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## IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MUNICH 2014: BEST BOULDERERS CHASE ONE BIENNIAL GOLD MEDAL AT BOULDER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two months after the end of the Boulder World Cup series in June, the world's best boulderers are back and ready to contend for the title of World Champion, delivered every two years. With both the women's and men's World Cup titles closely divided, the 2014 World Championships are sure to be suspenseful!

With top athletes coming off summer adventures and training as well as newer faces making the trip, the Boulder World Championships will truly display the best of the sport, both in athletic performance and values of cooperation and accessibility.

### A title too close to call

In the women's field, with the World Cup title decided only during the last competition in Laval, the 2014 World Champion title will be fiercely contended by this season's top women: Akiyo Noguchi (JPN), Shauna Coxsey (GBR), Anna Stöhr (AUT), Juliane Wurm (GER), Miho Nonaka (JPN), and Alex Puccio (COL), who didn't participate in the last two World Cups. But with new climbers like Fanny Gibert (FRA) showing their strength at the end of the season, nothing is set in stone!

The men's competition promises to be fierce, with 2012 World Champion and 2013 overall gold medalist Dmitrii Sharafutdinov (RUS) looking to make up for his second place finish in the 2014 World Cup rankings, as he missed gold only during the last World Cup in Laval. Currently ranked number one in the World Cup standings, Jan Hojer (GER) will be looking to hold on to that spot in his home country, and we must wait and see how summer training paid off for 2012 silver medalist Kilian Fischhuber (AUT). With a large group of men consistently rotating through the finals, the competition will definitely be riveting!

### Solidarity in the spotlight

The IFSC is committed to empowering athletes through the Solidarity Program, which allocates travel stipends and free accommodation to athletes who would not otherwise be able to participate. Athletes from South Africa, Taipei, India, Iran, Australia, Colombia, Honduras, and Peru will receive such aid for the Boulder World Championships.

Climbers Against Cancer, the IFSC Official Charity, will be releasing limited edition t-shirts and making a donation to a German cancer research center during the event.

Finally, Athlete Commission elections will take place during the World Championships in Munich and Gijón. Elected for four-year terms, members and president of the Athlete Commission work closely with the IFSC Executive Board to make sure their voice is heard during decision-making.

### Join in the action!

More information on the event, as well as live streaming of the semi-finals and finals on:

<http://www.ifsc-climbing.org>

As always, we are present on Twitter during competitions, so reach out with the hashtag #IFSCwc.



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## CURRENT RANKINGS

As of IFSC World Cup Laval (27-28 June 2014)

### WOMEN BOULDER:

RANK	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	Noguchi	Akiyo	JPN	610.00
2	Coxsey	Shauna	GBR	556.00
3	Stöhr	Anna	AUT	488.00
3	Wurm	Juliane	GER	430.00
5	Nonaka	Miho	JPN	300.00
6	Puccio	Alex	USA	289.00
7	Thévenet	Marine	FRA	277.00
7	Gibert	Fanny	FRA	270.00
9	Saurwein	Katharina	AUT	197.00
10	Oda	Momoka	JPN	174.00

For Full Rankings:

[http://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/world-competition/calendar#!type=ranking&cat=ICC\\_FB&cup=14\\_WC](http://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/world-competition/calendar#!type=ranking&cat=ICC_FB&cup=14_WC)

### MEN BOULDER:

RANK	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	Hojer	Jan	GER	558.00
2	Sharafutdinov	Dmitrii	RUS	467.00
3	Glairon Mondet	Guillaume	FRA	461.00
4	Gelmanov	Rustam	RUS	337.00
5	Fischhuber	Kilian	AUT	325.00
6	McColl	Sean	CAN	302.00
7	Bonder	Jeremy	FRA	272.00
8	Kruder	Jernej	SLO	227.00
9	Chon	Jongwon	KOR	195.00
10	Verhoeven	Jorg	NED	193.00

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**IFSC World Championships (B) Munich (GER), August 21-23, 2014**

**Provisional program (GMT+2)**

**Thursday, August 21**

10h00-16h00 - Boulder qualification for men

**Friday, August 22**

14h00-19h00 - Boulder qualification for women

20h00-22h00 - Climbing Movie Night at the Olympic Lake Cinema

**Saturday, August 23**

11h00-13h30 - Boulder semi-final for men & women (live streaming)

18h30-21h00 - Boulder final for men & women (live streaming)

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### VIDEOS

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/ifscchannel>

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