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Dear National Federations, Senior Athletes, Junior Athletes and your parents, Event Organisers, Coaches and Officials

The Executive Board of IFSC Europe met on 30th March. We reviewed the Competition Calendar for 2020 in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic's current and forecast impact on European nations and peoples.

The European Championship/Combined Qualifier in Moscow will be with high probability postponed. We will inform you of the new date for this event once local negotiations are completed. We remain confident that the European Youth Championship scheduled in Perm for October 22nd-28th will take place. We are immensely grateful to the Climbing Federation of Russia for their hard work and flexibility to ensure that these key events can take place in 2020.

We have determined that all other events scheduled for June and July are postponed. Our goal for the remainder of this year is to run at least one EYC and EC event in each discipline. We will announce and confirm the date of the first EYC and EC events at least eight weeks' prior to that event.

We remain in close touch with Event Organisers of both postponed and currently scheduled events, and we thank them for their support. Together we will be able to quickly respond to any widespread change in governments' policies that enable climbing gyms to re-open, athletes to restart training, and travel restrictions to be sufficiently lifted.

We hope and think to meet all expectations and needs expressed by athletes, coaches, parents and federations in order to stay healthy and have, if possible, a late and shortened season 2020.

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