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Sport climbing approved for inclusion in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

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Today, during the 129th International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session in Rio de Janeiro, five sports, including sport climbing, were approved for inclusion in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. This decision comes at the end of a process that began in September of 2014, when the IOC unanimously approved the Olympic Agenda 2020, which proposed that new events be added to the 2020 Olympic Games. In June of this year, the Executive Board of the IOC approved five sports (baseball/softball, karate, skateboarding, sport climbing and surfing) to be submitted for approval at the 129th IOC Session. The approval of the inclusion of all five sports in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games is now official.

“I cannot adequately express how important this is to the growth and development of the sport of competition climbing,” said Kynan Waggoner, CEO of USA Climbing. “We have been working towards this opportunity for many years, and now we will get to see climbing’s incredibly talented athletes compete on the stage where they have always belonged: the Olympic Games.”

The International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) will now begin work on the technical aspects of sport climbing’s inclusion in the Olympic Games. According to the IFSC, the selection process will be presented at the IFSC Plenary Assembly in Quebec City on March 11, 2017.

About USA Climbing: USA Climbing is the United States 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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