



Sport Climbing Sport Update

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About this Sport Update

Published in December 2020, the series of Sport Updates offer a summary of competition-related material about each sport at Tokyo 2020 and provide a variety of information to help teams in their planning and preparation for the Games.

General information such as accreditation, accommodation, transport, COVID-19 countermeasures, etc., is not included as it is still in the process of being finalised, but interim information relating to these areas is continually being published on Tokyo 2020 Connect as it is confirmed.

All information provided in this Sport Update was correct at the time of publication, but some details may have changed prior to the Games.

NOC representatives are advised to regularly check the IOC's NOCnet and Tokyo 2020 Connect for the latest updates, especially regarding competition schedules.

Team Leaders' Guides explaining Games-time plans for sports in greater detail will be distributed to NOCs in May 2021.

WELCOME



On behalf of the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, I am delighted to present the Sport Climbing Sport Update for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad.

We have been working diligently to provide facilities, services and protocols which will allow everyone involved in the Games to achieve all three of Tokyo 2020's core concepts: achieving personal bests, unity in diversity, and connecting to tomorrow.

Included is information about:

- processes relating to competition and training
- key dates and personnel
- competition schedule, format and rules
- venue facilities and services

We trust it will assist you with your planning for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. If you require any additional information that is not found in this guide, do not hesitate to check Tokyo 2020 Connect or contact the sport manager.

Please rest assured that the Olympic flame will not go out and will continue to burn in our hearts until the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 next summer.

We look forward to welcoming you all with our unique Japanese hospitality when you arrive in Tokyo in July 2021.

Kind regards,

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Sport Climbing overview

Sport Climbing at the Olympic Games

Sport Climbing will be making its first Olympic Games appearance at Tokyo 2020 after being officially confirmed by an IOC vote at the 2016 IOC Session in Rio de Janeiro. The first climbing competitions were held in the former USSR in the 1940s where Soviet climbers focused on Speed events. In 1985 a group of climbers first competed at an event called Sport Roccia held on a natural rockface in Valle Stretta near Bardonecchia, Italy. In 1988 the first competitions were held on artificial walls and the first world championships were held in 1991.

A primary human movement and an easily understood sport, climbing is deeply connected with nature and climbers pride themselves on having developed their own lifestyle and culture. In the past two decades the sport has grown spectacularly and is now a trendy urban sport thanks to the development of climbing gyms.

The International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) was formed in 2007 and Sport Climbing was a demonstration sport at the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games. Included as a medal sport at the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games, Sport Climbing has rapidly gained credibility both as a competitive sport and for its social values.

Key Personnel

International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC)

IF Technical Delegates: Jérôme MEYER (FRA), Christophe BILLON (FRA)

Tokyo 2020 competition management

Sport Climbing Sport Manager: KOBINATA Toru (JPN)
Sport Climbing Services Manager: MOMOSE Kyohei (JPN)
Sport Climbing Technical Operations Manager: HAKAMADA Naoto (JPN)



KOBINATA Toru
Sport Climbing Sport Manager, Tokyo 2020

Kobinata Toru is a professional with more than 20 years of experience in managing projects for national and multinational companies. He began competing in Sport Climbing events when he was young and has continued his involvement with the sport ever since, both as an athlete and official. Kobinata studied economics at Yokohama City University and is the Director of the Japan Mountaineering & Sport Climbing Association (JMCA) as well as being a Vice President of the International Sport Climbing Federation (IFSC).

International Technical Officials (ITOs)

Jury President	Stanley YEO (SGP)
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Chief Routesetter – Lead	Adam PUSTELNIK (POL)
Routesetters – Lead	HIROSHI Okano (JPN) Jan ZBRANKE (CZE) Percy BISHTON (GBR)
Chief Routesetter – Boulder	Manuel HASSLER (SUI)
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Sport Climbing competition

The Sport Climbing competition at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 will be held from Tuesday 3 August to Friday 6 August 2021 at Aomi Urban Sports Venue. The competition will consist of two medal events, summarised below:

Medal events

Men (1)	Women (1)
Combined [Speed, Boulder, Lead]	Combined [Speed, Boulder, Lead]

A total of 40 athletes (20 male and 20 female) may take part in the Tokyo 2020 Sport Climbing competition. This figure includes 19 men and 19 women, with the remaining two places reserved for the host country with no pre-determined gender breakdown.

Key dates

5 JULY 2021	Sport entries final deadline (23:59 JST)
13 JULY 2021	Olympic Village official opening
14 JULY 2021	Start of official training
23 JULY 2021 (DAY 0)	Olympic Games Opening Ceremony
31 JULY 2021 (DAY 8)	Start of Sport Climbing training
3 AUGUST 2021 (DAY 11)	Start of Sport Climbing competition
6 AUGUST 2021 (DAY 14)	End of Sport Climbing competition
8 AUGUST 2021 (DAY 16)	Olympic Games Closing Ceremony

Competition format

At the Olympic Games, athletes compete in three disciplines that are consolidated into a single ranking to decide the women's combined and men's combined event medals.

- Athletes compete in two phases, qualification and final, with each phase including Speed, Boulder and Lead
- in each phase, a combined ranking is calculated based on multiplying ranking points allocated to the competitors in each discipline
- at the end of the qualification phase, the first eight athletes of the combined ranking (lower points system) will progress to the finals. The athlete with the lowest number of combined points after the final will win the competition. Points are not carried over from the qualification phase to the final phase.
- bib numbers are attributed based on the Tokyo 2020 Seeding List (best qualified to the Olympic Games ranked first) and remain the same throughout the competition with no reallocation

Rules

The Sport Climbing competition will be held in accordance with the editions of the following documents that are in force at the time of the Games:

IFSC Rules

www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/world-competition/rules

The Olympic Charter

www.olympic.org/documents/olympic-charter

In accordance with Rule 46 of the IOC Olympic Charter, the IFSC will be responsible for the technical control and direction of Sport Climbing at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Speed

- the aim of the Speed discipline is to be the fastest to reach the top of a 15m high wall
- men and women compete on identical routes which are not modified between the Qualification and the Final
- competitors compete (race) in pairs on identical routes
- The Speed ranking is decided by the fastest time recorded in either the round (during the Qualification) or in the elimination phase (during the Final phase)

Boulder

- the Boulder competition will be organised on 4.5m structures (boulders) equipped with safety mats
- the aim of Boulder is to solve (complete) the most boulders (problems) on four boulders in the least number of attempts over a given period of time
- different problems (four problems in Qualification and three problems in Final) are set for men and women
- athletes have a limited amount of time (five minutes during Qualification and four minutes during the Final) to attempt each problem. Each athlete may make unlimited attempts within their allocated climbing time
- the Final is preceded by a collective observation period of six minutes for all finalists. There is no separate observation period during the Qualification. Athletes may not attempt the problems during the observation period
- athletes are kept in an isolation room before they perform their attempt "on sight"
- the Boulder ranking is decided by the number of problems solved. The competitor to solve the most problems is ranked first
- one 'zone hold' (half problem) is set per problem
- the Boulder ranking is based on the following: 1) number of tops reached, 2) number of 'zone holds' reached, 3) number of attempts to tops, 4) number of attempts to zone
- The results for sum of all boulders follows a scoring format of nTmz A a: T=Tops, z=zones, n=Number of Tops reached on course, m=number of zones reached on course, A=total number of attempts to top, a=total number of attempts to zone (e.g. 2T3z 4 5 means 2 Tops reached in 4 attempts, 3 zones reached in 5 attempts)

Lead

- the aim in the Lead competition is for climbers to go as high as possible in an individual attempt on a 15m wall
- competitors have a time limit of six minutes for their attempt
- The Lead ranking is based on the height (hold number) achieved by competitors. A competitor gets a "+" added to their score if moving in the direction of the next hold when time is up
- competitors can discover the route during a collective observation time of six minutes but cannot attempt the route
- competitors are kept in an isolation room before they perform their attempt "on sight"
- the routes are modified between the qualification and the final. Men and women competitors have different routes

Clothing and equipment

Clothing and equipment used by players and other participants during the Sport Climbing competition at Tokyo 2020 must comply with the following documents:

IFSC Rules

www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/world-competition/rules

The Olympic Charter

www.olympic.org/documents/olympic-charter with particular reference to Rule 50: Advertising, Demonstrations, Propaganda and Bye-law to Rule 50

Guidelines Regarding Authorised Identifications for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad, Tokyo 2020 (distributed by the IOC to all NOCs)

The prohibition of any advertising and publicity in and above Olympic sites (as expressed in the Olympic Charter) is one of the aspects that differentiate the Olympic Games from other international events.

This is reflected in particular in Bye-law to Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter as follows:

No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Olympic Games, except the identification [...] of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising purposes.

Placing the national and Olympic identity of athletes at the forefront helps to further distinguish the Olympic Games, whilst respecting the significant contribution that sporting goods manufacturers provide.



Sport Climbing

Competition Schedule Event Details

Version: 2.00

Day 11 Tue 3 Aug 2021

Session	CLB01	Start:	17:00	End:	22:40	Aomi Urban Sports Park
Time	Duration	Event name				
17:00 - 17:35	0:35	Men's Combined: Qualification - Speed				
18:00 - 20:15	2:15	Men's Combined: Qualification - Boulder				
21:10 - 22:40	1:30	Men's Combined: Qualification - Lead				

Day 12 Wed 4 Aug 2021

Session	CLB02	Start:	17:00	End:	22:40	Aomi Urban Sports Park
Time	Duration	Event name				
17:00 - 17:35	0:35	Women's Combined: Qualification - Speed				
18:00 - 20:15	2:15	Women's Combined: Qualification - Boulder				
21:10 - 22:40	1:30	Women's Combined: Qualification - Lead				

Day 13 Thu 5 Aug 2021

Session	CLB03	Start:	17:30	End:	22:20	Aomi Urban Sports Park
Time	Duration	Event name				
17:30 - 17:54	0:24	Men's Combined: Final - Speed				
18:30 - 20:00	1:30	Men's Combined: Final - Boulder				
21:10 - 22:00	0:50	Men's Combined: Final - Lead				
22:10 - 22:20	0:10	Men's Combined: Victory Ceremony				

Day 14 Fri 6 Aug 2021

Session	CLB04	Start:	17:30	End:	22:20	Aomi Urban Sports Park
Time	Duration	Event name				
17:30 - 17:54	0:24	Women's Combined: Final - Speed				
18:30 - 20:00	1:30	Women's Combined: Final - Boulder				
21:10 - 22:00	0:50	Women's Combined: Final - Lead				
22:10 - 22:20	0:10	Women's Combined: Victory Ceremony				

Pre-competition procedures

Seeding list

TBD

Technical meeting

DATE: 2 August 2021

TIME: 11:00 - 12:00

LOCATION: Athletes' Lounge, Aomi Urban Sports Park

Team leaders must attend the meeting and should bring with them a copy of the Team Leaders' Guide and the example of uniform and equipment to be worn by their athletes for the Rule 50 compliance check by IFSC and Tokyo 2020 competition management.

Pre-checks: All athletes will also be required to have their uniform and equipment inspected during general and/or official training on the field of play (TBD).

Competition procedures

Check-in at the Athletes' Lounge (isolation zone)

The Athletes' Lounge will open two hours prior to the competition and will close 30 minutes after its opening. Athletes must arrive within this time to check-in before proceeding to the Isolation Zone.

Call to competition

Athletes will be called to the call zone from the Athletes Lounge (Isolation Zone) immediately prior to their participation in each discipline. Athletes must follow instructions by IFSC and Tokyo 2020 staff for their transit. Final Rule 50 compliance check will take place at this time.

Warm up-procedures

The warm-up area (what is called 'playground') – which comprises an outside 20-metre wide Boulder wall and a 10m high Speed wall with roof – will be available to athletes in the Isolation Zone. Athletes can reach the warm-up area by foot from the Athletes' Lounge. The 'playground' is located next to the sponsors' pavilions and the walls are visible from spectators in this area. The small warm-up board will be installed in the Call Room where athletes gather just before the start of their attempt.

Accredited seating

Accredited seating for athletes and team officials will be situated within spectator seating, next to the Olympic Family stand.

Coaches' zone

Chairs for coaches will be installed in a dedicated area in front of the field of play. To enter this zone, coaches must possess a Coach Zone Access Pass, in addition to their accreditation. The Coach Pass will be provided at the team leaders' meeting. A maximum two Coach Passes will be issued for each NOC. During the Final, only coaches with athletes competing in the final are allowed into the Coaches' zone, respecting the Coach Pass quota per NOC.

Technical filming

If a team wishes to do its own technical filming in a competition venue during competition, it may do so from the athlete or spectator seating areas using non-professional consumer video cameras. Teams may also film during training sessions using non-professional cameras. Non-professional consumer cameras do not require stickers to be brought into venues, and clearance with OBS is not necessary. Any requests for positions outside of this area must be submitted in writing to OBS.

In addition, team officials who have access to the coaches' zone can film the athletes' performance using non-professional consumer video camera (including tablet) from that zone. The team officials are required to film from the designated filming seats of each discipline within the coaches' zone. The allocated chairs shall not be moved. Tripods are permitted, however the height and position of tripods would be limited to ensure the line of sight and view of spectators or broadcast cameras.

The team officials filming from the coaches' zone must follow instructions from Tokyo 2020 staff, volunteers and broadcasters. During the Final, only team officials with athletes competing in the Final can film from the coaches' zone.

Post-competition procedures

Leaving the field of play

All climbers and team officials must follow the directions of the staff and leave the field of play. Athletes will be escorted to the mixed zone.

Mixed zone

There are two mixed zones at Aomi Urban Sports Park. After climbing, all athletes will pass through the first mixed zone located on the left side of the field of play. Athletes will then collect their bag and use the changing room if necessary. Once the athlete is ready, they will move to the second mixed zone located next to the changing room.

Doping control

Athletes selected for doping control and alcohol testing will be notified in person and escorted to the doping control station by a chaperone as soon as practically possible after they have finished competing the last discipline (Lead). The notification takes place behind the wall where athletes go immediately following the competition of competing. It is the responsibility of the athlete to remain under continuous observation of the chaperone after notification.

Press conferences

TBD

Victory ceremonies

TBD

Competition venue

Aomi Urban Sports Park

1-1 Aomi
Koto-ku Tokyo
Japan

The Sport Climbing competition at Tokyo 2020 will be held at Aomi Urban Sports Park in the Tokyo Bay Zone. The area around Aomi Urban Sports Park is considered one of the more popular places for young people to meet in Tokyo. The venue regularly hosts sporting and cultural events, as well as exhibitions, throughout the year, and is also where the 3x3 Basketball competition will be held. Aomi Urban Sports Park will have a gross capacity of 8,400 for Sport Climbing competition at Tokyo 2020.

Venue access

The athletes' load zone is located on the south side of Aomi Urban Sports Park, near the back-of-house athletes' preparation area.

Aomi Urban Sport Park will open two hours before competition commences and close one hour after competition concludes.

Field of play

The field of play is equipped with three walls, one dedicated to each of Speed, Boulder and Lead. The competition area and all equipment for the Sport Climbing competition will be presented in accordance with the IFSC Competition Rules.

Venue transport

Time/distance from Olympic Village using Tokyo 2020 transport services: 16min/5km

A complete timetable of bus services available for the Sport Climbing competition and training sessions will be available from the Transport desk at the Olympic Village.

Venue facilities and services

Warm-up wall

The warm-up area (Boulder wall and 10m High Speed wall) is located in the 'playground' next to the sponsors' pavilions. Athletes can reach the warm-up area by foot from the Athletes' Lounge in the isolation zone.

The warm-up wall is located on the west side of the field of play. A small warm-up board will also be installed in the Call Room.

Athletes' Lounge

The Athletes' Lounge is located on the second floor. A refreshment station serving whole fruits, cold snacks, Coca-Cola drinks and hot drinks will be available for athletes and team officials. The Athletes' Lounge operating hours are TBD.

Changing rooms and showers

Separate changing rooms for men and women with shower facilities are located on the first floor below the Athletes' Lounge, west of the field of play and near the TA transport athletes' load zone.

Food and beverage

Athlete Venue Meals (AVMs) in the form of cold packed meals will be available Aomi Urban Sports Park athletes and team officials who spend more than 4 hours out of the Olympic Village for competition or official training. AVMs must be ordered at the Sport Information Centre (SIC) at the Olympic Village by 12:00 (midday), two days before the competition or official training day. AVM orders will be available from 14 July until 8 August 2021. The AVMs will be delivered to the Athletes' Lounge. AVMs will include items such as sandwiches, salads, pieces of fruit, dessert, and yoghurt. A vegetarian option will also be available, but it must be requested at the time of ordering.

Sport Information Desk (SID)

The SID is located on the second floor, in the Athletes' Lounge.

Medical services

The athletes' medical room is located on the west side of the field of play. The Tokyo 2020 athlete medical team will provide services such as first aid, emergency care, sports medicine and physical therapy services to athletes, team officials and technical officials. The medical team will consist of at least one doctor and one physiotherapist, and nurses. Ambulances will be stationed at Aomi Urban Sports Park during medical services operational hours. Each ambulance is staffed with a crew of three trained medical personnel.

Doping control station

The doping control station is located on the north side of the field of play.

Venue Accreditation Office (VAO)

TBD

Training venue

Aomi Urban Sports Park

1-1 Aomi
Koto-ku Tokyo
Japan

Training sessions

Official training

Official training will be held on the field of play on Saturday 31 July 2021 between 18:30 and 21:30. All athletes shall participate in the official training which will be open to the media. The warm-up area will be open from 17:30.

General training

The training climbing wall will be available for general training from 14 July 2021, one day after the Olympic Village officially opens, until one day before competition starts (2 August 2021).

NOCs are required to inform Tokyo 2020 competition management if they intend to use the training facilities by attending the Sport Information Centre (SIC) at the Olympic Village. General training will be closed to the media.

Training equipment

Athletes participating in general and official training sessions must bring their own personal climbing equipment (shoes, harness, rope, chalk, etc.).

Please note all athletes will be required to have their uniform and equipment inspected when the general and official training session take place on the field of play.

Training schedule

The schedule for general training is as follows:

General training A	Playground (same as warm-up walls for competition)	14 - 21 July 2021	17:00 - 20:00
		22 July 2021	17:30 - 21:30*
		23 July 2021	09:00 - 12:00
		24 - 28 July 2021	19:30 - 22:00
		29 July 2021	07:30 - 09:00*
		30 July 2021	17:30 - 19:00*
		31 July 2021	17:30 - 19:00**
		1 - 2 August 2021	18:00 - 21:00
General training B	Field of play	22 July 2021	18:30 - 21:30
		29 July 2021	08:30 - 10:30
		30 July 2021	18:30 - 21:30
Official training	Field of play	31 July 2021	18:30 - 21:30

* Warm-up for general training in the field of play

** Warm-up for official training in the field of play

Training facilities

Training facilities will be the same as competition facilities.

Training Access Pass (TAP)

TBD

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Directory

The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo 2020)

Tokyo won the right to stage the Games of the XXXII Olympiad on 7 September 2013. The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo 2020) is a private, not-for-profit sports association that was officially formed on 24 January 2014. Spearheaded by former prime minister of Japan, Yoshiro Mori, as president, the organising committee is composed of members from various organisations including the Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC), Japanese Paralympic Committee (JPC), Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) and the national government of Japan.

Tokyo 2020 was assigned its mission by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and must follow their guidance, the Host City Contract, the Olympic Charter, the IPC Handbook, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) regulations and Japanese law.

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International Olympic Committee (IOC)

The International Olympic Committee was created on 23 June 1894. Less than two years later, on 6 April 1896, the first Olympic Games of the modern era opened in Athens, and the Olympic Movement has not stopped growing ever since. The Olympic Movement encompasses organisations, athletes and other persons who agree to be guided by the principles of the Olympic Charter. The goal of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practised without discrimination of any kind, in a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play.

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International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC)

The IFSC is an international, non-governmental, non-profit organisation whose main objectives are the direction, regulation, promotion and development of Sport Climbing competitions around the world. The IFSC fosters links, networks and friendly relations among its members, their climbers and officials. The IFSC currently has 58 fully affiliated national federation members and a further 31 associate, continental and developing member organisations. It is a young and healthy federation founded on modern sporting principles, cultivating them to gain credibility both as a competitive sport and for its social values.

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Japan Mountaineering & Sport Climbing Association (JMSCA)

Japan Mountaineering & Sport Climbing Association (JMSCA) was founded in 1960 as the Japan Mountaineering Association (JMA) to promote the value of mountain activities in Japan. In the 1990s JMA started to organise international Sport Climbing competitions and provide support to the Sport Climbing community. In 2017, JMA was renamed JMSCA to show the aim of the organisation was to represent both Sport Climbing and Mountaineering as inseparable activities.

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