



# FISE WORLD SERIES 2018: SKATE ROLLER 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.

## WORLD SKATE ROLLER FREESTYLE CUP MEN

1. JOE ATKINSON – age 26 – UK
2. SEM CROFT – age 22 – NETHERLANDS
3. MAXIME GENOUD – age 26 – SWITZERLAND
4. NICOLAS SERVY – age 20 – FRANCE
5. JULIEN CUDOT – age 25 – FRANCE
6. YUTO GOTO – age 24 - JAPAN

### 1. JOE ATKINSON – age 26 – UK

Originally from Yorkshire, this Englishman travels the world competing in events and inspiring others with his passion for inline. With his combination of original lines and clean tricks he's nearly always on the podium at events. He was a double champion last year winning both the FWS 2018 overall and the FISE Xperience Series title, which means we will be lucky enough to see him compete at FISE events for another year.



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## **2. SEM CROFT – age 22 – NETHERLANDS**

Sem is a rider who is part of the revered Adapt team based in the Netherlands. He is an accomplished street skater but said in an interview recently “There is a little bit of more love for park skating. And after I got the chance to compete at the FISE competitions it only got bigger, it just feels so good when I can go fast and high”. And if his past performances are anything to go by we can expect a great things from him this season.

## **3. MAXIME GENOUD – age 26 – SWITZERLAND**

Definitely one of the most creative riders that FISE has ever hosted. When he is not tearing up ramps with his trademark speed, this photography student devotes his time to art, building his own cameras out of recycled materials. Creativity is in his blood and something that shines in his riding. His innovative, quick and creative style propelled him to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the overall rankings but he will defiantly be looking to improve on that this year.

## **WORLD SKATE ROLLER FREESTYLE CUP WOMEN**

1. MANON DERRIEN – age 26 – FRANCE
2. CHIHIRO AZUMA – age 22 – JAPAN
3. MERY MUNOZ – age 28 – SPAIN
4. KATAYAMA MISAKI – age 17 – JAPAN
5. LISA-MARIE AUTHIE – age 22 – FRANCE
6. JIN HONG ZHAO – age 32 – JAPAN

### **1. MANON DERRIEN – age 26 – FRANCE**

When she is not travelling the world for contests, the “Inline Skating Princess” is a mechanical engineer living in Bordeaux. For over a decade, she has continued to blossom in the Inline Skating community and she has become known for her special skills on rails. In 2018, her committed riding style was supplemented by consistent performances, and a third place at every stop was a perfect strategy to land the overall title.

### **2. CHIHIRO AZUMA – age 22 – JAPAN**

Born in Okayama, Japan she began rollerblading at the tender age of 5 years old. Widely regarded as one of the best female Roller riders around, this 22-year-old Japanese rider consistently takes the top honours at competitions around the world and she even took the gold at the final stop of the 2018 season in Chengdu. She has a laidback effortless style when skating and looks as at home on parks as she does on street spots.



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### 3. MERY MUNOZ – age 28 – SPAIN

Every rider will tell you that a victory at FISE Montpellier is always extra special , and last year Mery Munoz joined the select crew who have experience it. This charismatic rider takes advantage the all year sunshine in Spain to jump on any street stops that she finds. When she finally hits a Park, it's definitely not to chill and she delights everybody with her impressive flips. We can't wait to see what she has in her store for 2019.