

# FISE WORLD SERIES 2018: BMX FREESTYLE PARK 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 Pidu 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.

# **UCI BMX FREESTYLE PARK WORLD CUP MEN**

- 1. MARIN RANTES age 23 CROATIA
- 2. DANIEL DHERS age 33 VENEZUELA
- 3. NICK BRUCE age 26 USA
- 4. JUSTIN DOWELL age 18 USA
- 5. RIM NAKAMURA age 16 JAPAN
- 6. LOGAN MARTIN age 24 AUSTRALIA

### 1. MARIN RANTES – age 23 – CROATIA

Marin Rantes is a BMX child prodigy from Croatia. With no Skatepark in his home town, he began by practicing tricks in the street. Nowadays he travels to train at the best locations, including at the Daniel Dhers Action Sports Complex, where he is mentored by Red Bull team mate Dhers. Last year the student overtook the master and Marin described his win as "the biggest thing to happen in his career."

### 2. DANIEL DHERS - age 33 - VENEZUELA



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Daniel is one of the most decorated BMX riders of all time. He has hardly been off the podium since his entry on to the world stage in 2006 and he achieved 1st place in FWS 2017. He owns the super impressive Daniel Dhers Action Sports Complex where he trains, often inviting other riders to join him. Here he perfects his pristine runs that have propelled him to the top of his discipline, nothing can be left to chance when you want to secure a spot on the podium.

## 3. NICK BRUCE – age 26 – USA

Known as one of the nicest guys in BMX, Nick has come a long way since he started riding on a dirt jump in his backyard. The Ohio native has an innovative riding style and a love of taking risks. Last season was full of ups and downs for him as he won in Montpellier but suffered a bad injury midway through the season. We are sure this season he will come back stronger and be ready to give it his all.

## UCI BMX FREESTYLE PARK WORLD CUP WOMEN

- 1. HANNAH ROBERTS age 17 USA
- 2. LARA LESSMANN age 18 GERMANY
- 3. NIKITA DUCARROZ age 22 SWITZERLAND
- 4. MINATO OIKE age 21 JAPAN
- 5. ANGIE MARINO age 28 USA
- 6. CHARLOTTE WORTHINGTON age 22 UK

#### 1. HANNAH ROBERTS – age 17 – USA

At only 16 years old she was the overall winner of the FWS 2017 and she did it again last year. As modest as she is passionate, Hannah has devoted herself to BMX since a very young age, and this shows in the technicality of her tricks and the magnitude of her riding. She is known for landing massive flairs and many see her as the future of women's BMX. You can be sure to see her reppin' team USA at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

#### 2. LARA LESSMANN – age 18 – GERMANY

Lara is a rising star on the BMX scene and had a great 2018. Alongside coming second overall at FISE, she won gold at the Youth Olympic Games. Born in Flensburg, Germany, she started BMX at the age of 9. Initially influenced by her brother, she practiced regularly and her persistence paid off when she took the win once again in Chengdu to wrap the season. She is one of the biggest talents in women's BMX and will be aiming for first place in 2019.



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### 3. NIKITA DUCARROZ – age 22 – SWITZERLAND

Growing up in California, at the heart of action sports culture, proved a great place for this 22-year-old to begin her BMX career 8 years ago. She is now a full-time rider, dividing her time between training, travelling to competitions, college classes, and having as much fun as possible while riding. As a brand ambassador she is extremely active on social media, and is working hard to increase women's visibility on the international BMX Freestyle scene.