

FWS 2019 current overall rankings

The 2018 season produced many shocks and surprises and the top 3 in all sports was constantly changing. From the opening in Hiroshima, then on to Montpellier, Edmonton and finally Chengdu, riders battled to gain their invitation to the 2019 tour. And for some, a World Cup title-awaited.

In April, the city of Hiroshima in Japan proved to be the perfect place to host the first stage of FWS 2019. In every discipline, and in both men's and women's categories, international riders were seriously challenged by the impressive level of their hosts whose riders made it onto several podiums. Some of them also gained their invitation to compete at FISE Montpellier. The biggest party of the season increased the stakes for riders in all sports and some outstanding performances made it even tighter the rankings. It's now time for the traditional closing of the action sports season in Chengdu. For years, China has been known as the not-to-be-missed event of the season and we will wrap this 6th FWS edition with a huge grand finale. It's not only the competitions riders are looking forward to as Chengdu has some incredible street spots, which promise some gnarly sessions as well. With all that to look forward to it's sure to be an incredible end to 2019.

UCI BMX FREESTYLE PARK WORLD CUP - MEN

1. Logan MARTIN – age 25 – AUSTRALIA

A few years ago, a FISE event in Paris welcomed this young Australian to international competition, where he won his first victory on the world circuit. Since then, this global BMX Freestyle prodigy has been on the podium of almost every event he has participated in. Technical and committed, this FWS 2016 winner is doing everything he possibly can at each stage of the 2019 tour to retrieve the title.

2nd. Justin DOWELL - age 19 - JAPAN

At only 19 years old he has already achieved one of his biggest dreams by winning at FISE Montpellier. This rider from North Carolina is also the current UCI Champion, thanks to his victory last November. It seems that the rainbow jersey has given wings to this rookie, who is also super at ease on a Spine mini ramp. His lines are always unique at each contest, and his originality consistently brings him to the top of the rankings.

- Rim NAKAMURA - age 17 - JAPAN

From the early stages of his career, Rim has been hailed as one of the future stars of this discipline. At just 17 years of age, he began the 2019 season to great fanfare with a prestigious 2nd place at FISE Hiroshima where he landed trick after trick, including a 5-figure combo. After this performance, he secured one of the top spots in Montpellier and is now sharing the second spot with another gnarly rookie.

- 4. Irek RIZAEV age 21 RUSSIA
- 5. Brandon LOUPOS age 26 AUSTRALIA
- 6. Nick BRUCE age 27 USA

UCI BMX FREESTYLE PARK WORLD CUP - WOMEN

1. Hannah ROBERTS – age 18 – USA

At only 18 years of age, and winner of the 2017 and 2018 FWS tours, Hannah has already asserted her position this season. As modest as she is passionate, this American has devoted herself to BMX from a very young age, and this shows in the technicality of her tricks and the range of her riding. She is well-known for landing massive flairs and many see her as the future of women's BMX.

Joint 2nd. Perris BENEGAS – age 24 – USA

This American is one of the talented female athletes pushing the growth of her sport. Perris' riding style is super slick and her lines are all about style and amplitude. Having been injured during training at last year's FISE Montpellier she has come back with a bang this season. The current UCI BMX World Champion also has a history of being a champion of... Thai Boxing!

Joint 2nd . Lara LESSMANN – age 19 – GERMANY

Originally from Flensburg, Germany, Lara started BMX aged 9, initially influenced by her brother. She is a young athlete who imposes rigorous training on herself and is definitely one to watch closely. Her perfectionism won her the sport's first Olympic medal at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, as well as the first place at FISE Budapest 2017. She is currently running through Europe to grab some points toward Tokyo 2020.

- 4. Oike MINATO age 22 JAPAN
- -. Chelsea WOLFE age 26 USA
- 6. Nikita DUCARROZ age 23 USA



WS ROLLER FREESTYLE PARK WORLD CUP - MEN

1. Joe ATKINSON - age 27 - UK

To get some idea of Joe's inexhaustible inventiveness, just take a look at his Instagram account (@mrjoeatkinson) and admire his selection of ever-more unusual spots. His combination of original lines and clean tricks make for the perfect combo to take gold. In 2018, he triumphed with 1st place in both the FISE Xperience Series tour and its global equivalent, FWS.

2. Roman ABRATE – age 31 – FRANCE

This French rider proved a skate park revelation 15 years ago, and his French championship victory 1 year later confirmed his talent. He is the first ever Roller Freestyle World Champion, winning the FIRS Roller Games Championship in Nankin in 2017. He is one of the rare Roller riders who makes a living from his passion. He is always active in the media, developing the global outreach of his sport. It is no surprise to see his name alongside FWS top riders.

3. Jeremy MELIQUE – age 26 – FRANCE

2019 seems to be Jeremy Melique's year. In the same month he became new dad and winner of at FISE Montpellier. This easy-going guy from Nice couldn't have started the season in a better way. With a riding style that is particularly technical, he drops most of his tricks with a great amplitude. Nowadays called "Papa Melique" by the other riders, he is waiting for Chengdu to get another chance to reach the top in the overall rankings.

- 4. Jaro FRIJN age 18 NETHERLANDS
- 5. Yuma BAUDOIN age 21 FRANCE
- 6. Cj WELLSMORE age 31 JAPAN



WS ROLLER FREESTYLE PARK WORLD CUP - WOMEN

1. Manon DERRIEN – age 26 – FRANCE

Born in Bordeaux, Manon is one of the best riders on the world Roller scene. For the last 10 years, she has been hitting the rails with quick, fluid runs which have resulted in several international competition podium places. In 2018, she took 1st place on the FWS tour, and has started this year with a respectable 3rd place at Winterclash. After many victories trough the 2019 season, it's time to wraps it in Chengdu.

2. Chihiro AZUMA – age 23 – 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 23-year-old Japanese rider consistently takes the top honours at competitions around the world and is the current female FIRS World Champion in Roller Freestyle Park. She has a laidback effortless style when skating and looks as at home on parks as she does on street spots.

3. Maria MUÑOZ - age 29 - SPAIN

Every rider will tell you that victory at FWS Montpellier is extra special, as Maria discovered last year. This charismatic rider takes advantage of the year-round sunshine in Spain to jump on any street rail she can find and presents the most technical tricks of anyone in the women's category. After taking 2nd place at FWS Hiroshima earlier in the season, we can't wait to see her in Montpellier.

- 4. Katayama MISAKI age 17 JAPAN
- 5. Lisa Mary AUTHIE age 23 FRANCE
- 6. Inoue CHIE age 28 JAPAN

UCI BMX FLATLAND WORLD CUP - MEN

1. Dominik NEKOLNY – age 33 – CZECH REPUBLIC

This Czech rider entered the FWS this year and has blown everyone away with his fluidity and tricks. Dominik's rolling backwards and cross-footed hitchhikers, with all their numerous technical combos, never fail to thrill the public. At 33, he is one of the most experienced and accomplished riders, with a pocket full of national and world championship crowns. He knows how to put everthing together to secure the top spots.

2. Matthias DANDOIS - age 30 - FRANCE

This charismatic Parisian rider 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. A regular on the podium at FISE competitions, his style earned him victory in the UCI 2018 World Cup. He placed second in the two previous stops and he could grab the lead on the final one.

3. SASAKI MOTO – age 34 – JAPAN

Some consider Japan as the cradle of BMX Flatland so it is not a surprise so many riders from this country are now at the top of the international scene. As a legend of his sport, Sasaki is one of them and he keeps on working really hard to push the limit of his sport. Discreet and humble, he rides with a technical riding style and he drops tricks with simplicity.

- 4. Alex JUMELIN age 41 FRANCE
- 5. Benjamin HUDSON age 23 CHILE
- 6. Terry ADAMS age 35 USA

UCI BMX FLATLAND WORLD CUP - WOMEN

1. Misaki KATAGIRI - age 27 - JAPAN

Misaki is humble, unobtrusive and very attached to her home country of Japan. She is also undeniably an athlete who rocked FWS 2018, collecting gold at every single stop thanks to her increasingly sophisticated runs. Her good humour and flawless tricks have won her many crowns. The 2019 tour started in the best way for her with a win at FWS Hiroshima.

2. Irina SADOVNIK – age 35 – AUSTRIA

Despite her experience, this 36-year-old woman from Vienna is always keen to learn new tricks and to progress further. Irina attended FWS Hiroshima for the first time and won a magnificent 2nd place, making her one of the favourites for the overall title. Whether doing a Viennese waltz or a dance with her BMX on the Flatland area, this Austrian adds cultural grace to every run.

3 CELINE VAES – age 32 – 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.

- 4. Ekaterina KRUGLOVA age 24 RUSSIA
- 5. Julia PREUSS age 29 GERMANY
- 6. Aya NAGAISHI age 27 JAPAN

FISE WORLD SERIES SKATEBOARD STREET - MEN

1. lke KEYAKI – age 18 – JAPAN

IKE appears on his Instagram account as an unusual and often quirky smiling character, but he leaves no room for anything unexpected when he rides. Selected for Japan's national team, he won gold at last year's Asian Games. He produced some huge tricks – including the hurricane switch, the frontside nosegrind, and the front switch feeble grind – to earn a very respectable 2nd place at FISE Hiroshima and Montpellier.

2. Ke'Chaud JOHNSON – age 31 – USA

Huge speed, a big smile, guess who you are finding trashing all the street's handrails? The American skateboarder took his time to get the "pro" distinction, Ke'Chaud Johnson didn't wait to ride with an unique style. An insane flawlessly second run coming straight from hell offered him the gold in Montpellier, and no doubt he can go for it on another session! A few points only separate him form the top spot and the FWS 2019 title.

3. Richard TURY - age 26 - SLOVAKIA

This laid-back 26 year old Slovakian skateboarder, aka Riso, started to ride with some friends when he was 6 years old. His talent rapidly took him to pro level, and he is famous for his variety of tricks. His laid back style of riding seasoned with flawless lines built his reputation. Twice second in 2018, he wrapped up the season with the gold in Chengdu, to be crowned the overall FWS 2018 winner.

- 4. Ryo SAGAWA age 19 JAPAN
- 5. Brandon VALJALO age 21 SOUTH AFRICA
- 6. Simon STRICKER age 27 SWITZERLAND