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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING PROPOSES SPORT CLIMBING FOR TOKYO 2020

Sport Climbing was one of eight sports that addressed the Tokyo's 2020 Additional Events Program Panel in Tokyo on August 7th and 8th.

The Sport Climbing delegation was composed of 7 members from the IFSC and the JMA (Japanese Mountaineering Federation) who each made a 15-minute presentation followed by a 30-minute question and answer session, with a further 50-minute Q+A session planned for all of the eight sports on the following day.

An international delegation

The IFSC - JMA Delegation was composed of:

Mr. Marco Maria Sclaris (ITA) - IFSC President
Mrs. Debra Gawrych (USA) - IFSC Secretary General
Ms. Akiyo Noguchi (JPN) - IFSC Athletes' Commission
Mr. Ogata Yoshio (JPN) - JMA Vice President
Mr. Yuji Hiramaya (JPN) - JMA Sport Climbing Committee
Mr. Kobinata Toru (JPN) - IFSC Asian Council Vice President
Mr. Jerome Meyer (FRA) - IFSC Sport Manager

Sport Climbing as a valuable addition to the Olympic Games

"We were very passionate and honored to present our sport. The vision of sport climbing is higher, faster and stronger with a fresh youth-oriented approach. Climbing brings a new vertical dimension to the Olympic Games

and is the only basic human movement not yet included. Venues are impressive and provide a powerful show", IFSC President, Marco Maria Sclaris, said.

"Sport Climbing has many assets. Rules are simple: get to the top! Venues are low cost and flexible, and can be indoors, outdoors, or share space. In 2013 we counted 25 million climbers: in 2015 new estimates are 35 million. 50% of our climbers are under 25 years of age, thanks to the latest trend of urban/action sports", IFSC Sport Manager, Jerome Meyer, emphasized.

What's next?

In September, the decision on the events(s) will be proposed to the IOC by the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee. Then at the 129th IOC Session in August of 2016, the final decision will be made.

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