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FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, JAPAN TOP PARACLIMBING MEDAL TABLE

Paraclimbing athletes from France, Great Britain and Japan won 9 out of 12 categories at IFSC World Championships Innsbruck 2018. Italy, Iran and the United States also won gold medals in Paraclimbing.

Jarrige, Kobayashi, Pagnoux Repeat

Multiple winners of IFSC World Championships 2016 in Paris defended their world titles on Thursday in Innsbruck, including France's own Lucie Jarrige and Romain Pagnoux. Pagnoux was the only athlete to top both qualification routes in men's RP3 (limited range, power or stability), and the only athlete in the category to reach the headwall in finals. In the evening, Jarrige also fought her way onto the headwall of the 15-metre climbing wall in Olympiaworld Innsbruck to repeat as Paraclimbing world champion in women's AL-2 (leg amputee). Before the evening was over, Koichiro Kobayashi of Japan surpassed all previous marks set in men's B1 (visually impaired). Paraclimbing athletes in the visually impaired category receive direction throughout the route from their coaches on the ground while the crowd stays silent out of respect for this communication, but the crowd erupted afterwards when Kobayashi had set the high point to remain a Paraclimbing world champion.

First Seasons, Second Medals

Abigail Robinson of Great Britain continues to impress in her first IFSC season. Robinson soared to 1st place at the Paraclimbing Cup in Briançon in July, and the newly crowned Paraclimbing world champion opened finals on Thursday by claiming another gold medal in women's B2. 2018 is the first IFSC season for Thierry Delarue, too, who likewise wore gold medals in Briançon and in Innsbruck at the biannual IFSC World

Championships, overcoming a strong and experienced men's AL-2 field to do so. His compatriot Solenne Piret is also competing in her first IFSC season this year and overtook all three medallists in 2016 to win women's AU-2 (forearm amputee). American Justin Salas, who first competed in IFSC events last year, ended the Paraclimbing finals on Thursday in style, cutting feet at the decisive moves for the victory in men's B2. Aika Yoshida (JPN), 3rd in Paris at the only other IFSC event in which she competed, upgraded to gold in women's RP3.

Baldwin, Cornamusini Add World Title

Great Britain's Hannah Baldwin excelled in the Paraclimbing Cup series last year, and that experience showed in Innsbruck. The 2017 women's RP2 season champion added a world title to her collection this week, falling only at the lunge to the concluding hold in finals. Alessio Cornamusini of Italy, runner-up in 2016 and competing at IFSC events since 2012, added a world title to his scorecard in men's RP1.

Khalaji, Phillips Flawless for Gold

Two Paraclimbing athletes topped every route they climbed in qualifications and finals. Men's AU2 world champion Matthew Phillips of Great Britain put on a show on Friday afternoon by leaping to the finishing hold and catching it with his amputated arm for the top. Iranian Behnam Khalaji never fell in Innsbruck as well, climbing to a perfect three tops in men's RP2.



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Next Up: Bouldering Conclusion

The women's Bouldering final followed the Paraclimbing finals Friday evening, and the men's Bouldering medallists will be decided on Saturday. Tune-in to the [IFSC homepage](#) to watch the LIVE

streaming, and USA viewers can watch the men's Bouldering semi-finals and finals LIVE on the IFSC website [here](#). The schedule, links to replays, results and photos can be found on the Innsbruck event pages for [Climbing](#) and [Paraclimbing](#), and both medal tables are shown [here](#). Join the chat on Twitter at [#IFSCwch!](#)

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PARACLIMBING RESULTS OF IFSC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

Men AL2 (Leg Amputee)

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	DELARUE	Thierry	FRA	43+
2	CARMONA BARANDIARAN	Urko	ESP	36+
3	GUARDIA FERRER	Albert	ESP	24

Men AU2 (Forearm Amputee)

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	PHILLIPS	Matthew	GBR	Top
2	SMITH	Trevor	USA	45+
3	MAIOROV	Maksim	RUS	34

Men B1 (Visual Impairment)

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	KOBAYASHI	Koichiro	JPN	35+
2	STEFANI	Matteo	ITA	25+
3	AGUILAR AMOEDO	Francisco Javier	ESP	22

Men B2

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	SALAS	Justin	USA	27
2	SIMON FRANCO	Raul	ESP	24+
3	HAMANOUE	Fumiya	JPN	22

Men RP1 (Limited Range, Power or Stability)

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	CORNAMUSINI	Alessio	ITA	38+
2	FRANCK	Korbinian	GER	30+
3	HELSPER	Nils	GER	24

Men RP2

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	KHALAJI	Behnam	IRI	Top
2	PORAT	Nive	ISR	39+
3	KUMAR	Manikandan	IND	30+



Men RP3

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	PAGNOUX	Romain	FRA	36+
2	CLEVERDON	Michael	GBR	28+
3	SELAKE	Gregor	SLO	28+

Women AL2

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	JARRIGE	Lucie	FRA	35+
2	SAWFORD	Kate	CAN	30
3	STEPHENSON	Emily	USA	27

Women AU2

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	PIRET	Solenne	FRA	44
2	VIGH	Melinda	HUN	43+
3	BECK	Maureen	USA	33

Women B2

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	ROBINSON	Abigail	GBR	43
2	PESEK	Whitney	USA	36+
3	GLUSIC	Tanja	SLO	36

Women RP2

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	BALDWIN	Hannah	GBR	44+
2	PRAT	Marlene	FRA	37+
3	AGGARWAL	Anita	GBR	33.5+

Women RP3

#	NAME		NAT.	SCORE
1	YOSHIDA	Aika	JPN	Top
2	YOSHIDA	Momoko	JPN	35+
3	ORBAEN	Elodie	BEL	34+