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## IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUP TAI'AN 2018

# DOUBLE VICTORY FOR FRANCE, FIRST WIN FOR ISRAEL, NOGUCHI REPEATS

France's Anouck Jaubert returned to the top of the Speed climbing podium and season rankings and Bassa Mawem won his first IFSC World Cup this weekend in Tai'an, China. In Bouldering, Alex Khazanov claimed his first gold medal and the first IFSC World Cup victory for Israel, and Akiyo Noguchi of Japan swept the first stage of the China Tour to rise to first place in the Bouldering season rankings.

### Two Gold Medals for France

The fastest Speed climbing athletes in the world continued to set low times on Sunday at the first IFSC World Cup in Tai'an. Bassa Mawem of France and Sabri Sabri of Indonesia never stopped the clock above 6 seconds. Mawem won his first IFSC World Cup by racing 7 hundredths of a second faster in the big final, and Sabri stood on his first podium. In the small final, top-ranked Dmitrii Timofeev (RUS) returned to the podium after placing first last weekend in Chongqing, China, profiting from a false start by Aspar Jaelolo (INA).

Anouck Jaubert, 2017 season champion and winner in Moscow last month, returned to the top of the season rankings in Tai'an. Only once did she score a time above 8 seconds, and a flawless final race against Sari Agustina (INA) earned her a second gold medal in 2018. Agustina wore her first IFSC World Cup medal and Aries Susanti Rahayu made it three medals for Indonesia by outlasting Anna Brozek of Poland in the small final. Susanti Rahayu registered quick times all day, including 7.40 seconds in the opening race of the final.

### Khazanov Shines in First Final

The Bouldering final concluded the action in Tai'an, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Speed and 4<sup>th</sup> Bouldering event of the 2018 season. Every male finalist topped the dynamic first and third problems and couldn't overcome the volumes on the second, leaving the final problem to decide the podium.

The tiny crimps beginning M4 and two slippery spherical volumes concluding it provided a challenging and exciting finish. Only Alex Khazanov solved the sequence to seal the victory in his first final and secure Israel's first IFSC World Cup medal. Jernej Kruder (SLO) flashed two problems to maintain the lead in the Bouldering season rankings, and Gregor Vezonik brings home a second medal for Slovenia by surpassing Rei Sugimoto (JPN) on countback to semi-finals.

4-time Bouldering season champion Akiyo Noguchi of Japan dominated in Chongqing last weekend and continued the excellent climbing in Tai'an. She flashed every problem in qualifications, never missed a top and required just five attempts to complete the final four problems and rise to first place in the season rankings. Her teammate and runner-up Miho Nonaka also topped every problem in finals: the W1 and W3 slabs, a powerful second problem and the difficult W4 which required both strength and technique to complete. Fanny Gibert (FRA) rounded out the podium with two tops, her first of 2018. Kyra Condie (USA) and Johanna Färber (AUT) competed in their first IFSC World Cup finals. For more results, visit the [Tai'an event page](#) on the IFSC website.

### YOG Watch: Dohi Most Improved

Among Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 qualified athletes, Keita Dohi continued to improve in the IFSC Bouldering World Cup, leading up to October.

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He topped 3 qualification problems and just missed the semi-finals cut. Seongmin Eom of Korea competed in his first IFSC World Cup this weekend, and YiLing Song continued to race well in front of her home crowd.

**Next: Bouldering from Asia to North America**

In June, the IFSC Bouldering World Cup continues in Hachioji and Vail, where spots on the season podium could be decided already. Visit the [Hachioji](#) and [Vail](#) event pages for schedules, starters and highlights, and tune-in to the [IFSC homepage](#) on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> to watch the live streaming of semi-final and final rounds.

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## RESULTS OF IFSC WORLD CUP TAI'AN 2018

### Men Bouldering

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	KHAZANOV	Alex	ISR	3t 4z 7 9
2	KRUDER	Jernej	SLO	2t 4z 2 5
3	VEZONIK	Gregor	SLO	2t 4z 4 10
4	SUGIMOTO	Rei	JPN	2t 4z 4 10
5	FUJII	Kokoro	JPN	2t 4z 7 5
6	CHON	Jongwon	KOR	2t 3z 6 6

### Women Bouldering

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	4t 4z 5 5
2	NONAKA	Miho	JPN	4t 4z 10 7
3	GIBERT	Fanny	FRA	2t 3z 6 7
4	GEJO	Stasa	SRB	1t 3z 3 7
5	FÄRBER	Johanna	AUT	1t 3z 4 10
6	CONDIE	Kyra	USA	0t 3z 0 5

### Men Speed

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	MAWEM	Bassa	FRA	5.68
2	SABRI	Sabri	INA	5.75
3	TIMOFEEV	Dmitrii	RUS	Wildcard
4	JAELOLO	Aspar	INA	False Start
5	KOKORIN	Stanislav	RUS	5.94
6	MUHAMMAD	Alfian	INA	7.31
7	BOLDYREV	Danyil	UKR	False Start
8	MUHAMMAD	Hinayah	INA	False Start

### Women Speed

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	JAUBERT	Anouck	FRA	7.62
2	AGUSTINA	Sari	INA	7.74
3	SUSANTI RAHAYU	Aries	INA	8.86
4	BROZEK	Anna	POL	9.17
5	SARISSON	Aurelia	FRA	8.10
6	TSYGANOVA	Anna	RUS	8.21
7	KRASAVINA	Mariia	RUS	8.24
8	SALLSABILLAH	Rajiah	INA	9.78

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