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## X Games Japan 2023 Day Two News and Results - Japan's Cocona Hiraki, America's Daniel Sandoval and Australia's Keegan Palmer Earn First-ever X Games Gold; Brazil's Rayssa Leal Adds Second Gold

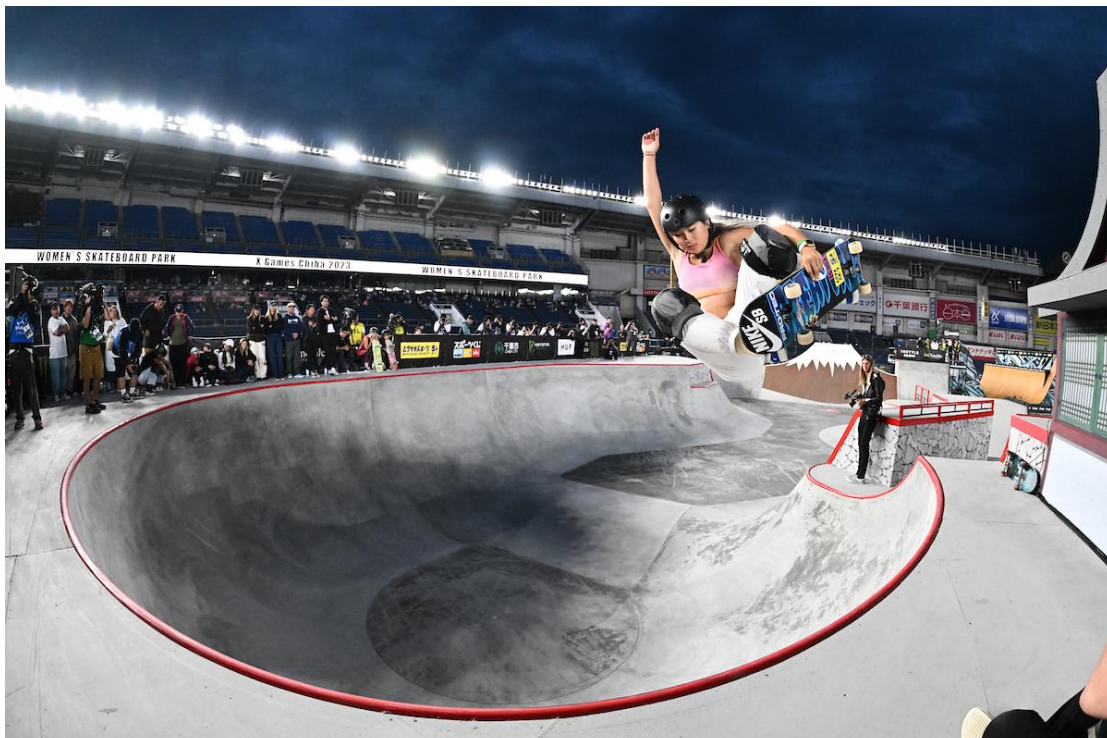
### Saturday's Finals Rescheduled; Updated Schedule for Sunday

Due to severe weather conditions, X Games Japan events at ZOZOMarine Stadium on 13 May have been canceled. The BMX Street, BMX Park Best Trick, Men's Skateboard Street and Skateboard Vert final will be rescheduled to Sunday.

Due to ongoing weather concerns, elimination results from Friday will serve as final competition results for Women's Skateboard Street, BMX Park, Women's Skateboard Park and Men's Skateboard Park. Schedule follows Friday's competition recaps below.

Brazilian superstar **Rayssa Leal** opened the day by successfully defended her X Games Chiba 2022 gold medal. Her first run score narrowly beat out X Games 2022 gold medalist **Momiji Nishiya**, who hails from Osaka, Japan. Both Leal and Nishiya landed backside lipslides down the 14-stair handrail, the biggest rail on the course. Both just 15 years old, the two have combined to win eight of the last nine major women's street contests around the world. X Games rookie **Rizu Akama** from Aomori City, Japan earned a bronze medal with technical tricks that impressed the judges, including a Barley grind which is almost never seen in women's competition.

Competition then shifted to the Park course, where the BMX riders soared over the Mount Fuji transition feature in the **BMX Park Elimination**. Although X Games Chiba 2022 and X Games 2022 defending gold medalist **Logan Martin** sat in the top qualifying spot for much of the competition, American **Daniel Sandoval** came in hot with his second run scoring an 87.00, stomping a huge double flair on the first hit. Although Martin bettered his first run score, his run was not enough to beat out Sandoval's amplitude and trick difficulty. The youngest rider in the competition, **Marcus Christopher** earned his first X Games medal with a powerful run that included a transfer onto the pagoda roof.



With seven of 15 skaters hailing from Japan, the **Women's Skateboard Park Elimination** saw X Games Chiba 2022 silver medalist **Cocona Hiraki** from Tomakomai, Japan earn her first-ever X Games gold medal. Hiraki's run bested the rest of the field by more than 10 points, with a run that focused on speed, style and technical difficulty. The only skater to hit the flat bar rail feature, Hiraki's backside nosegrind was the best in the competition. American **Ruby Lilley** earned her first X Games medal with silver and Chigasaki, Japan's **Yurin Fujii** rounded out the podium in bronze position. Fujii's opening trick was the best of the competition, a backside 360 over a huge box jump.

To close out the day, Tokyo Olympic gold medalist **Keegan Palmer** earned his first-ever X Games medal with a gold in **Men's Skateboard Park Elimination**. Palmer's first run score of 83.66 easily earned him the top spot, with a trick-filled run, including the best 540 of the competition. Returning for the first time since 2019, Park favorite **Cory Juneau** also put down a banger first run, with a no-grab kickflip that was one of the best tricks of the competition. Juneau earned his first silver and second X Games medal. X Games 2021 and 2022 silver medalist **Gavin Bottger**, coming off a wrist injury that sidelined him since February, earned bronze with a run that included several innovative tricks on the pagoda-inspired gap-to-roof feature.

Tune-in tomorrow to see Tony Hawk compete in Vert Best Trick. Tony has competed once in X Games in the last 20 years. That came at XG 2021, where he took 4<sup>th</sup> in Vert Best Trick. His last medal? Gold in Vert Best Trick at X Games LA 2003...with a 900, of course. Any podium would make Tony the oldest medalist in X Games history by a full two years.

X Games Japan gold medal winners automatically qualify for X Games California, taking place in Ventura July 21-23 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds and Event Center. Tickets for X Games California are now on sale at [xgames.com](https://xgames.com).

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## Results

### Women's Skateboard Street

1. **Rayssa Leal (BRA) 88.33**
2. **Momiji Nishiya (JPN) 86.66**
3. **Rizu Akama (JPN) 83.66**
4. Chloe Covell (AUS) 78.33
5. Keet Oldenbeuving (NED) 67.00
6. Funa Nakayama (JPN) 64.66
7. Yumeka Oda (JPN) 63.33
8. Hina Madea (JPN) 62.66
9. Paige Heyn (USA) 60.00
10. Haylie Powell (AUS) 55.00
11. Grace Marhoefer (USA) 53.00

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12. Aori Nishimura (JPN) 52.33
13. Secret Lynn (USA) 46.33

### **BMX Park**

1. Daniel Sandoval (USA) 87.00
2. Logan Martin (AUS) 86.33
3. Marcus Christopher (USA) 83.66
4. Justin Dowell (USA) 78.66
5. Jose Torres (ARG) 78.33
6. Kevin Peraza (MEX) 77.00
7. Rim Nakamura (JPN) 76.00
8. Kieran Reilly (GBR) 73.00
9. Pat Casey (USA) 72.00
10. Anthony Jeajeau (FRA) 65.66
11. Mike Varga (CAN) 65.00
12. Jeremy Malott (USA) 63.33
13. Bryce Tryon (USA) 60.00
14. Declan Brooks (GBR) 53.33
15. Daniel Dhers (VEN) 52.66

### **Women's Skateboard Park**

1. Cocona Hiraki (JPN) 83.33
2. Ruby Lilley (USA) 73.66
3. Yurin Fuji (JPN) 72.00
4. Arisa Trew (AUS) 70.00
5. Bryce Wettstein (USA) 67.66
6. Mizuho Hasegawa (JPN) 65.00
7. Mami Tezuka (JPN) 62.00
8. Isadora Pacheco (JPN) 58.00
9. Grace Marhoefer (USA) 57.00
10. Kisa Nakamura (JPN) 48.33
11. Kihana Ogawa (JPN) 45.00
12. Jordyn Barratt (USA) 43.33
13. Minna Stess (USA) 41.66
14. Hinano Kusaki (JPN) 35.00
15. Lizzie Armanto (FIN) 31.00

### **Men's Skateboard Park**

1. Keegan Palmer (AUS) 83.66
2. Cory Juneau (USA) 79.66
3. Gavin Bottger (USA) 78.00
4. Augusto Aiko (BRA) 77.66
5. Alex Sorgente (USA) 76.33
6. Kieran Woolley (AUS) 75.66
7. Liam Pace (USA) 74.66
8. Trey Wood (USA) 74.33
9. Hampus Winberg (SWE) 73.00
10. Oskar Rozenberg (SWE) 64.00
11. Issei Sakurai (JPN) 62.33
12. Tate Carew (USA) 60.33
13. Kensuke Sasaoka (JPN) 53.66
14. Tom Schaar (USA) 53.66
15. Yuro Nagahara (JPN) 49.00
16. Keefer Wilson (AUS) 41.33

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