



IFSC YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS INNSBRUCK 2017 JAPAN, USA MEET HIGH EXPECTATIONS

The final Bouldering medals at IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck 2017 were awarded this weekend, and elite American and Japanese athletes crowded the podiums.

The IFSC Youth World Championships take place over 12 days this year, with hundreds of young sport climbing athletes participating from all around the globe. After 5 days of action, the final competition for Bouldering medals concluded tonight. In the end, Japan won nine medals and the United States won four, claiming thirteen of the eighteen available.

Superb double-flashes conclude Youth A finals

Despite rain in the early days of the event, a large crowd turned out for the Youth A Bouldering finals on Friday night. All male finalists topped M1 and M2, and the podium came down to the final problem. Mizuki Tajima of Japan flashed for third place, requiring one less attempt to complete his three tops than Petar Ivanov of Bulgaria. When Tajima's teammate Keita Dohi topped as well to take the lead, Schenk needed one final top to win. He duly did so, ending the evening with a perfect score of four flashes.

The female Youth A final was equally exciting. Luiza Emeleva jumped into an early lead with the only flash of F1, which most finalists topped. Ashima Shiraishi of the United States scored the sole top of F2, and only her teammate Brooke Raboutou also reached the bonus hold. All three athletes topped F3, and the podium again came down to the final problem. Emeleva and Raboutou secured spots on the podium with quick tops, and Laura Rogora of Italy flashed for fourth place. Last on the mats, Shiraishi topped alongside Schenk for two superb double flashes to end the round and earn the first gold medals in Innsbruck. Youth Bouldering champion since 2015, Shiraishi has yet to lose an IFSC youth event.

IFSC World Cup athletes on Juniors podium

Johanna Holfeld of Germany and Russian Iuliia Panteleeva started strong in the Juniors finals the following day. Holfeld's flash of F1 was enough to put her ahead of Panteleeva for third place on the podium. Maya Madere and Claire Buhrfeind from the USA were the only two women to claim two tops, solving the compression of F3 and precise moves of F4. Buhrfeind required less attempts than Madere for both problems, winning her the gold medal. Austrian Laura Stöckler finished the night with a top of the last problem in front of her home crowd.

The male final also opened with a challenging slab. A flash from Yoshiyuki Ogata of Japan put him in a fantastic position for the rest of the round. The physical M2 proved to be even more challenging than the slab, with only Ogata's teammate Meichi Narasaki finding the top. After a difficult start, Austrian Jan-Luca Posch burst back onto the scene and took third place by flashing M3 and M4. Narasaki and Ogata also topped the two problems, with Ogata claiming his second youth title in Bouldering by attempts. American Kai Lightner also topped the final two problems to finish in fourth place.

5 medals for Japan in Youth B Bouldering

The last medals in Bouldering were awarded tonight in Youth B. Again, slab problems began the round. All the male finalists topped, and Thomas Podolan of Austria took an early lead with a quick ascent. Power moves on poor footholds stumped everyone on M2, and four athletes were tied at two tops apiece after solving the compression moves of M3. Podolan was



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first to stick the beginning dyno of M4, but couldn't mantle to the top hold and finished in sixth place. Rei Kawamata of Japan breezed through the dyno and flashed the problem to take the gold medal. Russian Semen Ovchinnikov and Kawamata's teammate Ryohei Nukui also completed the problem to place second and third, respectively, by attempts. Nishida finished in fourth place, topping after time expired.

In the female final, Canadian Indiana Chapman flashed the opening slab. It was her only top and earned her fourth place, the best Bouldering finish ever for a Canadian athlete at the IFSC Youth World Championships. Futaba Ito of Japan took the lead with a flash of F2, a lead that she never gave up. Ito was the only finalist to stick the dyno beginning F3 and promptly continued to the top. She then powered past the steep features of F4 on her first attempt to

make it a sweep of all four problems for the gold medal. Her teammate Natsuki Tanii also finished with a flash to place second, and Saki Kikuchi rounded out the podium to give Japan all three medals.

Next: Speed races continue at Innsbruck

Speed climbing races are already underway at Innsbruck, with [the first medals awarded in Youth A tonight](#). Stay tuned for the full recap tomorrow, following the live streaming on the IFSC homepage:

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The schedule, results, replays, photos and more can be found on the dedicated [Innsbruck event page](#).

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BOULDERING RESULTS OF IFSC YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS INNSBRUCK 2017

Juniors Men

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	OGATA	Yoshiyuki	JPN	3t7 4b6
2	NARASAKI	Meichi	JPN	3t9 4b5
3	POSCH	Jan-Luca	AUT	2t2 4b4
4	LIGHTNER	Kai	USA	2t4 4b8
5	FLOHÉ	Yannick	GER	2t10 3b11
6	OMETZ	Baptiste	SUI	1t2 4b5
7	AVEZOU	Leo	FRA	0t0 3b4

Juniors Women

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	BUHRFEIND	Claire	USA	2t3 4b8
2	MADERE	Maya	USA	2t9 4b16
3	HOLFELD	Johanna	GER	1t1 2b2
4	PANTELEEVA	Iuliia	RUS	1t3 3b9
5	STÖCKLER	Laura	AUT	1t3 3b9
6	KUPS	Ida	POL	0t0 1b6

Youth A Men

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	SCHENK	Filip	ITA	4t4 4b4
2	DOHI	Keita	JPN	4t11 4b6
3	TAJIMA	Mizuki	JPN	3t5 4b6
4	IVANOV	Petar	BUL	3t6 4b4
5	BIAGINI	Pietro	ITA	3t10 4b5
6	UZNIK	Nicolai	AUT	2t5 4b7

Youth A Women

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	SHIRAISHI	Ashima	USA	4t7 4b7
2	EMELEVA	Luiza	RUS	3t5 3b4
3	RABOUTOU	Brooke	USA	3t9 4b10
4	ROGORA	Laura	ITA	3t11 3b11
5	MEUL	Hannah	GER	1t3 2b2
6	LETTNER	Sandra	AUT	1t4 2b3



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Youth B Men

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	KAWAMATA	Rei	JPN	3t6 3b5
2	OVCHINNIKOV	Semen	RUS	3t8 4b15
3	NUKUI	Ryoei	JPN	3t11 4b12
4	NISHIDA	Hidemasa	JPN	2t4 4b12
5	FOURTEAU	Joshua	FRA	2t11 3b13
6	PODOLAN	Thomas	AUT	1t2 2b5

Youth B Women

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	ITO	Futaba	JPN	4t8 4b7
2	TANII	Natsuki	JPN	3t5 3b3
3	KIKUCHI	Saki	JPN	1t1 3b7
4	CHAPMAN	Indiana	CAN	1t1 2b4
5	SANDERS	Nekaia	USA	1t2 2b2
6	FURMANOVA	Daria	RUS	1t3 2b6

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