



IFSC WORLD CUP VAIL 2017

CROSSING OCEANS TO BOULDER

With the close of the Asia Tour last month, top Bouldering athletes from all five continents pack their shoes and chalk bags and travel to Vail, United States, for the fifth IFSC event of the 2017 season.

Vail, Colorado, has welcomed the world's leading Bouldering athletes to the IFSC World Cup stage for a decade now. This year, the renowned mountain town in the United States welcomes a new cast of rising stars and veteran sport climbers for its tenth event.

Youth World Champions climb to Gold?

Young American athletes excelled at the IFSC Youth World Championships in Guangzhou last year, and a number of them will be competing at IFSC World Cup Vail. Leading the way is Margo Hayes, who was unstoppable at Guangzhou, topping the podium in Bouldering, Lead and the Combined. She will look to improve on her recent 37th place finishes at IFSC World Cups Meiringen and Hachioji-Tokyo. Also on the mats in Vail will be Brooke Raboutou, who finished on three podiums as well at Guangzhou. They will try to catch Slovenian star Janja Garnbert, who topped every problem at Hachioji-Tokyo for Gold and is 2nd in the women's Bouldering rankings.

For the men, former youth world champion Kai Lightner returns to Vail looking stronger than ever, with 2 second-place finishes at Guangzhou and more strong climbing on the world stage. He will climb alongside American teammates Nathaniel Coleman, the legendary Daniel Woods and Sean Bailey, who excelled on the ropes in 2016 and just missed the podium at IFSC World Cup Villars. Former youth world champion Yoshiyuki Ogata of Japan just missed winning a medal last year as well, finishing fourth at Vail. He has gained much experience by climbing in every IFSC event this year and should be one to watch.

Japan returns to the top?

Ogata's teammates have been dominating this year. Keita Watabe finished in the top 4 at every event so far and leads the men's Bouldering rankings. Not far behind him are reigning season champion Tomoa Narasaki, Rei Sugimoto and Kokoro Fujii, who claimed the title last year at Vail and added another Gold at Meiringen to start the season. They will have to contest with Aleksei Rubtsov of Russia, winner at Hachioji-Tokyo, and Chongqing victor Jongwon Chon of Korea, who have both climbed superbly this year.

For the women, reigning season champion Shauna Coxsey is the only athlete with 2 victories in 2017. She will try to unseat Megan Mascarenas, who claimed the title last year at Vail in front of her home crowd but has yet to make the finals cut this year. Akiyo Noguchi and Miho Nonaka of Japan outperformed them both on their home turf at Hachioji-Tokyo and will hope to wear the medals again this time around. Bouldering legend Alex Puccio, finalist at Vail in 2016, is back on the starting list and should impress again.

LIVE in the USA

Don't miss out on the only IFSC World Cup in North America this year! Tune-in to the IFSC homepage on June 10th to watch the LIVE semi-finals and finals:

www.ifsc-climbing.org

The competition schedules, starters and replays can be found on the [Vail event page](#), and join us on Twitter during the show by adding [#IFSCwc](#) to your tweets!



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IFSC WORLD CUP (B) VAIL (USA)

Provisional Programme (GMT -6)

Friday, June 09

09:00 Men Bouldering Qualification
15:00 Women Bouldering Qualification

Saturday, June 10 (LIVE)

10:00 Men and Women Bouldering Semi-Finals
16:30 Men and Women Bouldering Finals
after Awarding Ceremony

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CURRENT BOULDERING WORLD CUP RANKINGS

As of IFSC Climbing World Cup (B) - Hachioji, Tokyo (JPN) 2017 (06.05.2017)

MEN BOULDERING

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	WATABE	Keita	JPN	285.00
2	RUBTSOV	Aleksei	RUS	252.00
3	NARASAKI	Tomoa	JPN	249.00
4	CHON	Jongwon	KOR	226.00
5	FUJII	Kokoro	JPN	203.00
6	SUGIMOTO	Rei	JPN	164.00
7	CORNU	Manuel	FRA	143.00
8	FIRNENBURG	David	GER	133.00
9	KRUDER	Jernej	SLO	123.00
10	HORI	Tsukuru	JPN	106.00

WOMEN BOULDERING

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	COXSEY	Shauna	GBR	335.00
2	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	327.00
3	NONAKA	Miho	JPN	232.00
4	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	180.00
5	KLINGLER	Petra	SUI	178.00
6	GEJO	Stasa	SRB	176.00
7	GIBERT	Fanny	FRA	147.00
8	TRACY	Michaela	GBR	130.00
9	CAULIER	Chloe	BEL	126.00
10	STÖHR	Anna	AUT	115.00