



## Press Release

### IFSC Climbing World Youth Championship – Nouméa 2014

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#### **The climbing wall of Nouméa, destroyed by a fire.**

The Magenta climbing wall in Nouméa, New Caledonia, which is supposed to host next August the IFSC Climbing World Youth Championship in lead and speed, was largely destroyed by a fire during the Christmas night, on 24<sup>th</sup> of December.

Even though the entire wall turned into ashes, the backbone structure (made of concrete and metal) still exists. The French federation of climbing (FFME) is waiting for the results from an expert's analysis to know more about the importance of the damages. Meanwhile, the wall extension that was supposed to be added to the former wall is intact as it arrived to Nouméa a week after.

As of today, despite the damages, the championship organization is still on and cancelling the event is not on the agenda: the FFME and the local official representatives are extremely committed and strong-minded to have the same Magenta wall built to the identical.

The planning regarding the new wall construction has already started with an expected delivery of the replacing wall at the end of April. The artificial climbing structure should be built and ready to use in Nouméa by mid-July, a month before the world youth championships.

The FFME will communicate on any information they have related to the new wall construction progress.



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