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US Olympic Committee approves USA Climbing to be the National Governing Body and an Olympic Sport Organization

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On October 13, 2017, the United States Olympic Committee approved USA Climbing as the National Governing Body for the sport of Sport Climbing in the United States and admitted USA Climbing as an Olympic Sport Organization member of the USOC.

“Our organization has been working towards this day for a long time, and we could not be more thankful to those whose efforts contributed to this achievement.” said Kynan Waggoner, CEO of USA Climbing. “Our application was first submitted in January of 2017, and throughout the process of hearings and reviews, the USOC has approached USA Climbing with open arms. Now, our USA Climbing athletes will be able to share even more in the available knowledge and support that comes with being a member of the USOC family. The USOC has expressed its desire to support USA Climbing and its athletes in a way that leads to competitive excellence on the field of play. USAC and USOC have a shared desire for USA Climbing athletes to bring gold back from Tokyo 2020. Although we’ve already begun planning for this with the help of the USOC, there is still a lot to do. So, USA Climbing returns to what has brought our organization and its athletes this far – we get to work.”

About USA Climbing: USA Climbing is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee as the National Governing Body for the sport of competition climbing. The organization manages the disciplines of Bouldering, Speed and Sport climbing as well as the Collegiate and Adaptive series. USA Climbing, a member federation of the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC), also hosts IFSC World Cup events and sends athletes to participate in the IFSC’s World Cup circuit and the World Climbing and Adaptive Climbing Championships. *For more information contact:*

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