# CLIMBING ELITE GATHERS IN SALT LAKE CITY FOR BACK-TO-BACK WORLD CUPS

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The International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) World Cup Series 2022 kicked off at the beginning of April, in Meiringen, Switzerland, traveled all the way to Seoul, South Korea, and are about to land on the third, different continent in less than two months.

Following the first-ever back-to-back of IFSC events, organised in May 2021, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, is about to welcome three IFSC events in the span of ten days: two IFSC Boulder and Speed World Cups - scheduled from 20 to 22, and from 27 to 29 May - and an IFSC Paraclimbing World Cup, taking place on 24 and 25 May.

The two IFSC Climbing World Cups will be organised in Pioneer Park, and will enlist 209 athletes from 31 countries or territories, and five continents; and 227 athletes from 33 countries or territories, and five continents.

The Paraclimbing event is going to be hosted by <u>The Front Climbing Gym</u>, with 101 athletes registered to compete, representing 19 countries or territories, and four continents.

After winning both of last year's women's Boulder events in Salt Lake City, <u>Natalia Grossman</u> of the United States of America will aim for her second consecutive World Cup gold medal. Also contending for a spot on the podium will be Olympians <u>Petra Klingler</u> of Switzerland, <u>Oceania Mackenzie</u> of Australia, <u>Jessica Pilz</u> of Austria, and <u>Alannah Yip</u> of Canada.

In the men's Boulder event, Team Japan will try to continue its domination, having secured five out of the six World Cup medals awarded so far in 2022. Narasaki Tomoa and Fujii Kokoro - gold medallists at the IFSC World Cups in Meiringen, Switzerland, and Seoul, South Korea, respectively, will lead a stellar group of climbers that also includes Ogata Yoshiyuki and Takata Tomoaki.

In the Speed events, all eyes will be on the fastest climbers in the world - <u>Kiromal Katibin</u> of Indonesia, and <u>Aleksandra Miroslaw</u> of Poland - who both set new Speed world records at the IFSC World Cup in Seoul, earlier this month. Competing on their home soil, <u>John Brosler</u> and <u>Emma Hunt</u> will also battle for a spot on the Speed podiums.

The schedules of the three events are as follows:

1. IFSC Boulder and Speed World Cup (UTC-6:00)

Friday, 20 May:











12:15 PM - Speed qualifications

8:00 PM - Speed finals

Saturday, 21 May:

9:00 AM - Men's Boulder qualification

3:30 PM - Women's Boulder qualification

Sunday, 22 May:

11:00 AM - Boulder semifinals

6:00 PM - Men's Boulder final

Followed by - Women's Boulder final

## 2. IFSC Paraclimbing World Cup

Tuesday, 24 May:

9:00 AM - Paraclimbing qualifications

Wednesday, 25 May:

12:00 PM - Paraclimbing finals

## 3. IFSC Boulder and Speed World Cup

Friday, 27 May:

12:15 PM - Speed qualifications

8:00 PM - Speed finals

Saturday, 28 May:

9:00 AM - Women's Boulder qualification

3:30 PM - Men's Boulder qualification

Sunday, 29 May:

11:00 AM - Boulder semifinals

6:00 PM - Women's Boulder final

Followed by - Men's Boulder final

For information about broadcasting and live streaming of the IFSC Climbing and Paraclimbing World Cups in Salt Lake City <u>click here</u>. News and updates about the event will also be available on the IFSC website, and on the Federation's social media channels: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>.

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