



## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES PREVIEW: SPORT CLIMBING'S GAME CHANGERS

This Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Summer Youth Olympic Games opens in Buenos Aires, Argentina, welcoming to the Olympics the first ever Youth Olympians of Sport Climbing, game changers of the sport.

### The Best of the Best

The Sport Climbing [qualification events](#) for the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 gathered the best of the best Bouldering, Lead and Speed athletes – of the ages 16 and 17 in 2017 – at youth championships around the globe. Among hundreds of competitors, top athletes at the IFSC Youth World Championships in 2017 earned a spot in Buenos Aires, the first appearance of Sport Climbing in an Olympic context. The remaining athletes mastered their respective Youth Continental Championships in 2017 in Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and PanAmerica, where youth stars qualified to compete on their home continent with Argentina native Valentina Aguado, profiled on OlympicChannel.com as a [hero of the future](#). Finally, in September the [quota for Sport Climbing expanded](#).

42 qualified athletes of Sport Climbing representing 25 countries, an even number of female and male athletes at the [first Olympic competition with strict gender equality](#), have continued to be game changers on the world stage in 2018. In the IFSC World Cup series, Sandra Lettner (AUT) opened the 2018 season by solving multiple problems in Bouldering finals to place 4<sup>th</sup> in April behind IFSC World Cup season champions. Shuta Tanaka (JPN) endured among former IFSC World Cup season champions too on towering Lead walls to place 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in July, and no female qualified athlete raced faster on the standard Speed wall than Aleksandra Kalucka (POL), who challenged Speed world record holders to place 4<sup>th</sup>

and 5<sup>th</sup>. Sam Avezou (FRA), Natalia Kalucka (POL), Vita Lukan (SLO) and Laura Rogora (ITA) claimed victories at the IFSC Youth World Championships this year in August, and the Kalucka sisters and Rogora all climbed in finals among elite Sport Climbing athletes at the biannual IFSC World Championships last month. Photos of the qualified athletes competing on the climb to Buenos Aires can be found on [IFSC Flickr](#).

### All-Around Excellence Required

Buenos Aires 2018 will measure not only performance in a single discipline but all-around success across all three disciplines of Sport Climbing. Like the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, athletes will be required to compete in Speed, Bouldering and then Lead and will be ranked according to their Combined result. More information on the Olympic Format can be found [here](#).

### Live Streaming & Replays

The full list of qualified athletes and provisional programme for Sport Climbing is displayed below. Tune-in to the [IFSC homepage](#) October 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> to watch the live streaming of every Combined qualification and final round provided by [OlympicChannel.com](#), [streaming round-the-clock](#) the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018. Replays, results, highlights and photos will be shared on the dedicated [Buenos Aires event page](#) on the IFSC website, and join the chat on social media at [#ClimbToBuenosAires](#) [#YOGjourney](#) [#GameChangers](#) [#YouthOlympics](#) [#BuenosAires2018](#)



## **YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES (ARG) 2018**

Provisional Programme (GMT - 3)

### **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

20:00-21:30 Opening Ceremony

### **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-9:25 Combined Qualification -  
Speed (Women)

11:00-13:15 Combined Qualification -  
Bouldering (Women)

15:00-16:30 Combined Qualification -  
Lead (Women)

### **Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-9:25 Combined Qualification -  
Speed (Men)

11:00-13:15 Combined Qualification -  
Bouldering (Men)

15:00-16:30 Combined Qualification -  
Lead (Men)

### **Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

10:00-10:16 Combined Final - Speed  
(Women)

11:45-13:20 Combined Final - Bouldering  
(Women)

15:50-16:30 Combined Final - Lead  
(Women)

16:50-17:05 Combined Victory Ceremony  
(Women)

### **Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

10:00-10:16 Combined Final - Speed  
(Men)

11:45-13:20 Combined Final - Bouldering  
(Men)

15:50-16:30 Combined Final - Lead (Men)

16:50-17:05 Combined Victory Ceremony  
(Men)

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Last Name	First Name	Nation	2018 Qualification Event
Lettner	Sandra	AUT	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Krasovskaia	Elena	RUS	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Aguado	Valentina	ARG	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Rogora	Laura	ITA	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Lammer	Laura	AUT	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Emeleva	Luiza	RUS	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Kalucka	Aleksandra	POL	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Rakovec	Lucka	SLO	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Meul	Hannah	GER	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Lukan	Vita	SLO	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Saurel	Lucile	FRA	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Tognon	Annalisa	SUI	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Hermann	Hannah	SUI	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Kalucka	Natalia	POL	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Disyabut	Narada	THA	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Nakamura	Mao	JPN	Asian Youth Championships Singapore (SGP)
Contreras	Alejandra	CHI	PanAmerican Youth Championships Montreal (CAN)
Carkner	Catherine	CAN	PanAmerican Youth Championships Montreal (CAN)
Arc	Nolwenn	FRA	European Youth Championships Saint-Etienne (FRA)
Eckhardt	Angela	RSA	African Youth A YOG Johannesburg, Gauteng (RSA)
Tetzlaff	Sarah	NZL	Oceania Youth Championships Noumea (FRA)

## Female Athletes

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Avezou	Sam	FRA	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Schenk	Filip	ITA	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Ivanov	Petar	BUL	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Martin	Nathan	FRA	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Dohi	Keita	JPN	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Tanaka	Shuta	JPN	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Pan	YuFei	CHN	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Huang	DiChong	CHN	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Linacisoro Molina	Mikel Asier	ESP	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Kuric	Peter	SVK	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Eom	Seongmin	KOR	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Uzник	Nicolai	AUT	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Chan Chong Kiat	Mark	SGP	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Franckaert	Lukas	BEL	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Jang	Donghyun	KOR	IFSC Youth World Championships Innsbruck (AUT)
Hernandez	Galo	ECU	PanAmerican Youth Championships Montreal (CAN)
Tkach	Yaroslav	UKR	European Youth Championships Saint-Etienne (FRA)
Rivadeneira	Nickolaie	ECU	PanAmerican Youth Championships Montreal (CAN)
Middlehurst	Ned	AUS	Oceania Youth Championships Noumea (FRA)
Naudé	David	RSA	African Youth A YOG Johannesburg, Gauteng (RSA)
Pereira	Bharath	IND	Asian Youth Championships Singapore (SGP)

**Male Athletes**