



## IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUP CHONGQING 2015: KICKING OFF THE IFSC ASIAN TOUR IN CHONGQING, CHINA ON JUNE 20-21, 2015

The competition season is already in full swing, and the world's top boulderers and speed climbers will once again meet in the "city between rivers" for the first Asian stop of the IFSC Climbing World Cup.

The municipality of Chongqing in Southwest China will be in the spotlight on June 20-21, as athletes gather to compete in what has become a highly anticipated annual meeting of the Bouldering and Speed climbing elite.

Supporters will once again flock to the event by the thousands to celebrate rock-climbing and cheer on the athletes. In this privileged setting, the competition is sure to be full of outstanding performances in both disciplines.

### All eyes on the German Team

Fresh from his victory in Vail, German strongman Jan Hojer will be defending his title against Sean McColl, Dmitrii Sharafutdinov, Adam Ondra and Nathaniel Coleman, who has established himself as a force to be reckoned with in competition climbing after his double silver medal in Vail and Toronto.

On the women's side, Juliane Wurm, who took the gold last year in Chongqing, will be facing fierce competition from the all-time favourites Akiyo Noguchi and Shauna Coxsey. She will also be defending her top position against rising stars such as Miho Nonaka, who had a very impressive 2014 season, and who will want to take her revenge after just missing out on the podium in Vail.

### Can local hero hold onto gold?

In Speed, local hero Qixin Zhong will be competing in front of his home crowd. Having won the first World Cup of the season in Central Saanich (CAN), he is the clear favourite. But anything can happen during a Speed competition, and big names of the sport Libor Hroza, Stanislav Kokorin and Danyil Boldyrev are sure to keep Qixin Zhong anything but comfortable on his top spot.

Having just established a new World Record in the women's category in Central Saanich (CAN), Russian powerhouse Iuliia Kaplina seems hard to beat this year. And yet, victory is nowhere near guaranteed in Chongqing, and she will have to run up the 15-meter wall faster than her Russian teammates and the rest of the field to secure the gold.

### Join in the action!

For more information on the event and access to the live streaming of the semi-finals and finals, join us:

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