IFSC YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS INNSBRUCK 2017

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Tonight, the IFSC Youth World Championships officially open in Innsbruck, Austria, welcoming hundreds of elite athletes from around the world to the biggest stage for young sport climbers.

The IFSC Youth World Championships take place every year and gather hundreds of the most elite sport climbing athletes between the ages of 14 and 19. This year, there are 1,172 athlete registrations across all categories - representing 50 countries and 5 continents - and climbing will take place for 12 days on the brand-new walls of Kletterzentrum Innsbruck.

Bouldering powerhouse in Japan, United States

The spotlight will be on powerhouse Japan and the United States in Bouldering. Ashima Shiraishi of the USA has yet to lose an IFSC Youth World Championship event in any category. This year, she graduates from Youth B to Youth A, leaving an opportunity for 2016 runner-up Futaba Ito of Japan to steal the show in Youth B. Margo Hayes gave an outstanding performance last year in finals, topping all four problems, and she returns for her last year of Bouldering in the Juniors category. In Juniors for the men, IFSC World Cup regular Meichi Narasaki should continue to impress for team Japan. His teammate Keita Dohi will compete again in Youth A after winning Gold at IFSC Youth World Championships Guangzhou last year. Also keep an eye on Youth B standout Davide Marco Colombo of Italy.

Approaching the 6-second barrier in Speed

No athlete has broken the 6-second barrier at the IFSC Youth World Championships. Times continue to decrease, and the IFSC Youth World Championship current record of 6.23 seconds - set last year - may be lowered. Italian Gian Luca Zodda of Italy raced to 6.19 seconds at IFSC World Cup Arco last weekend, and Kostiantyn Pavlenko of Ukraine returns for his final year in Juniors after registering a time of 6.37 seconds last year. For the females, Russian teammates Elizaveta Ivanova and Daria Kan registered impressive times in the clutch to win Gold last year and both athletes will compete in Juniors this year. Also follow the climbing of Russian Karina Gareeva and Elisabetta Dalla Brida of Italy in Youth A.

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Sights set on Buenos Aires

This year, the Combined results will be the focus. In addition to medals in Bouldering, Lead and Speed, 20 female and 20 male Youth A athletes, and 6 female and 6 male Youth B and Juniors athletes, will compete in the Combined on the last weekend. Sunday will also serve as the major qualification event for Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018, with 13 female and 13 male Youth A athletes to be recommended for selection.

Tune-in for the LIVE streaming

Watch the world’s best young sport climbing athletes compete in semi-finals and finals at Innsbruck from September 1st-10th, LIVE on the IFSC homepage: ***www.ifsc-climbing.org***

The schedule, results, 2016 replays and highlights and more information can be found on the **Innsbruck event page**.
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Provisional Programme (GMT + 2)

**Wednesday, August 30**
- 10:00-15:00: Bouldering Qualifications Youth A
- 20:00: Opening Ceremony

**Thursday, August 31**
- 10:00-14:00: Bouldering Qualifications Youth B
- 19:00-21:15: Bouldering Semi-Finals Youth A

**Friday, September 1**
- 10:00-14:00: Bouldering Qualifications Juniors
- 20:00-21:40: Bouldering Finals Youth A (LIVE)
- After: Bouldering Award Ceremony Youth A

**Saturday, September 2 (LIVE)**
- 10:00-12:15: Bouldering Semi-Finals Juniors
- 14:30-16:45: Bouldering Semi-Finals Youth B
- 20:00-21:40: Bouldering Finals Juniors
- After: Bouldering Award Ceremony Juniors

**Sunday, September 3**
- 13:00-15:30: Speed Qualifications Youth A
- 16:00-17:00: Speed Finals Youth A (LIVE)

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18:00-19:40: Bouldering Finals Youth B (LIVE)
After Speed Award Ceremony Youth A
After Bouldering Award Ceremony Youth B

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**Monday, September 4**
- 10:00-12:30: Speed Qualifications Youth B
- 13:00-15:30: Speed Qualifications Juniors
- 17:00-19:00: Speed Finals Youth B & Juniors (LIVE)
- After Speed Award Ceremony Youth B
- After Speed Award Ceremony Juniors

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**Tuesday, September 5**
- 10:00: Lead Qualifications Youth A

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**Wednesday, September 6**
- 10:00: Lead Qualifications Youth B
- 15:00: Lead Qualifications Juniors

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**Thursday, September 7 (LIVE)**
- 12:00-14:45: Lead Semi-Finals Youth B
- 15:00-17:45: Lead Semi-Finals Juniors
- 20:00-21:00: Lead Finals Youth B
- After: Lead Award Ceremony Youth B

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