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IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUP MEIRINGEN 2019

Current and future bouldering stars from all around the world will compete in 2 days at the IFSC Bouldering World Cup in Meiringen, Switzerland. This marks the start of an exciting IFSC season which features 6 Bouldering World Cups all around the globe: Meiringen (SUI), Moscow (RUS), Chongging (CHN), Wujiang (CHN), Munich (GER), Vail (USA).

After a thrilling 2018 season that highlighted the next generation of climbers at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires and before the Olympic Games in July 2020, we mark the beginning of the 2019 season with the IFSC Bouldering World Cup in Meiringen, which will be followed by the sport community all around the World.

Key climbers

After their historical performances in 2018 all eyes rest on the Japanese Team, which will be one of the nations to follow closely, most notably Miho NONAKA who won the 2019 Bouldering Championship after finishing 2nd in each IFSC World Cup. except Meiringen, where she won. With 3 victories last year. her compatriot Akiyo NOGUCHI will be a strong contender in the race to the top. The French climber Fanny GIBERT (4th last year) is not far off and is rearing to show her ability and power with this new season. The opposition will definitely come from Slovenia with two amazing athletes, Janja GARNBRET and Katja KADICK

Slovenia also has a very strong men's team this year. Jernei KRUDER won the overall Bouldering season after climbing on the podium 5 times in 2018. including in Meiringen were he won a gold medal. After ranked 2nd in 2017 and 2018, as well as 2nd in the World Ranking, the Japanese climber, Tomoa NARASAKI will want to show that he can regain his 2016 IFSC World

Championships Paris title where he went face to face with Adam Ondra.

On the road to Tokyo 2020

It's also important to keep an eye on the Combined World Cup 2018 winners Jakob SCHUBERT (AUT) who didn't participate in all Bouldering World Cups but whose performances was very impressive and Jania GARNBRET. With the 2020 Tokyo Olympics just around the corner it's certain that these two climbers will want to step up their game and show the world what they can do as Olympic athletes.

Meiringen is once again the starting point of the international climbing season, but a very season that will end in Tournefeuille-Toulouse, found in the South-West of France, which will be the IFSC **Olympic Qualifying Event!**

Live Streaming

Tune-in to the IFSC homepage on April 6th to watch the live streaming of semi-finals and finals:

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All starters, results, replays and more can be found on the dedicated event page. For the complete 2019 IFSC Climbing World Cup calendar, please click here.

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IFSC WORLD CUP (B) MEIRINGEN (SUI)

Provisional Programme (GMT+2)

Friday, April 5

Bouldering Qualification - Men 08:30-15:00 16:30-22:00 **Bouldering Qualification - Women**

Saturday, April 6

Bouldering Semi-Finals Men & Women 11:00-14:00 19:00-22:15 **Bouldering Finals Men & Women**

Following Award Ceremony

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CURRENT WORLD BOULDERING RANKINGS

As of 31.12.2018 after IFSC Climbing World Championships - Innsbruck (AUT) 2018 (06.09.2018)

MEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	KRUDER	Jernej	SLO	461.27
2	NARASAKI	Tomoa	JPN	416.10
3	SUGIMOTO	Rei	JPN	319.84
4	VEZONIK	Gregor	SLO	309.94
5	RUBTSOV	Aleksey	RUS	303.00
6	CHON	Jongwon	KOR	288.09
7	FUJII	Kokoro	JPN	287.15
8	SCHUBERT	Jakob	AUT	215.15
9	TAKATA	Tomoaki	JPN	202.61
10	HARADA	Kai	JPN	200.96

WOMEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	446.15
2	NONAKA	Miho	JPN	445.91
3	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	299.20
4	GIBERT	Fanny	FRA	280.73
5	KADIC	Katja	SLO	198.20
6	GEJO	Stasa	SRB	197.19
7	PILZ	Jessica	AUT	147.38
8	KIPRIIANOVA	Ekaterina	RUS	146.59
9	SA	Sol	KOR	142.21
10	KLINGLER	Petra	SUI	129.03

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