



Letter of Motivation

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I am writing to express my sincere interest to stand for the open position of IFSC Continental Board Member – Asia for the term 2025-2029.

With a deep passion for sport climbing, a proven track record of leadership, and a strong commitment to fostering the growth of climbing, I am confident in my ability to contribute meaningfully to the IFSC's mission and vision.

As an avid climber and advocate for the sport, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of climbing in bringing communities together, promoting physical and mental well-being, and inspiring individuals to push their limits. I have been actively involved in the climbing community. My experience includes serving as IFSC Official, the Events Commission and various position at the NF, Continental Council and IFSC Executive Board. These experiences have equipped me with a comprehensive understanding of the evolution, challenges and opportunities facing our sport.

Climbing is a sport of immense diversity, with a rapidly growing climbing community that spans from the bustling cities of Europe to the emerging climbing community in Asia. I am eager to contribute to the IFSC's efforts to develop sport climbing in Asia and beyond. I would prioritise the following objectives:

1. **Strengthening Inclusivity and Accessibility:** I am committed to ensuring that the Olympic dream is possible to people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds across the globe. This includes supporting initiatives to develop climbing assets and talent in underserved communities.
2. **Promoting Collaboration:** I believe in the power of a closer collaboration with the Continental Councils to drive synergy. By working closely with the Continental Councils, I aim to promote a unified platform for sharing knowledge, resources,

and best practices. This will help raise the standard of climbing and ensure that each continent is well-represented on the global stage

3. **Maintaining Sustainability:** As climbing continues to grow, it is essential to expand the global climbing economy; to ensure the sport is financially vibrant while placing athletes and fans at the core of all its business to elevate climbing to the forefront of global sports content.

My vision for the role of IFSC Continental Board Member – Asia is rooted in a deep respect for the sport and a genuine desire to see it thrive. I am confident that my experience, dedication, and collaborative approach make me a strong candidate to work alongside the IFSC to advance the sport we all love.

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CV specific for activities in the climbing/sport field

To contribute my extensive experience in sport climbing, leadership, and organisational management to the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC). I aim to support the growth, inclusivity, and global development of sport climbing while ensuring the federation's strategic goals are met with integrity and innovation.

Experience

President, Singapore Sport Climbing and Mountaineering Federation | Present

Deputy President, IFSC Asian Council | 2021 – 2021

President, IFSC Asian Council | 2013 – 2021

Vice-President, Singapore Sport Climbing and Mountaineering Federation | 2009 - 2015

Secretary General, IFSC Asian Council | ...

Key Achievement

1. Asian Games Inclusion:

- Successfully led efforts to include sport climbing in the Asian Games, starting with its debut at the 2018 Jakarta-Palembang Asian Games.
- Secured its continuation for the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games and 2026 Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games.

2. Regional Competitions and Events:

- Successfully expanded sport climbing into other continental multisport events, raising the profile of sport climbing in Asia.
- Initiated and organised the IFSC Asian K Championships as outreach to younger age climbers and their parents.

3. **Development Programs:**

- Empowered the IFSC Asia Sport Department to launch initiatives to support the growth of emerging member federations with a series of programmes and development pathways for judges and routesetters, up to continental level.
- Developed the Sports for All initiative to encourage continued growth of grassroots participation, raising the awareness of sport climbing in Asia

Skills and Qualities

- **Leadership and Governance:** Proven ability to lead the relevant Executive Boards and sport department, make strategic decisions, and ensure effective governance.
- **International Collaboration:** Experience working with diverse cultures and stakeholders to achieve common goals.
- **Event Management:** Experience in organising and managing large-scale sport climbing and multisport events.
- **Communication:** Strong interpersonal and public speaking skills to represent the IFSC effectively.
- **Innovation:** Open to leveraging technology and new ideas that can grow the sport.
- **Passion for Climbing:** Deep understanding of the sport and its community, with a vision for its future.