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IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUPS HACHIOJI & VAIL 2018 CLIMBING THE BOULDERING RANKINGS

The 2018 IFSC Bouldering World Cup season continues in June with the 5th event in Hachioji, Japan, and penultimate event in Vail, USA. Season podiums could already be decided when the best Bouldering athletes in the world cross continents to compete for more gold medals and climb the rankings.

Japan Set to Shine on Home Stage in Hachioji

Japan has topped the IFSC World Cup team Bouldering ranking every year since 2014, and they are on track to repeat the feat in 2018. Altogether, 38 Japanese athletes are registered to compete in front of their home crowd in Hachioji. Akiyo Noguchi and Miho Nonaka are the only athletes this season to stand on the podium at every Bouldering event. They won three of four competitions so far, and Noguchi swept both sets of the China Tour this month. Another victory from either star at the Esforta Arena Hachioji on Sunday will secure a spot on the Bouldering season podium.

Among the men, Kokoro Fujii and Tomoa Narasaki both stood atop a podium this year and rank among the top five Bouldering athletes, alongside Rei Sugimoto. Also on the start list for Hachioji is Combined youth world champion Meichi Narasaki, Yoshiyuki Ogata and Keita Watabe, who all won medals in Hachioji and Vail in 2017.

Over a Decade of Elite Bouldering in Vail

For over a decade, Vail has welcomed the most elite Bouldering athletes to Colorado. This year, the eleventh IFSC World Cup in Vail marks the penultimate event of the 2018 Bouldering season. In addition to Japan, also keep an eye on Slovenia in Vail. If Jernej Kruder excels in Hachioji, he will have the chance to clinch a place on the Bouldering season podium the following week. His teammates Gregor Vezonik, who twice joined him on the Bouldering podium this year, and Katja Kadac, who competed in finals in Vail in 2017, are also on the start lists for Hachioji and Vail.

From the United States, 40 athletes will climb on their home stage in Vail. Expect former Vail winner and 2017 finalist Alex Puccio to stand out again, as well as PanAmerican youth Bouldering champion Brooke Raboutou, who placed 9th in 2017. Former Vail medallist Nathaniel Coleman and Sean Bailey, 11th in Vail last year, are also set to compete. The full list of starting athletes, schedules, 2017 replays and photos can be found on the [Vail](#) and [Hachioji](#) event pages on the IFSC website.

Youth Olympic Games Watch

Japan and China each have two Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 qualified athletes on the start list for Hachioji. Asian youth Bouldering champions Keita Dohi (JPN) and Mao Nakamura (JPN) will compete in both Hachioji and Vail. Dohi continues to improve at IFSC World Cup events and just missed semi-finals last time in Tai'an, and Nakamura returns after twice making semi-finals. Asian youth Combined champion YuFei Pan (CHN) will compete in both events as well, and keep an eye in Vail on Galo Hernandez of Ecuador, competing in his first IFSC Bouldering World Cup, and Hannah Meul of Germany, competing in her 2nd event of the season.

Live Streaming

Tune-in to the IFSC homepage on June 3rd and 9th 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) HACHIOJI (JPN)

Provisional Programme (GMT +9)

Saturday, June 2nd

10:00-13:00 Bouldering Qualification
(Women)

15:00-19:30 Bouldering Qualification
(Men)

Sunday, June 3rd

09:00-11:15 Bouldering Semi-Finals
(LIVE)

14:15-17:10 Bouldering Finals (LIVE)
after Award Ceremony

IFSC WORLD CUP (B) VAIL (USA)

Provisional Programme (GMT -6)

Friday, June 8th

09:00 Bouldering Qualification
(Men)

15:00 Bouldering Qualification
(Women)

Saturday, June 9th

09:30 Bouldering Semi-Finals
(LIVE)

14:45 Bouldering Finals (LIVE)
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CURRENT BOULDERING SEASON RANKINGS

As of IFSC Climbing World Cup (B,S) - Tai'an (CHN) 2018 (12.05.2018)

MEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	KRUDER	Jernej	SLO	307
2	NARASAKI	Tomoa	JPN	251
3	RUBTSOV	Aleksei	RUS	208
4	FUJII	Kokoro	JPN	197
5	SUGIMOTO	Rei	JPN	157
6	VEZONIK	Gregor	SLO	156
7	KHAZANOV	Alex	ISR	152
8	CHON	Jongwon	KOR	149
9	SCHUBERT	Jakob	AUT	142
10	TAKATA	Tomoaki	JPN	127

WOMEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	NONAKA	Miho	JPN	340
2	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	330
3	GIBERT	Fanny	FRA	207
4	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	180
5	GEJO	Stasa	SRB	167
6	KADIC	Katja	SLO	164
7	PILZ	Jessica	AUT	138
8	CAULIER	Chloe	BEL	114
9	KIPRIANOVA	Ekaterina	RUS	98
10	SA	Sol	KOR	95

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