



FISE WORLD SERIES 2018: BMX FREESTYLE FLATLAND OVERALL RANKING

Rider rankings are defined by how many points athletes accumulate over the season. For every sport part of this ranking, a male and female FISE overall winner is crowned.

If one sentence could sum up the past season, it's "nothing can be taken for granted". We saw dramatic increases in the level of some riders, stars cracking under pressure, brand new players entering the game, breath-taking falls, legends proving their status, unwelcome injuries and much more.

We began the season in the city of Peace, Hiroshima. Both Japanese Riders and Fans turned up in their masses for the first ever FISE event in the country. Then, it was time for Montpellier to prove once again why it has its insane reputation, and is considered the must attend event of the year. As usual the atmosphere was unbeatable with a huge range of sports and a record breaking number of athletes for a FISE event. We then touched down in Edmonton, Canada where we were welcomed with the customary Canadian Hospitality. The riders put on a fantastic show for the Canadian spectators who were treated to a number of World First BMX tricks. Last but by no means least we headed East again to Chengdu, China. This time the event was held in Pidou District, which proved the perfect spot to wrap up the season in dramatic fashion with an event that saw huge surprises and unexpected champions crowned.

Here is how it ended up after a phenomenal season.

BMX FREESTYLE FLATLAND MEN

1. MATTHIAS DANDOIS – age 29 – FRANCE
2. ALEX JUMELIN – age 41 – FRANCE
3. JEAN WILLIAM PREVOST – age 32 – CANADA
4. MOTO SASAKI – age 33 – JAPAN
5. JORGE GOMEZ – age 37 – SPAIN
6. KEVIN NIKULSKI – age 24 – GERMANY

1. MATTHIAS DANDOIS – age 29 – FRANCE

This charismatic Parisian rides with style and passion, pushing himself constantly to try new things. He often takes inspiration from street riding which keeps his runs unpredictable and fresh. He has been at the top of the BMX flatland scene for years. 2018 has been another successful season taking 1st place in Hiroshima and Montpellier, his third places in Edmonton and Chengdu secured him the 2018 overall title.



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2. ALEX JUMELIN – age 41 – FRANCE

Alex has been on the BMX Flatland world circuit for over 20 years. Over those years his style has evolved, fed by his creativity and determination to produce the unique style we see today. He is extremely involved in the expansion of his discipline and a year ago he opened his own school near Montpellier, the FISE Flat Academy. Here he shares his passion and inspires a whole new generation of riders, within the motto: Eat – Sleep – Ride. Repeat.

3. JEAN WILLIAM PREVOST – age 32 – CANADA

Based in Montreal this Canadian rider started Flatland 15 years ago. He is known for his very artistic style and impressive control of his back wheel. Extremely creative and devoted to expanding the popularity of this discipline, the founder of the IGI brand has been awarded many times this year for his video parts. Riders, media and the general public were delighted to see him taking the Gold with an incredible run in Chengdu, to wrap the season.

BMX FREESTYLE FLATLAND WOMEN

1. MISAKI KATAGIRI – age 26 – JAPAN
2. ERI FUNATSU – age 34 – JAPAN
3. CELINE VAES – age 31 – FRANCE
4. MINATO OIKE – age 21 – JAPAN
5. AUTUMN BROWN – age 31 – USA
6. EKATERINA KRUGLOVA – age 24 – RUSSIA

1. KATAGIRI MISARI – age 26 – JAPAN

Katagiri Misari is humble and discreet so she isn't well known outside of her country, Japan. But she is definitely a proper champion, who rocked FWS in 2018. She took the gold at every single stop, thanks to her runs full of the most sophisticated combos in the Women's contests. Her good vibes and flawless tricks always bring delight to the crowd, and the 2019 tour will offer her another opportunity to show the world what she's made of.

2. ERI FUNATSU – age 34 – JAPAN

Pizzas are to Italy what Flatland is to Japan, so no need to say that this country is the beating heart of the International Flatland scene. The discipline is immensely popular in the country so it's no surprise that the top female riders come from Japan. Eri Funatsu is the kind of rider who pushes the development of the sport in her country even further with her cool video parts and by winning contests abroad.



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3. CELINE VAES – age 31 – FRANCE

Celine discovered her passion for Flatland later than most of her peers. She is currently studying the discipline at the FISE Flat Academy in Baillargues. With Alex Jumelin as her coach and Raphael Chiquet as her husband she has the best support ever to improve her riding skills and it is clear she is a fast learner. Nowadays she rides as much as she can and there is hardly a day she's not on her bike.