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IFSC CLIMBING YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MOSCOW 2018 KOREA, RUSSIA WIN TWICE IN SPEED, MEDALS FOR ITALY, POLAND, USA

Russia won two gold medals and seven altogether and two athletes became the first Speed youth world champions of Korea in the opening week of the 2018 IFSC Youth World Championships. Italy, Poland and the United States also collected multiple medals in Moscow in the Speed Climbing discipline.

Kalucka, Nagaev First to Gold in Moscow

Natalia Kalucka of Poland and Russia's own Almaz Nagaev raced to the first gold medals on Thursday. N. Kalucka capitalized on an early slip from teammate and 2017 champion Aleksandra Kalucka in the semi-final, the fastest female athlete in Youth A in Moscow (7.93 seconds). Kamilla Kushaeva of Russia, bronze medalist in Youth B last year, joined N. Kalucka in the big final after slapping the finishing pad three hundredths of a second before teammate Daria Potapova, 2017 runner-up in Youth B. Both flawless in the final race, N. Kalucka earned the first victory in another tight race over Kushaeva. In the small final, Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 (YOG) qualified athlete A. Kalucka held on for bronze.

Nagaev and Russian teammate Eduard Daukaev each scored only one time above 7 seconds in the Speed finals, and Nagaev advanced in the semi-final by less than one tenth of a second. American Jordan Fishman climbed against him in the big final, the fastest male Youth A athlete in Moscow (6.40 seconds). When Fishman slipped in the last race, Nagaev seized the opportunity in front of his home crowd to become the first youth world champion for Russia this year. In the small final, Daukaev outpaced YOG qualified athlete Nickolaie Rivadeneira (ECU) for Russia's third medal.

Korea, Italy Enter Medal Race

Haram Jeon and Jimin Jeong became the first Speed youth world champions of Korea on day two of the 2018

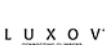
IFSC Youth World Championships, and Italy and the United States also won two medals in Youth B Speed. Anna Calanca of Italy bested Kiara Pellicane-Hart in the semi-final with the fastest time among female athletes (8.67 seconds), securing the first medal for Italy in Moscow. A small slip in the final race was all Jeong needed to surpass Calanca and take the first title for Korea in Speed climbing. Pellicane-Hart gained the lead in the small final, but a late fall handed the bronze medal to American teammate Emma Hunt.

Jeon soared in the final race of Speed finals for male Youth B athletes. He was the only competitor to climb the 15-metre Speed wall in under 7 seconds (6.95 seconds), giving Korea the provisional lead in the medal table and its second gold medal by beating Italian Andrea Zappini. Zappini was quick all day, ousting 2017 bronze medalist Evgeny Kuzin in the quarterfinal and making it two silver medals for Italy. Maksim Ryzhov, the sole Russian athlete in the Youth B medal races, grabbed the lead early in the small final but slipped towards the top, allowing enough time for Ellis Ernsberger to claim the second bronze medal and third total for the United States in Moscow.

Barashchuk, Zodda Champions Again

Ekaterina Barashchuk and Gian Luca Zodda, former Speed youth world champions, capped off the Speed climbing at IFSC Youth World Championships Moscow by regaining the title in their last year of Juniors. Five Russian athletes advanced to the medal races on

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Sunday in front of their home crowd, including Barashchuk who bested teammate Elena Remizova in the semi-final and Elizaveta Ivanova who guaranteed another gold medal for Russia. In a tight final race, Barashchuk scored the fastest time of the round (8.12 seconds) and slapped the finishing pad four hundredths of a second before Ivanova. It was her second Speed title since she competed at the IFSC Youth World Championships in 2014 in Noumea, New Caledonia. In the small final, Remizova capitalised on a fall from Elisabetta Dalla Brida (ITA) to join her compatriots on the all-Russian podium. YOG qualified athlete and Combined world champion Elena Krasovskaia also climbed in finals, placing 6th.

Zodda raced past Demyan Zaytsev of Russia in the semi-final and overcame a slip in the big final to hand Italy a

gold medal in Speed climbing. Zodda was last crowned with the Speed title in 2016 in Guangzhou, China. American Noah Bratschi eliminated 2017 Youth A champion Sergei Rukin (RUS) from contention in the semi-final and placed 2nd. In the small final, Rukin slipped early and Zaytsev continued upward for Russia's 4th medal in Juniors and 7th in Moscow so far.

Next: From Speed to Power

The IFSC Youth World Championships continue next week in Moscow, and the all Bouldering medallists will be decided after Tuesday. Visit the [Moscow event page](#) for the complete results, and watch every semi-final and final round in Moscow on the [IFSC homepage](#). The current medal table can be found by clicking [here](#).

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SPEED RESULTS OF IFSC YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MOSCOW 2018

Female Juniors

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	BARASHCHUK	Ekaterina	RUS	8.12
2	IVANOVA	Elizaveta	RUS	8.16
3	REMIZOVA	Elena	RUS	11.49

Male Juniors

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	ZODDA	Gian Luca	ITA	7.69
2	BRATSCHI	Noah	USA	9.29
3	ZAYTSEV	Demyan	RUS	6.61

Female Youth A

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	KALUCKA	Natalia	POL	8.38
2	KUSHAEVA	Kamilla	RUS	8.44
3	KALUCKA	Aleksandra	POL	8.31

Male Youth A

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	NAGAEV	Almaz	RUS	6.66
2	FISHMAN	Jordan	USA	Fall
3	DAUKAEV	Eduard	RUS	7.21

Female Youth B

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	JEONG	Jimin	KOR	8.90
2	CALANCA	Anne	ITA	12.25
3	HUNT	Emma	USA	11.02

Male Youth B

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	JEON	Haram	KOR	6.95
2	ZAPPINI	Andrea	ITA	7.32
3	ERNSBERGER	Ellis	USA	8.15

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