2022 IFSC YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TO TAKE PLACE IN DALLAS, TEXAS

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The International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) and <u>USA Climbing</u> are pleased to announce that the 2022 IFSC Youth World Championships will take place in Dallas, Texas, USA, from 22 to 31 August.

More than 400 young climbers are expected to gather at Movement Climbing's The Hill for Boulder, and Summit Plano for Lead and Speed. The athletes will be divided into three age groups - Juniors, Youth A, and Youth B - and compete in the three Climbing disciplines. A computed Boulder & Lead ranking will also be created with the results of the two single disciplines.

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Champions Janja Garnbret of Slovenia, and Alberto Ginés López of Spain, along with legendary climbers such as Noguchi Akiyo of Japan, and Adam Ondra of the Czech Republic, all competed and won at previous editions of the IFSC Youth World Championships, making it an almost-mandatory step to go through for the elite of the Sport Climbing circuit.

The Youth World Championships will be the fourth IFSC event taking place on US soil in 2022, in addition to the two Climbing World Cups and the single Paraclimbing World Cup all taking place in Salt Lake City, Utah, between 20 and 29 May.

IFSC President Marco Scolaris said:

"It fills me with pride to see the strong bond that we have built in the last few years with our friends at USA Climbing, establishing Salt Lake City as one of the landmarks of our World Cup Series, and finding new opportunities, first in Los Angeles and now in Dallas. The Youth World Championships is by far the most important showcase of young and talented climbers that one can imagine, and who knows? maybe we will have the chance to see the future Olympic Champion in action!"

USA Climbing CEO Marc Norman said:

""USA Climbing is honored to be hosting the IFSC Youth World Championships for the first time in the United States in Dallas, Texas. We thank the IFSC and member National Federations for their confidence and support in hosting this important event and look forward to welcoming the world's best youth climbers to Dallas, Texas. A special thanks to our Gym partners, Movement Climbing, Yoga, and Fitness's The Hill location which will play host to the Bouldering discipline, and Summit Climbing's Plano location which will play host to the Lead and Speed disciplines. We could not host these important international events without our gym partners. Finally, to the youth athletes, we look forward to











seeing you compete in Dallas and inspiring all of us to keep climbing higher!"

Movement CEO Robert Cohen said:

"We are delighted to be partnering with USA Climbing and the IFSC to co-host the 2022 Youth World Championships in Dallas! For the first time this event will be taking place in the United States and we couldn't be more honored that USA Climbing has selected our Dallas The Hill gym to host the bouldering portion of the competition. Movement has always held a special place for climbing competitions and we are excited to share this passion with both the athletes and the attendees, while furthering the sport of climbing on the world stage."

Summit CEO Jason McKenzie said:

"Summit Climbing is honored and excited to host the Lead Climbing and Speed Climbing events for the 2022 Youth World Climbing Championship at our flagship location in Plano, TX. This year is the 20th anniversary of Summit Climbing and I can't think of a better event to be a part of given our long focus on youth programming and youth competitions."

News and updates about the event will be available on the <u>IFSC website</u> and on the Federation's social media channels: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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