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IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HACHIOJI 2019

SPEED: GOLD FOR POLAND AND ITALY

The seventh day of the IFSC Climbing World Championships Hachioji 2018 featured Speed Climbing and a final full of fast climbers hoping to set a new world record. The qualifications held some impressively fast times with nine of the women coming in under 8 seconds and ten of the men clocking in under 6 seconds.

MIROSLAW Becomes a Double World Champion

The first speed match-up of the finals saw reigning Innsbruck World Champion Aleksandra MIROSLAW (POL) against MingWei NI (CHN), and the combined win and early start to the competition seemed to grant MIROSLAW the necessary momentum to advance through the remaining rounds.

MIROSLAW took on Di NIU (CHN) in the race for the gold medal. With blistering speed, she started her run with a near-world record pace, finishing in 7.129 seconds, just short of the leading time to earn her second consecutive World Championships gold medal.

Both of the women's 2019 Speed World Cup leaders, China's YiLing SONG and Anouck JAUBERT of France, faced each other in the small final. A slip from SONG halfway up the route gave JAUBERT the lead needed to claim the bronze medal.

A New Men's World Champion

The men's finals was a surprising event from start to finish with many of climbers favored to win dropping out of the competition early, including 2019 Speed World Cup frontrunner Bassa MAWEM (FRA), and Innsbruck World Champion and current Speed Climbing World Record holder Reza ALIPOURSHENZANDIFAR (IRI).

A fall in the semi-final landed Innsbruck bronze medalist Stanislav KOKORIN (RUS) in the small final

where he took on Danyil BOLDYREV (UKR) and came out on top to earn a second consecutive World Championship bronze medal.

However, it was the battle for the gold medal that was the most exciting part of the event. Italian Ludovico FOSSALI was a wildcard having advanced to the final round of the competition after both of his previous opponents false-started. Both FOSSALI and Jan KRIZ (CZE) had near-perfect starts only to stumble simultaneously at the same section of the route. In a dash for the finish, FOSSALI hit the buzzer first for his first World Championships gold medal, while KRIZ fell and had to settle with silver.

Complete results for the IFSC Speed World Championships can be found <u>here</u>.

What's Next?

After an exciting week of competitions, it' time to combine the three disciplines and determine the first group of Olympic qualifying athletes. The best 20 climbers out of the 172 who competed in Bouldering, Lead and Speed will be eligible to compete in the Combined qualifications. After the finals, the seven highest-placed athletes per gender, with a maximum of 2 per country, will qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games.

More information about the Tokyo 2020 Qualification System can be found here.

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RESULTS OF IFSC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HACHIOJI 2019

MEN Speed

#	NAME		NAT.	TIME
1	FOSSALI	Ludovico	ITA	6.871
2	KRIZ	Jan	CZE	fall
3	KOKORIN	Stanislav	RUS	5.835
4	BOLDYREV	Danyil	UKR	5.934
5	PAVLENKO	Kostiantyn	UKR	5.863
6	ALIPOURSHENAZ Andifar	Reza	IRI	7.248
7	KHAIBULLIN	Rishat	KAZ	7.613
8	ZHONG	QiXin	CHN	false start

WOMEN Speed

#	NAME		NAT.	TIME
1	MIROSLAW	Aleksandra	POL	7.129
2	NIU	Di	CHN	8.363
3	JAUBERT	Anouck	FRA	7.534
4	SONG	YiLing	CHN	9.768
5	KALUCKA	Aleksandra	POL	7.605
6	KRASAVINA	Mariia	RUS	7.998
7	CHUDZIAK	Patrycja	POL	8.008
8	IVANOVA	Elizaveta	RUS	10.188

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