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IFSC WORLD CUPS CHONGQING AND NANJING 2017 STRENGTH AND SPEED IN ASIA!

This month, more than 150 of the best Sport Climbing athletes will put on a display of speed and strength at the heart of two thriving Chinese municipalities.

China has been hosting world-class international Sport Climbing events for years, and the Asia Tour is now a staple in the IFSC World Cup series. Chongqing and Nanjing again host the first stage this year, welcoming multiple season champions for back-to-back Bouldering and Speed events.

Bouldering rematch

In Meiringen, Switzerland, Great Britain's Shauna Coxsey continued her dominance, topping every finals problem with the poise of a champion and unparalleled execution. She led the way throughout the competition last year at Chongqing, and the signs suggest fans can expect a similar spectacular performance the next two weekends. Miho Nonaka of Japan has also fared well at Chongqing, finishing on the podium the past two seasons, and her explosive power makes her a constant threat. Before casting your predictions, don't forget Austrian Katharina Saurwein finished second at Meiringen. The veteran competitor has been winning medals for more than a decade, and she proved she is as strong as ever.

Last year, the trajectory of Tomoa Narasaki's season changed with a victory at Chongqing. Despite missing semi-finals at Meiringen, the reigning season champion from Japan is still a top contender. His teammates Kokoro Fujii, Keita Watabe and Rei Sugimoto all climbed superbly at the first event and will join him for the Asia Tour. Also keep an eye on Aleksei Rubtsov of Russia. Always a formidable force, he climbed with convincing authority at Meiringen and is one of the early favourites for the season podium.

Speed premiere

In 2015, Mariia Krasavina and Qixin Zhong reigned as Speed queen and king, and both stars are on the start lists for Chongqing and Nanjing. Zhong medalled twice in his home country last year, and he continues to extend his Speed climbing legacy. Also in the spotlight will be Marcin Dzienski of Poland. Marcin was like lightning in 2016, winning the world title and topping the season rankings. His sights are on the World Games in Wroclaw this year, and these events will be the first window into his shape for 2017. The ever-fast Reza Alipourshenazandifar of Iran, winner at Nanjing, will race alongside them.

So often last year Luliia Kaplina of Russia and Anouck Jaubert of France finished first and second. Kaplina stood atop the season podium, and Jaubert is currently ranked first in the world Speed rankings. Legendary Russian Speed climber Krasavina could change the order this season. Also be sure to watch world champion Anna Tsyganova, who placed first at the World Winter Games in Sochi and, at her best, can set a record-breaking pace.

LIVE from China

The IFSC plans to provide LIVE streaming of IFSC World Cup Chongqing on its YouTube channel, and a solution will be tested on Saturday. Please stay tuned to the IFSC homepage for updates on the LIVE shows!

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The competition schedules, starters and replays can be found on the [Chongqing](#) and [Nanjing](#) event pages.

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IFSC WORLD CUP (B,S) CHONGQING (CHN)

Provisional Programme (GMT+8)

Saturday, April 22

09:45-13:30 Men Bouldering Qualification
15:00-18:00 Women Bouldering Qualification

Sunday, April 23

09:30-11:30 Men and Women Bouldering Semi-Finals (LIVE)
13:00-14:00 Men and Women Speed Qualifications
14:30-15:30 Men and Women Speed Finals (LIVE)
17:00-18:30 Men and Women Bouldering Finals (LIVE)
19:00 Awarding Ceremony (LIVE)

IFSC WORLD CUP (B,S) NANJING (CHN)

Provisional Programme (GMT+8)

Saturday, April 29

09:45-13:30 Men Bouldering Qualification
15:00-18:00 Women Bouldering Qualification

Sunday, April 30

09:30-11:30 Men and Women Bouldering Semi-Finals (LIVE)
13:00-14:00 Men and Women Speed Qualifications
14:30-15:30 Men and Women Speed Finals (LIVE)
17:00-18:30 Men and Women Bouldering Finals (LIVE)
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CURRENT BOULDERING WORLD CUP RANKINGS

As of IFSC Climbing World Cup (B) - Meiringen (SUI) 2017 (07.04.2017)

MEN BOULDERING

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	FUJII	Kokoro	JPN	100.00
2	RUBTSOV	Aleksei	RUS	80.00
3	WATABE	Keita	JPN	65.00
4	SUGIMOTO	Rei	JPN	55.00
5	KRUDER	Jernej	SLO	51.00
6	FIRNENBURG	David	GER	47.00
7	MORONI	Gabriele	ITA	43.00
8	RUGENS	Rolands	LAT	40.00
9	OGATA	Yoshiyuki	JPN	37.00
10	TOPISHKO	Sergii	UKR	34.00

WOMEN BOULDERING

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	COXSEY	Shauna	GBR	100.00
2	SAURWEIN	Katharina	AUT	80.00
3	NONAKA	Miho	JPN	65.00
4	GEJO	Stasa	SRB	55.00
5	KLINGLER	Petra	SUI	51.00
6	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	47.00
7	TRACY	Michaela	GBR	43.00
8	GIBERT	Fanny	FRA	40.00
9	SA	Sol	KOR	37.00
10	KUMIN	Andrea	SUI	34.00



CURRENT WORLD SPEED RANKINGS

As of IFSC Climbing World Cup (L,S) - Xiamen (CHN) 2016 (22.10.2016)

MEN SPEED

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	DZIENSKI	Marcin	POL	432.20
2	KOKORIN	Stanislav	RUS	313.71
3	MAWEM	Bassa	FRA	295.06
4	ALIPOURSHENA.	Reza	IRI	292.33
5	BOLDYREV	Danyil	UKR	289.89
6	HROZA	Libor	CZE	248.44
7	GONTERO	Leonardo	ITA	202.60
8	TIMOFFEEV	Dmitrii	RUS	192.86
9	NAMBOT	Quentin	FRA	161.19
10	MORO	Guillaume	FRA	142.45

WOMEN SPEED

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	JAUBERT	Anouck	FRA	433.44
2	KAPLINA	Iuliia	RUS	394.70
3	BUCZEK	Klaudia	POL	319.99
4	RUDZINSKA	Aleksandra	POL	291.95
5	TSYGANOVA	Anna	RUS	272.89
6	BROZEK	Anna	POL	212.28
7	SARISSON	Aurelia	FRA	210.59
8	MARENYCH	Alla	UKR	196.75
9	LACH	Nina	AUT	171.02
10	FLEURET	Elma	FRA	166.34