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## IFSC YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS INNSBRUCK 2017

# IFSC YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OPEN FOR HUNDREDS IN INNSBRUCK

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 powerhouses 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.

### Endurance showdowns for females in Youth A

In Lead, the Youth A category is stacked with formidable female athletes. New IFSC World Cup competitors Shiraishi and Brooke Raboutou of the USA and Laura Rogora of Italy all move to Youth A this

year. Rogora and Shiraishi made finals in the first IFSC Lead World Cup events of their careers at Villars and Arco, respectively, and Raboutou continues to finish on the cusp of the finals cut. They join an experienced Slovenian team led by Mia Krampf and Vita Lukan. Nolwenn Arc of France, 15<sup>th</sup> last year at Guangzhou, has also climbed well in the IFSC Lead World Cup and returns to Youth A for a rematch. She will be joined by teammate Sam Avezou in the male competition, who won Gold the past two years in Youth B. In Juniors, expect Hayes to excel again for the females, and be sure to track the progress of Yuval Shemla of Israel and American Kai Lightner for the males. Lightner was runner-up last year in Youth A, and Shemla made finals at IFSC World Cup Chamonix and consistently puts forth a strong fight.

### 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 Zozda 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 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, LIVE on the IFSC homepage:

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The schedule, results, 2016 replays and highlights and more information can be found on the [Innsbruck event page](#).

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## IFSC YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS INNSBRUCK (AUT)

Provisional Programme (GMT + 2)

### Wednesday, August 30

10:00-15:00 Bouldering Qualifications Youth A

20:00 Opening Ceremony

18:00-19:40 Bouldering Finals Youth B (LIVE)

After Speed Award Ceremony Youth A

After Bouldering Award Ceremony Youth B

### Thursday, August 31

10:00-14:00 Bouldering Qualifications Youth B

19:00-21:15 Bouldering Semi-Finals Youth A

### 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)

### Friday, September 1

10:00-14:00 Bouldering Qualifications Juniors

20:00-21:40 Bouldering Finals Youth A (LIVE)

After Speed Award Ceremony Youth B

After Speed Award Ceremony Juniors

After Bouldering Award Ceremony Youth A

### Tuesday, September 5

10:00 Lead Qualifications 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

### Wednesday, September 6

10:00 Lead Qualifications Youth B

15:00 Lead Qualifications Juniors

### Sunday, September 3

13:00-15:30 Speed Qualifications Youth A

16:00-17:00 Speed Finals Youth A (LIVE)

### 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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## Friday, September 8 (LIVE)

12:00-14:45 Lead Semi-Finals Youth A  
 19:00-20:00 Lead Finals Youth A  
 20:30-21:30 Lead Finals Juniors  
 After Lead Award Ceremony Youth A  
 After Lead Award Ceremony Juniors

16:00-16:30 Combined Speed Finals Juniors  
 17:30-19:10 Combined Bouldering Finals Juniors  
 20:15-21:45 Combined Lead Finals Juniors  
 After Combined Award Ceremony Youth B & Juniors

## Saturday, September 9 (LIVE)

09:00-09:30 Combined Speed Finals Youth B  
 10:15-13:45 Combined Bouldering Finals Youth B  
 13:45-15:30 Combined Lead Finals Youth B

## Sunday, September 10 (LIVE)

10:00-11:20 Combined Speed Finals Youth A  
 12:20-14:30 Combined Bouldering Finals Youth A  
 15:30-17:30 Combined Lead Finals Youth A  
 After Combined Award Ceremony Youth A  
 After Closing Ceremony

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