



THE WORLD GAMES 2017 - WROCLAW

GEJO AND OGATA AWARDED FIRST MEDALS IN WROCLAW

The World Games 2017 opened in Wroclaw, Poland on Thursday, and today the first Sport Climbing medals were awarded in Bouldering to Stasa Gejo of Serbia and Yoshiyuki Ogata of Japan.

Praise for Sport Climbing

IOC President Dr. Thomas Bach delivered the keynote address of the Opening Ceremony before a sold-out crowd at the Wroclaw Stadium after the welcome speeches of Jose Perurena, President of the International World Games, and Rafał Dutkiewicz, Mayor of the city of Wroclaw. IFSC President Marco Scolari, IFSC Secretary General Debra Gawrych, IFSC Sport Director Jérôme Meyer and IFSC Event Officer Alessandro Di Cato attended the ceremony.

Today Dr. Thomas Bach visited the Sport Climbing venue during qualifications for Bouldering, which made its debut in The World Games this year. He praised the urban nature of the sport in [an interview with the International World Games Association](#): *"Sport Climbing is also a sport on the Olympic program in Tokyo 2020. Why? You can see here because with climbing you can address (or we all together can address) the challenges of modern sports. This means we have to go where the people are: to the urban centres. This urbanization of sport can be achieved very well with climbing and different other sports. You see the positive result already here in the preliminaries...The athletes I had the opportunity to talk with this morning are very happy with the quality. And this is what it is all about. If the athletes are happy we all can be happy."*

Asian Continental champion Ogata shines

Yoshiyuki Ogata was the star of the Bouldering final for the men. Qualifying for The World Games 2017 as

a winner of the Asian Continental Championships Duyun 2016, the 19-year-old from Japan topped every problem and was the sole athlete to link all the powerful lateral moves of M2. Most finalists topped M1 and M4, and Jan Hojer of Germany earned the Silver medal by adding a successful walk across the volumes of M3. Russian Aleksei Rubtsov completed the podium with two quick ascents, successfully wrestling with the spherical features of M4 in one less attempt than Mickael Mawem of France.

Gejo wins first Gold on a grand stage

Stasa Gejo of Serbia stole the show in the women's Bouldering final. Qualifying with her strong performance at the IFSC World Championships Paris 2016 and also 19 years old, Gejo claimed her first Gold medal outside of youth events. She also topped every problem, including a flash of W3. Miho Nonaka of Japan came in second with three tops, and Fanny Gibert of France placed 3rd with two flashes.

Streaming on the Olympic Channel

The women's Bouldering qualification and the men and women's Bouldering finals were streamed by the [Olympic Channel](#) on the IFSC website. Tune-in again tomorrow to watch the world's fastest Speed athletes race for medals at The World Games 2017:

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The schedules, results, photos and more can be found on the dedicated [Wroclaw event page](#).

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RESULTS OF THE WORLD GAMES 2017 - WROCLAW (B)

Men Bouldering

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	OGATA	Yoshiyuki	JPN	4/9 4/6
2	HOJER	Jan	GER	3/6 3/4
3	RUBTSOV	Aleksei	RUS	2/3 4/8
4	MAWEM	Mickael	FRA	2/4 4/7
5	NARASAKI	Tomoa	JPN	1/4 2/5
6	CORNU	Manuel	FRA	1/5 3/8

Women Bouldering

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	GEJO	Stasa	SRB	4/10 4/8
2	NONAKA	Miho	JPN	3/10 3/8
3	GIBERT	Fanny	FRA	2/2 2/2
4	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	2/3 2/3
5	RETSCHY	Monika	GER	1/6 2/7
6	HAYES	Margo	USA	0/0 2/11