

WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013: ANNUAL FAVORITE BEING HELD ON A NEW CONTINENT

This year the World Youth Championships are being held for the first time in North America. The top young climbers from around the world will meet on the coast of the Pacific Ocean to prove they have what it takes to be crowned champions.

The Boulders Climbing Gym in Central Saanich, BC, Canada, located on Vancouver Island, is bustling with activity as they make the final preparations to host this year's IFSC World Youth Championships (WYCH). Teams from all over the world have already started to arrive for special pre-competition training sessions; and route setters are busy planning the perfect routes to complement and challenge the unique talents of these top level young athletes. Central Saanich was recently named the "Competition Climbing Capital of Canada," and with a climbing facility like the Boulders Climbing Gym, it is easy to see why. Home to an 18-meter high competition climbing wall and over 1,200 square meters of climbing space, this world class climbing facility will make a fantastic backdrop to this year's competition.

A high level of competition is expected at this exciting five-day event.

Over 400 athletes from approximately 35 countries are expected to compete in this year's WYCH set to take place from August 15th to the 19th. The event begins at 8:00 pm on Thursday August 15th with Opening Ceremonies. On Friday and Saturday, August 16th and 17th, the qualifying rounds in the lead climbing category will begin at 9:30 am on both days and continue until complete. Sunday the 18th is the Speed Climbing day, with practice rounds beginning at 8:30 am and qualifying rounds at Noon. Finals will start at 4:30 pm. On Monday, semi-finals for lead begin at 9:30 am, with the finals beginning at 4:30 pm. The Awards and Closing Ceremonies begin at 7:30 pm.

For more information, please visit the Boulders Climbing Gym website:

<http://climbtheboulders.com/world-youth-championships/>

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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

Thursday August 15 - Boulders Climbing Gym

20:00 - 21:00 - Opening Ceremonies

Friday August 16 - Boulders Climbing Gym

Qualifier 1 - Difficulty

09:30 - First climbers start in all categories

Saturday August 17 - Boulders Climbing Gym

Qualifier 2 - Difficulty

09:30 - First climbers start in all categories

Sunday August 18 - Boulders Climbing Gym -Speed

Qualifier Rounds

12:00 - Youth A

13:30 - Youth B

15:00 Junior

All Final Rounds

16:30 to 20:30 (as needed)

Monday August 19 - Boulders Climbing Gym

Semi-Finals

09:00 - Semi-Finals Start

Finals for Youth B Boys/Girls and Youth A Girls

16:30 - Finals Start

Finals for Youth A Boys and Junior Boys/Girls

18:30 - Finals Start

20:30 - Awards and Closing Ceremonies

*All times listed in Central Saanich Local Time (GMT-7)

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ABOUT THE BOULDERS CLIMBING GYM

The Boulders Climbing Gym is a not-for-profit society, with the mandate of making climbing accessible for everyone, regardless of ability or ability to pay. With over 13,000 square feet (1,208 square metres) of climbing space, The Boulders Climbing Gym is a community facility and a unique social enterprise, providing adaptive recreation and rehabilitation programs, youth recreational and competitive programs, as well as facilitating a climbing academy at Stelly's Secondary School. All instructors are certified by the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides. See www.climbtheboulders.com for more details.

Home of the 2013 IFSC World Youth Climbing Championships, August 15-19, 2013

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ABOUT THE IFSC

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