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IFSC WORLD CUP MEIRINGEN 2017

BOULDERING IS BACK! - APRIL 7TH-8TH

Raw fingers and exhausted muscles, dynamic and technical crux moves, screams of effort and tears of joy, it all returns next week at the first IFSC Climbing World Cup of 2017! The best Bouldering athletes from around the world will put their off-season training to the test in Meiringen, Switzerland.

Meiringen opened 2016 with a spectacular show at the Haslital Climbing Center, with the mountains of the Swiss Alps surrounding. This year marks the first season after Olympics inclusion for Sport Climbing, heightening the anticipation even more for the debut. How will things change? Which athletes will come back stronger than ever? Meiringen is the first test!

Answering questions

After an exciting and emotional victory at IFSC World Championships Paris last September, Petra Klingler will certainly be in the spotlight at Meiringen, climbing in front of her home crowd. Despite an [injured knee](#), she has proven this off-season that she is still a formidable competitor. Also recovering from injury is 2016 season champion Shauna Coxsey. Last year, the British star swept the first three competitions, and this year she says [she can't wait for the World Cups](#). Expected to join them is Miho Nonaka of Japan, runner-up in the season rankings last year, as well as her legendary teammate Akiyo Noguchi who finished fourth.

Japan is also the team to watch for the men. Season champion Tomoa Narasaki mystified audiences all last year (especially with his [victory at Paris](#) which prevented Adam Ondra from defending the world title), and Kokoro Fujii continues to stand tall on IFSC podiums. Still, Aleksei Rubtsov of Russia left the arena wearing Gold last year, and [his enthusiasm is high](#) again this year. Also keep an eye on Switzerland's own Baptiste Ometz, who finished 2016 on a high note with second place at IFSC Youth World Championships Guangzhou and now has a full year of experience at IFSC Bouldering events.

Sport changes

A few [changes to the rules](#) will also be introduced this year, including the reduction of climbing time to 4 minutes (flat) in Bouldering finals and 6 minutes in Lead semi-finals and finals. What a challenge for the athletes!

LIVE streaming

See for yourself how the first chapter unfolds! Tune-in to the IFSC website on April 8th for Semi-Finals at 11:00 and Finals at 18:30 (GMT+2):

www.ifsc-climbing.org

All starters, results, replays and more can be found on the [dedicated event page](#). For the complete 2017 IFSC Climbing World Cup calendar, please click [here](#).

Don't forget to chat with us on Twitter during the event, by using the hashtag [#IFSCwc](#)!

Media notes

All event media can now apply for media accreditation to all 2017 events via the online registration platform:

<http://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/media-centre/media-accreditation>

Like last year, a selection of high quality photos will be available after each event on the IFSC Flickr account:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ifscclimbing/albums>

A news cut, shot list and dopesheet will also be available for TVs to download after each event on the IFSC Ftp.

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Provisional Programme (GMT+2)

Friday, April 7

10:00-14:30 Qualification Men
16:30-20:30 Qualification Women

Saturday, April 8 (LIVE)

11:00-14:00 Semi-Finals Men and Women
18:30-20:30 Finals Men and Women
20:30 Awarding Ceremony

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CURRENT WORLD BOULDERING RANKINGS

As of IFSC Climbing World Championships - Paris (FRA) 2016 (14.09.2016)

MEN BOULDERING

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	NARASAKI	Tomoa	JPN	461.18
2	FUJII	Kokoro	JPN	337.35
3	RUBTSOV	Aleksei	RUS	333.29
4	CHON	Jongwon	KOR	305.05
5	GELMANOV	Rustam	RUS	211.61
6	MCCOLL	Sean	CAN	207.36
7	BONDER	Jeremy	FRA	202.76
8	STRANIK	Martin	CZE	171.76
9	MAWEM	Mickael	FRA	163.28
10	KRUDER	Jernej	SLO	158.51

WOMEN BOULDERING

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	COXSEY	Shauna	GBR	451.85
2	NONAKA	Miho	JPN	402.24
3	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	318.55
4	LE NEVE	Melissa	FRA	315.62
5	KLINGLER	Petra	SUI	221.71
6	MASCARENAS	Megan	USA	216.15
7	RETSCHY	Monika	GER	181.86
8	GIBERT	Fanny	FRA	167.96
9	STÖHR	Anna	AUT	162.39
10	KAISER	Clementine	FRA	157.78