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IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HACHIOJI 2019

COMBINED WOMEN: ANOTHER RECORD BROKEN BY GARNBRET

The second to last event of the IFSC Climbing World Championships Hachioji 2019 took place on August 20 with the Women’s Combined Finals. The intense battle for the final women’s gold of the World Championships followed an exhausting day of qualifications where the top 20 athletes from last week’s competitions were whittled down to eight.

Another Speed Win For MIROSLAW

The race between Aleksandra MIROSLAW (POL) and Ai MORI (JPN) kicked-off the speed portion of the Women’s Combined World Championships. Despite a slip halfway up the wall, MIROSLAW still managed to reach the buzzer first and kept up the momentum to finish the big final race against Shauna COXSEY (GBR) in first. The small final saw Petra KLINGLER (SUI) against Miho NONAKA (JPN), with KLINGLER outpacing NONAKA to land in third.

NOGUCHI Turns Up the Heat

The bouldering event introduced the new three route final instead of the traditional four routes. After coming in eighth in speed, MORI was the first climber to try her hand on the walls where she topped W1 after three attempts. Akiyo NOGUCHI (JPN) followed with a flash and continued to stay in the lead with a two-attempt top on the second route. Janja GARNBRET (SLO) was unable to top W1, she made up for it with a flash on W2 to ultimately come in second. COXSEY earned the third-place spot with her W1 top.

The last route of the competition proved to be too difficult for any of the athletes to complete with no one reaching the zone, let alone the top.

A Close Climb

At the end of the night, the climbers faced a difficult lead wall with many of the athletes falling low on the route. MORI had a spectacular lead result as the only climber to top both the qualification and finals route. However, GARNBRET followed up with a top of her own to take first place in the round. After her bouldering win, NOGUCHI was close to catching GARNBRET’s overall lead and just needed to top the wall to take the gold, sadly she fell on the jump to the final hold, landing in third for the lead portion.

A Hat Trick for GARNBRET

With the combination of results from all three categories, GARNBRET successfully defended her 2018 Combined World Championship win and claimed her third gold medal in Hachioji. NOGUCHI finished second to earn a second silver medal, while COXSEY earned an additional bronze.

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Sport Climbing’s First Olympic Qualified Athletes

After a series of long back-to-back days in the IFSC World Championships 2019 featuring all three Sport Climbing disciplines – Speed, Lead and Boulder – the IFSC is pleased to announce the first group of Olympic qualified athletes in the history of Sport Climbing.

Over 156 athletes competed in all three disciplines at the IFSC Climbing World Championships Hachioji 2019 with the hopes of earning a ticket to the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games. Following a week of competition, the top 20 climbers in each gender were selected to participate in the Combined World
Championships and the first Olympic qualifying event. The seven highest-placed athletes per gender of the Combined World Championships, with a maximum of two per country, will receive invitations for the Olympic Games.

At the conclusion of the Combined IFSC World Championships finals, the following Women athletes have officially qualified for Tokyo 2020:

1. GARNBRET Janja SLO
2. NOGUCHI Akiyo JPN
3. COXSEY Shauna GBR
4. MIROSLAW Aleksandra POL
5. NONAKA Miho JPN
6. KLINKLER Petra SUI
7. RABOUTOU Brooke USA

All qualification places are provisional until confirmed by each athlete’s National Olympic Committee (NOC). Formal invitations will be sent by the IFSC to the relevant NOCs within five days of the conclusion of Combined World Championships. The NOCs will then have two weeks to either confirm or decline the quota places.

“I extend my congratulations to all the amazing women who participated in this year’s IFSC Climbing World Championships. These last 10 days have been full of challenging and thrilling competitions, and these athletes have ceaselessly continued to prove their incredible skills on the wall to offer the public a great show. Let’s all join together tomorrow to support the men on the last day of competition here in Hachioji,” said IFSC President Marco Scolaris.

What’s Next?

Tomorrow will be the last but not least day of the IFSC World Championships Hachioji 2019. Watch the COMBINED MEN live on www.ifsc-climbing.org to discover the next 7 climbers to be qualified for the Olympic Games.

Find more information about Sport Climbing’s Tokyo 2020 Olympic Qualification System [here](#).

RESULTS OF THE IFSC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HACHIOJI 2019

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