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SPORT CLIMBING OLYMPIC FORMAT

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1- INTRODUCTION

The Olympic Format described below is the outcome of a long process inside the IFSC and outside with the International Olympic Committee various components.

2- YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES 2018 (YOG) AND OLYMPIC GAMES 2020 (OG) FORMAT

a- Rationale

Sport Climbing has been included in the programme of both Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

One medal for men and one medal for women will be awarded to the Combined event winners.

Under the IFSC Rules, the Combined is an aggregation (addition of places) of the Athletes' results in each discipline.

Therefore, some changes have to be implemented, starting already in the 2017 season.

b- Key principles

General perspective:

- a. The IFSC Events Combined shall be the same as the OG Combined format.
- b. The single discipline format (Speed, Boulder, Lead) format shall be the same as the IFSC single discipline Event format.
- c. The discipline sequence is: First Speed, then Bouldering, then Lead.

Rules perspective:

- a. The Combined Event consists of 2 rounds (Qualifications and Finals), both comprising all the disciplines.



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- b. All Athletes (20 men and 20 women) participate in the first round.
- c. The Athlete’s score is given by multiplying the Athlete’s ranking (place) in each discipline. The lower the score the better.
A ranking is produced after each round (Qualifications and the Finals).

c- Principles to be confirmed

- a. The six best Athletes qualify for the Finals.

Note: For the Speed Final the concept of “Lucky loser” (7^o and 8^o ranked Athletes in the 1/8th finals) applies, as a quota of 6 does not allow the duel system.

- b. Tied Athletes after the aggregation of their places will be un-tied by considering their respective ranking in each discipline:

<i>Athlete</i>	<i>Speed</i>	<i>Bouldering</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>Surpassing</i>	
AAA	4	1	3	12	1 time	
BBB	3	4	1	12	2 times	Winner

d- Schedule

The precise YOG and OG schedules (days and timetables) are still to be defined.

At the moment, there is a general agreement that the final round should be run as a block, not having standing alone disciplines.

Instead, the qualification round may be separated in different sections: over 2 days or in the same day.

Men and Women Finals may not necessarily be run in the same day.

The IOC currently considers 3 days for Sport Climbing event, with a possible extension to 4 days.



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3- OLYMPIC GAMES 2020 QUALIFICATION SYSTEM (QS)

a- Note on IOC Timeline

The IOC is going to publish in July 2017 the Qualification Principles regarding the OG 2020. Therefore, the QS for Sport Climbing will be defined after that date, together with the IOC.

However, in order to give to National Federations the possibility to plan the next seasons, the following principles will be proposed to the IOC.

These proposals partially correspond to the YOG QS principles for Sport Climbing subject to validation by the IOC in early March.

b- General Principles

- a. Quotas are allocated to Athletes and not to NOCs
- b. A maximum quota per NOC will apply, proposed: 2 per gender
- c. Eligible Athletes may be those having a valid IFSC license at the time of the OG.
- d. Re-allocated quotas will be given through the relevant OG qualifying events, following the IOC guidelines.

c- Qualification Period

The qualification period is set for the years 2019 and 2020 (subject to IOC final confirmation).

d- Qualification Events

Combined events or rankings shall be used for the QS.

a. 2019 IFSC World Championships

The IFSC World Championship has been voted by the IFSC EB in September 2016 to be re-scheduled to odd years starting in 2019, subject to approval of the PA 2017.

- b. 2019 IFSC World Cup (previously called "overall" Final ranking 2019, with new rules starting in 2017)



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This is necessary in order not to devalue the World Cup and to guarantee Athletes' participation to as many IFSC Events, counting on NOC funds for the Olympic preparation.

- c. IFSC Continental Championships
- d. Possible (additional) Olympic Qualification Event in 2020

- e- Quota Allocation Scenarios

Precise quotas require the finalisation of IOC principles (expected: fall 2017).