



To the National Federations and Delegates of the IFSC,

On behalf of the Belgian Olympic and Interfederal Committee, the National Olympic Committee of Belgium, we have the pleasure to express our support for Tijl Smitz in his candidacy for the presidency of the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC).

Tijl has been an integral part of the Sport Climbing community for nearly two decades, contributing at every level—from athlete and coach to event organizer and international leader. His deep understanding of the sport, combined with his strategic mindset and dedication to good governance, makes him an excellent candidate to lead the IFSC into its next chapter.

Under his leadership, Sport Climbing in Belgium and Europe has grown significantly, with stronger athlete development, improved event structures, and enhanced collaboration between national federations. His commitment to transparency, inclusivity, and sustainability aligns with the highest standards of international sports governance, as requested by the international sports movement.

As the IFSC stands at a pivotal moment, Tijl brings a clear vision, strong leadership, and a collaborative spirit that will ensure the continued growth of Sport Climbing worldwide. He understands the importance of balancing the sport's Olympic aspirations with its grassroots development, ensuring opportunities for all climbers, from youth programs to elite athletes.

We are confident that, under his leadership, the IFSC will be ready to face the challenges of the future while staying true to the values of the sport.

We wholeheartedly endorse Tijl Smitz for the presidency of the IFSC and encourage all member federations to support his candidacy.

Sincerely,

Jean-Michel Saive
BOIC President