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This week, Sport Climbing fans and 531 registered athletes from 57 nations and 5 continents will “climb, come together, celebrate” at IFSC Climbing & Paraclimbing World Championships Innsbruck 2018.

Combined: All Eyes on Garnbret

173 athletes are registered to compete in all three Bouldering, Lead and Speed climbing disciplines this year at the biannual, signature event. The six top-scoring men and women will qualify for the Combined finals on the last day, the first of its kind at the IFSC World Championships. All eyes are on Janja Garnbret, 2017 Combined season champion in the IFSC World Cup series who won gold medals at the most recent Bouldering and Lead events in Munich and Arco. Visit Innsbruck2018.com for an in-depth [interview](#) with the Slovenian star athlete.

Paraclimbing: from Briançon to Innsbruck

The IFSC World Championships this year will feature 139 Paraclimbing athletes across 12 categories. Leg amputee Lucie Jarrige, a reigning Paraclimbing world champion (AL2), soared to 1st place in front of her home crowd at the most recent Paraclimbing Cup in Briançon, France. Her compatriot Thierry Delarue, absent from the IFSC World Championships in 2016, could shake-up the men’s leg amputee category after setting an unmatched high point in Briançon finals. Great Britain and Italy also claimed multiple gold medals in Briançon. Gold medallist Matthew Phillips of Great Britain is one to watch in the forearm amputee category (AU2), as well as visually impaired teammate (B2) Abigail Robinson, victor at her first Paraclimbing Cup. Matteo Stefani and Giulio Cevenini of Italy will aim to perform as they did in Briançon and take the world titles held by visually impaired athletes Koichiro Kobayashi and Sho Aita of Japan. In the RP categories (limited range, power, stability), look for

Paraclimbing world champions Elodie Orbaen (BEL) and Korbinian Franck (GER) near the top of the results.

Bouldering: Japan vs. Slovenia

Slovenia excelled at the final Bouldering event in the IFSC World Cup series this year in Munich. They won both gold medals and Jernej Kruder held-off Tomoa Narasaki of Japan to secure the season title. Kruder will face-off against the reigning Bouldering world champion again in Innsbruck. Japan dominated throughout much of the 2018 season, occupying two of the top three spots in both the men and women’s Bouldering season rankings. New season champion Miho Nonaka and veteran Akiyo Noguchi concluded the season with a thrilling grand finale in Munich. Both athletes will try to take the crown from reigning Bouldering world champion Petra Klingler (SUI). Click [here](#) for another interview with Noguchi and Narasaki.

Lead: High Hopes for Austria

Garnbret and climbing superstar Adam Ondra (CZE) closed the IFSC World Championships in 2016 with unforgettable tops in finals. If Ondra performs similarly under the spotlight in Innsbruck, he will become the first athlete in recent IFSC World Championships history to win three consecutive Lead world titles. A strong field could stop him which includes Austria’s own Jakob Schubert, a former Lead world champion and current frontrunner in the IFSC World Cup series in Lead, Stefano Ghisolfi (ITA) and Alexander Megos (GER). Click [here](#) to watch a video interview with Schubert on the [IFSC YouTube](#) channel.



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Only Schubert's compatriot Jessica Pilz has beaten Garnbret this Lead season, and she must contest with former Lead world champion Jain Kim (KOR) and 2016 runner-up Anak Verhoeven (BEL) to do it again.

Speed: Challenging Rivals, Records

Long-time rivals Anouck Jaubert of France and Iuliia Kaplina of Russia continue to score low times on the 15-metre Speed climbing wall in the IFSC World Cup series. Kaplina returned to the top of the podium at the most recent event in Arco, and 2017 season champion and current season leader Jaubert matched Kaplina's Speed world record in April. To watch Jaubert's record-tying run, please click [here](#). Arco winner and current season leader Danyil Boldyrev of Ukraine scored the fastest time of the season in Arco (5.58 seconds), but men's Speed world record holder Reza Alipourshenazandifar (IRI) may find the consistency needed to overtake the former Speed world record holder in Innsbruck. Reigning Speed world champions Marcin Dzienski (POL) and Anna Tsyganova of Russia, regularly team season champion in Speed climbing, are also registered to compete.

Live Streaming & Replays

Finals and semi-finals in all disciplines at Innsbruck Olympiaworld will be LIVE streamed on IFSC YouTube and on the [IFSC homepage](#) and, for the first time this year, Bouldering and Lead qualifications will be LIVE streamed, taking place at Kletterzentrum Innsbruck. Fans in the United States can watch the Olympic Channel LIVE streaming on the IFSC website [here](#) and at OlympicChannel.com [here](#) when LIVE, and all replays will be available following the rounds on the official Innsbruck event pages for [Climbing](#) and [Paraclimbing](#). Chat with us during the show at [#IFSCwch](#), the hashtag for IFSC championship events, and click on the image below to watch the event slogan "climb, come together, celebrate" come alive.

Press Conferences

Representatives of the media are invited to speak with medal winners the day after final rounds at 11:00 GMT+2 (local time) in the Press Centre of Innsbruck Olympiaworld and after the closing ceremony the final day at 18:30. For the full schedule, please click [here](#).

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IFSC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS INNSBRUCK (AUT)

Provisional Programme (GMT + 2)

Thursday, September 6th

- 11:00-16:00 Lead Qualification Women (LIVE)
- 20:00 Opening Ceremony

Friday, September 7th

- 11:00-17:00 Lead Qualification Men (LIVE)

Saturday, September 8th

- 13:00-16:00 Lead Semi-Final Women (LIVE)
- 19:00-20:00 Lead Final Women (LIVE)

Sunday, September 9th

- 13:00-16:00 Lead Semi-Final Men (LIVE)
- 19:00-20:00 Lead Final Men (LIVE)

Tuesday, September 11th

- 10:00-16:00 Bouldering Qualification Women (LIVE)
- 18:00-22:00 Paraclimbing Qualifications

Wednesday, September 12th

- 10:00-17:00 Bouldering Qualification Men (LIVE)
- 18:00-22:00 Paraclimbing Qualifications

Thursday, September 13th

- 10:00-12:00 Speed Qualification Women
- 14:00-17:00 Speed Qualification Men
- 19:00-19:50 Paraclimbing Finals (LIVE)
- 20:00-21:00 Speed Finals (LIVE)

Friday, September 14th

- 13:00-15:15 Bouldering Semi-Final Women (LIVE)
- 15:30-16:30 Paraclimbing Finals (LIVE)
- 19:00-21:00 Bouldering Final Women (LIVE)

Saturday, September 15th

- 13:00-15:15 Bouldering Semi-Final Men (LIVE)
- 15:30-16:30 Paraclimbing Finals (LIVE)
- 19:00-21:00 Bouldering Final Men (LIVE)

Sunday, September 16th

- 11:00-14:00 Combined Final Women (LIVE)
- 14:30-17:00 Combined Final Men (LIVE)
- 18:00 Closing Ceremony