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# SPORT CLIMBING GETS READY FOR THE WORLD GAMES 2013

Torino, Italy - For the third time, the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) will participate to The World Games. With 72 athletes from 22 nations, Sport Climbing is now ready to offer a great show in Cali, Colombia.

## A unique multi-sport event under the patronage of the IOC

From July 25 to August 4, 2013, Cali will be the scene of The World Games that will gather more than 4,500 athletes and officials from 101 nations competing in 31 sports. The Opening Ceremony will be held on July 25, which is the day Cali celebrates its 477th birthday. The World Games that occur every four years are held under the patronage of the IOC. More than 700 media representatives will be reporting on the event in Cali. Over 20 TV stations from five continents will be broadcasting competitions of The World Games.

# Best athletes in Speed and Lead to compete for the first place...

In total, 72 sport climbing athletes from 22 countries will make the trip to Colombia: Austria - Canada - Chile - China - Colombia - Czech Republic - Ecuador - France - Germany - Indonesia - Iran - Italy - Korea - Norway - Poland - Russia - Slovenia - Spain - Sweden - Ukraine - USA - Venezuela.

# 2 disciplines out of 3

The IFSC will present Lead and Speed, 2 of the 3 disciplines with Boulder to be organized at a competition level:

#### Lead

The athletes climb rope-tied, one at a time, on an overhanging route





with a time limit of 8 minutes. 2 routes (40 or more movements) in qualifications, 1 in semifinals and 1 in finals. Each climber climbs only once on each route, and the score is based on how high he or she gets. A fall means the end of the attempt.

# **Speed**

15 meters in less than 6 seconds! Rope-tied from above, climbers run on parallel walls. The fastest wins! 2 attempts in qualifications (best time counts) and knock out in semi-finals and finals.

The competitions will take place August 3 for Speed and August 4 for Lead.

#### **About the IFSC**

The IFSC was created on January 27th 2007 and is a continuation of the International Council for Competition Climbing which was created in 1997.

The IFSC is a non-governmental international association with a non-profit-making purpose of international interest. The principal purposes of the IFSC are the direction, regulation, promotion, development and furtherance of climbing competitions on a worldwide basis.

The IFSC fosters links, networks, and friendly relations among its members, their climbers and officials.

The IFSC is recognized by the IOC, is member of ARISF, SportAccord and the International World Games Association (IWGA).

For more information about The World Games: http://worldgames2013.com.co/en/









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