

SPORT: SURFING

EVENT: 2016 VISSLA ISA WORLD JUNIOR SURFING CHAMPIONSHIP

PLACE: PRAIA DO MONTE VERDE, SAO MIGUEL ISLAND, AZORES, PORTUGAL

DATE: 20 SEPT 2016 (DAY 4)

Length: 3:00

0:38 - Marion Philippe (TAH)

0:43 - Josefina Anne (ARG)

0:53 - Natalia Escobar (CHI)

1:01 - Ren Hashimoto (JPN)

1:04 - Nina Reynal (FRA)

1:09 - Neil Aboufiras (MOR)

1:12 - Reed Platenieus (CAN)

1:18 - Jonathan Cohen (ISR)

1:25 - Thomas Debierre (FRA)

1:28 - Aldito Chirinos (CRC)

1:33 - Max Elkington (RSA)

About 2016 VISSLA ISA World Junior Surfing Championship:

1. The Olympics

With the International Olympic Committee's recent vote at the 129th IOC Session in Rio de Janeiro to include Surfing in the Sports Program of the Tokyo 2020 Games, the 2016 edition of the VISSLA ISA World Junior Surfing Championship is the first in the era of Olympic Surfing. The world will get a glimpse in the Azores of the sport's current and future talents that will compete to represent their nations when Surfing makes its Olympic debut in 2020.

2. Record Participation

After a record breaking year in 2015, where 322 surfers from 36 countries graced the shores of Oceanside, California, U.S.A. for an epic week of competition, this year's event has set a new record for participation in the event's 37-year history. 39 nations and 371 surfers have registered to compete and vie for the coveted individual and Team Gold Medals.

3. The History

The ISA hosted its first World Junior Surfing Championship in 1980 in Biarritz, France, where legendary surfer Tom Curren became the first ISA World Junior Champion, helping to launch his successful career.

Past ISA World Junior Champions include the 2014 WSL Champion Gabriel Medina (BRA, 2010), Tatiana Weston-Webb (HAW, 2014, 2013), Filipe Toledo (BRA, 2011), Tyler Wright (AUS, 2010, 2009), Alejo Muniz (BRA, 2008), Laura Enever (AUS, 2008), Sally Fitzgibbons (AUS, 2007), Julian Wilson (AUS, 2006), Owen Wright (AUS, 2006), Stephanie Gilmore (AUS, 2005, 2004), Matt Wilkinson (AUS, 2004) and Jordy Smith (RSA, 2003).