



XVIII IFSC GENERAL ASSEMBLY
18-19 MARCH 2022 – SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, USA

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USA	Bruce Mitchell, Marc Norman	USAC

* Attended remotely.

Approved 31 March 2023

FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2022 – 14:00-17:30

1. CALL TO ORDER

Voting system: votes are called by the President and voting delegates can express their choice with yes, no, or abstain. All votes cast, including votes in favours, votes against, and abstentions, count in the final calculation of the majority, whereas blank votes (or no votes) will not be considered.

- a. Enforcement of Article 10 of the Statutes

All Members registered and present during the XVIII General Assembly are in good standing with Article 10 of the IFSC Statutes.

- b. Appointment of Scrutineers

Scrutineers are appointed by the President to oversee the operations of Lumi. The appointed scrutineers are Burgi Beste (DAV) and Anthony Seah (SSCMF)

- c. Members present

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IFSC MEMBERSHIP	95	95
IFSC MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS	75	75
IFSC MEMBERS REGISTERED WITH VOTING RIGHTS	54	54
IFSC MEMBERS PRESENT (TOTAL POSSIBLE VOTES)	38	38

Before the beginning of the sessions, Members are shown a video-message by IOC President, Thomas Bach.

2. WELCOME OF AUTHORITIES

President of USA Climbing (USAC) Bruce Mitchell welcomes all Members, together with Mayor of Salt Lake City Erin Mendenhall and IFSC President Marco Maria Sclaris.

3. MINUTES

- a. Vote to approve the Minutes of the XVII IFSC General Assembly, 23-24-25 April 2021 [Ref. 3.a_2021_IFSC_XVII_GA_Minutes_v2_TBA]

With no comments received, President Marco Maria Sclaris proceeds to call the vote.

Vote to approve the Minutes of the XVII IFSC General Assembly, 23-24-25 April 2021						
Total Possible Votes: 39						
Blank Votes: 3						
In favour	36	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

4. MEMBERSHIP

- a. COSTA RICA [Ref. 4.a_2022_IFSC_GA_Membership_CRC]

After several years of inactivity of the Federación Costarricense de Deportes de Montaña (FECODEM), a new federation, the Costa Rica Climbing Federation (CRCF) has been set up to restart sport climbing activity in Costa Rica. In agreement between the two federations, Members are called to vote on the ratification of the Executive Board decision to exclude FECODEM as the IFSC Member representing Costa Rica and admit CRCF in its place.

Vote to ratify the Executive Board decision to exclude FECODEM as the IFSC Member representing Costa Rica						
Total Possible Votes: 39						
Blank Votes: 4						
In favour	32	Against	0	Abstained	3	APPROVED

Vote to ratify the Executive Board decision to admit CRCF as the IFSC Member representing Costa Rica						
Total Possible Votes: 39						
Blank Votes: 1						
In favour	38	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

b. MALTA [Ref. 4.b_2022_IFSC_GA_Membership_MLT]

Since 2020, Malta Sport for All has been the IFSC Member representing Malta. Malta Sport for All is an umbrella organisation, and the Executive Board made a recommendation to separate Sport Climbing into a new organisation. Following this recommendation, the individuals previously responsible for Sport Climbing within Malta Sport for All formed the new Malta Sport Climbing Association and have asked for the transfer of membership.

Vote to ratify the Executive Board decision to approve the change of organisation representing Malta from Malta Sport for All to Malta Sport Climbing Association						
Total Possible Votes: 39						
Blank Vote: 1						
In favour	23	Against	4	Abstained	11	APPROVED

5. ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Marco Maria Sclaris congratulates the newly elected or re-elected Presidents of IFSC Members: Mr. Juho Risku (FCA), Mr. José Moreano (FEDANE), Prof. Harshwanti Bisht (IMF), Ms. Enna Peroš (HSPS), Ms. Milda Korevaite (LFSC), and Mr. Reza Zarei (IMSCF).

The President asks for a minute of silence for the victims of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and of the many wars currently fought around the world.

The President has addressed the issue of the Russian invasion of Ukraine with the President of the IOC and the Executive Board decided to impose measures similar to those imposed by all other International Federations. These measures are:

- Suspension of all IFSC competitions scheduled to be held in Russia and Belarus until further notice;
- Suspension of all Russian and Belarusian athletes and team officials from IFSC competitions;
- Replacement of Russian and Belarusian IFSC Officials appointed to competitions in 2022;
- Suspension of all representatives of the Russian and Belarusian Member Federations currently part of IFSC Commissions and IFSC Working Groups;
- Revocation of the invitation to the Russian and Belarusian Member Federations to attend the XVIII IFSC General Assembly in Salt Lake City, USA;
- Waiver of the 2022 annual fee and the 2022 registration fee for all IFSC events due by the Ukrainian Mountaineering and Climbing Federation (UMCF), in accordance with IFSC Europe;
- Creation of a support programme to assist the Ukrainian climbing community.

2021 began Sport Climbing’s Olympic journey, showcased the sport worldwide and proved its added value to the Olympic movement and to the world. Notwithstanding the difficult circumstances under which the Tokyo Olympic Games were held, Sport Climbing sparked a lot of interest and curiosity not only among the public, but also among athletes, coaches, and officials of other Olympic sports.

The President presents some statistics of the past year. The number of annual licences issued to athletes, after a harsh drop in 2020 due to the pandemic, has bounced back and is steadily rising towards normality again. 2021 was a very busy year for IFSC events all around the world. In addition to the Tokyo Olympic Games, IFSC organised the Climbing World Championships, the Paraclimbing World Championships, the Climbing Youth World Championships and World Cups (three for Paraclimbing, two for

Speed, five for Lead, four for Boulder). Shifting to institutional matters, the President reports that the Executive Board met eighteen times during the year, with one meeting taking place in presence. The XVII IFSC General Assembly was held on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of April 2021, seven calls were conducted with Member Federations and one call was organised with the Pan American Member Federations. The Commission Meeting was held on November 30th, 2021, which gathered 55 participants of the Paraclimbing Committee and of nine Technical Commissions (of which 35 in presence) in Torino. All data relating to the 2021 of IFSC and of Sport Climbing as a whole can be found in the 2021 Annual Report.

With the inclusions in the Olympics, many doors were opened to IFSC. The President had the possibility to meet and converse about the present and future of Sport Climbing with many political and sport leaders and attend several important events. IFSC received the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch at the IOC headquarters in Lausanne, and the President received the Golden Collar, a prize awarded by the Italian Olympic Committee to officers who especially distinguished themselves, for achieving the inclusion of Sport Climbing in the Olympics.

After analysing 2021, it is time to also look at the future: the Paris 2024 Olympics are two years away, but they are approaching fast. One of the objectives of the Strategic Plan was to enter the Olympic Games in 2028, and the presence of Sport Climbing as a core sport in Los Angeles was ratified, resulting in three Olympic editions in a row, in what the President believes to be a result obtained before schedule. While the number of Sport Climbing medals for LA 2028 will only be decided in 2023, the host city for the 2032 Games has already been selected: Brisbane, Australia. The Brisbane programme will be approved in 2025, therefore Sport Climbing’s performance in Paris will be very important.

In conclusion, the President invites all NFs to reflect on the institutional transition to which Sport Climbing and IFSC will have to be subject in the future, to continue to adapt and evolve in parallel to the growth of the sport. Focuses will be forming a common identity, building an appropriate structure, and identifying the right leaders.

The President welcomes Serik Kazbekov, Vice-president of the Ukrainian Mountaineering and Climbing Federation (UMCF), to speak. Mr. Kazbekov expresses his gratitude to the Member Federations for the support for Ukraine and for Ukrainian athletes.

A vote is called to approve the suspension of CFR & BAF from IFSC.

Vote to approve the suspension of CFR and BAF from IFSC						
Total Possible Votes: 40						
Blank Vote: 3						
In favour	29	Against	4	Abstained	4	APPROVED

Following the result of the vote, the Climbing Federation of Russia (CFR) and the Belarusian Alpine Federation (BAF) are suspended as Member Federations of IFSC.

On the second day of the General Assembly, Saturday 19th of March, a vote is being held to entrust the Executive Board with the authority to lift the suspension if the grounds that led to this decision were to disappear.

Vote to approve to give mandate to the Executive Board to lift the suspension of CFR and BAF when circumstances allow						
Total Possible Votes: 38						
Blank Vote: 2						
In favour	27	Against	5	Abstained	4	APPROVED

6. GOVERNANCE

- a. Statutes Review Working Group report

The Working Group asks Member Federations to discuss on how to proceed, in light of the motions received.

- b. Motions [Ref. 6.b_2022_IFSC_GA_Motions]

Motions were received from several Member Federations and are taken into consideration.

- c. Presentation and vote to approve the 2022 Statutes Review proposals [Ref. 6.c_2022_IFSC_GA_Statutes_Review_TBA]

This point was pushed to the second day of the General Assembly, on Saturday, March 19th.

A motion by the Swiss Alpine Club (SAC) calling for the postponement of the Statutes Review to the 2023 IFSC General Assembly is brought to vote.

Vote to approve the SAC motion to postpone the proposed Statutes Review to the GA of 2023						
Total Possible Votes: 38 Blank Vote: 3						
In favour	24	Against	7	Abstained	4	APPROVED

The motion is approved, therefore the Statutes Review will be postponed to the 2023 GA. No presentation or vote on the 2022 Statutes Review proposals is held.

7. CONTINENTAL COUNCILS

a. IFSC Africa report

IFSC Africa President George Stainton gives the report of activities for the African Council.

b. IFSC Asia report

IFSC Asia Representative Rasip Isnin gives the report of activities for the Asian Council.

c. IFSC Europe report

IFSC Europe President Tijn Smits gives the report of activities for the European Council.

d. IFSC Oceania report

IFSC Oceania Board Representative Karen Powell gives the report of activities for the Oceania Council.

e. IFSC Pan America report

IFSC General Director Piero Rebaudengo gives the report of activities for the Pan American Council.

8. DISCIPLINARY, APPEALS AND ETHICS COMMISSIONS

a. Disciplinary Commission report

One report was submitted in 2021 during the Youth World Championships by the officiating Technical Delegate, involving an offence committed by a youth athlete (minor). The athlete was suspended from the competition and by the Member Federation, a Disciplinary Panel was formed and is in the process of determining the ruling and the sanction.

b. Appointment of new member of the Appeals Commission

The candidate nominated by the Executive Board is Elena Ceserani (ITA).

Vote to ratify the nomination of the new members of the Appeals Commission						
Total Possible Votes: 40 Blank Vote: 4						
In favour	35	Against	1	Abstained	0	APPROVED

c. Ethics Commission report

The statement of the Executive Board to the IFSC General Assembly regarding Ethics Commission is distributed among the delegates, while the President reads Article 32.C of the IFSC Statutes. The statement declares that, after careful analysis of the situation, the Executive Board unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

- Determination that the Communication sent by the Ethics Commission to the National Federations on 14 March 2022 is incompatible with the IFSC Statutes, rules and regulations and therefore unlawful, and inform the General Assembly accordingly.
- Suspension of the current Ethics Commission and its members, implementation of a complete reform of the Ethics Commission, including its regulations and composition, and appointment of a new Ethics Commission as soon as circumstances allow. The reform process shall involve independent and experienced individuals.

9. FINANCE, MEDIA, TV & MARKETING COMMISSIONS

a. Finance Commission report

The Finance Commission’s scope is to support and develop the financial strategy of IFSC, explore and advise on sustainable financial opportunities, and make recommendations on risk management protocols. In December 2021, the first version of the IFSC Risk Management Guideline and a related registry was released. In the course of 2022, the Commission made recommendations on a new membership fee system, with the objective of starting the process of reduction of the annual fees in 2023. The new 2022-2023 fee system will be addressed in detail and subject to a vote on the second day of the General Assembly, on Saturday, March 19th.

b. Media Commission report

The Media Commission has identified the main areas of the IFSC Strategic Plan on which it would focus: brand awareness, public relations and media management for Member Federations, crisis communications. Regarding brand awareness, the Commission supports the opportunity for a change of name of IFSC to a clearer and more impactful one. Concerning public relations and media management for National Federations the commission will work on a set of digital tools to be provided to every Member Federation, and the IFSC Communications Department will closely collaborate with Member Federations and event organisers on the distribution of contents and promotion of IFSC events. The Commission believes that athletes and Member Federations should also receive some basic training for media and social media management in similar situations.

c. TV & Marketing Commission report

The Commission is an advisory body in charge of proposing ideas to the Executive Board and which receives updates on IFSC activities. Currently, the Commission is focusing on how to ensure consistence and improve production with a view to Paris 2024, and on how to increase TV coverage globally.

The General Assembly is adjourned at 17:20 local time.

SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2022 – 9:00-17:30

The CEO and Secretary General of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), Sarah Hirshland, addresses the General Assembly through a video message.

10. CALL TO ORDER

a. Members present

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11. FINANCE

a. Report by the Treasurer

Pierre You, IFSC Treasurer, introduces the report on IFSC’s main financial activities during 2021. 2021 saw the release of the IFSC Financial Regulations and the relevant Annexes, the activation of the Finance Commission, the production of the 2021 Consolidated Financial Statements, and the preparation of the 2022 Provisional Budget.

- b. Presentation and Vote to approve the 2021 Audit and Financial Statements: discharge of the Treasurer and of the Executive Board [Ref. *11.b_2022_IFSC_GA_Financial_Statements_TBA*]

The Financial Statements are presented as consolidated, with the result being the sum of the statements of both IFSC and its Continental Councils, at the net of the adjustments. IFSC concluded the 2021 financial year in a solid position, allowing for the possibility to increase operating funds by 23%. The main variations from the 2021 Approved Budget are listed. The 2021 Consolidated Financial Statements were prepared in accordance with the financial reporting framework of Switzerland, and audited by Ernst & Young (EY), who received the 4-year mandate from the IFSC General Assembly in 2021. Representing EY, Mr. Federico Bono presents a summary of the audit procedures, which resulted in no issues being identified.

Vote to approve the 2021 Audit and Financial Statements: discharge of the Treasurer and of the Executive Board						
Total Possible Votes: 37						
Blank Votes: 7						
In favour	30	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

- c. Presentation of the Financial Regulations [Ref. *11.c_2022_IFSC_GA_Financial_Regulations*]

The scope of the Financial Regulations is to define the principles and protocols of finances management with clear rules and processes, and they were approved, together with the Annexes, by the Executive board in November 2021.

- d. Presentation and Vote to approve the 2022 Provisional Budget [Ref. *11.d_2022_IFSC_GA_Provisional_Budget_2022_TBA*]

The 2022 Provisional Budget was drafted considering a full season of events and using a conservative approach on an accrual basis; it is presented as the result of both IFSC and its Continental Councils' budget. The major increases of costs will be related to staff salaries, development, and General Assembly expenditures. Sources of operating revenues included are membership fees, IOC funds, sponsorship and broadcasting rights deals, refund of the Olympic Games preparation visits, event fees, athletes' licences and registrations, official sport equipment, and European Championships Munich 2022. In relation to costs, calculations considered administration, anti-doping and medical, communications, development, institutional, marketing, Olympics and multi-sport games preparation, and sport and events.

Vote to approve the 2022 Provisional Budget						
Total Possible Votes: 38						
Blank Votes: 3						
In favour	34	Against	0	Abstained	1	APPROVED

- e. Presentation and Vote to approve the 2022-2023 Fee System [Ref. *11.e_2022_IFSC_GA_Fee_System_2022-23_TBA*]

Concerning the Membership Fees, the objective is to start the reduction process in 2023, proposing a lower maximum fee. In this direction, in 2022 the Finance Commission will perform a survey in this direction and work towards a system of more sustainable annual fees for all members. The General Assembly is asked to vote on the maximum ceiling for the 2023 fees. In relation to Competitors Fees, some changes will be applied, starting from 2023: the Athletes Cancellation Fee and the Officials Registration Fee (amended from 'Coaches Registration Fee') will be introduced, and the Appeals Fees will be increased.

Vote to approve the 2022-2023 Fee System						
Total Possible Votes: 38						
Blank Votes: 3						
In favour	26	Against	6	Abstained	3	APPROVED

12. OLYMPIC AND MULTI-SPORT GAMES

- a. Olympic Games

Introduced by IFSC Vice President Kobinata Toru.



1. Tokyo 2020 highlights

Sport Climbing's participation at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 was a success for both the renown of the sport and for the athletes who took part. Several challenges were encountered, but they provided experience on what to expect and how to prepare for events of this scale in the future.

2. Paris 2024 update

Two disciplines will assign medals in the Paris 2024 Olympics, Boulder & Lead and Speed, while the goal for Los Angeles 2028 will be extending to three disciplines. Stakeholders were impressed by the visual impact of Sport Climbing in Tokyo, however the proposal for Paris should try to capture also more attention of the media, external stakeholders, and spectators seeing climbing for the first time. The new proposed Boulder & Lead Olympic format and the Paris 2024 Qualification System and its quota allocations are presented. Information on the Paris 2024 Sport Climbing venue and the ongoing preparation is shared, together with the provisional competition schedule

3. Los Angeles 2028

The location for Sport Climbing has not been decided for now, and this year discussions will begin on the number of medals and of athletes.

b. Continental Games

1. Asian Games 2022

Held in Hangzhou, China, the Asian Games will feature three Sport Climbing events, from the 15th to the 19th of September 2022: Boulder & Lead in its Olympic format, Speed, and Team Speed.

2. European Games 2023

The 2023 edition of the European Games will be held in Poland from June 21st to July 1st. Medal events, competition format, and schedule definition will be outlined in the upcoming future.

3. Pan American Games 2023

Santiago, Chile, will host the Pan American Games in 2023 from October 20th to November 5th. The Games will serve as the qualification event to Paris 2024 for the Pan American Member Federations for both Boulder & Lead and Speed, featuring 72 athletes.

c. Other Multi-Sport Games

1. World Games 2022

The World Games in Birmingham, USA, grants Sport Climbing exposure to National Olympic Committees and new audiences, and at the same time facilitates collaboration between IFSC and its Member Federations, and Olympic stakeholders and service providers. Sport Climbing will be featured with 3 single disciplines across three days (14th to 16th of July), in a shared venue with other sports.

2. EC Munich 2022

The European Championships in Munich, Germany will see four Sport Climbing medal events per gender (Lead, Boulder, Speed, Boulder & Lead) from the 11th to the 18th of August.

13. EVENTS

This point was addressed in the first day of the General Assembly, on Friday, March 18th.

a. 2021 Season report

All competitions in Asia except for Japan were cancelled due to the pandemic, but 2021 was a successful year nonetheless, after a difficult 2020. In addition to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, events held were the IFSC World Championships and IFSC Youth World Championships, 3 Paraclimbing World Cups and several World Cup events for all three disciplines. 2021 also saw the implementation of the IFSC catalogue on holds, macros and volumes, enhanced investment in paraclimbing, and a positively received test of a boulder mixed team competition.

b. National Team Trophies

National Team Trophies for the IFSC Climbing World Cup Series 2021 are presented to Japan achieving first place, the USA coming in second, and Slovenia, closing the podium in third place.

c. Sustainability Award

The sustainability activities run by IFSC in accordance with its Sustainability Guidelines are presented. The Sustainability Award is bestowed by the President upon the Member Federations of Austria (KVÖ), France (FFME), Slovenia (PZS), Switzerland (SAC) and the USA (USAC), acknowledging their commitment as event organisers to a sustainable event strategy.

d. 2022 Season preview and beyond

The General Assembly is informed on the 2022 calendar. IFSC is working towards increasing the exposure of Sport Climbing in media and tv and to enlarge the spectating base by attracting non-climbing specialists as well. After receiving a request from the Paris 2024 Organising Committee and the IOC to increase the length of Speed qualifications, to create a more appealing event, a test was run in France with the presence of athletes from the French national team and IFSC staff and technical delegates. The feedback collected was positive and work on this area is ongoing. Member Federations are encouraged to work together with IFSC to identify strategic locations for IFSC events, attracting municipalities and investors. 2023 competition organising Member Federations present their respective events.

14. SPORT

a. CUWR

The Continuously Updated World Rankings (CUWR) that ranks athletes through a sum of the points awarded to them in their 6 best results in the previous 12-month period. The top 10 athletes in the CUWR will gain pre-qualification to IFSC World Cups, and the points gained by a Member Federation's athletes in 2022 will determine its quota in IFSC World Cups. In the future it is being envisaged to include all senior IFSC events in the CUWR, to create a second layer of development events between national events and World Cups for athletes, officials, and event organisers.

b. Sport Equipment

The IFSC Sport Department is working to improve the quality of equipment in competitions, to ensure safety and fairness of conditions. In this sense, giving the status of official sport equipment in the Catalogue of Holds, Macros and Volumes will support event organisers and create a stronger link between Sport Climbing and the private manufacturing sector. There has been an improvement in the quality of equipment in IFSC events in the last year. Concerning Speed, the objective will be to enlarge the pool of manufacturers of automatic timing systems, walls, holds, and auto-belays. Other projects will tackle measuring friction on wall panels, boulder and lead timers, and safety gear.

c. Other updates

The IFSC Result System, through the Vertical Life platform, will collect data and competition results to create a database from which it will be possible to produce statistics to display on the IFSC website and during broadcasting.

15. DEVELOPMENT

a. 2021 report of activities

The Routesetters' Diversity Programme was initiated to allow for a larger and more diverse (gender and nationality) pool of routesetters. Also carried out was the Women Lead Sports Programme, aiming at giving women more communication and leadership tools and enhance their participation in IFSC and Member Federations.

b. 2022 planned activities and beyond

IFSC Research and Development, together with the Commissions, is working to bring forward input relating to officials' education and evaluation, and to development of athletes and coaches. Furthermore, IFSC is looking to create a process to support Member Federations with Olympic Solidarity activities. A survey is foreseen in 2022 to accommodate the request to evaluate the different sizes and models embodied by IFSC's Member Federations, which will serve several purposes, including membership fees and tailored development programmes.

16. MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION

a. Report of BMI study and other activities

Special attention is given to issues associated with Relative Energy Deficiency in Sports (RED-S), as climbing is weight-sensitive, and some athletes may reduce mass to gain a competitive advantage. Excessive dieting, however, may lead to severe health consequences. Efforts to tackle RED-S will be extended in the 2022 season: firstly, a scientific anthropometric study will be carried out during the Innsbruck Boulder and Lead World Cup in June accompanied by an education workshop for coaches and athletes, secondly, regular BMI/MI measurements will be taken at all IFSC events, with information and recommendations given to athletes within the fixed observation frame and to their federations. Athletes resulting below the parameters set by the Medical Commission will have to provide a documentation proving their good health.

b. Anti-doping activities report

The new World Anti-Doping Code entered into force on January 1st, 2021, supported by a new set of International Standards and extensive guidelines relating to technical topics. The World Anti-Doping Agency approved the new IFSC Anti-Doping Rules

implementing the new requirements, and IFSC has contracted the International Testing Agency’s (ITA) services to support its anti-doping activities.

17. SPORT AND TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

a. Report of activities

The meeting in Torino on November 30th, 2021, allowed each commission to set a roadmap for the priorities and projects for 2022, followed by a plenary session with the chairmen of each commission, athletes, and technical delegates. The main areas focused upon by the Rules, Routesetters, Coaches, and Judges Commissions are presented.

18. ATHLETES’ COMMISSION

a. Report of activities

The Commission provides a channel for communication between athletes and the Executive Board, while also supporting IFSC in developing the sport, monitoring the health of all athletes, and in the fight against doping. In this sense, athletes have actively participated in working groups and discussions on these topics with the Boulder & Lead Working Group, with the Medical and Anti-Doping Commission, and with the Sport Department.

19. PARACLIMBING COMMITTEE

a. 2021 Season and new classification system

The process of adaptation of the IFSC Rules to the International Paralympic Committee requirements for Paraclimbing is ongoing, and 2021 saw 3 World Cups and the World Championships. Positive developments were the increase of the number of Member Federations sending teams to events, the growth of para-routesetting interest, the rise of livestream audience, and the upgraded results system. Concerning classification of physical impairment, the new Classification Rules published and applied in 2021 are the first step towards Paraclimbing being more in line with the IPC rules. For classification of visual impairment, all parasports follow IBSA Classification Rules, and IFSC reached out to have IBSA-certified classifiers in two events. The 2022 season will see three World Cups and revised Classification Rules.

b. Vote to ratify the new members of the Paraclimbing Committee [Ref. 19.b_2022_IFSC_GA_Paracimbing_Committee_TBA]

The new members are: Jamie Vardy (GBR), Coaches’ Representative; Lara Huisman (NED), Classifier; Ziva Petrin (USA), Classifier.

Vote to ratify the new members of the Paraclimbing Committee						
Total Possible Votes: 38						
Blank Votes: 5						
In favour	33	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

c. Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games and next steps

The application to include Paraclimbing in the 2028 Los Angeles Paralympic Games is in preparation and will be submitted to the IPC, with a decision expected towards January 2023.

20. COMMUNICATIONS

a. 2022-2024 Communications strategy

The IFSC Communications Department intends to develop and implement an integrated digital strategy that enables IFSC to engage with, grow, and inspire its cross-platform audiences not only in connection to events but also during out-of-competition periods. The new strategy, of which several aspects still must be defined, will combine events, the Olympic journey, and the most compelling institutional activities that showcase the IFSC brand and values.

b. 2021 Annual report

The numbers of users and visits on the IFSC website and of fans on social media grew considerably in 2021, compared to the difficult pandemic-stricken 2020. Contents posted on the website and on the various social media platforms also saw an increase, as did the presence of Sport Climbing in global media. Physical copies of the IFSC Annual Report 2021 will be distributed to this year’s General Assembly delegates and made available to media representatives at IFSC events, in addition to being digitally published on the IFSC website.



c. The Olympic Journey

The photobook celebrating the debut of Sport Climbing on the Olympic stage will be distributed to athletes, team officials, technical officials, staff members of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, IFSC General Assembly delegates, and to authorities meeting with IFSC leadership.

21. TV & MARKETING

a. 2023-2028 Marketing strategy

The four priorities of IFSC will be to build a solid marketing strategy, attract and retain partners complementing the values of Sport Climbing, increase coverage of events, and own the production and distribution of IFSC broadcast content.

b. Sponsorships: current status and strategy

In addition to attracting new sponsors, the strategy will be to involve current sponsors in growing sport awareness and in developing programs supporting athletes and the Sport Climbing community. The structure of the Synca/Dentsu team in charge of the IFSC sponsorship is presented.

c. Broadcasters: current status and strategy

2021 saw nearly 30 media deals struck worldwide, and the continuation of the distribution of IFSC-produced monthly 26-minute highlight programs to broadcasters. The IOC TV Report for Tokyo 2020 was favourable for Sport Climbing, and achieving more medals, athletes, and nations in future Games should lead to better results. The strategy going forward will be to continue contacting major broadcasters to augment the presence of Sport Climbing in TV during and leading up to the Olympics, increase the broadcast hours, and enhance audience interest with more attractive production. A three-year agreement covering all world cups and the 2023 World Championships has been concluded between IFSC and Discovery/Eurosport, the 2nd biggest Olympic broadcaster reaching 56 countries worldwide, starting in 2022.

22. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

a. Peace & Sport

The President reads a message from IFSC Honorary Member Paola Gigliotti, on the past and current developments in this area.

b. CAC update

Executive Board Member and CAC Trustee Shauna Coxsey reports on the activities of the Climbers Against Cancer charity. While 2021 was affected by the pandemic, two donations were made to two associations in Germany and Spain, and CAC was able to attend events. 2022 has seen great support from sponsors and renewed interaction with the climbing community, with three donations are planned towards foundations in Switzerland, Belgium, and Italy.

23. CLOSING REMARKS

The President announces that calls will be scheduled to maintain efficient communication between the Executive Board and Member Federations in order to share information, gather feedback, and confront questions. The President also thanks IFSC staff and consultants, and USAC for the organization of the General Assembly.

24. FUTURE MEETINGS

a. 2023 General Assembly – Singapore

b. 2024 General Assembly – TBD

The meeting is adjourned at 15:15 local time.