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## **IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUPS WUJIANG & XIAMEN 2018**

# LEAD, SPEED, OVERALL SEASON CHAMPIONS TO BE CROWNED IN CHINA

After months of world-class climbing at IFSC World Cups all around the globe, the Lead, Speed and Overall season podiums will soon be decided at the final events in Wujiang and Xiamen, China.

### **Garnbret, Jaubert, Schubert One Victory Away**

Three leaders in the IFSC World Cup season rankings can clinch season titles with one more victory this month. After five Lead events, two-time Lead season champion Janja Garnbret (SLO) again stands atop the Lead season rankings. The Lead world champion has yet to place below 2<sup>nd</sup> this year and doing so again will secure a third consecutive title. Both Garnbret and runner-up Jessica Pilz (AUT) have already guaranteed spots on the Lead season podium, and only Pilz can unseat Garnbret. Whatever the outcome, it will have been a memorable year for Pilz, who already became Lead world champion last month and has placed 1st or 2<sup>nd</sup> at all but one Lead event so far. Three-time Lead season champion Jain Kim (KOR) improved her chances at joining them on the Lead season podium by climbing highest at the most recent event in Kranj.

Pilz's teammate Jakob Schubert (AUT) leads the season rankings among male athletes. One more victory this weekend or the following weekend would seal a third Lead season title for Schubert, but the men's Lead world champion will have to best Stefano Ghisolfi (ITA) to do so. Qualifying for another final will land Ghisolfi on the Lead season podium, but the Kranj winner will have his sights set on the season title. Multiple athletes are competing for the last spot on the Lead season podium, including 2017 season champion Romain Desgranges (FRA) and Domen Skofic (SLO).

In Speed, last year's season champion Anouck Jaubert (FRA) is on pace to defend her Speed season title. After six Speed events, Jaubert is the only female athlete to claim multiple victories, and she can stand atop a second consecutive season podium with another victory in China. Fast teams from Indonesia and Russia could change those plans. Mariia Krasavina (RUS) can secure a spot on the Speed season podium by placing 1st or 2nd at either event, and Iuliia Kaplina (RUS) is a strong contender to join them on the podium at season's end. Aries Susanti Rahayu (INA), absent from the three previous Speed events, showed near record-breaking speed last time in China.

For the men, keep an eye on Speed leader Danyil Boldyrev (UKR). The former Speed season champion won the previous two Speed events and can clinch a spot on the season podium with one more victory. Reza Alipourshenazandifar (IRI), Bassa Mawem (FRA), Aleksandr Shikov (RUS) and Dmitrii Timofeev (RUS) have also raced to Speed victories this season. The full list of starting athletes and more information can be found on the Wujiang and Kiamen event pages.

### **New Calculation for Overall Season Titles**

This year, the Overall season titles are decided by a new calculation. Athletes competing in two or more Bouldering, Lead and Speed events are given rankings points based on their relative ranking against one another at counting events. Their top two events per discipline are counted, and the six ranking points are

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multiplied. Currently, teammates Tomoa Narasaki and Miho Nonaka (JPN) lead the <u>Overall season ranking</u>, but more athletes could enter the ranks in China.

### **Live Streaming**

Tune-in to the IFSC homepage on October 21st and 28th to watch the live streaming of semi-finals and finals:

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Join the chat on Twitter during the shows at #IFSCwc!

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# IFSC WORLD CUP (L,S) WUJIANG (CHN)

**Provisional Programme (GMT+2)** 

### Saturday, October 20th

09:45-12:30 Lead Qualification Route 1 14:00-17:00 Lead Qualification Route 2 18:30-20:00 Speed Qualifications

### Sunday, October 21st

09:45-10:45 Speed Finals (LIVE)
13:00-15:30 Lead Semi-Finals (LIVE)
18:30-20:30 Lead Finals (LIVE)
After Award Ceremony

# IFSC WORLD CUP (L,S) XIAMEN (CHN)

**Provisional Programme (GMT+2)** 

### Saturday, October 27th

09:45-12:30 Lead Qualification Route 1 14:00-17:00 Lead Qualification Route 2 18:30-20:00 Speed Qualifications

### Sunday, October 28th

09:45-10:45 Speed Finals (LIVE)
13:00-15:30 Lead Semi-Finals (LIVE)
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# **CURRENT LEAD SEASON RANKINGS**

As of IFSC Climbing World Cup (L) - Kranj (SLO) 2018 (29.09.2018)

### MEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	SCHUBERT	Jakob	AUT	415
2	GHISOLFI	Stefano	ITA	386
3	SKOFIC	Domen	SLO	256
4	MEGOS	Alexander	GER	230
5	DESGRANGES	Romain	FRA	213
6	LEHMANN	Sascha	SUI	154
7	HADA	Yuki	JPN	149
8	TANAKA	Shuta	JPN	127
9	HOMMA	Taisei	JPN	126
10	MIN	Hyunbin	KOR	121

### **WOMEN**

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	GARNBRET	Janja	SLO	460
2	PILZ	Jessica	AUT	395
3	KIM	Jain	KOR	230
4	HILY	Manon	FRA	198
5	VERHOEVEN	Anak	BEL	181
6	MARKOVIC	Mina	SLO	167
7	SCHUBERT	Hannah	AUT	165
8	SHIRAISHI	Ashima	USA	159
9	KOTAKE	Mei	JPN	151
10	KALAN	Tjasa	SLO	139

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# **CURRENT SPEED SEASON RANKINGS**

As of IFSC Climbing World Cup (L,S) - Arco (ITA) 2018 (27.07.2018)

### MEN

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	BOLDYREV	Danyil	UKR	373
2	TIMOFEEV	Dmitrii	RUS	353
3	MAWEM	Bassa	FRA	311
4	ALIPOURSHENAZANDIFAR	Reza	IRI	285
5	SHIOLOV	Aleksandr	RUS	277
6	SHIKOV	Aleksandr	RUS	269
7	KOKORIN	Stanislav	RUS	210
8	FOSSALI	Ludovico	ITA	188
9	LI	JinXin	CHN	164
10	JAELOLO	Aspar	INA	161

### **WOMEN**

#	NAME		NATION	POINTS
1	JAUBERT	Anouck	FRA	436
2	KRASAVINA	Mariia	RUS	341
3	KAPLINA	Iuliia	RUS	289
4	TIMOFEEVA	Elena	RUS	247
5	TSYGANOVA	Anna	RUS	225
6	BROZEK	Anna	POL	222
7	SUSANTI RAHAYU	Aries	INA	220
8	REMIZOVA	Elena	RUS	207
9	ANDRIER	Victoire	FRA	195
10	SARISSON	Aurelia	FRA	154

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