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IFSC CLIMBING WORLD CUP CHAMONIX 2015: KICKING OFF THE IFSC LEAD WORLD CUP SERIES 2015 IN CHAMONIX, FRANCE ON JULY 10-12, 2015

Chamonix will host the first stop of the IFSC Lead World Cup Series 2015, with a dual Lead and Speed competition. At the foot of the Mont-Blanc, the alpine sports capital of the Alps will provide a dramatic setting to a display of world-class climbing!

The IFSC Bouldering World Cup season is already close to an end, and it is now time for the top Lead competitors to enter the ring in Chamonix, France, where they will be joined by the Speed climbing elite for what promises to be an outstanding event.

A fresh start for Lead climbers

After a winter focused on preparation, training and recuperation, IFSC Lead climbers are now back in business. Last year, Jain Kim (KOR) and Jakob Schubert (AUS) secured the overall IFSC Lead World Cup victory with a comfortable margin. Yet, nothing is set in stone, and with a large group of athletes aiming for the gold, the competition will definitely be riveting!

In the women's category, Jain Kim will be defending her top spot against a strong field of competitors, including Delaney Miller (USA) and Anak Verhoeven (BEL) who, aged only 18, is one of the very few female climbers in the world to have sent 9a. It will be exciting to see how winter training paid off for these incredible athletes!

The men's competition promises to be fierce, with 2014 Lead and Bouldering World Champion Adam Ondra (CZE) looking to make up for his third place in the IFSC Lead World Cup overall rankings last season. He will be facing all-time favourites Sean McColl (CAN) and Ramón Julian

Puigblanque (ESP), as well as a strong team of French athletes who don't attend IFSC World Cups regularly, led by French champion and local hero Romain Desgranges.

Will local favourite hold onto gold?

On the women's side, Anouck Jaubert (FRA) proved that she is in podium-worthy shape with her gold medal in Haiyang, China. This time, she will be competing in front of her home crowd, and we can expect her to set the bar high and ensure for some amazing competition!

In the men's field, it seems like Qixin Zhong (CHN) is unbeatable this season after his three gold medals in a row. Yet, Libor Hroza (CZE) was only 0.01s away from breaking the current World Record in Chongqing, China, and other male competitors follow close behind, so the pressure is on!

Join in the action!

For more information on the event and access to the live streaming of the semi-finals and finals, join us:

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LIVE BROADCASTING

Speed Finals: <https://youtu.be/loYDu9AOU-Q>

Lead Semi-finals: <https://youtu.be/8vBi668uB3I>

Lead Finals: <https://youtu.be/t8ePjiqjKY0>

PROGRAM (GMT+2)

Saturday, July 11th

09:00-14:00 – Male & Female Lead Qualification

21:30 – Male & Female Speed Finals (live broadcasting)

22:30 – Award Ceremony (live broadcasting)

Sunday, July 12th

10:00-12:30 – Male & Female Lead Semi-Finals (live broadcasting)

21:00-22:00 – Male Lead Final (live broadcasting)

22:00-23:00 – Female Lead Final (live broadcasting)

23:00 – Award Ceremony (live broadcasting)



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