

IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUP VALENCE 2013 : COMING DOWN TO THE WIRE IN SOUTHEASTERN FRANCE

Winter is almost here, and there is only one climbing title left for grabs in the IFSC Climbing World Cup 2013! This weekend the world's best Lead climbers will be fighting for decision-making points in this year's second to last competition in Valence.

High tension and quality performances by top athletes are expected to capture the attention, and entertain, more than 5000 climbing fans in Southeastern France this Saturday and Sunday. Over two days of competition, Valence's Halle Polyvalente du Polygone will be the venue of the 7th IFSC Lead World Cup 2013 as well as the Speed French Cup. This competition in France, prior to the final rush in Kranj (16th-17th November), is more important than ever - the fight for the podium will determine this year's Lead Overall World Cup!

On a knife edge

In the women's ranking, all eyes are on this season's dominators Jain Kim (KOR) and Mina Markovic (SLO): After three victories each in six out of eight World Cup competitions so far, the two undisputed favourites are separated by only 10 points! Mathematically, the competition for third place is also on for Japan's Momoka Oda (current in third with a 187-point deficit behind the two leaders) and Austria's youngster Magdalena Röck. In the men's overall calculation, Japan's serial winner Sachi Amma is leading the field (with due regard to dropping one score) 80 points ahead of reigning world champion Jakob Schubert. Prior leader Ramón Julian Puigblanque (ESP) follows third with a deficit of 120 points and closes the circle of contenders for the IFSC Lead Overall World Cup title 2013.

Tensions are high, and suspense is guaranteed at the IFSC Climbing World Cup Valence 2013, starting with the qualifications on Friday, November 1st, at 9:30AM GMT+2. Semi finals for men and women will follow on Saturday, November 2nd, at 12:30PM (GMT+2). The kick-off for the French finals will take place at 9:45PM (GMT+2).

Watch the action live on www.ifsc-climbing.org and join the conversation on twitter using #IFSCwcl!

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CURRENT RANKINGS - LEAD

IFSC World Cup 2013 - Lead - (After six events: 19/10/2013)

Men:

Rank	NAME		Nation	Points
1	Amma	Sachi	JPN	460
2	Schubert	Jakob	AUT	388
3	Julian Puigblanque	Ramón	ESP	358
4	Desgranges	Romain	FRA	272
4	Romain	Manuel	FRA	272
6	Min	Hyunbin	KOR	266
7	McColl	Sean	CAN	244
7	Supper	Gautier	FRA	244
9	Skofic	Domen	SLO	207
10	Ghisolfi	Stefano	ITA	198

For Full Rankings:

https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/world-competition/calendar#!type=ranking&cat=ICC_M&cup=13_WC

Women:

Rank	NAME		Nation	Final
1	Kim	Jain	KOR	525
2	Markovic	Mina	SLO	515
3	Oda	Momoka	JPN	338
4	Röck	Magdalena	AUT	323
5	Janicot	Hélène	FRA	303
6	Fakhritdinova	Dinara	RUS	252
7	Posch	Katharina	AUT	217
8	Noguchi	Akiyo	JPN	178
9	van Bergen	Nikki	NED	175
10	Bacher	Barbara	AUT	151

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NATIONAL TEAM RANKINGS - LEAD

Rank	NATION		Points
1	JPN	Japan	1366
2	AUT	Austria	1293
3	FRA	France	1226
4	SLO	Slovenia	1011
5	KOR	Korea	917
6	RUS	Russia	653
7	ESP	Spain	425
8	ITA	Italy	414
9	BEL	Belgium	329
10	CAN	Canada	244
11	SUI	Suisse	200
12	GER	Germany	189
13	NED	Netherlands	178
14	NOR	Norway	165
15	CHN	China	127
16	IRI	Iran	33
17	CHI	Chile	28
18	VEN	Venezuela	24
19	HUN	Hungary	22
20	IND	India	10
21	SWE	Sweden	9
21	UKR	Ukraine	9
23	ISR	Israel	8

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UP-COMING IFSC LEAD WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS 2013

1. - 2. November 2013

IFSC Climbing Worldcup (L) - Valence (FRA) 2013

16. - 17. November 2013

IFSC Climbing Worldcup (L) - Kranj (SLO) 2013

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