



**WORLD CLIMBING
NATIONS GRAND FINALE
FUKUOKA 2026**

BOULDER TEAM
LEAD TEAM

JAPAN

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1. Organization

1.1. World Climbing personnel

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Judge	Paul Ledet (CAN)	
Routesetting Teams		
Head route setter Boulder	Garrett Gregor (USA)	
Route setter Boulder	Tsukuru Hori (JPN)	
Route setter Boulder	Mauro Schwaszta (ARG)	
Head route setter Lead	Jan Zbranek (CZE)	
Route setter Lead	Martin Hammerer (AUT)	
Route setter Lead	Vincent De Girolamo (FRA)	

1.2. Local Organiser Committee

Event		
Event Director	Hiraku Kotabe (JPN)	wc-gf@japan-sports.com
Administration & logistic	H.I.S. Co., Ltd. (Kunimitsu Wakabayashi) (JPN)	cgf2026-admin@his-world.com
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2. Programme

2.1. Provisional Programme (Local Time, UTC +9)

Please note that the detailed start times remain subject to change and will be confirmed following the registration deadline. However, the Nations Grand Finale will, in any case, take place on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 of November, with technical meeting scheduled on Friday 6 November.

Friday 6 November	
13.00 – 14.00	Confirmation of attendance Lead Team and Boulder Team
14.30 – 15.30	Technical Meeting Lead
Saturday 7 November	
10.00 – 12.00	Boulder Qualifications
16.00 – 18.00	Boulder Finals
Sunday 8 November	
10.00 – 12.00	Lead Qualifications
15.00 – 17.00	Lead Finals

2.2. Technical Meeting and Confirmation of Attendance

Location:

Nogami President Hotel (のがみプレジデントホテル)

12-37 Shintateiwa, Iizuka, Fukuoka 820-0004



IMPORTANT: Please note that the Technical Meeting is reserved only for registered National Team Officials.

Confirmation of attendance is mandatory for each discipline and must be done in person by the Head of Delegation. In case a National Team is not registered by the Head of Delegation, another member of the National Team shall be appointed to confirm attendance of the Team. In case of emergencies and late arrivals, the Event Delegate must be informed immediately. Failure to provide this information in a timely manner may result in the athletes not being permitted to compete. A digital copy of the athletes' passports shall be provided at the confirmation of attendance.

IMPORTANT: Confirmation of attendance for each discipline is outlined in the event programme below. Athletes may only be confirmed in the discipline for which the confirmation is successfully taking place, provided they are duly registered in that discipline. It will not be possible to confirm athletes for other disciplines during a different confirmation session.

3. Invitations and Travel Support

- Invitations for the 2026 edition are based on the 2025 World Cup National Rankings in Boulder and Lead
- The invited National Federations will receive a travel grants, to contribute to the event expenses
- For each discipline, National Teams must be composed of a minimum of two (2) men and two (2) women, plus at least one (1) coach.
- It is possible to register one (1) additional male and one (1) additional female athlete as reserves.

- If a National Team is invited to both disciplines:
 - a) Athletes may compete in both disciplines, or two separate teams may be registered for each discipline
 - b) The National Team may accept the invitation for both disciplines, or only for one discipline

The management of invitations and deadline will be centralised by the World Climbing Office

4. Sport Information

4.1. Venue Information

Iizuka Sports Resort The Retreat (いづかスポーツ・リゾート ザ・リトリート):

M 8-37 Niho, Iizuka,
Fukuoka 820-0115, JAPAN

<https://the-retreat.jp/>



Please note that it's not possible to allocate training time at the venue due to the setup/construction schedule.

4.2. Wall Profiles

4.2.1. Lead Wall

To be confirmed.

4.2.2. Boulder Wall

To be confirmed.

4.3. Training Possibilities

Lead	Boulder
Accion Fukuoka (Fukuoka Prefectural Sports Science Information Center) Address: 2-1-4 Higashi-Hirao Koen, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City, Japan Hours: Tue to Sun from 09:00 AM – 09:00 PM HP: https://www.sponet.pref.fukuoka.jp/accions/a_2_1f/	Zip Rock Climbing Gym Address: 443-2 Ake, Kasuya Town, Kasuya District, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan Hours: Monday to Thursday: 03:00 PM – 11:00 PM Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 AM – 09:00 PM HP: http://ziprockclimbinggym.web.fc2.com

4.4. Prize Money

Prize money will be provided to the top-3 National Teams. The prize money will be distributed to the National Federation, which will then divide the prize money between the Team members

	Boulder	Lead
1 st ranked National Team	10 000€ GROSS	10 000€ GROSS
2 nd ranked National Team	6 000€ GROSS	6 000€ GROSS
3 rd ranked National Team	4 000€ GROSS	4 000€ GROSS

5. Event Regulation

Similarly to the 2025 edition, the event will feature a mixed team competition in Boulder and Lead. For each discipline, the event will include two rounds:

- Qualifications with six (6) Nationals Teams
- Finals, with the best four (4) National Teams

The event will be run with a flash format.

1.1. Boulder



Two athletes from the same team will attempt a single boulder, with the coach responsible for the Teams selection. The athletes can discuss, share data and organize their time autonomously, respecting the maximum of five (5) minutes. There is a strong element of cooperation for each boulder. The “obliged mixed” boulder will be climbed last; the coach shall select only one man and one woman to climb the last boulder, depending on the performance of the previous four boulders.

1.2. Lead

For each team, the coach will allocate two athletes climbing on each available route. The coach shall decide which athlete will approach the route first.

2. Logistics

2.1. Visa and Travels

For visa invitation letter, please contact LOC Travel Agent by completing the information in the VISA APPLICATION FORM, available [here](#). The deadline to submit the information above is fixed to **Tuesday 30 September at 11:59 PM UTC+0**.
LOC Travel Agent: H.I.S. Co., Ltd. (Kunimitsu Wakabayashi) – cgf2026-admin@his-world.com.

2.2. Accommodation

Official Hotel

It should be noted that athletes shall book their stay with the LOC Official Travel Agent.

LOC Official Travel Agent: H.I.S. Co., Ltd. (Kunimitsu Wakabayashi) – cgf2026-admin@his-world.com

The athletes might be requested to provide refundable deposit to guarantee their presence at the event. Hotel room might be subject to cancellation policy.

1. Nogami President Hotel (Official Hotel) (のがみプレジデントホテル)

Location in: Approx. 13min by car to the competition venue.

Address: Shintateiwa 12-37, Iizuka, Fukuoka, 820-0004

Website: <https://www.nogami-p-hotel.jp>

Room rate:

- a) Single room starting from 10,980 yen/person/night including breakfast (tax included)
- b) Twin room starting from 10,980 yen/person/night including breakfast (tax included)

Please contact: LOC Official Travel Agent: H.I.S. Co., Ltd. (Kunimitsu Wakabayashi / Masahiro Mori) – cgf2026-admin@his-world.com

2. Shin Iizuka Station Hotel (新飯塚ステーションホテル)

Location in: Approx. 13min by car to the competition venue.

Address: 4-20 Yoshiomachi, Iizuka, Fukuoka 820-0018

Website: <https://s-s-hotel.jp/en/>

Room rate: Single room starting from 9,000yen/person/night including breakfast (tax included)

Please contact LOC Official Travel Agent: H.I.S. Co., Ltd. (Kunimitsu Wakabayashi) – cgf2026-admin@his-world.com

2.3. Travel Information

By train:



Fukuoka International Airport

Distance to Hotel area: approx. 40 km.

From the airport, take the Airport Line (Kuko-sen, 空港線) to the Hakata Station. Then change to the Fukuohoku Yutaka Line (Fukuohoku Yutaka-sen, 福北ゆたか線) to the Shin-lizuka Station (Shin-lizuka-eki, 新飯塚駅).

By car:

From Fukuoka International Airport to the Shin-lizuka Station, by taxi it will take approx. 50min. The cost will be approx. 9500yen including toll fee.

2.4. Accreditations

Event Accreditation will be released in the moment of confirmation of attendance, for each discipline. No accreditations will be needed to watch other disciplines and rounds.

2.5. Tickets

Tickets will be required for the following events:

- Nations Boulder Qualification
- Nations Boulder Finals
- Nations Lead Qualification
- Nations Lead Finals

Purchase link: TBC

Ticket sales start: 30 August 2026 at 10:00 JST

Registered athletes and team officials do not need to purchase tickets for these events. However, accreditation is required for entry to all events. Please note that venue access is limited due to capacity restrictions and will be managed on a first come, first served basis.

3. Medical Information

Emergency local doctor during the event: The medical team will be on-site from the opening of the isolation zone until the end of the final competition. In addition to the emergency doctor, there will be a team of paramedics at the venue during the competition.

Emergency Numbers:

Ambulance: 119

Fire Department: 119

Police: 110

Nearest Hospital:

Iizuka Hospital (飯塚病院)

3-83 Yoshio-machi, Iizuka City, Fukuoka 820-8505

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