

SPORT: Surfing

EVENT: 2017 VISSLA ISA World Junior Surfing Championship

PLACE: Hyuga, Japan

DATE: 30 SEPT 2017

Length: 2:10

00:05 **Color**

00:41 **Action**

- 00:44 Thomas Debierre (FRA)
- 00:57 Joh Azuchi (JPN)
- 01:03 Marco Mignot (FRA)
- 01:16 Leilani McGonagle (CRC)
- 01:20 Keanu Chris Kamiyama (JPN)
- 1:32 Marco Mignot (FRA)

01:36 **Interview** (Yuji Nishi, Team Japan)

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Team Japan earned the first Gold Medals of the **2017 VISSLA ISA World Junior Surfing Championship** on Saturday in the ISA's one-of-a-kind relay event, the ISA Aloha Cup.

In a dramatic Final featuring Team Japan, France, Hawaii, and Costa Rica, Japan emerged victorious after displaying excellent Surfing and a heroic sprint to the beach to beat the buzzer.

Japan, France, and Hawaii, the defending ISA Aloha Cup Gold Medalist, went blow for blow trading off high-scoring waves. As time was winding down, Team Japan had their anchor leg of the relay in the water, needing to arrive back to the team box before time expired to avoid a 5-point penalty. Joh Azuchi quickly scored two waves in the 7-point range and managed to sprint back to the beach and dive across the finish line as time expired.