



IFSC YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS INNSBRUCK 2017 COMBINED CHAMPIONS CROWNED

After twelve days of competing at the highest level, elite youth athletes climbed on in the Combined finals of IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck this weekend, concluding the competition.

Ovchinnikov, Tanii first Combined champions

Twelve Youth B athletes started the Combined finals on Saturday, racing up the Speed wall for a chance to stand on the last podiums in Innsbruck. Semen Ovchinnikov of Russia was fastest in the quarterfinal and semi-final. He faced-off against Ryoei Nukui of Japan in the last match, slipping early to give Nukui the provisional lead in the Combined. In the final for the six female finalists, Futaba Ito and Natsuki Tanii of Japan matched each other step-for-step, with Tanii earning the victory by fractions of a second.

There were only tops in the Bouldering final for male athletes. Rei Kawamata of Japan rose to provisional first in the Combined with a perfect score of four flashes, conquering massive features and the dynos of M4 on the first attempt. Ovchinnikov required only one more attempt for his four tops to place second. The final for the female athletes started with a run-and-jump which every finalist completed. A steep F2 and the bolt-hole clusters of F3 troubled a couple athletes, but not Ai Mori of Japan. She was the only climber to flash every problem, including a grueling F4 with powerful roof moves. Tanii placed second by attempts for the provisional lead in the Combined.

On the Lead wall, Hidemasa Nishida set an unmatched high point to finish third in the Combined. Kawamata fell lowest but placed second with his Bouldering victory and Speed score, and Ovchinnikov became the first Combined champion in Innsbruck by scoring well across all three disciplines. Ito, Mori and Tanii closed out the Youth B action. Ito fought the pump to within a few moves from the top for third place, Mori impressed with the first top for

second, and Tanii concluded the round with a final top to surpass Mori in the Combined rankings.

Stöckler wins first gold medal for Austria

The nonstop action on Saturday continued with the Combined finals in Juniors. American Kai Lightner squeezed past Kai Harada of Japan by five hundredths of a second in a quick small final. Yoshiyuki Ogata got off to a good start in the big final but his Japanese teammate Meichi Narasaki, the only finalist to climb below eight seconds, finished strong to place first. Claire Buhreind, one of the Speed favorites, fell in the female quarterfinal against Aika Tajima of Japan. Tajima was bested in the small final by Laura Stöckler, racing in front of her home crowd. Her compatriot Franziska Sterrer slipped against Speed standout Luliia Panteleeva of Russia in the big final. Panteleeva had been fast throughout the round and secured an early lead in the Combined.

Narasaki and Ogata matched their superb Speed results in Bouldering as the only finalists to top the first three problems, with Narasaki placing first by attempts. Harada and Lightner couldn't solve the slab of M1 but maintained strong positioning in the Combined after cruising past the powerful and dynamic moves of M2 and M3. The first problem proved the difference maker for the female finalists when everyone solved the jump start of F3 and failed to top F2 and F4. Stöckler flashed the tenuous slab problem and placed first, followed by Panteleeva who solved the concluding match perfectly but found one less bonus hold. Margo Hayes of the United States also topped and finished in third place by attempts.



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Lead climbing under the lights concluded the first day of Combined finals in Innsbruck. William Bosi of Great Britain fought to a high point which stood for most of the round. Ogata later surpassed Bosi's mark, leaving a small margin of error for Narasaki. First in Bouldering and Speed, Narasaki needed fourth or better to win the Combined. He did exactly that, battling fatigue after a week of intensive sport climbing for the victory. For the female athletes, Bührfeind set a formidable mark, but Stöckler stuck the crux dyno and continued onward for the Combined victory in front of a roaring home crowd.

Next step taken towards YOG Buenos Aires 2018

In Youth A, the top 20 male athletes and top 20 female athletes at IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck advanced to Combined finals, a major qualification event for Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018. 13 Youth A athletes qualified for selection to these Games, in accordance with the rules listed in the [qualification system](#), to be announced after the confirmation from the National Olympic Committees.

Speed finals took place on Saturday and results were determined by time, with two heats per athlete. Georgiy Morozov of Russia was the fastest male athlete, posting the only time below seven seconds (6.92). French star Sam Avezou joined the handful of athletes scaling the 15-meter Speed wall within 8 seconds, a group that also included Cristian Dorigatti of Italy and Chinese teammates DiChong Huang and YuFei Pan. Among female athletes, their compatriot YiLing Song registered the lowest time (9.05). Aleksandra Kalucka of Poland and Russian teammates Elena Krasovskaia and Luiza Emeleva also stopped the timer in under than ten seconds.

The Combined finals concluded today with the next rounds in Bouldering and Lead. Most finalists flashed the first problem, leaving the remaining three problems to determine the results. Half of the athletes maintained friction on the volumes of M2 to the top, including Nathan Martin of France and Filip

Schenk of Italy. Both athletes continued their streak of flashes on the next problems, sticking the one-handed dyno of M3 and keeping their composure on the walk across M4 for a perfect scorecard. Martin maintained an edge in the Combined with a better Speed performance. For the female athletes, again almost every athlete topped the first problem and multiple finalists fought past the ladder of blocks on F2. Brooke Raboutou and Ashima Shiraishi of the United States joined three other stars at three tops after flashing the following power problem. Only Austrian Sandra Lettner topped all four problems, showing a diverse set of strength and technique on the last problem to take the lead in the Combined. Valentina Aguado of Argentina was the only other athlete to top F4 and placed second in Bouldering.

The towering Lead wall in Innsbruck was the final challenge for the best Youth A sport climbing athletes in the world. Shuta Tanaka of Japan set a high point on the burly last route which no finalist could match, finishing sixth in the Combined results. Avezou marched to within a few holds of Tanaka's mark, taking the provisional lead in the Combined. When Keita Dohi of Japan fell short, Schenk needed second place or better to win the Combined. He climbed strong to equal Avezou's score, but a slower time (3.58 minutes compared to 3.20) bumped him down to third in Lead and second in the Combined, handing Avezou the crown. Petar Ivanov of Bulgaria rounded out the podium with quality performances in all three disciplines. All eyes were on Lettner in the female final. She maintained her lead in the Combined, falling just beneath the high point of her teammate Eva Maria Hammelmüller. Raboutou matched Lettner, but again time separated the athletes (4.04 minutes compared to 3.45) and secured the Combined victory for Lettner. Shiraishi closed the competition with one hand slipping off the top hold for first in Lead, second in Combined, and Raboutou rounded out the podium in third place.

More highlights can be found on the [event page](#), and please click [here](#) for the full Combined results.

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The IFSC World Cup season resumes this month with the fifth event for Lead and Speed athletes. Tune-in to the IFSC homepage to watch semi-finals and finals of IFSC World Cup Edinburgh on September 23-24:

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COMBINED RESULTS OF IFSC YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS INNSBRUCK 2017

Youth B Male

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	OVCHINNIKOV	Semen	RUS	12
2	KAWAMATA	Rei	JPN	18
3	NISHIDA	Hidemasa	JPN	24
4	NUKUI	Ryoei	JPN	30
5	GINÉS LÓPEZ	Alberto	ESP	40
6	DUFFY	Colin	USA	64

Youth B Female

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	TANII	Natsuki	JPN	3
2	MORI	Ai	JPN	7.5
3	ITO	Futaba	JPN	18
4	MEIGNAN	Nailé	FRA	90
5	KIKUCHI	Saki	JPN	96
6	DOUADY	Luce	FRA	120

Juniors Male

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	OGATA	Yoshiyuki	JPN	4
2	NARASAKI	Meichi	JPN	6
3	LIGHTNER	Kai	USA	27
4	BOSI	William	GBR	60
5	HARADA	Kai	JPN	80
6	FLOHÉ	Yannick	GER	120

Juniors Female

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	STÖCKLER	Laura	AUT	3
2	PANTELEEVA	Iuliia	RUS	10
3	HAYES	Margo	USA	45
4	STERRER	Franziska	AUT	48
5	BUHRFEIND	Claire	USA	60
6	TAJIMA	Aika	JPN	96



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Youth A Male

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	AVEZOU	Sam	FRA	42
2	SCHENK	Filip	ITA	67.5
3	IVANOV	Petar	BUL	72
4	MARTIN	Nathan	FRA	195
5	DOHI	Keita	JPN	202.5
6	TANAKA	Shuta	JPN	204
7	PAN	YuFei	CHN	240
8	MOROZOV	Georgiy	RUS	380
9	BIAGINI	Pietro	ITA	693
10	DORIGATTI	Cristian	ITA	700
11	HUANG	DiChong	CHN	780
12	LINACISORO MOLINA	Mikel Asier	ESP	900
13	TAJIMA	Mizuki	JPN	1078
14	PICCOLRUAZ	David	ITA	1152
15	KURIC	Peter	SVK	1344
16	EOM	Seongmin	KOR	1680
17	UZNIK	Nicolai	AUT	1782
18	CHAN CHONG KIAT	Mark	SGP	2652
19	GUNDOLF	Louis	AUT	4332
20	HERNANDEZ	Galo	ECU	5600

Youth A Female

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	LETTNER	Sandra	AUT	40
2	SHIRAISHI	Ashima	USA	52
3	RABOUTOU	Brooke	USA	135
4	KRASOVSKAIA	Elena	RUS	144
5	AGUADO	Valentina	ARG	224
6	ROGORA	Laura	ITA	345
7	SONG	YiLing	CHN	361
8	LAMMER	Laura	AUT	450
9	SCHOIBL	Celina	AUT	455
10	HAMMELMÜLLER	Eva Maria	AUT	540
11	EMELEVA	Luiza	RUS	616
12	VARIK	Irina	RUS	828
13	KALUCKA	Aleksandra	POL	918
14	RAKOVEC	Lucka	SLO	1140
15	MEUL	Hannah	GER	1155
16	LUKAN	Vita	SLO	1728
17	JARIEL	Arabella	USA	1836
18	TESIO	Giorgia	ITA	2210
19	ZORAJ	Jani	CRO	3360
20	AKSENOVA	Polina	RUS	-