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## IFSC WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS GUANGZHOU 2016

# THE FUTURE OF SPORT CLIMBING

**In just ten days, the world's best young Sport Climbers will descend upon southeast China to ascend the walls of the IFSC World Youth Championships Guangzhou 2016!**

The IFSC World Youth Championships occur annually and attract hundreds of elite Athletes from around the globe. Participants are divided into categories by age (14-15 years in Youth B; 16-17 years in Youth A; 18-19 years in Juniors) and climb in the Bouldering, Lead and Speed disciplines. This year, the next generation of Sport Climbing talent will compete in Guangzhou, China, on November 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>.

### High Expectations

All eyes will be on Janja Garnbret in the Youth A category. Since claiming Gold in Bouldering and Lead at the IFSC World Youth Championships Arco 2015, the seventeen-year-old from Slovenia has gone on to become world champion at the IFSC World Championships Paris 2016 and clinch the IFSC Lead World Cup 2016 Overall title. A victory in Guangzhou would add to the legacy of her historic 2016 season.

Ashima Shiraishi of the United States was equally impressive in Arco last year, completing every climb in Bouldering and Lead for Youth B. At just fifteen years old, Shiraishi is already considered one of the best in the sport. Expect more of the same great climbing from the young superstar this year.

The Juniors category will also be exciting for the Females. Arco runner-up Miho Nonaka of Japan soared to a new level this year, finishing second at Paris and second in the IFSC Bouldering World Cup 2016 rankings. She will look to unseat Serbian Stasa Gejo, who won Gold last year and gave strong performances at Paris and the IFSC Bouldering World Cup Munich 2016. In Lead, keep an eye on Kajsa Rosen of Sweden, Gold medallist at the European Youth Championships Mitterdorf 2016.

### Key Graduations

Filip Schenk was in a league of his own last year, and the young Italian proved he can compete in Youth A at the European Bouldering Youth Championships Langenfeld 2016. Arco runner-up Nicolas Pelorson of France will be the one to catch in Juniors, who also topped the Langenfeld podium. Pelorson missed out on Gold last year to 2015 season champion Jongwon Chon of Korea by just one bonus attempt. Standing in his way this year could be Yoshiyuki Ogata of Japan, who placed 17<sup>th</sup> in the IFSC Bouldering World Cup 2016 rankings.

In Lead, Sascha Lehmann of Switzerland should handle the graduation from Youth A to Juniors. The reigning world youth champion climbed well at Paris and is currently ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the IFSC Lead World Cup rankings. Sam Avezou of France - who won Gold at Arco and Silver at Mitterdorf - should continue to battle for the top spot in Youth B.

### After Paris

Kostiantyn Pavlenko has qualified for multiple IFSC Speed World Cup finals this year, and the Ukrainian posted a 6.34 at Paris. The 2015 world youth champion should continue the momentum at Guangzhou in Juniors. Another reigning champion switching categories is Russian Petr Zemlyakov of Youth B, who also gained experience in Paris.

For the Females, Elma Fleuret and Aurelia Sarisson should excel in Youth A and Juniors. They have been staples in the IFSC Speed World Cup series this season and qualified for Finals in Paris as well. Mitterdorf winner and Arco runner-up Karina Gareeva of Russia is the Youth B frontrunner.

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## Miss Nothing!

As with the most recent events in China, LIVE streaming will not take place for the IFSC World Youth Championships in Guangzhou. Stay tuned to IFSC social media and the IFSC website for daily highlights, full replays and photos of the action:

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Visit the dedicated [Guangzhou event page](#) to access the program, start lists, 2015 replays and more!

Please communicate about the event on social media with the following hashtag: **#IFSCwych**.

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## IFSC WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (LEAD, BOULDER, SPEED) GUANGZHOU (CHN)

Provisional Program (GMT +8)

### Monday, November 07

09:30-18:30 Lead Qualification Route 1

### Tuesday, November 08

09:30-18:30 Lead Qualification Route 2

### Wednesday, November 09

09:30-12:00 Lead Semi-Finals  
15:00-16:15 Female Lead Finals  
16:15-17:30 Male Lead Finals  
18:00-18:30 Awarding Ceremony (Lead)

### Thursday, November 10

09:00-12:00 Male Youth B Bouldering  
Qualification (2 groups)  
09:00-14:00 Female Speed Qualifications  
14:00-17:00 Male Youth A Bouldering  
Qualification (2 groups)  
15:00-18:00 Female Speed Finals  
19:00-21:30 Male Junior Bouldering  
Qualification (2 groups)

### Friday, November 11

09:00-12:00 Female Youth B Bouldering  
Qualification (2 groups)  
09:00-14:00 Male Speed Qualifications  
14:00-17:00 Female Youth A Bouldering  
Qualification (2 groups)  
15:00-18:00 Male Speed Finals  
18:15-18:45 Awarding Ceremony (Speed)  
19:00-21:30 Female Junior Bouldering  
Qualification (2 groups)

### Saturday, November 12 (Female & Male)

09:00-11:00 Youth B Bouldering  
Semi-Finals  
13:00-15:00 Youth A Bouldering  
Semi-Finals  
17:00-19:00 Junior Bouldering  
Semi-Finals

### Sunday, November 13 (Female & Male)

09:00-11:00 Youth B Bouldering Finals  
13:00-15:00 Youth A Bouldering Finals  
17:00-19:00 Junior Bouldering Finals  
19:30-20:30 Awarding Ceremony  
(Bouldering, Combined)

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