



**XXI IFSC GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**22-23 MARCH 2024**  
**ICON HOTEL – SANTIAGO, CHILE**

**MINUTES**

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JPN	Seiichiro Simon Maru	JMSCA
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TPE	Ho Szu-Yi, Chu Li-An	CTAA
TUR	Ersan Başar	TMF
UGA	Brandon Katura	UFSC
UKR	Serik Kazbekov	UMCF
USA	Kate Di Pietro, Marc Norman, Anne-Worley Moelter	USAC
VEN	Osdaly Haché-Sosa	FEVED

\* Attended remotely.



Approved on 11 April 2025

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024, 09:00-17:00 UTC-3

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 1.1 Members present

It is noted that with remote participation, the 'Total Possible Votes' may vary.

	BEFORE MEMBERSHIP RATIFICATION	AFTER MEMBERSHIP RATIFICATION
IFSC MEMBERSHIP	96	99
IFSC MEMBERS PRESENT (TOTAL POSSIBLE VOTES)	60 (47 in person + 3 proxies)	64 (50 in person + 3 proxies)

### 1.2 Enforcement of Article 8.4 of the Statutes

All Members registered and present during the XIX IFSC General Assembly are in good standing with Article 8.4 of the IFSC Statutes, except for the Cambodia Climbing Federation (CCF), registered for remote participation, who has been suspended. The CCF is able to follow the General Assembly but not to exercise its right of vote.

### 1.3 Appointment of tellers

Tellers are appointed by the President to oversee the voting operations. The appointed tellers are Burgi Beste (GER) and Frederik Ramskov (Assembly Voting).

## 2. WELCOME OF AUTHORITIES

IFSC President Marco Scolaris welcomes on stage Ms Loreto Santa Cruz, General Manager of the Chilean Olympic Committee. The President of the Chilean Olympic Committee, Mr Miguel Angel Mujica, addresses the General Assembly in a video message. A video message by IOC President, Thomas Bach, addressing IFSC and its Members, is played.

## 3. MINUTES

### 3.1 Vote to approve the Minutes of the XIX IFSC General Assembly, 31 March-1 April 2023 [Ref. 3.1\_2024\_IFSC\_XXI\_GA\_Minutes\_2023\_GA\_Singapore\_v3\_TBA]

Vote to approve the Minutes of the XIX IFSC General Assembly, 31 March-1 April 2023						
Total Possible Votes: 58						
Blank Votes: 10						
In favour	47	Against	0	Abstained	1	APPROVED

### 3.2 Vote to approve the Minutes of the XX IFSC Extraordinary General Assembly, 31 October 2023 [Ref. 3.2\_2024\_IFSC\_XXI\_GA\_Minutes\_2023\_EGA\_v3\_TBA]

Vote to approve the Minutes of the XX IFSC Extraordinary General Assembly, 31 October 2023						
Total Possible Votes: 58						
Blank Votes: 10						
In favour	46	Against	0	Abstained	2	APPROVED

## 4. MEMBERSHIP

### 4.1 Harmonisation of former Continental Members to Statutes

Following the adoption of the IFSC Statutes at the Extraordinary General Assembly of 31 October 2023, the former membership categories have ceased to exist in favour of a unique membership category. To maintain former Continental Members in the IFSC, the IFSC Executive Board has provisionally approved these Federations as IFSC Members: Algeria (FASSM), Armenia (AAC),



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Belarus (BAF) – the BAF remains suspended –, Bosnia and Herzegovina (PSBIH), Estonia (ECA), Jordan (JCF), Kyrgyzstan (FMRICK), Macau, China (MFMC), Rwanda (RSCF), Senegal, Sri Lanka (NACMSL), Uganda (UFSC), Uzbekistan (FMCU).

### **Vote to ratify the harmonisation of the former Continental membership in compliance with the Statutes**

Total Possible Votes: 58						
Blank Votes: 7						
In favour	50	Against	0	Abstained	1	APPROVED

#### 4.2 BOLIVIA

Following the disinterest in Sport Climbing expressed by the Federación Boliviana de Ski y Andinismo (FEBSA) and continued inactivity, the IFSC Executive Board voted in favour of terminating their IFSC membership in July 2023.

### **Vote to ratify the termination of the Federación Boliviana de Ski y Andinismo as IFSC Member representing Bolivia**

Total Possible Votes: 58						
Blank Votes: 6						
In favour	49	Against	1	Abstained	2	APPROVED

In July 2023, the Comité Boliviano de Escalada Deportiva (CBED) submitted a request of admission as IFSC Member.

### **Vote to ratify the admission of the Comité Boliviano de Escalada Deportiva (CBED) as IFSC Member representing Bolivia**

Total Possible Votes: 58						
Blank Votes: 6						
In favour	51	Against	0	Abstained	1	APPROVED

#### 4.3 FIJI

In June 2023, Sport Climbing Fiji (SCF), communicated to IFSC the decision of its Board to terminate their IFSC membership.

### **Vote to ratify the request of membership termination submitted by Sport Climbing Fiji (SCF)**

Total Possible Votes: 58						
Blank Votes: 6						
In favour	48	Against	0	Abstained	4	APPROVED

#### 4.4 GUAM

In September 2023, the Guam National Federation of Sport Climbing (GNFSC) submitted a request of admission as IFSC Member.

### **Vote to ratify the admission of the Guam National Federation of Sport Climbing (GNFSC) as IFSC Member representing Guam**

Total Possible Votes: 58						
Blank Votes: 5						
In favour	51	Against	0	Abstained	2	APPROVED

#### 4.5 HONG KONG, CHINA

In February 2024, the Hong Kong, China Federation notified IFSC of the name change of their organisation.

### **Vote to ratify the name change from China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited (CHKMCU) to Hong Kong, China Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited (HKCMCU)**

Total Possible Votes: 58						
Blank Votes: 6						
In favour	49	Against	0	Abstained	3	APPROVED

#### 4.6 JORDAN



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In October 2023, the Jordanian Federation notified IFSC of the name change of their organisation.

<b>Vote to ratify the name change from Jordan Federation of Sport Climbing (JFSC) to Jordan Climbing Federation (JFC)</b>						
Total Possible Votes: 58						
Blank Votes: 4						
In favour	52	Against	0	Abstained	2	<b>APPROVED</b>

### 4.7 NIGERIA

In September 2023, Sport Climbing Nigeria (SCN) submitted a request of admission as IFSC Member.

<b>Vote to ratify the admission of Sport Climbing Nigeria (SCN) as IFSC Member representing Nigeria</b>						
Total Possible Votes: 58						
Blank Votes: 3						
In favour	54	Against	1	Abstained	0	<b>APPROVED</b>

### 4.8 PALESTINE

In February 2024, the Palestine Social Sports Climbing Club Association (PCA) submitted a request of admission as IFSC Member.

<b>Vote to ratify the admission of the Palestine Social Sports Climbing Club Association (PCA) as IFSC Member representing Palestine</b>						
Total Possible Votes: 58						
Blank Votes: 3						
In favour	50	Against	1	Abstained	4	<b>APPROVED</b>

### 4.9 PORTUGAL

In September 2023, Sport Climbing Nigeria (SCN) submitted a request of admission as IFSC Member.

<b>Vote to ratify the name change from Federação Promotora de Escalada de Competição (FPME) to Federação Portuguesa de Escalada de Competição (FPME)</b>						
Total Possible Votes: 58						
Blank Votes: 6						
In favour	52	Against	0	Abstained	0	<b>APPROVED</b>

### 4.10 UKRAINE

In line with the decisions approved in 2022 and 2023, the EB decided to waive the 2024 fees for the Ukrainian federation (UMCF).

<b>Vote to ratify the Executive Board decision to waive the 2024 fees (membership, licences, registrations, etc.) for the Ukrainian Federation (UMCF)</b>						
Total Possible Votes: 58						
Blank Votes: 4						
In favour	49	Against	0	Abstained	5	<b>APPROVED</b>

## 5. PRESIDENT ADDRESS

The President delivers an opening address to the General Assembly, welcoming all National Federation Delegates and setting the stage for the themes that will be tackled during the two days of meetings.

## 6. SECRETARY GENERAL REPORT

IFSC is half-way through its Strategic Plan 2020-2028, and the main achievements of the first half are outlined in the areas of events, development, governance, brand awareness, and promotion. The structure of IFSC underwent changes, with a growing staff in line with the increasing demands of being an Olympic IF; the updated organisational chart of the IFSC Office is presented.



Concerning IFSC's marketing strategy for 2025-2028, it is likely that the current model will be continued: to delegate marketing to an external agency while a dedicated department is gradually created. In conclusion, the GA is updated on the status of the new IFSC headquarters in Torino.

## 7. FINANCE

### 7.1 Report by the Treasurer

Bureaucratic issues which have delayed the renovation works of the new IFSC headquarters in Torino will be resolved soon. The creation of a subsidiary is not possible in an Olympic year and will be postponed to 2025. 2023 required the Executive Board to approve an increase in expenses, which resulted in an increase of the deficit: measures have been taken to address this in 2024.

### 7.2 Risk and Finance Commission report of activities

The Financial Regulations were updated to remain consistent with the IFSC Statutes and Organisational Chart, with the inclusion as annex of a delegation of authority for Continental Councils. Continental Presidents will now have signatory powers, in a joint signature with the IFSC President. The Commission carried out a financial and strategical analysis of IFSC events: (i) the financial burden on Local Organising Committees (LOCs) should not be increased excessively but there should be consistency in the delivery of services across events; (ii) cancellation penalties should be introduced to mitigate the risk; (iii) multi-year agreements should be signed for half of the events for each discipline, to improve event preparation and strengthen partnerships for both IFSC and LOCs.

### 7.3 Financial regulations update and vote to approve the Annex 2024 Executive Board Travel and Compensation Policy

The Financial Regulations and Annexes were updated to remain consistent with the IFSC Statutes and Organisational Chart. In view of the increasing commitment of Executive Board members, the recommendation is to review the EB compensation from 2024.

Vote to approve the Annex 2024 Executive Board Travel and Compensation Policy						
Total Possible Votes: 61						
Blank Votes: 4						
In favour	51	Against	1	Abstained	5	APPROVED

### 7.4 Presentation and vote to approve the 2023 Audit and Financial Statements: discharge of the Treasurer and of the Executive Board

The 2023 Audit and Financial Statements are presented as consolidated, including the statements of the Continental Councils, and were audited by EY S.p.A., external auditing firm who received the 4-year mandate from the GA in 2021. Representing EY S.p.A., Ms. Eugenia Salomone presents a summary of the audit procedures, which resulted in no issues being identified.

Vote to approve the 2023 Audit and Financial Statements: discharge of the Treasurer and of the Executive Board						
Total Possible Votes: 61						
Blank Votes: 7						
In favour	52	Against	0	Abstained	2	APPROVED

### 7.5 Presentation and vote to approve the 2024 provisional budget

The 2024 Provisional Budget, which includes that of IFSC and of the Continental Councils, focuses on the preparation and delivery of the Olympic Games Paris 2024. The overall expected profit of IFSC is estimated at EUR 159,000.

Vote to approve the 2024 Provisional Budget						
Total Possible Votes: 61						
Blank Votes: 4						
In favour	56	Against	0	Abstained	1	APPROVED

## 8. CONTINENTAL COUNCILS



## 8.1 IFSC Africa Report

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

## 8.2 IFSC Asia Report

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

## 8.3 IFSC Europe Report

IFSC Europe Secretary General Zoe Spriggins presents the report of activities for the European Council.

## 8.4 IFSC Oceania Report

IFSC Oceania President Naomi Cleary presents the report of activities for the Oceania Council.

## 8.5 IFSC Pan America Report

IFSC Research and Development Director Silvia Verdolini presents the report of activities for the Pan American Council.

## 9. ETHICS COMMISSION

### 9.1 Report of activities

The report is presented by Commission Chair Dagmawit Girmay Berhane. The Commission met in four occasions in 2023, of which twice for ad-hoc meetings to discuss a specific issue addressed to it by the EB, and once in 2024. The focus areas for the future will be to (i) conduct a regular review of the IFSC Code of Conduct; (ii) address EB requests on questions of ethical nature; (iii) reinforce the IFSC ethical framework with a dedicated professional in the 2024-2028 Olympic cycle.

## 10. DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

### 10.1 Report of activities

Two 2023 cases of potential misconduct under review were halted upon the resignation of the former Commission member. These will be resumed and finalised by the new members.

### 10.2 Vote to appoint the members of the Disciplinary Commission

The Members of the IFSC Disciplinary Commission proposed by the Executive Board are Loïc Timmermans (BEL), Seyed Mohammadali Abdollahi (IRI), and Elena Ceserani (ITA).

Vote to approve the appointment of Loïc Timmermans (BEL) as member of the Disciplinary Commission						
Total Possible Votes: 61						
Blank Votes: 2						
In favour	54	Against	1	Abstained	4	APPROVED

Vote to approve the appointment of Seyed Mohammadali Abdollahi (IRI) as member of the Disciplinary Commission						
Total Possible Votes: 61						
Blank Votes: 2						
In favour	38	Against	8	Abstained	13	APPROVED

Vote to approve the appointment of Elena Ceserani (ITA) as member of the Disciplinary Commission						
Total Possible Votes: 61						
Blank Votes: 1						
In favour	52	Against	1	Abstained	7	APPROVED

## 11. GOVERNANCE

### 11.1 Statutes

In the context of the Statutes review, the motion (passed) submitted by CHS on Article 11.2.6 foresaw the removal of the Vice President of Finance as a role appointed within the four VPs. This left the Statutes without a clear direction neither on the appointment nor the election of an officer with the mandate to oversee Finances. Following the consultation with some National



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Federations, IFSC received the feedback that the intention of the motion to Art. 11.2.6 was in fact to isolate the election of the Treasurer/VP for Finance and not to remove it. Therefore, the EB initially considered to amend the Statutes with an additional EB member, i.e. the Treasurer. After further consultations, following the advice of the IFSC legal counsel, this was judged not to be the best solution and the proposal was consequently withdrawn. This point shall be addressed by the future Executive Board.

### 11.2 Presentation and vote to approve the revised Nomination Committee Terms of Reference

Following the adoption of the new Statutes on 31 October 2023, the Terms of Reference of the Nomination Committee needed to be harmonised to reflect the changes for the General Elections of 2025.

Vote to approve the revised Nomination Committee Terms of Reference						
Total Possible Votes: 61						
Blank Votes: 3						
In favour	51	Against	2	Abstained	5	APPROVED

### 11.3 Presentation and vote to approve the revised Eligibility Criteria

Following the adoption of the new Statutes on 31 October 2023, the Eligibility Criteria were revised to reflect the changes for the General Elections of 2025 and saw the addition of criteria for Continental Board Members.

Vote to approve the revised Eligibility Criteria						
Total Possible Votes: 61						
Blank Votes: 0						
In favour	58	Against	1	Abstained	2	APPROVED

### 11.4 Presentation and vote to approve the Electoral Regulations

The Electoral Regulations were drafted ex novo due to the significant change in the composition of the EB as per the Statutes adopted in October. The Regulations were drafted by the IFSC Legal Counsel in line with the Statutes and provide for a clearer procedure around the submission of candidacies, campaigning, the organisation of the elections including the general look of the ballots, dispute resolution, etc.

Vote to approve the Electoral Regulations						
Total Possible Votes: 61						
Blank Votes: 1						
In favour	56	Against	2	Abstained	2	APPROVED

### 11.5 Presentation and vote to approve the revised IFSC Disciplinary Rules

The former 'IFSC Disciplinary and Appeals Rules' were updated to the current IFSC Disciplinary Rules. Internal appeals and references to the former Appeals Commission were removed and replaced with the referral to the Appeals Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne. In addition, anti-doping procedures shall be immediately referred to the CAS Anti-Doping Division.

Vote to approve the revised IFSC Disciplinary Rules						
Total Possible Votes: 61						
Blank Votes: 0						
In favour	61	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

## 12. SPORT

### 12.1 Impact and sustainability

Report of IFSC Vice President Wolfgang Wabel. IFSC is working, according to the Strategic Plan, to ensure events that are financially and ecologically sustainable, while still bringing Sport Climbing across the world. The ultimate target is to reduce operational emissions by 50% by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions by 2040. Business travel contribute up to two-thirds of

the IFSC carbon footprint, while purchased goods and services cover the remaining third. The future steps will be (i) continuing the work within the internal taskforce of collecting and analysing data and discuss viable action; (ii) updating and expanding the IFSC Sustainability Guidelines; (iii) holding a workshop of the internal taskforce in May 2024; (iv) updating the Strategic Plan 2020-28 with new sustainability targets; (v) including sustainability as a theme at the next Climbing Summit. IFSC is collaborating with several partners: Sporting Giants, Sports for Climate Action, and the United Nations Climate Change Global Climate Action.

#### 12.2 Paraclimbing Commission report of activities

Sebastian Depke (GER), Chair of the IFSC Paraclimbing Committee, addresses the General Assembly through a video message. The 2023 season saw the Paraclimbing World Cup Series consist of 3 events in Salt Lake City (USA), Innsbruck (AUT), and Villars (SUI), while the Paraclimbing World Championships in Bern, Switzerland was attended by 200 competitors and 17 titles awarded. The 2024 season will see the World Cup once more in Salt Lake City and Innsbruck, with a third event to be confirmed in Europe, as Villars will this year host the European Paraclimbing Championships. Discussions are ongoing with organisers over future multi-sport events, in particular with World Ability Sport over the Age Group Event and the Guttman Games. The IPC decision on the inclusion of Paraclimbing in the Paralympic Games LA 2028 is still pending. Work is continuing on the subjects of classification, rules, routesetting, event organisation and delivery, and the connection between athletes and coaches.

#### 12.3 2023 Season report

The 2023 season was very important. In addition to the IFSC Climbing and Paraclimbing World Cup Series, 2023 saw the World Championships in Bern, the continental Olympic Qualifiers in Rome (ITA), Jakarta (IND), Melbourne (AUS), and Pretoria (RSA), and the Pan-American Games in Santiago (CHI), which was included in the Olympic Qualification path.

#### 12.4 2024 Season preview

The main focus of the 2024 season will be the Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS) and the Olympic Games, with World Cups taking place from April to October, and the Youth World Championships to be held in Guiyang (CHN). The OQS will be held in Budapest (HUN) and Shanghai (CHN) and will feature Sport Climbing, Breaking, Skateboarding, and BMX. A total of 160 athletes (32 per gender for Speed, 48 per gender for Boulder & Lead) will compete to qualify for the Olympics. The structure of Paris 2024 Sport Climbing Team (LOC) is introduced and an event preview video narrated by Aurélie Merle, Paris 2024 Sports Director, is played. The look of the future Le Bourget Sport Climbing Venue is presented.

#### 12.5 2025-2028 Olympic Cycle Calendar and Event Strategy

The proposal is to carry out a slight adjustment of the 2025 Event Fees, taking into account the inflation rate and the rising costs for IFSC to maintain the same level of services.

Vote to approve the 2025 Events Fees						
Total Possible Votes: 61						
Blank Votes: 3						
In favour	44	Against	8	Abstained	6	APPROVED

The proposal is for a slight adjustment of the 2025 Athletes and Team Officials Fees, taking into account the inflation rate and the rising costs for IFSC to maintain the same level of services.

Vote to approve the 2025 Athletes and Team Officials Fees						
Total Possible Votes: 61						
Blank Votes: 3						
In favour	38	Against	12	Abstained	8	APPROVED

#### 12.6 World Ranking update

The IFSC World Ranking has been updated for 2025 quotas: the top 40 athletes will generate extra quota places by country, and the maximum quota has increased from 5 to 6 athletes per country/discipline/gender.

#### 12.7 World Championships event review

The future format of the World Championships will be based on the following principles: (i) openness to all NFs, with 2 athlete quotas per NF/discipline/gender; (ii) connection to the Continental Championships, with continental champions generating an



extra quota place by name; (iii) a portion of performance-based selection, to avoid excessive increase of athletes and maintain the event at a high level, with the top 40 of the 2024 World Ranking generating quota by NF; (iv) simple qualification system.

## 12.8 Youth World Championships event review

This point of the Agenda was not presented.

## 12.9 Age Categories review

The XIX IFSC General Assembly, Singapore 2023, decided to increase the minimum age to attend IFSC senior events from 2025. The proposal is to align the youth age categories with the senior age from 2025, to avoid international stress and high-performance training for very young athletes and prevent potential REDs problems. Therefore, the categories shall become U17/YB (15 and 16 years), U18/YA (17 and 18 years), U21/Jr (19 and 20 years).

Vote to approve the adjustment of age categories						
Total Possible Votes: 61						
Blank Votes: 2						
In favour	37	Against	20	Abstained	2	APPROVED

## 12.10 Other Sport updates

The IFSC sport equipment concept keeps moving forward, with the vision of opening IFSC recognition to multiple companies to stimulate competition and development, and provide NFs with choices between different products. Updates are presented on equipment for Speed and safety gears, where IFSC recently signed a contract with producer Trango. With regards to sport analytics and statistics, these are being further integrated in the IFSC Result Service with more details around athletes' performance and routesetter efficiency at IFSC events. Dedicated Boulder & Lead guidelines for routesetting were created, together with boulder labels. The 2025 World Games will see the Speed event with four lanes, project which is being developed by the Sport Event Commission, with the idea of potentially improving the show. In Boulder some improvements will be introduced for 2025 to address the significant dead time and the difficulty of spectators to understand who is winning: a point system instead of the current number and letter acronyms, and 8 finalists with 2 on stage simultaneously.

# 13. MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION

## 13.1 Athletes' Health and REDs Health Certification implementation

The REDs Policy was published and is accompanied by supporting documentation, providing explanations and more information on the medical basis and on the entire procedure. All data on athletes' health connected with the REDs Policy should begin to be collected from the first week of April on REDCap, a management system for clinical research which requires secure data collection that meets GDPR, HIPAA and other compliance standards. REDs prevention and education will be offered through an IOC course and through the climbing-specific FUEL Programme. The focus of the work of the Medical and Anti-Doping Commission will now be on (i) medical guidelines and the role of the IFSC Medical Delegate at events; (ii) multi-disciplinary review of the Transgender and DSD (differences of sexual development) Policy; (iii) injury prevention and surveillance; mental health and safeguarding; (iv) medical representatives both within (NFs in particular) and outside climbing. The aims and process of the 2022-2023 World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code Compliance Questionnaire, which IFSC had to submit to obtain WADA clearance, are explained.

## 13.2 Anti-Doping Education report

Education on anti-doping is one of the pillars of the system put in place by WADA, which emphasises prevention just as much as testing and sanctioning doping. Many cases of unintentional doping would be avoided by educating athletes and their support personnel. The anti-doping education activities carried out by IFSC in 2023 were 18 webinars organised by ITA (International Testing Agency), a booth and workshop set up at the Youth World Championships, and 5 e-learning courses on IFSC's World Climbing Academy platform. 2024 will offer other education opportunities: (i) the IF Webinar Series in May and June; (ii) a session dedicated to athletes in the registered testing pool; (iii) monthly webinars organised by ITA; (iv) a booth and a workshop at the Youth World Championships for athletes, support personnel, and parents/guardians; (v) e-learning on World Climbing Academy.

# 14. ATHLETES' COMMISSION

## 14.1 Report of activities



Elections were held online in August 2023 during the World Championships, with record numbers of candidates and voters. 4 new members were elected – Alannah Yip (CAN), Alex Khazanov (ISR), Miho Nonaka (JPN), Campbell Harrison (AUS) –, 2 members were elected for a second term – Janya Kazbekova (UKR), Kyra Condie (USA) –, and 3 members have left the Commission – Charlotte Durif (FRA), Kokoro Fujii (JPN), Gregor Vezonik (SLO) –. Athletes' Commission members were involved in key discussions with the other IFSC Commissions throughout 2023, year which also saw the first Athlete Forum at the World Championships that focused on representation, athletes' health, and communication. The aims for 2024 are defining the map of activities with IFSC and the Commissions, hold a second Athlete Forum, and establish an athlete representative for each NF to be the main point of contact with the IFSC Athletes' Commission.

The General Assembly is adjourned at 17:00 local time.

**SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2024, 9:00-15:00 UTC-3**

## 15. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

### 15.1 Members present

It is noted that with remote participation, the 'Total Possible Votes' may vary.

IFSC MEMBERS PRESENT (TOTAL POSSIBLE VOTES)	64 (50 in person + 3 proxies)
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## 16. MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

### 16.1 Media, Communications, and Marketing strategy

The strategy is multifaceted: (i) empower the visibility of NFs with easy ideas to start their own communication channels; (ii) rebranding of IFSC, started already with the launch of the new IFSC website; (iii) improve communication with NFs with post-event reports for organisers and marketing report for Commissions and NFs; (iv) more coverage for events; (v) mandatory use of uncopyrighted music at events while live production is active, to avoid huge revenue losses to IFSC due to YouTube demonetisation.

### 16.2 Media and Marketing Commission report of activities

The former TV & Marketing Commission and the Media Commission merged into the Media and Marketing Commission. The goal is to increase the revenues of IFSC events of the 2023-2028 period, and the focus areas to achieve this are the following: (i) entice national broadcasters to transmit IFSC events; (ii) help NFs grow their own marketing tools; (iii) develop marketing and media rights to augment the value of IFSC events; (iv) work to make event hosting more profitable; (v) make IFSC the global database for everything Sport Climbing; (vi) create new revenue streams from ticketing, merchandising, and hospitality.

The work carried out for new IFSC website is presented and some of the features explained. All IFSC social media platforms grew in the last year, especially Instagram and YouTube, the second of which saw the launch of the World Climbing Club format, providing exclusive behind-the-scenes content and interviews from events. Also of note is the first official Sport Climbing podcast, "IFSC Lounge", bringing together the top athletes and personalities in our community. Concerning continental development, a unique branding was designed for the 2024 European Continental Cups and a communication officer was hired to manage European events, model which could be reproduced for other Continental Councils. Finally, work is ongoing to reduce the impact of branding on event budgets with reusable modules and elements, and the World Up Newsletter continues to be prepared and sent to NFs to provide updates and details about IFSC and its activities.

## 17. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

### 17.1 2023 Olympic Solidarity report

Several activities in 2023 were organised with support from IFSC and Olympic Solidarity: athletes and coaches training and a Judges Level 1 Course in South America, the Universality Places Programme, development support to NFs (GRE, ISR, LTU), and technical courses (AUT, CYP, SLO, MKD). The expected activities in 2024 are coaches' clinics (ALG, CYP), routesetters' courses and clinics (Africa, Asia, Europe), judges' clinic (EST), training for athletes and routesetters (USA), a Coaches Forum (USA), the WISH (Women in Sport High Performance Pathway) Coaches mentorship, and the Routesetters Diversity Programme.



## 17.2 Officials' Pathway of Education

Following the NF request of IFSC guidance and support on development of officials and their education pathway in 2022, IFSC has worked towards this objective. 2023 saw the preparation of the new system with consultations, pathway revision and the call for officials' applications, 2024 is focused on first implementation of the system, with 2025 to be the year of confirmation of the system. Further development and improvements will be integrated in parallel all along the process. The judges' pathway and the routesetters' pathway are presented in detail. An independent body of evaluation, in substitution of previous sole reliance on peer-reviews, shall review the work of officials objectively to improve the standard and ensure the same level across all competitions.

## 17.3 World Climbing Academy

The breadth of the education courses and information available on the IFSC online learning platform World Climbing Academy is presented, touching every important aspect of the sport: athletes, coaching, sport administration, judging, routesetting, safety and equipment, and paraclimbing. Special attention is given to updates regarding coaching programmes (Coaches Level 4 Course and the coaches' clinic), and to the WISH programme.

## 17.4 Other Research and Development activities

A number of research projects on Sport Climbing have been brought to IFSC for support, focused on: (i) understanding risk-taking and precautionary behaviours development and representation among (high-level) young sport climbers; (ii) the elements which make for a robust talent development pathway at the elite level; (iii) the impact of stressors on athletic performance; (iv) analysing performance under stress.

Following the 2022 NF consultation on governance, finance, and development, IFSC put several measures in place tailored to address the areas that resulted less covered. A second NF consultation will be carried out in 2024, with assessment focusing on governance, administration, marketing and communication, participation, performance, and events.

## 18. NF FORUM

### *The Role of Sport in Society*

The General Assembly reflects and discusses first on what the role of sport in general is in society when faced with geopolitical issues, and consequently on how IFSC is expected to act when these geopolitical and sustainability issues reach the international level.

## 19. FUTURE MEETINGS

19.1 III Climbing Summit, 6-7 December 2024

19.2 XXII IFSC General Assembly – Cyprus 2025

## 20. CLOSING REMARKS

The President thanks the Chilean Federation and the IFSC staff and consultants for the organisation of the General Assembly, and hopes to see all delegates in Cyprus in 2025.

The meeting is adjourned at 15:00 local time.