



## International Federation of Sport Climbing

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### **Sport Climbing welcomed into the Olympic Movement**

**On December 10, the IOC Executive Board granted provisional recognition status to the IFSC.**

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The recognition gives the IFSC an official association to the IOC, not to mention membership in the ARISF, The Association of the IOC Recognised International Sports Federations.

Notably the IFSC focus on **youth** was cited as a factor in the EB decision.

IFSC President Marco Sclaris commented: "We are grateful to the IOC for this reward that our athletes, our sport and our IF deserve, at the conclusion of an intense year, devoted to building up a sport focused on the youth and its needs in today's world. Being part of the Olympic Movement gives us now additional motivation to continue our work."

The IFSC was created January 27<sup>th</sup> 2007, when 48 member federations voted unanimously to create the new International Federation, which was a continuation of the International Council for Competition Climbing – in existence since 1997. Exactly three months later the IFSC was granted membership of the GAISF, The General Association of International Sports Federations.

Today the IFSC counts 72 national member federations in the five continents.

The IFSC is member of the International World Games Association and Sport Climbing premiered in The World Games in 2005 and will again feature in The World Games 2009.

For more information:

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