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IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUPS CHONGQING & TAI'AN 2018 CHINA TOUR 2018: FASTER, STRONGER

The 2018 IFSC World Cup series continues this month with the first stage of the China Tour taking place in Chongqing on May 5th-6th and in Tai'an on May 12th-13th, hosting its first IFSC World Cup event. Faster and stronger, elite Bouldering and Speed climbing athletes vie for positioning in the season rankings.

Miho Nonaka (JPN) just missed the season Bouldering podium last year but has started strong in 2018, placing 1st and 2nd at the first two events in Meiringen and Moscow and completing every problem in Bouldering finals. With 2017 China winners Janja Garnbret (SLO) and Shauna Coxsey (GBR) off the start list, Nonaka can take a sizable lead in the season rankings this month. Japan teammate Akiyo Noguchi has yet to miss a podium in 2018 and ranks among the top athletes. Fanny Gibert (FRA) competed alongside them in both finals and will aim to win her first IFSC World Cup.

For the men, Jernej Kruder (SLO) and Tomoa Narasaki (JPN) made the podiums last year in China and return after trading first and second place in Meiringen and Moscow. Jongwon Chon, 2017 Chongqing winner and Bouldering season champion, is off the start list for Chongqing but is set to compete in Tai'an. Also be sure to follow the climbing of Aleksei Rubtsov (RUS), who has not missed a Bouldering final in 2018.

A History of World Records

In Speed, Anouck Jaubert (FRA) returns to China after clinching the season title in Xiamen in October. Iuliia Kaplina (RUS) twice set the women's Speed world record (7.32 seconds) during the first stage of the China Tour in 2017 and has not lost in Chongqing since 2015, but Jaubert matched her mark during the final run of Moscow finals and could lower the record this weekend. Also quick in Moscow was Aries Susanti Rahayu (INA), who scaled the 15-meter Speed wall in 7.39 seconds during her quarterfinal race in Moscow, as well as bronze medallist Elena Timofeeva of Russia.

Reza Alipourshenazandifar (IRI), The World Games Athlete of the Year who set the men's Speed world record in Nanjing in 2017, began the 2018 season by recording four times under 6 seconds and winning a gold medal in Moscow. Not far behind him in the big final was Speed season champion Vladislav Deulin (RUS), who claimed two victories in China last year. From Indonesia, Veddriq Leonardo and Hinayah Muhammad faced-off in the small final in Moscow and will compete again in Chongqing. Also follow the climbing of their compatriot Aspar Jaelolo, who stopped the clock before 6 seconds in Moscow qualifications. The full list of starting athletes, schedules, 2017 replays and photos can be found on the [Chongqing](#) and [Tai'an](#) event pages on the IFSC website.

Youth Olympic Games Watch

Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 qualified athletes DiChong Huang, YuFei Pan and YiLing Song of China will compete in front of their home crowds in Chongqing and Tai'an. Keita Dohi and teammate Mao Nakamura (JPN), who placed 15th in Meiringen, will join them on the Bouldering and Speed walls in China. Also keep an eye on Sarah Tetzlaff of New Zealand, competing in her first IFSC World Cup on Saturday.

Live Streaming

Tune-in to the IFSC homepage on May 6th and 13th to watch the live streaming of semi-final and final rounds:

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Join the chat on Twitter during the show at [#IFSCwc](#).

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IFSC WORLD CUP (B,S) CHONGQING (CHN)

Provisional Programme (GMT+8)

Saturday, May 5th

09:45-14:15 Bouldering Qualification (Men)
15:45-18:45 Bouldering Qualification (Women)

Sunday, May 6th

09:30-11:45 Bouldering Semi-Finals (LIVE)
12:00-14:00 Speed Qualifications
14:30-15:30 Speed Finals (LIVE)
16:45-20:00 Bouldering Finals (LIVE)
after Award Ceremony

IFSC WORLD CUP (B,S) TAI'AN (CHN)

Provisional Programme (GMT+8)

Saturday, May 12th

09:45-13:45 Bouldering Qualification (Men)
15:15-18:00 Bouldering Qualification (Women)

Sunday, May 13th

09:30-11:40 Bouldering Semi-Finals (LIVE)
13:00-14:00 Speed Qualifications
14:30-15:30 Speed Finals (LIVE)
16:45-20:00 Bouldering Finals (LIVE)
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CURRENT BOULDERING SEASON RANKINGS

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MEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	KRUDER	Jernej	SLO	180
1	NARASAKI	Tomoa	JPN	180
3	RUBTSOV	Aleksei	RUS	116
4	CHON	Jongwon	KOR	102
5	TAKATA	Tomoaki	JPN	88
6	SUGIMOTO	Rei	JPN	74
7	VEZONIK	Gregor	SLO	65
8	SCHUBERT	Jakob	AUT	60
9	MORONI	Gabriele	ITA	50
10	TOPISHKO	Sergii	UKR	48

WOMEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	180
1	NONAKA	Miho	JPN	180
3	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	130
4	GIBERT	Fanny	FRA	102
5	COXSEY	Shauna	GBR	94
6	KLINGLER	Petra	SUI	80
7	KADIC	Katja	SLO	74
8	CAULIER	Chloe	BEL	71
8	SA	Sol	KOR	71
10	PILZ	Jessica	AUT	67

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CURRENT SPEED SEASON RANKINGS

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MEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	ALIPOURSHENA.	Reza	IRI	100
2	DEULIN	Vladislav	RUS	80
3	LEONARDO	Veddrig	INA	65
4	MUHAMMAD	Hinayah	INA	55
5	KRIZ	Jan	CZE	51
6	FOSSALI	Ludovico	ITA	47
7	SABRI	Sabri	INA	43
8	GONTERO	Leonardo	ITA	40
9	SEPTO WIBOWO SIBURIAN	Pangeran	INA	37
10	SANTONI	Alessandro	ITA	34

WOMEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	JAUBERT	Anouck	FRA	100
2	KAPLINA	Iuliia	RUS	80
3	TIMOFFEEVA	Elena	RUS	65
4	SUSANTI RAHAYU	Aries	INA	55
5	KRASAVINA	Mariia	RUS	51
6	SALLSABILLAH	Rajiah	INA	47
7	TSYGANOVA	Anna	RUS	43
8	WELLYANTI	Santi	INA	40
9	LESTARI	Puji	INA	37
10	IVANOVA	Elizaveta	RUS	34

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