SALT LAKE CITY, INNSBRUCK, VILLARS TO HOST PARACLIMBING WORLD CUPS IN 2022

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The International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) is pleased to announce that three IFSC Paraclimbing World Cup competitions will be organised in 2022.

The events will be hosted in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA; Innsbruck, Austria; and Villars, Switzerland.

The news follows an extremely successful 2021 for Paraclimbing, which saw the organisation of three World Cups - in Innsbruck; Briançon, France; and Los Angeles, California, USA - and the IFSC Paraclimbing World Championships, held in Moscow last September.

A total of 181 athletes from 22 countries participated in the four competitions, representing 22 countries and four continents.

Furthermore, throughout the 2021 season, the IFSC implemented its new Paraclimbing classification system, fully compliant with the rules of the International Paralympic Committee, and conducted a series of three courses that trained four IFSC classifiers.

The dates of the three events in 2022 are as follows:

- Salt Lake City (USA) 24th-25th May 2022;
- Innsbruck (AUT) 21st-23rd June 2022; and
- Villars (SUI) 8th-9th July 2022.

Building on the experience of last year's <u>Paraclimbing World Cup in Los Angeles</u>, the opening competition of the 2022 season will take place in Salt Lake City, Utah, from 24 to 25 May, falling in between the two IFSC Climbing World Cup competitions scheduled from 20 to 22 May, and from 27 to 29 May.

The city of Innsbruck will then host the second Paraclimbing World Cup of the season the following month, from 21 to 23 June, with Villars taking the honours a couple of weeks later.

It will be first time that the city in the Swiss Alps - widely considered one of the premiere destinations in the Lead and Speed World Cup seasons - will organise an IFSC Paraclimbing event.

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