

## **Sustainability concept World Climbing Series Innsbruck 2026**

A World Climbing Series event will take place again in 2026 in Innsbruck / Tirol at the Kletterzentrum Innsbruck. As part of the organization, the Austrian Climbing Association and Austria Climbing Event GmbH are committed to a mission of holding an event that not only celebrates the sporting achievements of the participants, but also observes and implements the principles of sustainability.

For us, sustainability means a balance between economy, ecology, and social interaction.

### **Economic sustainability**

The economic pillar of our sustainability concept for the World Climbing Series Innsbruck 2026 aims to ensure the long-term viability of the event through an intelligent and responsible financial strategy. A key element of this is the multi-year organization of the event. This not only ensures the continuity of the competition but also creates significant synergies. These synergies lead to reduced budget requirements year after year, as infrastructure, logistics, and processes can be optimized and reused.

The involvement of the Austrian Climbing Association (KVÖ) in the event's implementation plays a key role in ensuring cost efficiency. Part of the staff costs are covered directly by the association, significantly reducing the financial burden on the event itself.

The financing of the World Climbing Series Innsbruck 2026 is made up of various channels that ensure healthy diversification and minimize dependence on individual sources of funding: Ticketing, grants, partners & sponsors, tourism / region and partial financial participation of the Austrian Climbing Federation.

This distribution not only ensures financial stability but also demonstrates broad support from various stakeholders, from local tourism associations to international sponsors. The strong partnership with these stakeholders, who have also pledged their support for future events, forms a solid foundation for the sustainable development of the event.

### **Ecological responsibility**

The World Climbing Series Innsbruck 2026 event is committed to responsible use of the environment and resources by integrating ecological sustainability into all aspects of the event. We are committed to measures that both protect the natural environment and raise awareness of environmental challenges.

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Transportation: In cooperation with Innsbruck Public Transport (IVB), we offer all visitors and participants the opportunity to use public transportation free of charge. This is done by presenting their ticket or accreditation, which significantly reduces the event's carbon footprint. We provide a shuttle service for certain groups of people. We make sure that these groups are picked up together and taken directly to the event area in order to avoid unnecessary journeys and journeys with low capacity utilization. Furthermore, we offer competition officials and employees the opportunity to use the [city bike](#) free of charge and try to promote this transportation option.

Catering: Our catering concept focuses on local products and service providers. We use reusable tableware to minimize the use of single-use plastic. These measures not only support the local economy, but also reduce the environmental impact that could be caused by long transportation routes. In addition, all volunteers and employees are offered predominantly vegetarian food options to reduce the demand for meat-based products, which have a higher environmental impact.

Waste systems and waste avoidance: Well organized waste separation is essential for us. We separate plastic / aluminum, cardboard, residual waste and organic waste to ensure efficient recycling and disposal. We also focus on waste avoidance by not using disposable plastic bottles in most areas of the event. In addition, leftover food is donated to ensure that no food is wasted.

There will be no plastic water bottles for volunteers, staff and officials; instead, refill stations will be available on site to provide fresh drinking water and encourage the use of personal reusable bottles. Refill stations will also be provided on the grounds for visitors. It should be noted that visitors can bring their own bottles. However, for safety reasons, the bottle size is limited and only plastic or hard plastic bottles are allowed, which will also be communicated on the website. There will also be deposit cups on site for the distribution of free drinking water.

Local partnerships: Most of our partners and suppliers are based in Tirol. This proximity not only supports the regional economy, but also minimizes environmentally harmful logistics processes.

Sustainable banner design: The banners are designed so that they can be reused over several years. This reduces the need for new materials and lowers the associated environmental impact.

## Social sustainability

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The World Climbing Series Innsbruck 2026 event is more than just a sports event; it is a platform that aims to promote social values and bring people together from all over the world. Our commitment to social sustainability is reflected in various facets: inclusion, youth activation and cultural diversity

Inclusion through Para Climbing: As a sign of our commitment to inclusion and equality, Para Climbing will open the week of events. This underlines the importance of access to the sport for people with disabilities and sends a strong signal about the importance of diversity in climbing. In order to bring the topic of Para Climbing more into the focus of visitors, further information on this topic will be published on the website. This includes details on the categorization of Para-athletes in order to make the sport more understandable and accessible for spectators.

Promoting youth: The Bloc Master Talents, a bouldering competition for young talents from Austria, offers children and young people a platform to showcase their skills. The kids' competition takes place on the mobile bouldering wall, on which the best climbers in the world have previously competed. This event not only serves to promote talent, but also to motivate the next generation of climbers.

Fairness, ethics and culture: Fairness and ethics are fundamental principles in climbing. The World Climbing Series Innsbruck 2026 promotes these values through its organization and focus, using sport as a means of connecting people from different countries and cultures.

Involvement of volunteers and temporary employees: Our volunteer program enables around 100 people from a wide range of nations to actively participate in the event and gain valuable experience. This international collaboration enriches the event and promotes cultural exchange.

Accessibility and accompanying person regulations: The spectator area includes special areas for people with mobility impairments to ensure that all visitors can enjoy the event to the full. We also allow people with a disability of at least 50% to bring a companion free of charge to ensure full participation.

Discounts and free entry for young visitors: Young people receive discounts and children up to the age of 10 have free entry, which encourages families to attend our event and experience the sport together.

By pursuing these strategies, we are ensuring that the World Climbing Series Innsbruck remains a permanent fixture in international climbing sport, not only today but also in the future.