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IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUPS VILLARS & CHAMONIX 2018

LEAD CHAMPIONS RETURN, RACE TO THE TOP CONTINUES IN SPEED

Heights are back in the 2018 IFSC World Cup series! Champions in Lead climbing return to action and the race to the top of the rankings continues in Speed climbing on July 6th-7th in Villars, Switzerland, followed by a rematch in both Sport Climbing disciplines on July 11th-13th in Chamonix, France.

Reigning Lead season champions Romain Desgranges (FRA) and Janja Garnbret (SLO) began their campaigns for the title with victories in Villars last year. Both stars will aim for gold again this week in the season opener. Garnbret dominated the Combined rankings in 2017, claiming more victories (9) in a single IFSC World Cup season than any athlete before her. She showed similar signs of excellence in the beginning of the Bouldering season and should impress again on the towering Lead walls of Villars and Chamonix. Desgranges narrowly missed the top of the Lead podium in front of thousands of home fans last year in Chamonix, and the top-ranked Lead athlete will again be one to watch this year. Also on the Lead season podium in 2017, Stefano Ghisolfi (ITA), Jain Kim (KOR) and Anak Verhoeven (BEL) are all on the start list for Villars. Keep an eye on Ashima Shiraishi (USA), who soared to 8th place in the season rankings in half as many events, as well as Alexander Megos of Germany, who both ended 2017 with medals.

France Fastest in 2018

On the Speed wall, Bassa Mawem and Anouck Jaubert of France hold the fastest times in 2018 (5.61s; 7.32s), and Jaubert matched the women's Speed world record at the season opener in Moscow. They will race against another formidable team from Russia, who has yet to lose the National Team ranking in Speed climbing. Dmitrii Timofeev of Russia moved to first place in the season rankings with two strong performances in China in May, and Elena Timofeeva has also already

stood on two podiums this season. Speed legend QiXin Zhong of China will race in the IFSC World Cup series for the first time this season in Villars and Chamonix, and men's Speed world record holder and 2017 Athlete of the Year Reza Alipourshenazandifar (IRI) returns after missing the last event. The full list of starting athletes, schedules, 2017 replays and photos can be found on the [Villars](#) and [Chamonix](#) event pages on the IFSC website.

Youth Olympic Games Watch

13 qualified athletes for the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires are registered to compete in Villars and Chamonix, the most at an IFSC World Cup event. Nolwenn Arc (FRA), 11th in Villars and Chamonix last year, and 2017 Villars finalist Laura Rogora (ITA) climb for the first time this year in Villars. Arc will be joined by French teammates Sam Avezou and Nathan Martin in Chamonix, their first IFSC World Cup of 2018. Reigning Youth A Lead world champion Shuta Tanaka of Japan will make his IFSC World Cup debut on Friday in Lead and Speed, and Alejandra Contreras of Chile will test both Sport Climbing disciplines next week in Chamonix

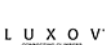
Live Streaming

Tune-in to the IFSC homepage on July 6-7 and 12-13 to watch the live streaming of semi-final and final rounds:

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Join the chat on Twitter during the show at [#IFSCwc](#).

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IFSC WORLD CUP (L,S) VILLARS (SUI)

Provisional Programme (GMT+2)

Friday, July 6th

09:00-16:00 Lead Qualifications
17:00-19:00 Speed Qualifications
21:00-22:00 Speed Finals (LIVE)
After Award Ceremony

Saturday, July 7th

10:00-12:30 Lead Semi-Finals (LIVE)
20:00-22:00 Lead Finals (LIVE)
After Award Ceremony

IFSC WORLD CUP (L,S) CHAMONIX (FRA)

Provisional Programme (GMT+2)

Wednesday, July 11th

15:00-17:00 Speed Qualifications

Thursday, July 12th

09:30-17:00 Lead Qualifications
20:30-21:30 Speed Finals
After Award Ceremony

Friday, July 13th

10:00-12:30 Lead Semi-Finals (LIVE)
20:30-22:30 Lead Finals (LIVE)
After Award Ceremony

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CURRENT LEAD WORLD RANKINGS

As of IFSC Climbing World Cup (L) - Kranj (SLO) 2017 (11.11.2017)

MEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	DESRANGES	Romain	FRA	332.09
2	GHSOLFI	Stefano	ITA	298.02
3	KORENAGA	Keiichiro	JPN	291.35
4	SKOFIC	Domen	SLO	231.31
5	BOMBARDI	Marcello	ITA	212.36
6	SCHUBERT	Jakob	AUT	206.50
7	JOANNES	Thomas	FRA	162.28
8	KIM	Hanwool	KOR	151.97
9	SAMOILOV	Fedir	UKR	135.82
10	VETTORATA	Francesco	ITA	132.23

WOMEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	545.75
2	KIM	Jain	KOR	424.45
3	VERHOEVEN	Anak	BEL	361.73
4	CHANOURDIE	Julia	FRA	293.90
5	PILZ	Jessica	AUT	276.48
6	MARKOVIC	Mina	SLO	233.43
7	THOMPSON-SMITH	Molly	GBR	205.85
8	SHIRAISHI	Ashima	USA	175.34
9	SCHUBERT	Hannah	AUT	160.91
10	KOLLER	Anne-Sophie	SUI	159.71

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CURRENT SPEED SEASON RANKINGS

As of IFSC Climbing World Cup (B,S) - Tai'an (CHN) 2018 (12.05.2018)

MEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	TIMOFEEV	Dmitrii	RUS	187
2	JAELOLO	Aspar	INA	161
3	MAWEM	Bassa	FRA	151
4	SABRI	Sabri	INA	149
5	ALIPOURSHENA.	Reza	IRI	143
6	MUHAMMAD	Hinayah	INA	132
7	KOKORIN	Stanislav	RUS	122
8	DEULIN	Vladislav	RUS	109
9	BOLDYREV	Danyil	UKR	108
9	SHIKOV	Aleksandr	RUS	108

WOMEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	JAUBERT	Anouck	FRA	240
2	SUSANTI RAHAYU	Aries	INA	220
3	TIMOFEEVA	Elena	RUS	169
4	AGUSTINA	Sari	INA	151
5	TSYGANOVA	Anna	RUS	145
6	KRASAVINA	Mariia	RUS	131
7	KAPLINA	Iuliia	RUS	120
8	SALLSABILLAH	Rajiah	INA	115
9	LESTARI	Puji	INA	110
10	REMIZOVA	Elena	RUS	108

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