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## IFSC WORLD CUP YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS ARCO 2015: RISING STARS TAKE GOLD IN BOULDERING YOUTH AND JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ARCO ON AUGUST 31ST, 2015

There was a lot of anticipation surrounding this first ever Bouldering Youth and Junior World Championships, and the event certainly did not disappoint as the up-and-coming talents in Bouldering battled for the World title!

Despite the competitors' very young age, we truly saw a display of world-class climbing today in Arco. Notably, Japan brought home one gold and three silver medals in Bouldering. Slovenia, Italy and the USA were also well represented on the podiums.

### Climbing stars on the rise

The women's event shed light on the exciting future of female Bouldering, with rising stars Janja Garnbret (SLO) and Ashima Shiraishi (USA) dominating the Female Youth A and Female Youth B categories respectively. The two are well known for their incredible performances on rock and in competitions, where they have won medals in youth and senior events alike.

In the Female Junior category, there was a fierce battle between Stasa Gejo (SER), who took gold with two tops in three attempts, and Miho Nonaka (JPN), who scored two tops in nine attempts and secured silver. Jessica Pilz (AUT) placed third, continuing her astonishing series of good results this season.

### New climbers show promise

In the Male Junior's event, all eyes were on Jongwon Chon (KOR), who won the Bouldering World Cup overall ranking

2015 in the senior category. He secured gold with a narrow margin, ahead of Nicolas Pelorson (FRA), who was only one bonus attempt behind, and Anze Peharc (SLO), who took bronze.

The Male Youth A competition was dominated by the Japanese athletes, with Yoshiyuki Ogata taking gold and Kai Harada securing silver. Buoyed by the intense cheers of his home crowd, Filip Schenk (ITA) won the Male Youth B competition with 3 tops, far ahead of the rest of the field in what proved to be a particularly tough Final round.

Full results are available here:

<http://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/component/ifsc/?view=event&WetId=1562>

### Join in the action!

The IFSC World Youth Championships continues with Lead and Speed disciplines. For more information on the event and access to the live streaming of the semi-finals and finals, join us:

<http://www.ifsc-climbing.org>

As always, we are present on Twitter during competitions, so reach out with the hashtag #IFSCwc.



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## REPLAYS

**Bouldering Final Female Youth B & Female Youth A:** [https://www.youtube.com/Nlj43y\\_dfKs](https://www.youtube.com/Nlj43y_dfKs)

**Bouldering Final: Male Youth B & Female Junior:** <https://www.youtube.com/-aJ0cuelmjY>

**Bouldering Final: Male Youth A + Male Junior:** <https://youtu.be/up2Sm5xXVk4>

## PHOTOS

A selection of photos from Arco can be found very soon on our Flickr page here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/123572206@N08/sets/with/72157644623968172>

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### VIDEOS

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/ifscchannel>

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