

Star in sport climbing died in a fall on Sunday in France.

NEW YORK, June 16, 2020— A 16-year-old rising star in sport climbing died in a fall on Sunday in France.

Luce Douady, described as a very promising member of the French climbing team, was with friends in the southeastern part of the country when she fell from a cliff, the French Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing confirmed.

“This terrible news has had a huge impact on her training partners, her coaches and her club, Chambéry Escalade,” the FFME statement read in part. “But today, the whole federation is in mourning.”

Sport climbing is set to make its Olympic debut at the rescheduled Tokyo Games in 2021. Douady, who won the youth world championship in bouldering last year in Italy, would have been a strong candidate to make the French team.

A statement from the International Federation of Sport Climbing described Douady as a “young, brilliant and talented athlete.”

“The IFSC’s thoughts and prayers are with Luce’s family and friends at this tragic time,” the statement continued.
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