



To National Olympic Committees

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**Subject**

Letter of Support Joachim Driessen

Dear Presidents and Secretary Generals,

Following the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) call for nominations for the IFSC Executive Board, I have the pleasure to confirm the wholehearted support of the Netherlands Olympic Committee \* Netherlands Sports Confederation (NOC\*NSF) for the Dutch candidate, Mr Joachim Driessen.

Joachim is a visionary leader who has played a pivotal role in transforming sport climbing in the Netherlands from a relatively niche activity into a highly competitive discipline with serious recognition and support at the national level. Under his stewardship, the sport has grown significantly, earning the status of a recognized top sport within NOC\*NSF. His strategic insights, combined with his unwavering commitment, have been crucial in raising the profile of sport climbing and elevating it to new heights.

As President of NOC\*NSF, I have had the privilege of working closely with Joachim over the years, and I have witnessed firsthand his exceptional leadership, passion for sport climbing, and his invaluable contributions to the development of the sport.

I have no doubt that Joachim will bring the same level of dedication, integrity, and vision to a position in the IFSC as he has demonstrated in his role within the Netherlands Olympic Committee \* Netherlands Sports Confederation (NOC\*NSF).

We, therefore, fully support his candidacy and would appreciate if you consider to encourage your national sports climbing federation to joining our efforts and also support his candidacy.

Thank you for your consideration and please accept my humble regards.

With kind regards,

NOC\*NSF

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