

98.1	1A	MIR KIM	ONE YO-YO / STRING TRICK
88.6	2A	CHUN HAY CHAN	TWO RESPONSIVE LOOPING YO-YOS
	3A	TOMOYA KURITA	TWO LONG-SPINNING YO-YOS
CHAMPION	4A	KOYO HASHIMOTO	OFFSTRING
CHAMPION	5A	JIHOO LEE	COUNTERMEIGHT

ART & PERFORMANCE

Artistic Award: Masakazu Yamasaki, Entertainment Award: Yo-Yo Store

REVIEW THE A&P is judged separately from the A-divisions.

FIVE DIVISIONS, FIVE WAYS TO WIN.

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A FREESTYLE IS MORE THAN A TRICK COUNT.

Under the IYYF 2026 rules, the main A-divisions move through seeded rounds. Judges score Technical Execution and Freestyle Evaluation.

WILDCARD	PRELIM	SEMI	FINAL
30 SEC	1 MIN	90 SEC	3 MIN

THE RULEBOOK IS PART OF THE RECORD.

Scores without rules lose context. Names without dates lose chronology. Videos without results lose the shape of the contest around them. Preserve all of it.

98.1	1A	MIR KIM	ONE YO-YO / STRING TRICK
93.1	02	JAKUB DOLEJS	
93.0	03	HUNTER FEUERSTEIN	
89.7	04	THOMAS RAJAN	
85.5	05	JAMES HEDER	

FINAL STANDINGS

Mir Kim's run now spans four World Yo-Yo Contests: 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026. The same name, four host cities and years, preserved as one continuous competitive record.

In Himeji, Jakub Dolejs finished second at 93.1 and Hunter Feuerstein third at 93.0 - only one tenth separated silver and bronze.

98.1 FOUR STRAIGHT.

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BECAUSE THE SCENE MOVES FAST.

Yo-yo history lives in fragile places: forum threads, personal folders, dead storefronts, old contest sites, social posts and videos that can disappear.

A World contest is well documented while it is happening. That makes it easy to assume the information will always be there. It will not.

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98.1	1ST	MIR KIM	SOUTH KOREA
93.1	2ND	JAKUB DOLEJS	CZECHIA
93.0	3RD	HUNTER FEUERSTEIN	UNITED STATES

1A PODIUM

STRAIGHT 1A TITLES

WINNING 1A SCORE

WORLD A-DIVISIONS

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HIMEJI in Himeji, Hyogo, Japan. IYYF listed five championship divisions - 1A through 5A - plus Art & Performance.

The 2026 World Yo-Yo Contest ran August 13-16 at Arcree

THE WORLD MET IN HIMEJI.

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moments that made Himeji worth keeping.

Worlds is bigger than one division or one name. This issue is a pocket record of the people, scores, format and finished nearly five points back and only a tenth apart.

Himeji 2026. His winning score was 98.1; silver and bronze That makes four straight World titles, from 2023 through one result still dominates the record: Mir Kim won 1A again.

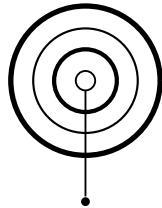
A month after the World Yo-Yo Contest returned to Japan.

FOUR YEARS AT THE TOP.

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