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IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUP MEIRINGEN 2018 NEW SEASON, NEW STARS: IFSC BOULDERING WORLD CUP RETURNS

Bouldering stars and rising stars from all around the world compete in 7 days at the IFSC Bouldering World Cup in Meiringen, Switzerland, the start of an exciting IFSC season which also features the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires and IFSC Climbing & Paraclimbing World Championships in Innsbruck.

Since 2016, Meiringen marks the opening of the IFSC Climbing World Cup season. Nestled in the Swiss Alps, the mountain village welcomes a new strong field of about 250 elite Bouldering athletes on April 13th-14th.

Shauna Coxsey (GBR) has yet to lose in Meiringen, but as in 2017 the reigning Bouldering season champion will have to overcome a recent injury (finger) to continue her streak of victories with Meiringen runner-up Katharina Saurwein (AUT) back on the start list. Jongwon Chon (KOR) missed the finals cut last year, but the men's Bouldering season champion and Meiringen runner-up Aleksei Rubtsov (RUS) are top candidates to medal. After dominating the Bouldering team rankings in 2017, Japan returns with a full lineup of podium contenders: Meiringen winner Kokoro Fujii, Combined season champion Tomoa Narasaki, Akiyo Noguchi, Miho Nonaka and youth Bouldering world champion (Youth B) Futaba Ito. Expectations are also high for the United States, sending youth Combined world champion (Juniors) Claire Buhrfeind and more strong contenders. From Switzerland, world champion Petra Klingler fell just short of the podium in Meiringen last year, but she will again be in the spotlight in front of her home crowd. Also keep an eye on Alexander Megos (GER), runner-up at the European Bouldering Championship in Munich.

YOG Athlete Watch

10 rising stars competing at the Youth Olympic Games in October will test their progress in Meiringen. Youth

Combined world champion (Youth A) Sandra Lettner (AUT) will climb in her first IFSC World Cup, alongside Argentina native Valentina Aguado, Combined world champion Elena Krasovskaia (RUS), Keita Dohi and Mao Nakamura of Japan, Petar Ivanov (BUL), Vita Lukan (SLO), Hannah Meul (GER) and Filip Schenk and Giorgia Tesio of Italy. Tune-in to the IFSC [homepage](#) on April 14th for the semi-finals and finals live streaming to see how all the stars and rising stars perform, and track all the results [here](#).

Rule Changes

Prior to 2018, attempts to tops in Bouldering broke ties in tops, followed by bonus holds if still tied. Now, bonus holds (called "Zones" in 2018) break ties in tops:

Number of Tops (T) / Number of Zones (Z) / Number of attempts to Tops / Number of attempts to Zones

Media Notes

All event media can now apply for media accreditation to all 2018 IFSC World Cup events and access the media application link for the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires via the [online registration platform](#).

Meiringen event media are invited to attend a press conference with Petra Klingler and more about IFSC World Championships Innsbruck on April 14th at 16:30, hosted by the Swiss Alpine Club and Austria Climbing.

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IFSC WORLD CUP (B) MEIRINGEN (SUI)

Provisional Programme (GMT+2)

Friday, April 13

09:00-15:00 Bouldering Qualification - Men
16:30-21:00 Bouldering Qualification - Women

Saturday, April 14

11:00-14:00 Bouldering Semi-Finals Men & Women
18:30-21:15 Bouldering Finals Men & Women
after Award Ceremony

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CURRENT WORLD BOULDERING RANKINGS

As of Asian Continental Championships - Tehran (IRI) 2017 (18.09.2017)

MEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	CHON	Jongwon	KOR	385.29
2	NARASAKI	Tomoa	JPN	364.44
3	RUBTSOV	Aleksei	RUS	358.56
4	WATABE	Keita	JPN	331.63
5	FUJII	Kokoro	JPN	319.60
6	HOJER	Jan	GER	245.80
7	SUGIMOTO	Rei	JPN	225.55
8	OGATA	Yoshiyuki	JPN	202.97
9	KRUDER	Jernej	SLO	188.46
10	SCHUBERT	Jakob	AUT	177.44

WOMEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	COXSEY	Shauna	GBR	518.40
2	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	440.36
3	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	325.70
4	NONAKA	Miho	JPN	321.61
5	KLINGLER	Petra	SUI	300.26
6	GEJO	Stasa	SRB	257.32
7	KADIC	Katja	SLO	208.19
8	GIBERT	Fanny	FRA	186.20
9	TRACY	Michaela	GBR	181.34
10	CAULIER	Chloe	BEL	146.45

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