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## IFSC COMBINED QUALIFIER TOULOUSE 2019

# A SECOND CHANCE AT OLYMPIC DREAMS

Forty-four of Sport Climbing's top athletes descend on the Espace Sportif des Quefets in Tournefeuille, France outside of Toulouse from 28 November to 1 December for the second round of Olympic qualifications.

Throughout the entire IFSC World Cup 2019 series, climbers have been working hard for the chance to land high enough in the IFSC Combined 2019 rankings to receive an invitation to the greatly anticipated competition. Following the conclusion of the four-day event, twelve additional athletes will have earned quota places to the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games.

### Stars, YOG Winner, and Brothers

After placing eighteenth in the IFSC Combined World Championships Hachioji 2019, Adam ONDRA (CZE) missed out on earning a quota place for the Olympic games during the first round of qualifications. However, with a second place in the Combined World Cup 2019 rankings, he secured himself an undisputed ticket to Toulouse for a chance at redemption.

Japanese climber Keita DOHI, who earned one of Sport Climbing's first Youth Olympic gold medals a little over a year ago in Buenos Aires, Argentina, is expected to compete for a second chance at Olympic gold.

Concluding a standout season in both youth and senior competitions that earned him a silver medal for the IFSC Lead World Cup 2019 series, Spain's Alberto GINÉS LÓPEZ is also heading to France. Let's see if this rising star can cap off the year with the ultimate prize, an Olympic quota place.

Another notable athlete to keep an eye on at the Olympic Qualifiers is speed climber Bassa MAWEM of France. MAWEM is aiming to claim his country's second men's quota place to join his brother, Mickael MAWEM, who

qualified at the Hachioji World Championships in August.

### An Opportunity for Speed & A Return to the Olympic Stage

While crowd favorite, Janja GARNBRET (SLO) has already received a quota place for Tokyo 2020, another remains for Slovenia's female athletes. Following strong performances and consistent appearances throughout the IFSC World Cup 2019 series, both Lucka RAKOVEC and Mia KRAMPL will be big contenders for one of the six places available in Toulouse.

Speed specialists, YiLing SONG (CHN) and Aries SUSANTI RAHAYU (INA) made history this year by setting new women's speed world records and now they find themselves facing a much larger historic opportunity. Due to the varying differences between climbing disciplines, a win in the speed event is key to landing at the top of the rankings.

Youth Olympic Buenos Aires 2018 gold medalist Sandra LETTNER (AUT) has already had a taste of Olympic competition and knows how to handle the pressure. With a top spot in Toulouse, she could have a chance at taking on an even bigger stage next year in Japan.

### Watch Live

Both the qualifications and finals will be streamed live at [www.ifsc-climbing.org](http://www.ifsc-climbing.org) from 28 November to 1 December. Fans can join the conversation on Twitter with the hashtag, #IFSCtoulouse or #ClimbToTokyo.

The complete starter list, event schedule and results are available on the [official event page](#) on the IFSC website.

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Provisional Programme (GMT+1)

### Thursday 28th November

- 11:00 Men Speed Qualification
- 13:00 Men Boulder Qualification
- 16:45 Men Lead Qualification

### Friday 29th November

- 11:00 Women Speed Qualification
- 13:00 Women Boulder Qualification
- 16:45 Women Lead Qualification

### Saturday 30th November

- 19:00 Men Speed Final
- 19:45 Men Boulder Final
- 21:40 Men Lead Final
- Following Awarding Ceremony

### Sunday 1st December

- 14:00 Women Speed Final
- 14:45 Women Boulder Final
- 16:40 Women Lead Final
- Following Awarding Ceremony

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