



# TEAM FRANCE TRIUMPHANT IN FIRST EVER BOULDER MIXED TEAM EVENT

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Team France was in top form at the inaugural Boulder Mixed Team event organised by the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) and USA Climbing in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.

Composed of Olympian Mickael Mawem, two-time World Cup silver medallist Oriane Bertone, Boulder European Cup gold medallist Mailys Piazzalunga, and Masters gold medallist Nicolas Januel, Team France came out triumphant over runners-up Belgium and third-place Japan with nine tops and 11 zones.

“I’m very happy about this event,” said Bertone. “It’s pretty cool to be all together, discuss the betas without being worried about not being allowed to talk about it. It feels great to be able to go to someone and say: ‘How are you gonna do it?’ I like it pretty much!”

French athlete Fanny Gibert competed on the Belgian team alongside Chloe Caulier, Nicolas Collin, and Simon Lorenzi, finishing a strong second with seven tops and 10 zones, while Team Japan completed the podium with six tops and 10 zones, besting the Slovenian team based on the number of attempts to top. The Japanese line-up included Yoshiyuki Ogata, Tomoaki Takata, Miku Ishii, and Mao Nakamura.

“We were pretty excited just to try out something new,” said Meg Coyne, coach of the two USA teams. “It was pretty clear from the beginning that this was an experiment and mostly for fun, so we put together two teams that we thought were going to be able to do those things: play with the format and have some fun.”

In a first of its kind for Sport Climbing, the teams featured four athletes – two men and two women – who climbed three blocs each across a series of six boulders. Climbers received five minutes per section, with each segment made up of two boulder problems, and the number of attempts, tops, and zones were then calculated to reach the team’s final score.

Unlike at a World Cup competition, athletes were not permitted to observe the blocs prior to competing. In fact, only the team coach could view the boulders in advance, deciding strategically which athletes should climb which problems.

The nine teams participating were ranked as follows:

1. France
2. Belgium



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3. Japan
4. Slovenia
5. United States 2
6. United States 1
7. Switzerland
8. Israel
9. Denmark

Full event results and information can be found [here](#).

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