



## XXII IFSC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11-12 APRIL 2025

GOLDEN BAY HOTEL – LARNACA, CYPRUS

### MINUTES

Approved on 23 April 2026

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IND	Kiruthi Praveen Kumar Pais	IMF
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IRL	Jackie Newton	MI

IRQ	Riyadh Abdulabbas Atiyah Alzuabidi (remote)	ICF
ISL	Benedikt Ofeigsson (remote)	ICA
ISR	Refael Cohen, Rotem Jacobs	ILCA
ITA	Davide Manzoni	FASI
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KOS	Arianit Nikci	KMSCF
KSA	Yasmin Gahtani	SCHF
KUW	Bashar Al Huneidi	KCC
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LTU	Milda Korevaitė-Zaicevienė, Goda Jarasunatė	LFSC
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MAR	Farid Bouserhan, Hicham Ait Ouarchikh	FRMSSM
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PLE	Hiba Shaheen, Thaer Sharaf, Abd Alnasser Dalloul	PCA
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TPE	Ho Szu-Yi	CTAA
TUR	Ali Şenkaynağ, Başar Zeki Kırnık (remote)	TMF
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To be approved

FRIDAY 11 APRIL, 09:00-17:00 (GMT +2)

A test vote is conducted to ensure that all delegates can participate in voting. The Assembly Voting operator explains the voting procedure and the voting platform functions.

1. CALL TO ORDER

It is noted that with remote participation, the 'Total Possible Votes' may vary. Kristiina Toots (EST) and Mohd Akbal Amin Asain (MAS) are designated as the two tellers. The two tellers will sit with the Assembly Voting operator during every vote to ensure the vote is conducted correctly.

There are 67 NFs present in person, 11 via proxy, and 10 from remote, for a total of 88 registered members.

All the members participating are in good standing and therefore hold voting rights.

2. WELCOME OF AUTHORITIES

The Deputy Mayor of Larnaca, Mr. Iasonas Iasonides, is welcomed to the stage to address the General Assembly in Larnaca, CYP. Mr. Giannos Photiou, the Treasurer of the Cyprus Olympic Committee, is welcomed to the stage to address the General Assembly. Mr. Angelos Angelides, a representative from the Cyprus Ministry of Education, gives a welcoming message to all delegates. A video message by the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Thomas Bach, addressing IFSC and its Members is played, followed by another video message from the President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), Andrew Parsons.

3. MINUTES [Ref. Document 3.1\_2024\_IFSC\_XXI\_GA\_Minutes\_v2\_TBA]

3.1. Vote to approve the minutes of the XXI IFSC General Assembly, 22-23 March 2024 [Ref. 3.1\_2024\_IFSC\_XXI\_GA\_Minutes\_v2\_TBA]

Vote to approve the Minutes of the XXI IFSC General Assembly, 22-23 March 2024						
Total Votes: 61						
In favour	61 (100%)	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

The Minutes of the XXI IFSC General Assembly, 22-23 March 2024, are approved.

4. MEMBERSHIP [Ref. Document 4\_2025\_IFSC\_GA\_Membership\_Report]

4.1. DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Admission of the Congolese Federation:

In May 2024, the Congolese Climbing Federation (Fédération Congolaise d'Escalade Sportive – FCES) submitted a request for admission as an IFSC Member. There are a few climbing facilities across the country, and FCES is in negotiations to have its first climbing wall built shortly.

Vote to ratify the admission of the Congolese Federation of Sport Climbing (FCES) as an IFSC Member representing the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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Total Votes: 71						
In favour	69 (97.18%)	Against	2 (2.82%)	Abstained	0	APPROVED

The Congolese Federation of Sport Climbing (FCES) is ratified as an IFSC member representing the Democratic Republic of the Congo by the General Assembly.



4.2. IRAQ

Admission of the Iraqi Federation:

In December 2024, the Iraqi Climbing Federation (ICF) submitted a request for admission as an IFSC Member. The ICF can rely on a climbing wall in Baghdad and is building another one, overseeing around 100 athletes aged from 14 to 22 years old, supported by 10 coaches and 4 judges.

Vote to ratify the admission of the Iraqi Climbing Federation (ICF) as an IFSC Member representing Iraq.

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Total Votes: 71						
In favour	69 (97.18%)	Against	0	Abstained	2 (2.82%)	<b>APPROVED</b>

The Iraqi Climbing Federation (ICF) is ratified as an IFSC member representing Iraq by the General Assembly.

4.3. CAMBODIA

Name change notification for the Cambodian Federation from the “Cambodia Climbing Federation (CCF)” to “Cambodia Climbing and Hiking Federation (CCHF)”.

4.4. BRAZIL

Name change notification for the Brazilian Federation from “Brazilian Association of Sport Climbing (ABEE)” to “Brazilian Confederation of Sport Climbing (CBEscalada)”.

4.5. KYRGYZSTAN

Name change notification for the Kyrgyz Federation from “Federation of Mountaineering Rock and Ice Climbing of the Kirgiz Republic (FMRICK)” to “Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation of the Kyrgyz Republic (MSCFKR)”.

5. ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

The President delivers an opening address to the General Assembly, with the highest participation ever, welcoming all National Federation Delegates, reflecting on the journey of Sport Climbing over the past years, and setting the stage for the themes that will be tackled during the two days. He declares the exciting successes the sport has achieved, from the inclusion in the LA28 Paralympic Games, to the third medal and quota increase for the LA28 Olympic Games, as just a few days earlier, Sport Climbing is the only sport in the programme to benefit from a double growth.

6. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The Secretary General, Mrs. Debra Gawrych, and the General Director, Mr. Piero Rebaudengo, jointly present their report. This provides a comprehensive overview of the evolution of the IFSC from 2019 to 2025, covering key areas such as Sport, Marketing & Communications, Governance, Human Resources, and Development.

The Strategic Planning process for 2020-2028 commenced in 2019 and received approval from the General Assembly in 2020. This period also saw the restructuring of the Media and Communications Department.

With the Olympic Cycle concluding after Paris 2024, a summary of the past four years is presented, highlighting operating revenues, the distribution of operating costs, and Human Resources. According to the Strategic Plan, Human Resources will continue to expand, with a focus on Sales & Marketing, Sport & Continental Support, Para Climbing, Information Technology, and Development. Significant progress has been made on the new headquarters in Torino, with notable developments occurring in recent months.

An overview of the implementation of projects and areas discussed and decided at the General Assembly Santiago 2024 is presented. These include Finance, Sport, and Governance. Some reflections on the NF Forum held in Santiago 2024, where National Federations were divided in four groups to discuss the value of sport, the autonomy of sport from politics, and the roles of athletes, National Federations (NFs), and the IFSC, are presented. It was unanimously agreed that the Olympic Games remain the goal, and the NFs expressed their trust in the Executive Board for guidance and answers on the issues addressed.

7. REPORT OF THE GENERAL DIRECTOR

The report of the General Director was made together with the Secretary General’s report.

**8. FINANCE [Ref. Folder 8. Finance]**

8.1. Report by the Treasurer

The two key achievements of the 2021-2024 cycle were:

- the membership programme with the annual membership fee relief, the membership fee waiver programme, the support to promote members’ inclusion in the decision-making process and the tailored development programmes;
- The securing of finances to purchase the new HQ in Torino.

8.2. Presentation of the Auditor and vote to approve the 2024 Audit and Financial Statements: discharge of the Treasurer and the Executive Board.

The 2024 Audited Financial Statements are presented as consolidated and audited by the independent firm, EY S.p.A., which received a four-year mandate from the General Assembly in 2021. The presentation covers the allocation of resources for 2024, including the Olympic Games, development, athletes, membership, the new headquarters, and brand awareness.

A representative from EY presents a summary of the auditing procedure.

Questions arise regarding the budget allocation for Para Climbing, Anti-Doping, athletes, and the decrease in development figures over the last two years. These questions are addressed by emphasising the goal of integrating Climbing and Para Climbing under a single budget. The decrease in development funds is attributed to the budget received from the IOC in preparation for Paris 2024, with more funds allocated in 2023 than in 2024.

Vote to approve the 2024 Audited Financial Statements.						
Total Votes: 73						
In favour	69 (94.52%)	Against	0	Abstained	4 (5.48%)	<b>APPROVED</b>

The 2024 Audited Financial Statements are approved.

8.3. Presentation and vote to approve the 2025 Provisional Budget.

The 2025 Provisional Budget is presented. Members raise questions about the amount allocated to Human Resources and development. The IFSC is working in accordance with the 2020-2028 Strategic Plan to achieve the objectives set forth, although this will depend on the availability of funds.

Vote to approve the 2025 Provisional Budget.						
Total Votes: 74						
In favour	69 (93.24%)	Against	0	Abstained	5 (6.76%)	<b>APPROVED</b>

The 2025 Provisional Budget is approved.

8.4. Vote to ratify the appointment of the independent Auditor for the year 2025 [Ref. 8.5\_2025\_Appointment\_External\_Auditor\_EY\_Proposal\_TBA]

In January 2025, EY S.p.A submitted their proposal for the appointment as independent auditors for the year 2025. This will be their last appointment as the same firm of auditors shall not be eligible for re-appointment after five (5) consecutive years.

Vote to ratify the appointment of the independent Auditor for the year 2025						
Total Votes: 73						
In favour	71 (94.67%)	Against	2 (2.67%)	Abstained	2 (2.67%)	<b>APPROVED</b>

EY is ratified as the independent auditor for the year 2025.

8.5. Risk and Finance Commission Report

An overview of the activities of the Risk and Finance Commission for the year is given, which focused on three main areas: the membership support programmes, cyber-risk prevention and other projects such as the membership application fee & meeting with the independent auditor.

**9. GENERAL AFFAIRS [Ref. Folder 9. General Affairs]**

9.1. Statutes [Ref. 9.1\_2025\_IFSC\_2023\_IFSC\_Statutes\_231031\_Approved\_PUBLIC – Amendment Draft;9.1\_2025\_IFSC\_Statutes\_Amendments\_Accompanying\_Document]

Vote to approve the proposed Statutes amendments related to IPC compliance and eSports.

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Total Votes: 75						
In favour	75 (100%)	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

Proposed Statutes amendments related to IPC compliance and eSports are approved.

9.2. Terms of Reference [Ref. 9.2\_2025\_IFSC\_TOR\_Commissions\_Accompanying\_Document]

9.2.1. Vote to approve the Terms of Reference of the Athletes’ Commission

The Terms of Reference of the Athletes’ Commission are presented with the key references highlighted.

Vote to approve the Terms of Reference of the Athletes’ Commission.						
Total Votes: 74						
In favour	74 (100%)	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

Terms of Reference of the Athletes’ Commission are approved.

Concerns are being raised regarding the eligibility criteria for the commission, specifically the requirement that athletes must not be convicted of anti-doping violations, match-fixing, or other serious offences. This requirement is part of the general provisions applicable to the Terms of Reference (ToRs) for all commissions.

1. Vote to approve Annex 2 – Terms of Reference of the Disciplinary Commission [Ref. 9.2\_2025\_IFSCTerms\_of\_Reference\_Annex2\_Annex3\_TBA]

The Terms of Reference of the Disciplinary Commission are presented. The Commission ensures the integrity and fairness within the IFSC by investigating misconduct (excluding Anti-Doping), issuing sanctions, resolving internal disputes, and recommending preventive measures. It operates confidentially and impartially, with five members (3 ordinary, including 1 Chair and 2 supplementary) appointed by the General Assembly, respecting gender balance and universality.

A question is raised regarding why the Chair of the Disciplinary Commission is appointed by the Executive Board rather than the Commission itself. It is clarified that this approach was recommended by the Disciplinary Commission itself, proposing that the Executive Board appoint the Chair of the Commission.

Vote to approve Annex 2 – Terms of Reference of the Disciplinary Commission.						
Total Votes: 77						
In favour	75 (97.40%)	Against	2 (2.60%)	Abstained	0	APPROVED

Annex 2 – Terms of Reference of the Disciplinary Commission is approved.

9.2.2. Vote to approve Annex 3 – Terms of Reference of the Ethics Commission [Ref. 9.2\_2025\_IFSCTerms\_of\_Reference\_Annex2\_Annex3\_TBA]

The updated Terms of Reference of the Ethics Commission are presented. The Commission safeguards ethical integrity within the IFSC by addressing ethical breaches and conflicts of interest, offering non-binding recommendations to the Executive Board. It remains an advisory body with investigative capacity and an independent outlook. Following revisions, overlaps with the Disciplinary Commission, especially in safeguarding, are clarified in these new ToRs. It consists of 3 to 5 members appointed by the General Assembly respecting gender balance and universality.

Vote to approve Annex 3 – Terms of Reference of the Ethics Commission.						
Total Votes: 77						
In favour	76 (98.70%)	Against	0	Abstained	1 (1.30%)	APPROVED

Annex 3 – Terms of Reference of the Ethics Commission is approved.

A comment is made to take note and report all the recommendations made by the Ethics Commission to the Executive Board, even the ones that are not followed by the Board.

9.3. Disciplinary Rules – Vote to approve the revised Disciplinary Rules.  
The revised Disciplinary Rules are presented.

Vote to approve the revised Disciplinary Rules.						
Total Votes: 79						
In favour	79 (100%)	Against	0	Abstained	0	<b>APPROVED</b>

Disciplinary Rules are approved.

**10. DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION**

10.1. Report of activities

Elena Ceserani presents on behalf of the Disciplinary Commission the report of activities of the Commission in 2024. The Commission handled 5 cases (2 pending from 2023 and 3 new complaints). Additionally, the Commission contributed to the Terms of Reference of the Commission and the Disciplinary Rules revision.

**11. ETHICS COMMISSION**

11.1. Report of activities

The Chair of the Ethics Commission presents the activities carried out in 2024. During the year, the Commission followed up on a safeguarding case, made a first revision of the Code of Conduct, and contributed to the development of the Terms of Reference for the Ethics Commissions.

In response to a question, it is clarified that there is currently no independent ethics office and safeguarding officer external to the IFSC due to its resources. All ethics cases are therefore referred directly to the Ethics Commission. This is part of the growth process of IFSC as an organisation: structural requirements and resources/competencies are still in development since the Ethics Commission was reformed in 2023. It is reminded that the Ethics Commission holds investigative powers to properly deliberate and give its recommendation to the Executive Board

**Awards:**

Before proceeding with the agenda, a moment is taken to express appreciation to the IFSC sponsors: Euroholds, Kailas, Trango and EP Climbing, followed by the presentation of awards to sponsors and National Federations in recognition of their contributions and achievements during the 2024Season.

The Continental Councils Report are moved after point 14. Sport of the Agenda.

**12. MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS**

12.1. Media and Communications updates

An update is provided on the IFSC’s Media and Communications activities in 2024. The presentation highlights developments across several key areas, including the official website, sponsorship agreements, television coverage, social media performance, and the rebranding of the IFSC to World Climbing.

12.2. Overview of IOC media data from Paris 2024

An overview of the IOC media data from Paris 2024 is provided. It is noted that 50% of the expected Olympic audience for Los Angeles 2028 will be watching the sport for the first time, underlining the importance of building audience engagement starting from now. Sport Climbing ranks among the top-performing sports in terms of average television audience and views across IOC platforms.

**13. SPORT**

Vice President KT introduces this point and expresses his gratitude following the success of the Olympic Games in Paris. The past year marks the busiest in IFSC history in terms of sport, as in addition to the regular calendar of events, Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS) competitions are delivered across all continents. Looking ahead, new challenges emerge with the inclusion of Para Climbing in the Paralympic Games Los Angeles 2028.

### 13.1.2024 Season Report

An overview of the 2024 Season is given, covering all Climbing and Para Climbing competitions.

### 13.2.Sport updates

#### 13.2.1. World ranking, rules update cycle 2025-2029

An update is provided on the release of the 2025–2028 rules, aimed at ensuring stability for National Federations throughout the upcoming Olympic cycle. The launch of the World Ranking for Para Climbing is also announced, alongside developments in the World Ranking for Climbing. These include incentives to establish a second tier of IFSC events, designed to serve as a development platform for athletes, officials, and local organising committees. The 2025 Continental Cups and the International Climbing Series are confirmed for inclusion in this expanded ranking structure.

#### 13.2.2. 2025 Season overview: format and event updates

The host of the 2025 IFSC World Championships is introduced, with a representative from the Korean Federation presenting the upcoming event in Seoul.

Updates are also provided on the competition formats across disciplines, including the introduction of the new Speed-4format.

#### 13.2.3. Official Sport Equipment

An update is provided on equipment developments, particularly in relation to the holds catalogue. New brands are required to support Continental Events for the first two years before becoming eligible for inclusion in the official IFSC catalogue. Updates are also shared on speed holds and auto-belays, aligning with the IFSC's strategic objective to expand the number of IFSC-recognised equipment brands.

#### 13.2.4. eSports

A presentation is delivered on the integration of eSports within IFSC governance, aligning with the IOC's endorsement of virtual and simulated sports. The initiative aims to engage younger audiences through digital platforms, offering potential benefits in attracting new climbers and unlocking new revenue and sponsorship opportunities.

Following the amendment of the statutes to include eSports, the next strategic steps include establishing partnerships with game developers, aligning with IOC ethics and governance standards, and maximising reach through activation and media engagement.

### 13.3.Olympic and Paralympic Games

#### 13.3.1. Paris 2024: key takeaways

Key takeaways of the Paris 2024 are presented with the high-standard and well-equipped venue facilities, the outstanding spectator experience, the technological enhancement of IFSC requirements, and the broadcasting success with the long-term collaboration with Olympic Broadcasting Services.

#### 13.3.2. YOG Dakar 2026 update

Sport Climbing will be featured in Dakar 2026 as part of the Games engagement programme, which differs from the competition programme. The focus will be on non-competitive, sport initiation and youth engagement activities.

#### 13.3.3. LA 2028: preparation for Olympic and Paralympic Games LA 2028

On 9 April 2025, the IOC and LA28 confirmed that Sport Climbing will feature three medal events – Speed, Lead, and Boulder – at the next Olympic Games, with a total of 76 athletes (38 men and 38 women). This marks a continued increase in athlete quota compared to previous editions, with 40 athletes and one medal event in Tokyo, and 68 athletes and two medal events in Paris.

In March 2025, the IOC released the Qualification System Principles, and IFSC will follow up on laying out the qualification pathway in the upcoming months. The process will follow the consultation of athletes and other stakeholders before being validated by the Executive Board.

For what concerns the Paralympic Games, the IPC requested to submit a draft programme of medal events, athlete quota, and schedule, which is pending the decision of the IPC expected in June 2025.

### 13.4.World Championships 2027 [Ref. Document 14.4\_2025\_IFSC\_WCH\_2027\_Evaluation]

Two candidatures were received: Beijing, CHN and Brno, CZE.

13.4.1. Bid presentation: WCH Beijing, CHN

The Beijing Delegation gives a presentation of their bid to host the IFSC World Championships 2027.

13.4.2. Bid presentation: WCH Brno, CZE

The Czech Delegation gives a presentation of their bid to host the IFSC World Championships 2027.

Vote to select the host city of the World Championships 2027

Vote to select the host city of the World Championships 2027			
Total Votes: 77			
Brno (CZE)	41 (53.25%)	Beijing (CHN)	36 (46.75%)
			<b>Brno (CZE)</b>

Brno (CZE) is selected as the host city for the World Championships 2027.

Questions and concerns are raised regarding several topics, including the budget and prize money allocated to athletes during events, the structure and purpose of the International Climbing Series, the role of hold manufacturers in supporting National Federations, the qualification pathway for Para Climbing at the Los Angeles 2028 Games, the development of eSports and the Human Resources dedicated to it, and the schedule for the 2025 World Championships in Seoul.

In response, it is clarified that the International Climbing Series is designed as a second-tier competition to support organisers in attracting international athletes. New hold brands are required to support Continental Events before being considered for inclusion in the IFSC catalogue, with the long-term aim of extending this requirement to National Events. The qualification process for Para Climbing will be determined once the IPC confirms the Sport Classes for LA28. Regarding the World Championships in Seoul, it is confirmed that the schedule cannot be modified due to associated costs.

**14. CONTINENTAL COUNCILS**

14.1. IFSC Africa Report

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

14.2. IFSC Asia Report

Akbal Amin, on behalf of Li Zhixin, presents the report of activities for the Asian Council.

14.3. IFSC Europe Report

IFSC Europe President Tjil Smitz presents the report of activities for the European Council.

14.4. IFSC Oceania Report

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

14.5. IFSC Pan America Report

IFSC Pan America Chair Willy Montenegro presents the report of activities for the Pan American Council.

**15. SUSTAINABILITY**

15.1. Report of the Sustainability Working Group

The report of the Sustainability Working Group for 2025 is presented, outlining the group’s efforts in alignment with the IFSC Strategic Plan and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The work focuses on key areas including Good Health and Well-Being, Gender Equality, Partnerships for the Goals, Climate Action, Responsible Consumption and Production, and Decent Work and Economic Growth.

**16. ATHLETES’ COMMISSION**

16.1. Report of activities

A presentation on the athletes and the athletes’ commission is given, promoting their place to be at the centre of activities and goals of the IFSC and its NFs.

The Para Climbing Commission report will be presented before the Medical and Anti-Doping report.

## 17. PARA CLIMBING COMMISSION

### 17.1. Report of activities

The Chair of the Para Climbing Commission Sebastian Depke, presents the report of activities, following the official inclusion of Para Climbing in the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games last June 2024. A proposal was submitted to the IPC earlier this year and is currently awaiting confirmation. The presentation also includes updates on classification rules, sport class regulations, and the 2025 season.

## 18. MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING

### 18.1. Report of activities

A report is presented on the activities of the relevant commission, with a strong focus on Relative Energy Deficiency in Sport (REDs). The initiative aims to raise awareness and protect athletes from the short- and long-term physical and mental health impacts associated with REDs. Starting in 2025, all athletes applying for an IFSC licence—including youth athletes—are required to complete a REDs questionnaire.

The report also highlights the establishment of a new subcommittee dedicated to nutrition in Climbing, and an ongoing research study exploring the relationship between mental well-being and athletic performance in the sport. Updates are also provided on Anti-Doping activities carried out in 2024.

Requests are raised to make the collected data available to National Federations for use in national-level events, for instance, and to revisit the topic of transgender participation in Climbing. It is noted that the latter will be addressed by the incoming Executive Board.

## 19. RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

### 19.1. Research and Development updates

An overview is provided of the work carried out during the last Olympic cycle and since the establishment of the Research & Development Department in 2022. The presentation includes the 2024 Olympic Solidarity (OS) projects, the allocation of OS funds between 2021 and 2024, the delivery of technical officials' courses and seminars, and the IFSC's investment in promoting gender equality and social responsibility.

The legacy of Paris 2024 is also highlighted, with the redistribution of holds used during the Games across all five continents to support development initiatives.

Questions are raised regarding the development of online courses as a more cost-effective alternative to in-person training, feedback from the Erasmus+ programme, and the role of National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in accessing OS funds. It is clarified that online courses are currently in development, with a broader framework required before their launch. It is also confirmed that there is no mechanism to bypass NOCs in the process of accessing OS funding.

*Close of Business Day.*



SATURDAY 12 APRIL, 09:00-13:00 (GMT +2)

## 20. CALL TO ORDER

A reminder of the voting process is given with a call to order of the present voting delegates for the day.

## 21. ELECTIONS [Ref. Folder 21. Elections]

### 21.1. Report of the Nomination Committee

The Chair and Members of the Nomination Committee are presented to the General Assembly.

The Chair of the Nomination Committee, Dagmawit Girmay Berhane, takes the floor to give an overview of the work of the Nomination Committee. The role of the Nomination Committee is to ensure a formal, rigorous and transparent process for nomination and presentation of candidates for IFSC Executive Board positions. As such, the Committee is competent to decide on all aspects of the electoral process, and its decisions are final. The process followed was strictly in line with the Terms of Reference of the Committee approved by the General Assembly, the IFSC Statutes and the Electoral Regulations. The Committee has evaluated the candidates for the positions of President, Vice President and Continental Board Members according to the eligibility criteria established by the General Assembly. A thorough report outlining the process, meetings, and findings was issued ahead of the General Assembly to all National Federations. All submissions except one were found to be qualified for election.

Concerning the process of the election, candidates will be presented by role, and in alphabetical order by last name. Each of them will give a presentation based on their allocated time. The time will be the same for candidates in each role (10 minutes for the President positions and 5 minutes for the Vice President and Continental Board Member positions). Exceeding the allocated time will not be allowed. In case of a tie between Candidates for one of the open seats, as per the IFSC Electoral Regulations 4.6, 4.7, 5.7 and 6.7, there will be an additional voting round between those who tied to determine the Candidate to be eliminated. In case of a further tie, the winner will be determined by way of a draw (Sections 10.10.2.3, 10.10.3.2, and 10.10.4.2 of the IFSC Statutes).

The Nomination Committee did not believe that Q&A was necessary since each NF had the opportunity to address the candidates, but it is noted that a Q&A is in line with members' expectations. A time for Q&A has therefore been considered and allocated for all candidates, 5 minutes for the President position and 3 minutes for the other positions, with no debate or follow-up questions. Each NF may ask a maximum of one question in each round of Q&A. It is clarified that the questions are to be clear and directly related to the candidates' vision, plans and role. It is confirmed that the allocated time for Q&A will also serve for NFs to state their position if they want to.

Following the Q&A, there will be a round of voting for each position, for a total of (minimum) three (3) voting rounds: one for the President, one for the Vice Presidents, one for the Continental Board Members.

A question is raised regarding the vote from 2023 that allowed the sitting president to run again (even if it is exceeding the 12-year limit), which required a 2/3 majority as per the IFSC Statutes and not a simple majority. It is clarified that this matter is beyond the Nomination Committee's scope of work.

The presidential candidate wishes to receive clarification from the legal counsel to avoid being penalised by the insinuation that he might not be eligible to run. It is reminded again that this is beyond the Nomination Committee's work, and regardless of the legal counsel's answer, the election will proceed. It is confirmed by the legal counsel that the 2023 vote is valid and that, in any case, a qualified majority has been reached. Therefore, this decision was validated and passed in 2023.

### 21.2. Presentation, Q&A, and vote to elect the IFSC Executive Board for the term 2025-2029

#### **President position:**

Each presidential candidate has the opportunity to address the General Assembly, presenting their plan and strategy for the next four-year term (2021-2025), following the alphabetical order with Marco Maria Scolaris going first and Tijn Smits going second.

#### **Marco Maria Scolaris (MMS):**

MMS starts presenting his vision, plan and strategy for the next term 2025-2029.

A question is raised regarding the transition plan for 2028, which will be one of the first topics that the newly elected Board will address, in collaboration with working groups composed of experts. A clarification is given that the Board does not decide but will make a proposal to the General Assembly.

**Tijl Smitz (TS):**

TS presents his vision, plan and strategy for the next term 2025-2029.

A question is raised on his vision for NFs and athletes in the next four years, which is helping and accompanying the NFs in terms of education and overall development. As for the athletes, have a competition structure where they can all grow and develop at their level.

Vote to elect the IFSC President for the term 2025-2029				
Total Votes: 83				
Marco Maria Sclaris (ITA)	48 (57.83%)	Tijl Smitz (BEL)	35 (42.17%)	<b>Marco Maria Sclaris</b>

Marco Maria Sclaris (ITA) is elected as President for the term 2025-2029.

**Vice President positions:**

Each Vice President candidate has the opportunity to address the General Assembly, presenting their plan and strategy for the next four-year term (2021-2025) following the alphabetical order: Jan Bloudek, Naomi Cleary, Joachim Driessen, Toru Kobinata, Anne-Worley Moelter and Pierre You.

**Jan Bloudek (JB):**

JB presents his plan and priorities if he were to be elected Vice President. One question is raised on how he will support new NFs, which he will do through a comprehensive study to know what the best strategy would be in terms of prioritisation of investment, and how the IF could help and accompany them.

**Naomi Cleary (NC):**

NC presents her plan and the goals the IFSC wants to reach in this new era in terms of governance, strategic plan, culture and operations. No questions are raised.

**Joachim Driessen (JD):**

JD presents his plan focusing on three themes: athletes, growth and governance. The question is raised on how he will support new NFs, which he thinks can be done in regions where a more developed federation could help the ones surrounding it.

**Toru Kobinata (KT):**

KT shares his journey and his goals for the future. No questions are raised.

**Anne-Worley Moelter (AWM):**

AWM shares her journey and experiences, and her vision for the future. Questions are raised on how she will support new NFs in their development, which should be done through enhanced communication and can also be done through mentorship programmes and templates.

**Pierre You (PY):**

PY presents his experience and vision for the future of the IFSC, especially in terms of Finance and Para Climbing. No questions are raised.

Vote to elect the IFSC Female Vice Presidents for the term 2025-2029				
Total Votes: 78				
Naomi Cleary (AUS)	78	Anne-Worley Moelter (USA)	77	<b>Naomi Cleary; Anne-Worley Moelter</b>

Naomi Cleary (AUS) and Anne-Worley Moelter (USA) are elected as Female Vice Presidents for the term 2025-2029.

Vote to elect the IFSC Male Vice Presidents for the term 2025-2029								
Total Votes: 78								
Toru Kobinata (JPN)	67	Jan Bloudek (CZE)	37	Pierre You (FRA)	37	Joachim Driessen (NED)	20	<b>Toru Kobinata</b>

Toru Kobinata (JPN) is elected as IFSC Male Vice President for the term 2025-2029.



Because of a tie between the candidates Jan Bloudek (CZE) and Pierre You (FRA) for the second open position of Vice President, a second round is introduced with the possibility of only choosing between the two candidates (Jan Bloudek and Pierre You).

Vote to elect the IFSC Male Vice Presidents for the term 2025-2029 – Second round – Selection between Jan Bloudek (CZE) and Pierre You (FRA)				
Total Votes: 81				
Pierre You (FRA)	41 (50.62%)	Jan Bloudek (CZE)	40 (49.38%)	<b>Pierre You</b>

Pierre You (FRA) is elected as the second IFSC Male Vice President for the term 2025-2029.

**Continental Board Member:**

Each Continental Board Member candidate has the opportunity to address the General Assembly, presenting their plan and strategy for the next four-year term (2021-2025) following the alphabetical order: Burghilda Beste, Stephane David, Guowei Li, Chris Naudé, Anthony Seah, and René Sepulveda.

**Burghilda Beste (GER):**

Burghilda Beste presents her plan as the candidate for the Continental Board Member from Europe position with her goals, approach and core topics.

No questions or comments on her presentation are made.

**Stephane David (NZL):**

Stephane David presents his plan as the candidate for the Continental Board Member from Oceania position with his journey within Sport Climbing, and his vision.

No questions or comments on his presentation are made.

**Guowei Li (CHN):**

Guowei Li addresses the General Assembly as one of the candidates for the Continental Board Member from Asia position, presenting his career and experiences, and his action programme.

No questions or comments on his presentation are made.

**Chris Naudé (RSA):**

Chris Naudé addresses the General Assembly as the candidate for the Continental Board Member from Africa position, presenting his journey and experiences within Sport Climbing.

No questions or comments are made.

**Anthony Seah (SGP):**

Anthony Seah addresses the General Assembly as the other candidate for the Continental Board Member from Asia position, presenting his career, involvement and experiences in Sport Climbing, as well as his vision for the future of the sport.

No questions or comments are made.

**René Sepulveda (PUR):**

René Sepulveda presents his path, implication and vision with Sport Climbing as the candidate for the Continental Board Member from Pan America position.

No questions nor comments are made.

Vote to elect the Continental Board Member from Africa		
Total Votes: 70		
Chris Naudé (RSA)	70 (100%)	<b>Chris Naudé</b>

Chris Naudé (RSA) is elected as Continental Board Member from Africa.

Vote to elect the Continental Board Member from Asia			
Total Votes: 77			
Li Guowei (CHN)	48 (62.34%)	Anthony Seah (SGP)	29 (37.66%)
			<b>Li Guowei</b>

Li Guowei (CHN) is elected as Continental Board Member from Asia.

Vote to elect the Continental Board Member from Europe		
Total Votes: 73		
Burghilda Beste (GER)	73 (100%)	<b>Burghilda Beste</b>

Burghilda Beste (GER) is elected as Continental Board Member from Europe.

Vote to elect the Continental Board Member from Oceania		
Total Votes: 75		
Stephane David (NZL)	75 (100%)	<b>Stephane David</b>

Stephane David (NZL) is elected as Continental Board Member from Oceania.

Vote to elect the Continental Board Member from Pan America		
Total Votes: 71		
René Sepulveda (PUR)	71 (100%)	<b>René Sepulveda</b>

René Sepulveda (PUR) is elected as Continental Board Member from Pan America.

21.3. Presentation and appointment of the members of the Disciplinary and Ethics Commission

**Nomination of the Disciplinary Commission for the term 2025-2029:**

A video presentation per nominee is played following the alphabetical order: Deana Labriola, Ursa Pirc, Achille Reali and Loic Timmermans.

It is mentioned that for family relations between the candidates and the delegates representing Slovenia and Belgium, the Slovenia and Belgium delegates are asked to refrain from voting.

Vote to approve the nomination of the Disciplinary Commission for the term 2025-2029								
Total Votes: 78								
Ursa Pirc (SLO)	74	Loic Timmermans (BEL)	64	Deana Labriola (USA)	62	Achille Reali (ITA)	61	<b>Ursa Pirc; Loic Timmermans; Deana Labriola; Achille Reali</b>

Deana Labriola (USA), Ursa Pirc (SLO), Achille Reali (ITA) and Loic Timmermans (BEL) are appointed as members of the Disciplinary Commission for the term 2025-2029.

**Nomination of the Ethics Commission for the term 2025-2029:**

Dagmawit Girmay Berhane, being present in person, introduces herself. A video presentation for the other candidates is played in alphabetical order: John Bowen, Patti Rube and Lorenzo Vigasio.

Vote to approve the nomination of the Ethics Commission for the term 2025-2029								
Total Votes: 78								
Dagmawit Girmay Berhane (ETH)	68	Patti Rube (USA)	65	John Bowen (AUS)	62	Lorenzo Vigasio (ITA)	58	Dagmawit Girmay Berhane; Patti Rube; John Bowen; Lorenzo Vigasio

Dagmawit Girmay Berhane (ETH), John Bowen (AUS), Patti Rube (USA) and Lorenzo Vigasio (ITA) are appointed as members of the Ethics Commission for the term 2025-2029.

A question is raised by a National Federation regarding the composition of the Disciplinary Commission, specifically how the division will be made between ordinary and supplementary members, as the new Terms of Reference state that the Commission consists of five members, including two supplementary members.

It is clarified that this decision will be made by the next Executive Board, and the ordinary and supplementary status only applies in the handling of cases.

**22. HONORARY AWARDS**

USA Climbing proposes to appoint a new IFSC Honorary Member, Debra Gawrych, based on her long-standing. The vote is conducted by a show of hands and is unanimously approved.

The newly appointed Honorary Member addresses the General Assembly with a warm message, expressing gratitude for the nomination and reaffirming her commitment to supporting the IFSC and the continued growth of Sport Climbing.

The Assembly is then addressed with a reflection on the long-standing contribution of the Honorary Member to the Sport Climbing community, and appreciation is expressed for the years of dedicated service.

**23. FUTURE MEETINGS**

23.1.XXIII IFSC General Assembly, 2026 [Ref. Document 23.1\_2026\_IFSC\_GA\_Application\_KSA]  
Vote to select Riyadh (KSA) as the host city of the XXIII IFSC General Assembly, 2026

Yasmin Gahtani from the Saudi Federation presents the candidacy of Riyadh (KSA) to be selected as the host city of the XXIII IFSC General Assembly.

Vote to select Riyadh (KSA) as the host city of the XXIII IFSC General Assembly, 2026						
Total Votes: 76						
In favour	69 (90.79%)	Against	0	Abstained	7 (9.21%)	APPROVED

Riyadh (KSA) is selected as the host city of the XXIII IFSC General Assembly, 2026.

23.2. XXIV IFSC General Assembly, 2027

Vote to select the host city of the XXIV IFSC General Assembly, 2027

No candidacy for hosting the XXIV IFSC General Assembly, 2027.

**24. CLOSING REMARKS**

The President of the Cyprus Federation, Pavlos Georgiades, closes the General Assembly, thanking all the delegates for their presence, insights and commitments to Sport Climbing.

IFSC President Marco Maria Sclaris closes the Assembly, thanking the Cyprus Federation for their warm welcome, the technical staff for their help with the organisation of the assembly and the IFSC Staff for their work.

End of the XXII IFSC General Assembly.