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## IFSC'S BID FOR THE TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES: THE IFSC MAKES THE SHORTLIST FOR THE TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Following the IOC's approval of the 2020 Olympic Agenda, which gives host countries the possibility to propose one or more additional events to be included in their edition's program, the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee opened its application process for additional events in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games last May.

### An honour and a challenge

Yesterday, the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee announced the eight shortlisted IOC-Recognized International Federations, and the IFSC is on the list.

*"It is an honour to be included in this new shortlist with these other fantastic sports. All of us at the IFSC are deeply committed to meeting this new challenge. Together with our athletes, we can reach new heights"* says Marco Sclaris, President of the IFSC.

### A perfect reflection of the Olympic values

As a sustainable sport that develops strength, flexibility and analytical skills, competition climbing embodies the Olympic Movement and its core values.

*"Climbing competitions are exciting and challenging events for both the athletes and the spectators, whether it is Speed, Lead or Bouldering. With a young and quickly growing fan base, and an increasing number of excellent young athletes, our sport has a bright future. The trend is*

*upward and we are convinced that Sport Climbing would perfectly complete the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games program"* says Jérôme Meyer, IFSC Sport Manager, and former World Cup winner and European Champion.

### One of the fastest growing sports in Japan

Recent years have seen an impressive growth of climbing gyms in Japan, and the country is fostering a lively and vibrant climbing community and several world level athletes, in both senior and youth categories.

*"The timing for this decision couldn't be better: Japanese athletes have just won 3 medals in the IFSC Bouldering World Cup that was hosted in Chongqing (CHN), with a gold for Akiyo Noguchi, a silver for Miho Nonaka and, in the men's category, a bronze for Tsukuru Hori"* underlines Marco Sclaris.

### Preparing for the next step

The IFSC is now at work on Phase II of the process, which entails the submission of further details and interviews that will take place in Tokyo on August 7-8, 2015.

The Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee will make a decision on the events to be proposed to the IOC in September 2015. The final decision will be made at the 129<sup>th</sup> IOC Session in Rio in August 2016.



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