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## IFSC WORLD CUP BRIANÇON 2017

# IFSC LEAD WORLD CUP RETURNS TO FRANCE

After a thrilling show of Sport Climbing last weekend at The World Games 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland, the world's best Lead athletes return to France for the third IFSC Lead World Cup of the season in Briançon.

Briançon has been gathering top Lead athletes for the IFSC World Cup since 2011, and several thousand fans regularly attend finals. This week the commune in southeast France welcomes a new talented group of The World Games champions, IFSC World Cup season champions and rising stars.

### Wroclaw athletes in the spotlight

Keiichiro Korenaga of Japan excelled in Wroclaw, claiming a Gold medal at The World Games amongst the most elite Lead athletes. Sean McColl of Canada joined him on the podium and will also compete in Briançon. Romain Desgranges just missed out on a medal at Wroclaw and the first IFSC World Cup in France this year at Chamonix, but he will again have the support of his home crowd this week.

For the women, Anak Verhoeven of Belgium has been climbing well all season, finishing among the top athletes at every Lead event. She will again be in the spotlight in Briançon after winning Gold at Wroclaw. Also follow the results of Julia Chanourdie, competing at home like Desgranges. She won a Bronze medal at The World Games and is a strong contender for another podium.

### Slovenia eyes repeat

Reigning season champions Janja Garnbret and Domen Skofic were in control last year in Briançon, bringing two Gold medals back to Slovenia. Garnbret has yet to lose an IFSC Lead World Cup in

2017, and Skofic will look to rebound after missing finals at Chamonix. Their teammate Mina Markovic missed Briançon last year and should be among the top finishers this year.

### Increasing expectations

A number of rising stars will be competing on Friday. Ukrainian Fedir Samoilo set the bar high at Villars with his first IFSC World Cup podium, and he will look to rebound after an early fall in Chamonix semi-finals. Also falling early was Margo Hayes of the USA, who will climb alongside teammates Brooke Raboutou and Kai Lightner. For France, Nolwenn Arc has not yet qualified for finals, but she was on the cusp at both Chamonix and Villars. Hannah Schubert of Austria broke the barrier for the first time at Villars and will look to repeat the feat in Briançon. Also track the progress of Giorgio Bendazzoli of Italy. The 18-year-old world youth champion will be competing at his first IFSC World Cup this season.

### Join us online

The semi-finals and finals of IFSC World Cup Briançon will be streamed LIVE on July 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Tune-in to the IFSC homepage for the LIVE show:

[www.ifsc-climbing.org](http://www.ifsc-climbing.org)

The competition schedule, starters, 2016 replays and highlights can be found on the [Briançon event page](#), and chat with us on Twitter during the LIVE action by adding [#IFSCwc](#) to your tweets.

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## IFSC WORLD CUP (L) BRIANÇON (FRA)

Provisional Programme (GMT+2)

### Friday, July 28

09:00-15:00 Lead Qualifications  
19:30-22:00 Lead Semi-Finals (LIVE)

### Saturday, July 29

19:30 Lead Finals (LIVE)  
22:00 Award Ceremony (LIVE)

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## CURRENT IFSC LEAD WORLD CUP RANKINGS

As of IFSC Climbing World Cup (L) - Chamonix (FRA) 2017 (12.07.2017)

### MEN LEAD

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	DESRANGES	Romain	FRA	155.00
2	BOMBARDI	Marcello	ITA	116.00
2	HADA	Yuki	JPN	116.00
4	KORENAGA	Keiichiro	JPN	114.00
5	SKOFIC	Domen	SLO	105.00
6	HOJER	Jan	GER	86.00
7	GHISOLFI	Stefano	ITA	74.00
8	SAMOILOV	Fedir	UKR	70.00
9	HANKE	Christoph	GER	69.00
10	PUMAN	Hannes	SWE	65.00

### WOMEN LEAD

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	200.00
2	KIM	Jain	KOR	135.00
3	VERHOEVEN	Anak	BEL	130.00
4	MARKOVIC	Mina	SLO	106.00
5	PILZ	Jessica	AUT	102.00
6	CHANOURDIE	Julia	FRA	81.00
7	KOLLER	Anne-Sophie	SUI	74.00
8	SCHUBERT	Hannah	AUT	71.00
9	KAZBEKOVA	Ievgeniia	UKR	68.00
10	BECERRA	Mathilde	FRA	60.00