when athlete welfare, competition formats, and qualification pathways will be key priorities.

Pictured
Kyra CONDIE (USA)

Athletes' Commission

- Kyra CONDIE (USA) Chair
- Campbell HARRISON (AUS) Vice Chair
- Julia FISER (AUT)
- Frederik LEYS (BEL)
- Alannah YIP (CAN)
- Erik NOYA CARDONA (ESP)
- Corinna WIMMER (GER)
- Alex KHAZANOV (ISR)
- Michael PICCOLRUAZ (ITA)
- Miho NONAKA (JPN)
- Emmanuel ONYANGO (UGA)
- Ievgeniia KAZBEKOVA (UKR)
- Samuel WATSON (USA)



IFSC Commissions' members

IFSC Commissions make a valuable contribution to the future and growth of Climbing and continued to do so throughout 2025.

Classification Commission

- Mark FISHER (USA) Chair, *Head of Classification*
- Sian SPENCER (AUS) *Head of Classification*
- Alexandra GAUSTER (AUT)
- Gabriel GOMES DE OLIVEIRA RIBAS (BRA)
- Sarah THORNE (CAN)
- Bernard DESTRUBE (FRA)
- Daniel VON ESSEN (GER)
- Daniele AUDIA (ITA)
- Jeanne DERBER (USA)
- Ziva PETRIN (USA)
- Corinna WIMMER (GER)*

Coaches Commission

- Emma HAWKE (SWE) Chair
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- Nicolas JANUEL (FRA) *Vice Chair of High Performance*
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- Jonathan REDSHAW (AUT)
- Yossi DIENGA (COD)
- Sagi DAMTI (GER)
- Liam BRIDDON (GBR)
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- Benjamin HARTMANN (JPN)
- Yoshiko NISHITANI (JPN)
- Robert MOORE (NZL)
- Goradz HREN (SLO)
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- Alvaro RANGEL (USA)

Disciplinary Commission

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- Lorenzo VIGASIO (ITA)
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- Juan Pablo RUIZ CACERES (COL)
- César CANALES HORTELANO (ESP)

- Daniel VON ESSEN (GER)
- Sophia Benedicta HAGE (INA)
- Andrea SERDOZ (ITA)
- Maria Stefania IONEL (ROU)
- Karen HALSELL (USA)
- Alannah YIP (CAN)*
- Corinna WIMMER (GER)*

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- Cristina CASCONI (ITA)
- Aria AOYAMA (JPN)
- Maragda GABARRE FLOR (POR)
- Claudiu MIU (ROU)
- Nohl HAECKEL (USA)
- Frederik LEYS (BEL)*
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- Julia FISER (AUT)*
- Ievgeniia KAZBEKOVA (UKR)*

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- Thibault ZIMMERMANN (FRA)
- Serhat ALKIVILCIM (TUR)

* Athlete Representatives

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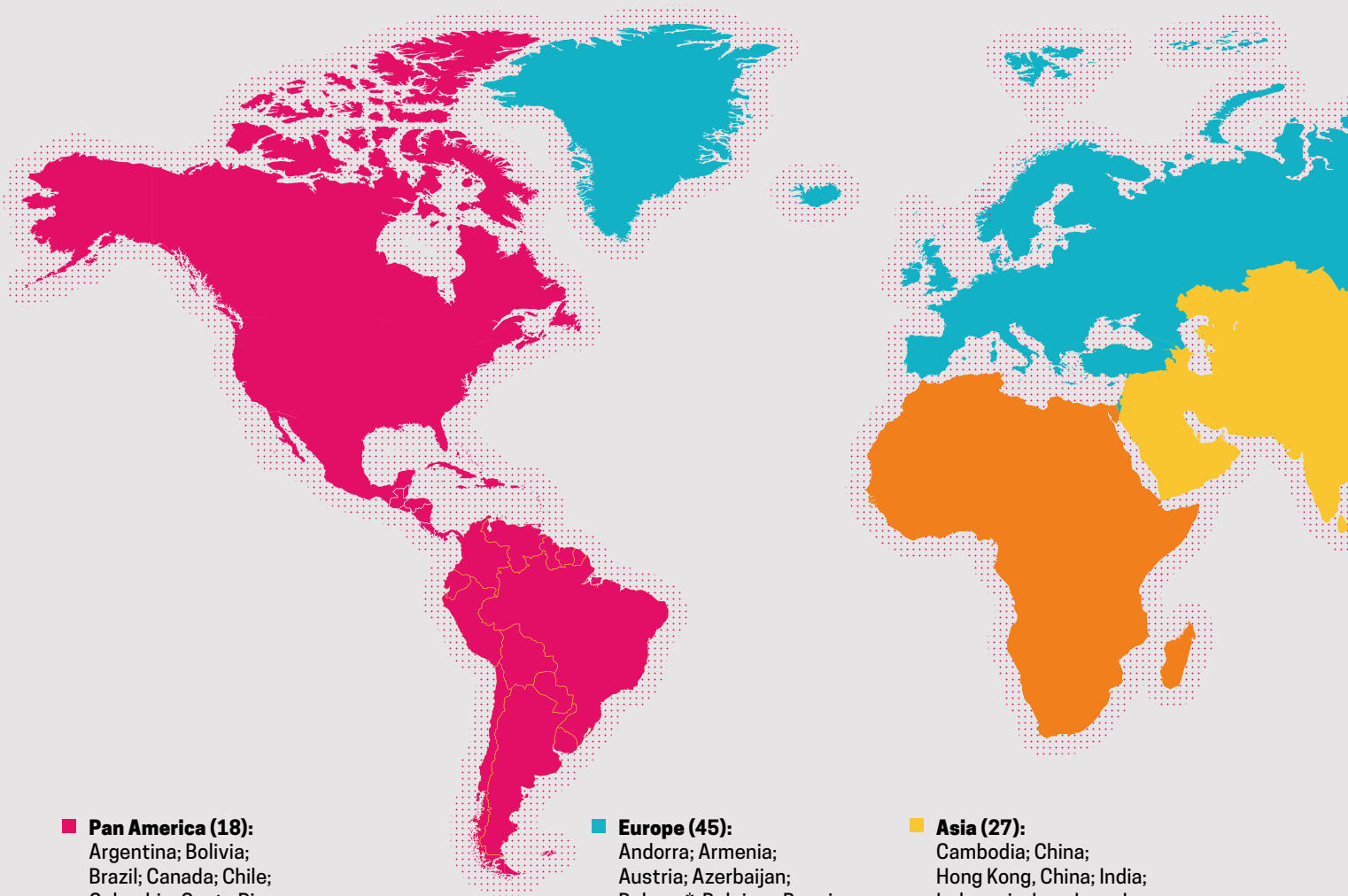


SECRETARY GENERAL
PIERO REBAUDENGO, OLY (ITA)



IFSC membership

New National Federations continue to join the IFSC family and participate on a sporting and institutional level, with their continued engagement helping to grow the sport around the world.



■ Pan America (18):

Argentina; Bolivia;
Brazil; Canada; Chile;
Colombia; Costa Rica;
Ecuador; El Salvador;
Guatemala; Honduras;
Mexico; Panama; Peru;
Puerto Rico; Uruguay;
USA; Venezuela.

■ Africa (10):

Algeria; Cameroon;
Congo; Mauritius;
Morocco; Nigeria;
Rwanda; Senegal;
South Africa; Uganda.

■ Europe (45):

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

■ Asia (27):

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

■ Oceania (3):

Australia; Guam;
New Zealand.

* suspended



Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility: Climbing Responsibly Together

In 2025, the IFSC strengthened its environmental commitments, advanced sustainable event practices, and reinforced its responsibility toward communities across the global climbing ecosystem.

The IFSC recognises that the expansion of competitions and climbing events brings responsibility to minimise environmental impact, support social development, and promote sustainable practices across the sport. In 2025, the Federation continued to embed sustainability and corporate social responsibility (CSR) into its operations, strengthening its contribution to global efforts to protect the planet and foster inclusive communities.

The work of the Sustainability Commission, established to advise the Executive Board and integrate sustainability into decision-making processes, remains central to these efforts. Part of the Commission's mandate is to support measurement, reporting, and practical implementation of initiatives that reduce environmental impact and promote responsible practices across the global climbing calendar.

IFSC Sustainability Guidelines provide a structured framework for the climbing community to adopt eco-responsible practices. These include reducing single-use plastics, promoting waste sorting and recycling, using renewable energy sources where possible, and encouraging sustainable transport and accommodation solutions for athletes and officials. Event organisers are supported with tools and concepts, such as the sustainability plan implemented at the Innsbruck 2025 Climbing World Cup, that balance ecological responsibility with financial viability and community engagement.

The IFSC's approach aligns with international frameworks and the broader Olympic Movement's emphasis on climate action. The sustainability strategy also emphasises responsible production and consumption through collaboration with equipment suppliers and manufacturers. Sustainability considerations have been embedded into the eligibility criteria for inclusion in the IFSC Holds, Macros, and Volumes Catalogue, encouraging industry partners to adopt ethical sourcing, recycled materials, and circular economy principles.



The IFSC reduced its carbon footprint for 2024 by **23%** compared to 2023.



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In 2025, the IFSC maintained a stable financial position while navigating a year marked by significant strategic investment, particularly in event preparation activities and the development of the new Headquarters. The Federation closed the financial year with a net profit of EUR 32,659, ensuring continued positive Operating Funds and allowing for allocation to Designated Funds to support future costs related to the Olympic preparation.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Total assets reached EUR 4.78 million, reflecting a moderate decrease compared with 2024. The decline in Current Assets is largely due to lower accounts receivable and reduced cash balances, following the high activity volume and targeted project spending during the year. At the same time, Fixed Assets grew substantially, reflecting the investment in property, aligned with the organisation's long-term strategic infrastructure plan. Intangible assets also increased modestly due to investment in identity and trademark activities.

On the liabilities side, Current Liabilities decreased, mainly due to the reduction in deferred revenues, while Non-current Liabilities remained broadly stable.

Overall equity remained stable at EUR 476,457, confirming a balanced and resilient financial structure.

PROFIT AND LOSS OVERVIEW

Total operating revenues amounted to EUR 5.58 million, representing a decrease of EUR 546,849 compared with 2024. This shift is almost entirely attributable to the expected and exceptional reduction in Sport & Events revenues, following the conclusion of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and its qualification cycle. This decline was partially offset by:

- significant growth in Marketing revenues, including sponsorship and broadcasting deals.
- additional Olympic-related funding, particularly the IOC Advance Funding for Los Angeles 2028.

Operating costs totalled EUR 5.02 million, with key variations including:

- Lower Olympic & Multi-Sport Games expenses, following the completion of Paris 2024 programme.
- Increases in marketing, governance, and sport & events preparation costs, reflecting activity growth and strategic investment.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

The 2025 accounts reflect a transitional year for the IFSC, marked by:

- A natural reduction in revenues tied to the conclusion of the previous Olympic cycle.
- Ongoing strategic investment in long-term infrastructure and Olympic preparation.
- Strong growth in commercial revenues, demonstrating strengthening market positioning.
- Solid cost management across all administrative and operational areas.

The positive financial result, strengthened reserves, and stable asset base position the Federation well for the upcoming cycle and continued organisational development.

RISK & FINANCE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

The newly established Risk & Finance Commission began its work in Q3 2025, following the launch of the new Commissions. It met three times during the last four months of the year:

- 12 September 2025, online
- 30 September 2025, online
- 2-3 December 2025, in person during Commissions Week in Torino

The main areas of focus included:

- **Financial Reports:** Review and optimisation of the layout, structure, and presentation of quarterly financial reports submitted to the Executive Board.
- **Risk Management:** Update and re-establishment of the Risk Registry, reinforcing its role as a financial monitoring tool for both the Executive Board and the Senior Management Team.
- **2026 Independent Auditor:** Management of the tender process, evaluation, and selection of the Independent Auditing Firm for Executive Board recommendation.
- **Financial Regulations and Annexes:** Review, improvement, and consolidation of the Regulations, including consultation with Continental Councils where relevant.

Balance Sheet

for the year ended 31 December 2025

Account	31 Dec 2025 EUR	31 Dec 2024 EUR	Variance EUR
Assets			
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable (net of provision for bad debts)	262,442	841,386	(578,943)
Deferred expenses	49,054	30,603	18,452
Cash			
Cash On Hand	11,186	12,439	(1,253)
Banca Sella-checking	140,171	566,793	(426,622)
Banca Sella Loan bank account	106	106	-
Crédit Suisse-checking USD	269,101	56,626	212,475
Crédit Suisse-checking CHF	66,244	109,254	(43,010)
Crédit Suisse-checking EUR	226,490	699,946	(473,456)
PayPal	4,842	4,391	451
UniCredit-checking	50,965	59,376	(8,411)
Credit Cards	24,000	11,051	12,949
Total Cash	793,105	1,519,982	(726,877)
Cash - Continental Councils			
IFSC Asian Council - Crédit Suisse-checking	57,077	73,510	(16,433)
IFSC European Council - UniCredit-checking	156,965	133,467	23,498
IFSC Oceania Council - Crédit Suisse-checking	9,667	11,020	(1,354)
IFSC Pan American Council - Crédit Suisse-checking	21,192	24,138	(2,946)
Total Cash - Continental Councils	244,901	242,136	2,765
Total Current Assets	1,349,503	2,634,107	(1,284,604)
Fixed Assets			
Computer Equipment	31,362	30,266	1,096
Office Equipment	21,295	24,447	(3,152)
Property	1,915,000	1,085,973	829,027
Total Fixed Assets	1,967,657	1,140,686	826,971
Intangible Assets			
Identity, Trademark	260,250	213,291	46,959
Total Intangible Assets	260,250	213,291	46,959
Other Assets			
Long-term Investments			
Life Insurance CBA Valore Capitale	500,000	500,000	-
Life Insurance CBA Valore Cedola	500,000	500,000	-
Life Insurance Unigarantito Plus	200,000	200,000	-
Total Long-term Investments	1,200,000	1,200,000	-
Total Other Assets	1,200,000	1,200,000	-
Total Assets	4,777,410	5,188,083	(410,673)

Account	31 Dec 2025 EUR	31 Dec 2024 EUR	Variance EUR
Liabilities & Equity			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	463,899	494,614	(30,715)
Accounts Payable to be received	142,054	201,392	(59,338)
COVID-19 Bridge Loan	-	148,141	(148,141)
Deferred Revenues	155,489	715,382	(559,893)
Total Current Liabilities	761,442	1,559,529	(798,087)
Non-current Liabilities			
Banca Sella Loan	676,924	758,264	(81,339)
COVID-19 Bridge Loan	99,674	-	99,674
Total Non-current Liabilities	776,598	758,264	18,335
Designated Funds			
IOC Advance Funding Los Angeles 2028	350,000	-	350,000
IOC Road to Paris 2024 Funds <i>Designated to HQ purchase</i>	712,000	712,000	-
Sustainability Programmes	3,000	15,000	(12,000)
Total Designated Funds	1,065,000	727,000	338,000
Operating Funds			
Operating Funds, including current year result	1,697,913	1,662,643	35,270
Total Operating Funds	1,697,913	1,662,643	35,270
Equity			
Current Year Earnings	32,633	57,733	(25,101)
Retained Earnings	50,335	29,426	20,910
Member Funds	393,489	393,489	-
Total Equity	476,457	480,647	(4,191)
Total Liabilities & Equity	4,777,410	5,188,083	(410,673)

Profit and Loss

for the year ended 31 December 2025

Account	2025 EUR	2024 EUR	Variance EUR
Operating Revenues			
IOC Funds			
IOC Annual Funds	71,755	71,755	-
Olympic Solidarity Funds	4,627	102,390	(97,763)
Total IOC Funds	76,382	174,145	(97,763)
Institutional			
Membership Fees	145,757	143,643	2,115
Total Institutional	145,757	143,643	2,115
Marketing			
Broadcasting Rights	739,290	665,453	73,837
Sponsorship	717,000	330,000	387,000
Total Marketing	1,456,290	995,453	460,837
Olympic Preparation			
Funds for the Olympic Preparation	1,727,942	44,455	1,683,487
Total Olympic Preparation	1,727,942	44,455	1,683,487
Sport & Events			
Appeals	21,250	10,546	10,704
Athletes & Team Officials' Licences	142,952	114,685	28,267
Calendar Fees	1,160,986	4,069,575	(2,908,588)
Continental Councils Officials Courses Revenues	5,283	6,600	(1,317)
Official Sport Equipment	200,312	245,298	(44,987)
Registrations	497,065	271,844	225,221
Total Sport & Events	2,027,848	4,718,549	(2,690,701)
Other Revenues			
Other Income	148,357	53,182	95,176
Total Other Revenues	148,357	53,182	95,176
Total Operating Revenues	5,582,577	6,129,426	(546,849)
Operating Costs			
Administration			
Bank costs	7,476	11,118	(3,642)
Insurance	41,042	49,662	(8,620)
Legal	93,898	93,488	410
Office expenses and administration	170,841	172,651	(1,810)
Salaries & Social Charges	1,158,235	1,176,482	(18,248)
Travel Expenses & Hospitality	136,539	154,656	(18,117)
Total Administration	1,608,031	1,658,058	(50,027)

Account	2025 EUR	2024 EUR	Variance EUR
Anti-Doping & Medical			
Anti-Doping & Medical	326,894	309,847	17,047
Total Anti-Doping & Medical	326,894	309,847	17,047
Communications			
Content Production	106,821	90,206	16,615
Corporate Communication	177,960	176,937	1,023
Website	55,743	50,832	4,911
Total Communications	340,524	317,975	22,549
Development			
Development Programmes	72,964	158,208	(85,243)
Total Development	72,964	158,208	(85,243)
Institutional			
Executive Board Compensation	159,622	153,317	6,305
Executive Board Expenses	203,488	102,631	100,857
Commissions	27,612	26,118	1,494
General Assembly & Institutional Meetings	187,988	98,220	89,768
Governance	5,000	10,000	(5,000)
International Associations Membership	2,792	2,716	76
Total Institutional	586,502	393,002	193,500
Marketing			
Promotion	400,000	185,001	214,999
TV Production	753,582	459,083	294,499
Total Marketing	1,153,582	644,084	509,498
Olympic & Multi-Sport Games Preparation			
Olympic & Multi-Sport Games Services	6,348	1,230,658	(1,224,310)
Olympic Preparation Visits	8,022	-	8,022
Total Olympic & Multi-Sport Games Preparation	14,370	1,230,658	(1,216,288)
Sport & Events			
Continental Councils Officials Courses Costs	2,197	1,455	742
Event Preparation Costs	290,155	9,018	281,137
Official Sport Equipment Expenses	1,666	6,516	(4,851)
Officials	485,720	404,758	80,963
Para Climbing Activities	35,596	25,671	9,925
Sport Data Management	59,086	92,462	(33,376)
Sport & Events Consulting	-	33,400	(33,400)
Sustainability	24,995	9,350	15,645
Trophies	14,211	14,113	99
Total Sport & Events	913,625	596,742	316,883
Total Operating Costs	5,016,493	5,308,575	(292,083)
Gross Operating Profit	566,084	820,850	(254,767)

Account	2025 EUR	2024 EUR	Variance EUR
Depreciation			
Annual depreciation expense	(77,880)	(60,307)	(17,573)
Total Depreciation	(77,880)	(60,307)	(17,573)
Foreign Currency Gains (Losses)			
Foreign Currency Gains and Losses	(54,998)	(30,021)	(24,976)
Total Foreign Currency Gains (Losses)	(54,998)	(30,021)	(24,976)
Financial Gains (Losses)			
Interest Income	4,424	5,070	(646)
Passive interests on loans	(27,751)	(41,936)	14,186
Total Financial Gains (Losses)	(23,326)	(36,866)	13,539
Other Operating Revenues and Costs			
Allocation to provisions for bad debts	(33,329)	-	(33,329)
Credit Losses	(40,798)	(8,500)	(32,298)
Release of provisions for bad debts	34,906	8,500	26,406
Total Other Operating Revenues and Costs	(39,221)	-	(39,221)
Allocation / Use Operating Funds			
Allocation to Designated Funds	(350,000)	(15,000)	(335,000)
Allocation to Operating Funds / Provisions	-	(621,932)	621,932
Use of Operating Funds / Provisions	12,000	-	12,000
Total Allocation / Use Operating Funds	(338,000)	(636,932)	298,932
Net Profit	32,659	56,724	(24,065)



Strategic Plan 2025: Delivery in Action

Key dates in the IFSC Strategic Plan 2020–2028

March 2019

**XIV Plenary Assembly,
Tokyo, Japan**
Announcement of
Strategic Plan

November 2020

**XIV Plenary Assembly,
Limassol, Cyprus**
Presentation of the
Strategic Plan

2025

Where we are now

2028

Completion of the plan

The year 2025 was an opportunity to translate strategic vision into coordinated action for the IFSC. Building on the Strategic Plan check-in conducted in 2024 and the conclusions of the Climbing Summit held in Torino in December, the Federation entered a new phase defined by leadership renewal, shared values, and operational delivery.

As outlined in the President's Message, the re-election of the President and the election of a new Executive Board provided both continuity and renewal at a critical moment for the sport. This leadership transition, aligned with the confirmation of Olympic and Paralympic programmes for LA28 and the adoption of the IFSC identity, created a clear framework for implementing long-term strategic priorities.

The Torino Summit served as a strategic pause, allowing the IFSC to assess progress across its five strategic objectives. A recurring conclusion was the need for stronger alignment between ambition and structure, and for values to guide decision-making as the sport continues to expand.

This alignment was reinforced in 2025 through a dedicated forum held alongside the XXII General Assembly in Larnaca. As referenced in the Secretary General's Message, the forum focused on organisational culture and values, providing the incoming Executive Board with direct input from National Federations to support future strategic choices. Together, the Summit and the General Assembly forum ensured continuity between reflection, leadership renewal, and implementation.

GOVERNANCE

Governance remained a central focus in 2025. New mandates began for Commissions and Working Groups, strengthening accountability and expertise across key areas including athletes, sustainability, medical and anti-doping, routesetting, and events. These structures underpin the work highlighted in sections on the Athletes' Commission and Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability, ensuring that growth is managed responsibly and transparently. These efforts were reinforced by positive external assessments, including continued recognition of governance improvements by ASOIF.

ATHLETES AT THE CENTRE OF STRATEGY

The renewed Athletes' Commission represents a direct outcome of the strategic emphasis on athlete-centred governance. With new leadership and broad geographic representation, the Commission plays a critical role in informing Executive Board decisions, particularly as the sport prepares for LA28 and the historic Paralympic debut of Para Climbing.

DEVELOPMENT

Development initiatives progressed across multiple levels, supported by education programmes, solidarity funding, and targeted clinics for coaches, officials, routesetters, and classifiers. Gender equity remained a cross-cutting priority, reflected in leadership structures, commissions, and technical roles. Education initiatives on REDs, classification, and athlete health further demonstrate how strategy is translated into practical safeguards.

COMPETITION QUALITY AND INNOVATION

As highlighted in the Events and Para Climbing Review sections, 2025 saw continued refinement of competition delivery alongside controlled innovation. New Speed and team-based formats were tested, Para Climbing participation reached record levels, and World Championships and World Cups were delivered to increasingly consistent standards. These developments reflect the strategic objective for innovation that enhances athlete experience while maintaining fairness and clarity.

SUSTAINABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Sustainability emerged at the Torino Summit as a shared responsibility rather than a standalone objective. In 2025, this translated into measurable outcomes, including a significant reduction in carbon emissions and the expanded role of the Sustainability Commission.

INCREASE BRAND AWARENESS AND GLOBAL REACH

The transition from IFSC to World Climbing provided a unifying framework for global engagement. Broadcasting partnerships expanded, digital platforms were strengthened, and new tools were introduced to support National Federations, athletes, and partners.



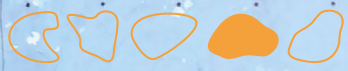


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Women in Climbing: Progress, Pathways, and Representation

The development of women across all levels of the IFSC remained a strategic priority throughout 2025, reflecting the Federation's long-term commitment to equity, opportunity, and sustainable growth.

Guided by the work of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Commission, the IFSC continued to invest in programmes that address structural barriers, strengthen leadership pathways, and improve representation among athletes, coaches, officials, and decision-makers.

A cornerstone of this work is the Women in Sport High-Performance (WISH) Programme, which supports women coaches with leadership training, mentoring, and sport-specific education over a 21-month period. Since joining the programme in 2022, the IFSC has seen female coaches progress into national team roles and contribute to success at World Championships and the Olympic Games. In 2025, participation continued with new candidates joining ongoing cohorts, reinforcing a growing pipeline of women coaches capable of operating at elite international level. Complementing this, two editions of the WISH Sport-Specific Mentorship programme were delivered, including a second expanded workshop in Barcelona in March 2025, focused on practical coaching development, peer exchange, and international collaboration.

Progress was also evident in the development of women officials and routesetters. The IFSC Routesetters' Diversity Programme, now embedded within the International Technical Officials framework, continued to provide structured opportunities for women from under-represented groups to gain experience at IFSC events. From a starting point with no female IFSC routesetters in 2017, steady progress has been achieved through internships, mentoring, and targeted appointments, with diversity now treated as a core, non-negotiable

Pictured L/R

CHENG Ying (CHN), Karalyn ARONOW (USA), Emilie GHEUX (FRA)

Right

Olga NIEMIEC (POL)



element of official selection processes. In 2025, these principles were further reinforced through the consolidation of all officials into a single international pool, improving transparency and accountability.

Leadership development beyond the field of play was supported through participation in the Women Lead Sport (WLS) Workshop, delivered under the ASOIF Gender Equality Programme. Since its launch, women from 22 countries have taken part, including participants nominated by the IFSC in 2025, strengthening leadership capacity within National Federations and at international level.

Across governance, education, and competition environments, the IFSC also continued to apply IOC gender-equal portrayal guidelines and recruitment practices designed to promote balanced representation. Together, these initiatives reflect a shift from isolated actions to a systemic approach, ensuring that women are supported, visible, and empowered to shape the future of climbing at every level.



Para Education: Building Sustainable Foundations for Para Climbing

Para Education was a central pillar of the IFSC's development strategy in 2025, with targeted initiatives designed to strengthen national capacity, improve technical expertise, and support the long-term integration of Para Climbing within domestic and international structures. As the sport prepares for its historic Paralympic debut at LA28, education has become an essential tool in ensuring that growth is inclusive, technically sound, and sustainable.

Two major education programmes were delivered during the year, centred on Para Routesetting and Classification, and implemented in China and South Korea. While differing in context and immediate objectives, both initiatives reflected a shared strategic approach: building expertise locally, empowering national systems, and aligning practice with international standards.

Developing National Foundations in China



In China, the IFSC supported a comprehensive Para Climbing education programme aimed at introducing the sport at national level and establishing the foundational knowledge required for future development. The initiative combined Para Routesetters training, coaching education, and athlete engagement, creating a full introduction to Para Climbing for a wide range of stakeholders.

The programme placed strong emphasis on practical learning. Routesetters were trained to understand athlete classifications, equipment requirements, and safety considerations, while also

experiencing simulated impairments to better appreciate the physical and technical challenges faced by Para athletes. Coaches and administrators were introduced to Para Climbing pathways, classification principles, and training methodologies, supporting a shared understanding across roles.

Importantly, the initiative prioritised education over selection, ensuring that the focus remained on long-term system building rather than short-term performance outcomes. The programme laid critical groundwork for future national competitions, talent identification, and international participation.

Education as a Strategic Investment

Together, the China and Korea programmes illustrate how education underpins Para Climbing's global development. By investing in people—routesetters, classifiers, coaches, and administrators—the IFSC continues to build the structures necessary for fair competition, athlete welfare, and inclusive growth.



Preparing for the World Championships in Korea



In Korea, Para Education efforts were closely linked to performance delivery and international readiness. A Para Routesetters Clinic and a Classifiers Clinic were delivered alongside athlete classification and training activities in preparation for the IFSC Para Climbing World Championships.

Routesetters trained during the clinic and went on to set routes for the Championships, ensuring continuity between education and competition delivery. The Classifiers Clinic focused on developing national-level expertise, strengthening Korea's domestic classification capacity while aligning practice with international standards. As a result of the programme, one national classifier demonstrated the experience and competency required to be appointed as an International Classifier, a great outcome of the development success for the region.

Supporting Athlete Health: REDs Education

In 2025, the IFSC continued to prioritise athlete health by advancing education and policy initiatives related to Relative Energy Deficiency in Sport (REDs). Recognising that REDs can affect multiple body systems, the IFSC has developed an evidence-based approach to raise awareness, support early identification, and protect long-term athlete welfare.

The IFSC was the first International Federation to implement a comprehensive REDs policy, introduced ahead of the 2024 season and now in its second year of operation. Developed by the Medical & Anti-Doping Commission and grounded in the International Olympic Committee's REDs Consensus Statement, this policy is focused on athlete health protection.

In May 2025, the IFSC showcased this pioneering work at the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) Medical Meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland. Professor Naama Constantini, Chair of the Medical & Anti-Doping Commission, presented the Federation's policy to medical professionals and representatives from Olympic sports. The presentation highlighted the comprehensive nature of the approach and emphasised the importance of athlete-centred strategies in identifying risk and safeguarding well-being. The initiative was recognised as an example of evidence-based policy in action, demonstrating how sport can integrate medical expertise with regulatory frameworks.

Pictured

Dr Karen HALSELL (USA)



Education remained a core focus of the IFSC's REDs work in 2025, expanding beyond policy into direct engagement with athletes and support teams. At the IFSC Youth World Championships in Helsinki, a dedicated seminar on REDs and nutrition was delivered for athletes and team officials. Led by Medical & Anti-Doping Commission member Dr Karen Halsell and sports nutrition specialist Edward Gibson-Smith, the session explored energy availability, fuelling strategies, hydration, and common nutrition myths. Young athletes and team personnel engaged actively with the material, reinforcing the value of education tailored to athlete development environments.

Supporting education at key competitions aligns with the IFSC's commitment to athlete welfare. By integrating seminars on athlete health and nutrition into event schedules, the Federation ensures that essential messages reach both current competitors and the next generation of climbers. By prioritising holistic screening, evidence-based policy, and targeted education, the Federation is contributing to a safer sport environment where long-term health is viewed as integral to sporting success. As REDs awareness continues to grow within the global climbing community, the IFSC remains committed to leading initiatives that protect athletes and promote sustainable, health-centred participation at all levels of the sport.

Afraa Mohammad: A historic climb forward

Afraa Mohammad's journey to becoming the first Olympic Refugee Athlete in Climbing is both pioneering and deeply symbolic for the sport's role in inclusion and opportunity.

In June 2025, she was officially approved as the first Olympic Refugee Athlete for Climbing ahead of the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028, a historic step for the IFSC and the broader global refugee community.

Born in Syria as a Palestinian refugee, Afraa's early life was defined by instability and identity barriers. Growing up stateless meant she lacked formal nationality, a reality that prevented her from progressing in competitive sport at a young age and led her to step away from gymnastics despite national-level success. Her move to France in 2018 on a scholarship provided a new beginning, where she completed higher education and eventually rediscovered sport through Climbing, a discipline she found accessible, therapeutic, and community-oriented.

Afraa's story resonates not only for its athletic ambition but for its testament to the transformative power of sport. Climbing helped her manage past trauma and panic attacks and offered an avenue where her previous experience in gymnastics and dance could translate into physical expression and personal growth.

Her approval as an Olympic Refugee Athlete is supported through the IOC Olympic Refugee Athlete Scholarship, part of a programme backed by the Olympic Refugee Foundation and the IOC. This framework enables her to train at a high level, with the potential to compete at LA28 while also advocating for greater visibility and access for refugee athletes across the sport.

Afraa has spoken about her desire to see more refugees engage with Climbing, not only as participants but as athletes who

can inspire future generations and help break down barriers related to identity, nationality, and opportunity.

Her journey reflects IFSC's commitment to inclusion, resilience, and representation, positioning her not merely as an athlete with potential competitive aspirations but as a powerful symbol of what the sport can offer when opportunity meets determination.

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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.

North America

FOX Sports

Pan America

IFSC YouTube

Central and South America

TV Azteca

TV Globo

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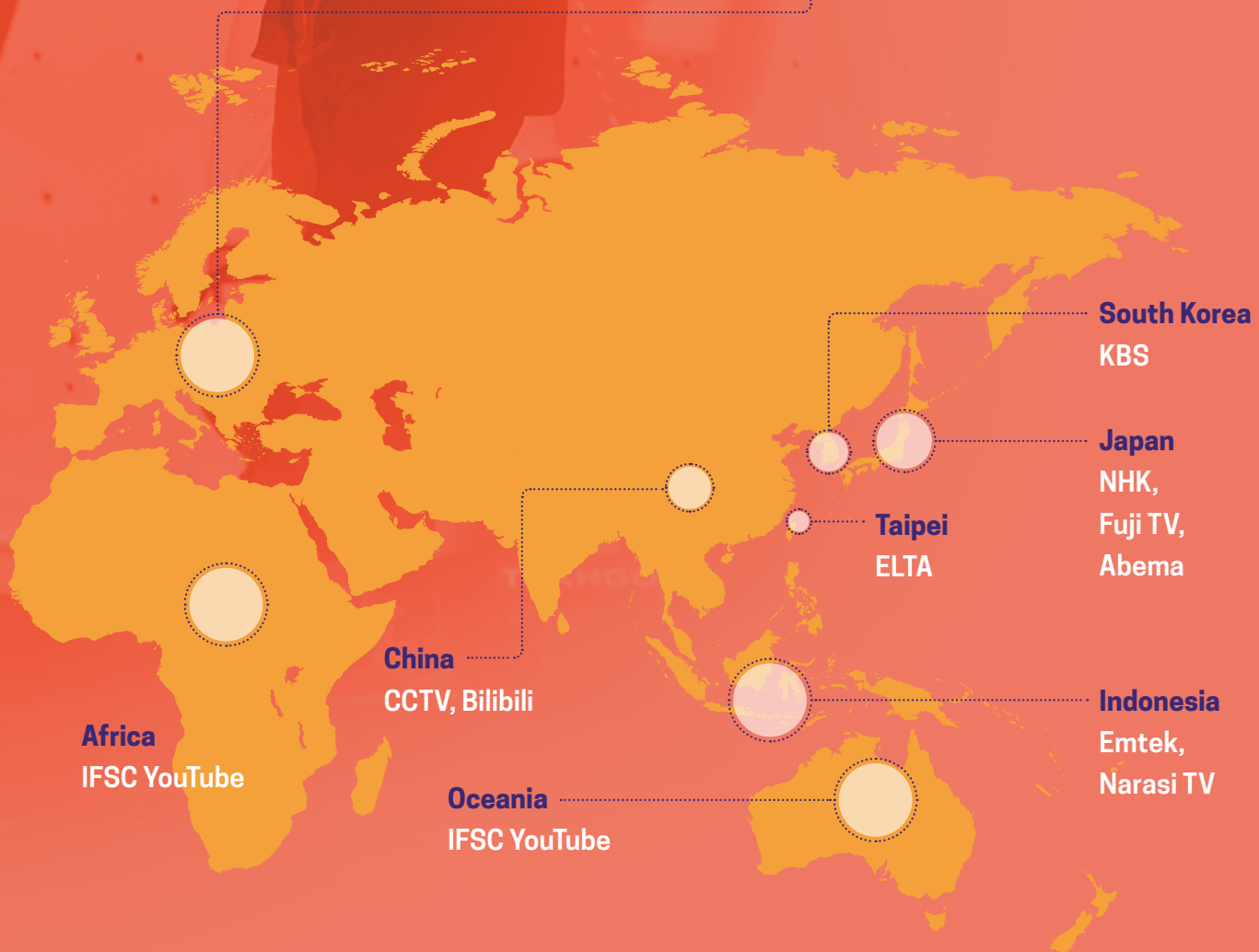


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The Olympic Channel shows delayed coverage – 24 hours after the events have finished – and is available to all worldwide.

Kilter named Official Training Board Partner of World Climbing

The three-year agreement will support athlete preparation through the introduction of Kilter Board systems at selected elite events.

World Climbing made its first global partnership announcement since the change from IFSC with US-based company Kilter, which will serve as the Federation's Official Training Board Partner.

Under a three-year agreement running through the end of the 2028 season, the partnership centres on the Kilter Board: a world-class light-up, interactive, and adjustable climbing system that combines high-performance training with an engaged global community.

As Official Training Board Partner, Kilter will provide dedicated training boards in isolation zones at selected World Climbing events. The collaboration will also include the sharing of insights on system performance and relevance for elite sport, with World Climbing and Kilter working closely with athletes and stakeholders to gather feedback on the use of Kilter Boards in high-performance environments and to assess their potential future application within competition settings.

The partnership further strengthens Kilter's long-standing presence in top-level climbing. Kilter holds have been featured for more than seven years across international

competitions and are included in the sport equipment catalogue used during Climbing's Olympic appearances at Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024.

World Climbing President Marco Scolari said: "Most of us have climbed on Kilter walls, and we are truly pleased to welcome them as our Official Training Board Partner. This innovative collaboration offers athletes at our world-class competitions the benefit of training on Kilter walls in the warm-up zone and, in the future, also the insights gained from their use."

Kilter COO Jackie Hueftle said: "We are thrilled to be working closely with World Climbing on this opportunity. Providing athletes with consistent, high-quality isolation warm-ups on a system they already know and enjoy is something we are proud to support."

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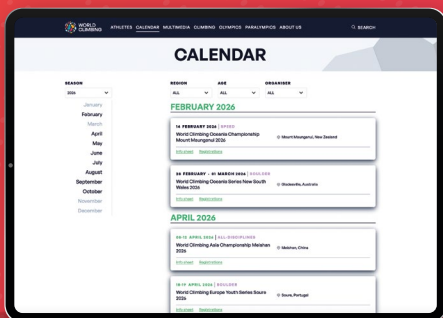
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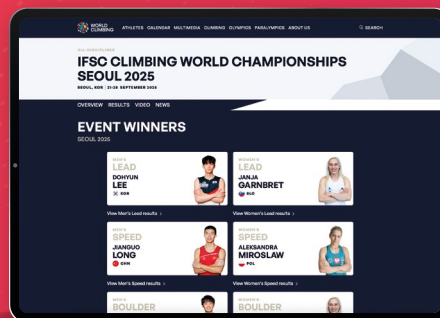


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Instagram

414	104.3M	3.9M	1,478	42.4M	692K	56.4K	339.2K
Feed contents	Feed impressions	Feed engagements	Stories contents	Stories impressions	Stories engagements	Earned fans	Total fans



TikTok

43	384.1K	27.7K	2.1K	6K
Contents	Impressions	Engagements	Earned fans	Total fans



Weibo

348	2.8M	4.4K	107.3K	157.3K
Contents	Impressions	Engagements	Earned fans	Total fans



Red Note

151	4.7M	110.2K	7.3K	7.9K
Contents	Impressions	Engagements	Earned fans	Total fans



X

700	1.8M	44.3K	-115	41.7K
Contents	Impressions	Engagements	Earned fans	Total fans



LinkedIn

142	260.6K	36K	1.9K	8.6K
Contents	Impressions	Engagements	Earned fans	Total fans



Bilibili – New platform

3.4K	3.4K
Earned fans	Total fans



Facebook

679	30.3M	1.2M	86.7K	201.8K
Contents	Impressions	Engagements	Earned fans	Total fans



YouTube

77	72	147	67	136.1M	34.1M	48K	410K
Live streams	On-demand	Shorts	Posts	Impressions	Video views	Earned subscribers	Total subscribers

Most watched live stream Women's Boulder final Salt Lake City 2025 – **241.0K**

Most watched on-demand The return of the Queen - Janja is back! – **112.7K**

Most watched Short Zélia Avezou flashes the first finals Boulder! – **18.8M**

Total

4.5K	329.2M	6M	299.2K	1.3M
Contents	Impressions	Engagements	Earned fans	Total fans

World Climbing launches new global identity

New visual identity highlights Climbing's expanding global community and connection to younger audiences.

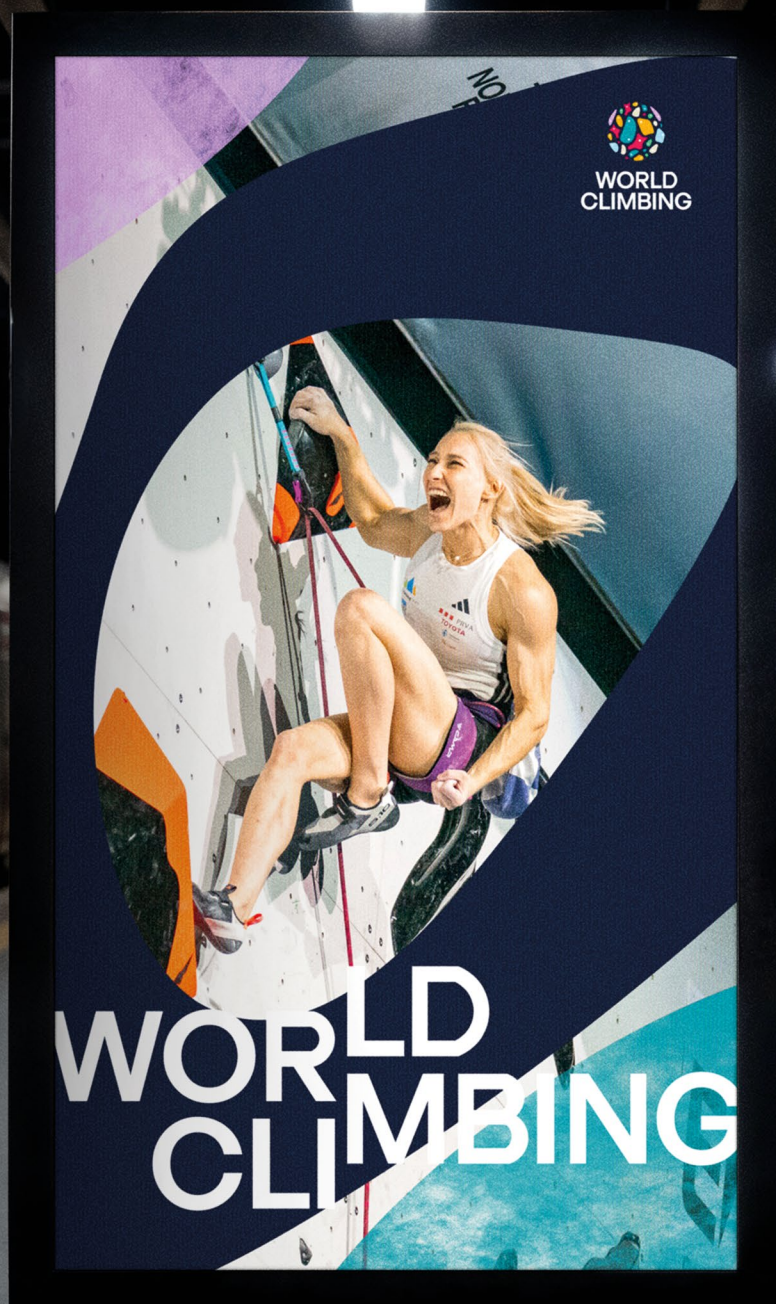
On 10 December 2025, the International Federation of Sport Climbing officially became World Climbing, unveiling a refreshed global identity that reflects the sport's rapid growth and its diverse global community. The rebrand reflects the evolution of the sport nearly 19 years after the organisation's founding.

Built around the guiding philosophy, "We get the World Climbing," the new identity reinforces the Federation's values and commitment to openness, inclusivity, culture, and inspiration.

At the heart of the rebrand is a distinctive new logo: a world formed from Climbing holds, with interwoven routes symbolising global Climbing. Each colour in the new palette represents one of the sport's three disciplines, Lead, Boulder and Speed. These elements are combined with a written font designed to appear ascending in selected visuals.

The Federation's five continental bodies, World Climbing Africa, World Climbing Asia, World Climbing Europe, World Climbing Oceania, and World Climbing Pan America, have also adopted the updated identity as part of the global implementation.

As part of the rebrand, the World Cup events have also changed to reflect the new direction with the competitions renamed as the World Climbing Series in 2026.



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