



## IFSC Preview Press Release

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**It's the final countdown:**

**Lead World Cup Inzai coming up on October 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**

**Winter is near and there's only one more decision left in the IFSC Climbing World Cup 2012! This weekend the world's best Lead climbers are fighting for decision-making points in this year's second last competition in Inzai (JPN).**

Eastern Asia is still the place to be for the world's sport climbing elite these days: The Inzai Matsuyamashita Park Sports Arena, located in the important area of Japan's northern Chiba Prefecture, is the venue of the third IFSC World Cup competition in a row in East Asia within two weeks. After two thrilling events in Xining (CHN) and Mokpo (KOR) it's on the local heroes Sachi Amma, Momoka Oda & Co. to show a great performance in Inzai on October 27th-28th.

### **A close call for men and women**

And the struggle for podium finishes is sharp in this year's Lead World Cup. In the women's ranking last year's victress Mina Markovic (SLO) is still leading the field followed by Korea's Jain Kim (1<sup>st</sup> place in Mokpo last weekend) and Johanna Ernst from Austria – all three ladies are separated by less than 100 points. In the men's World Cup Japan's Sachi Amma reconquered his leading position in the overall calculation with place two in Mokpo, followed by prior leader Ramón Julian Puigblanque (ESP) and Sean McColl from Canada, third-place





finisher in Korea. Reigning world champion Jakob Schubert (AUS) comes fourth in the current calculation, 97 points in arrears and still seizing his mathematical odds.

So tension is guaranteed in the Inzai Lead World Cup, starting with the qualifications on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. local time. Semi finals for men and women are following on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. local time. The kick-off for the Japanese finals is taking place at 2:30 p.m. local time – to be followed live on <http://ifsc.tv>!

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### Intermediate Ranking Worldcup Lead 2012 Overall

(after 8 out of 9 World Cups)

#### Men – Top 10:

Rank	Name	Nat	Points
1.	AMMA Sachi	JPN	455.00
2.	Julian Puigblanque Ramón	ESP	439.00
3.	McColl Sean	CAN	404.00
4.	Schubert Jakob	AUS	358.00
5.	Desgranges Romain	FRA	349.00
6.	Verhoeven Jorg	NED	304.00
7.	Min Hyunbin	KOR	298.00
8.	Midtboe Magnus	NOR	273.00
,9.	Ghisolfi Stefano	ITA	237.00
10.	Chernikov Mikhail	RUS	236.00





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**Women – Top 10:**

1.	Markovic Mina	SLO	530.00
2.	Kim Jain	KOR	517.00
3.	Ernst Johanna	AUS	455.00
4.	Janicot Hélène	FRA	388.00
5.	Oda Momoka	JPN	299.00
6.	Röck Magdalena	AUS	292.00
7.	Durif Charlotte	FRA	291.00
8.	Malamid Evgenia	RUS	264.00
9.	Posch Katharina	AUS	257.00
10.	Fakhritdinova Dinara	RUS	244.00

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