

NEXT STAGE, NEXT COMPETITION: IFSC LEAD WORLD CUP MAKING NEXT STOP IN IMST (AUT)

Ending the three-week break since the last World Cup competition in Briançon (FRA), the IFSC Lead World Cup tour is moving on to another climbing classic on August 9 & 10: Imst, host city of the European Youth Championships 2013, is the venue for the second stage of this season's Lead competition.

The beautiful Tyrolean city of Imst, about 60 km west of Innsbruck, is well known for hosting some of the highest caliber climbing contests in the world. This is the 10th time an IFSC Climbing World Cup will take place in the hometown of climbing legend Angy Eiter. Expect to see some high quality action at what is anticipated to be a great competition. Imst has outstanding outdoor facilities, inaugurated in 2010, which offer one of the best competition walls seen in this year's Lead World Cup tour.

Favored men & women

The starting field of the second stage of the Lead World Cup 2013 looks strong, with many of the usual international climbing favorites expected to compete. In the men's competition, it's the first and foremost World Cup leading duo, Ramón Julian Puigblanque (winner of the Gold medal in Briançon and the World Games 2013) and Sachi Amma (Lead Overall World Cup winner 2012), competing against reigning European champion Romain Desranges (FRA) and reigning World champion Jakob Schubert, who will be highly motivated to climb well in front of his home crowd. Thrilling duels can also be expected in the women's competition: Russia's fledgling European champion Dinara Fakhriddinova will come up against the three Lead World Cup leaders Jain Kim (KOR), Mina Markovic (SLO) and Hélène Janicot (FRA) and as well as Austria's local heroines Katharina Posch and Magdalena Röck.

The qualifications and the semi-finals of the Lead World Cup Imst are taking place on Friday, August 9th (qualifications start: 10 a.m., semi-finals: 6.30 p.m.). The finals start on Saturday, August 10th, at 7.30 p.m. All climbing fans that won't be able to attend in person will be able to watch the competition live on www.ifsc-climbing.org.

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Lead World Cup 2013 Overall Rankings

(after 1 out of 8 World Cups - Briançon 19/07/2013)

Men Top-10:

Rank	NAME		Nation	Points
1	JULIAN PUIGBLANQUE	Ramón	ESP	100.00
2	AMMA	Sachi	JPN	80.00
3	LCHAT	Cédric	SUI	65.00
4	SKOFIC	Domen	SLO	55.00
5	ROMAIN	Manuel	FRA	51.00
6	GHISOLFI	Stefano	ITA	47.00
7	SUPPER	Gautier	FRA	43.00
8	TAUPORN	Thomas	GER	40.00
9	HALENKE	Sebastian	GER	37.00
10	BALLET	Thomas	FRA	34.00

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Women - Top 10:

Rank	NAME		Nation	Points
1	KIM	Jain	KOR	100.00
2	MARKOVIC	Mina	SLO	80.00
3	JANICOT	Hélène	FRA	65.00
4	FAKHRITDINOVA	Dinara	RUS	55.00
5	DURIF	Charlotte	FRA	51.00
6	NOGUCHI	Akiyo	JPN	47.00
7	POSCH	Katharina	AUT	43.00
8	RÖCK	Magdalena	AUT	40.00
9	VAN BERGEN	Nikki	NED	37.00
10	LAVARDA	Jenny	ITA	34.00

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Upcoming IFSC Lead World Cup Events 2013

9. - 10. August 2013	IFSC Climbing Worldcup (L) - Imst (AUT)
20. - 21. September 2013	IFSC Climbing Worldcup (L) - Puurs (BEL)
27. - 29. September 2013	IFSC Climbing Worldcup (L,S) - Perm (RUS)
11. - 12. October 2013	IFSC Climbing Worldcup (L,S) - Mokpo (KOR)
19. - 20. October 2013	IFSC Climbing Worldcup (L,S) - Wujiang (CHN)
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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