

OLYMPIC STAKES - 2021 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships presented by FISE - Preview

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2021 UCI URBAN CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED BY FISE The last opportunity for Olympic qualifying points in BMX Freestyle Park!

The world's best BMX Freestyle Park and Flatland riders have an appointment in Montpellier for the 2021 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships presented by FISE. Unmissable for its sport stakes and its Olympic opportunity, this physical event will also be the first major international opportunity for riders to challenge themselves after 18 months interruption of competitions.

By establishing a strict health protocol for all stakeholders, 91 participants from 19 nations are expected from June 3 to 8, 2021 for a closed-door event format. The 65 athletes in BMX Freestyle Park and 26 in BMX Flatland have until the finals held respectively on Monday (07/06) and Tuesday (08/06) to make their spot in the ranking. The major challenges promise unprecedented performance in sports areas.

BMX FREESTYLE PARK STAKES

With a qualification period officially ending on June 8 for the BMX Freestyle Park, riders will take this very last opportunity to get points, and thus try to make their nation participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 postponed until this summer. Its integration into this iconic gathering brings the BMX Freestyle Park to the dawn of its media explosion with the general public.

THE AUSTRALIA / USA DUEL IN MEN CATEGORY

Since the opening of the qualification process in 2018, Australia and the USA have chained the crossovers in pole position. Today these two nations are perfectly equal (12,890 points each), and have this last opportunity to take first place and qualify not one, but two riders for the Olympics. And if the Australians Brandon Loupos and Logan Martin had taken the top of the podium at the last UCI Urban Cycling World Championships in Chengdu in 2019, they were closely followed by the American duo Nick Bruce and Justin Dowell.

ULTIMATE OPPORTUNITY FOR FRENCH WOMEN

If the Frenchmen have already secured a place for the male category, their female analogues Laury Perez, Magalie Pottier and Kenza Chaal are still at the gates of the classification allowing them to participate to the Olympic Games. With an encouraging 7th place for Laury Perez at the last 2019 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships, the French women will have to ride at their best to distinguish themselves from the Spanish, RCF and Australians also on the run for the Olympic sesame.

BMX FLATLAND STAKES

MEN CATEGORY : AN UNPREDICTABLE PODIUM

With 3 Frenchmen in the first 6 places of the 2019 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships, the French team had invested the top of the ranking while leaving the victory to the Czech Dominique Nekolny. Less than a point behind him in 2019, Parisian Matthias Dandois is today taking advantage of a whole range of new tricks to aim for the gold medal. Both will also have to deal with legends such as the Japanese Sasaki Moto, the American Terry Adams, the Canadian Jean William Prevost and the French Alex Jumelin, who have solid records in international competitions.

WOMEN CATEGORY : AUSTRIA HANGING TO ITS TITLE

On the top of all the podiums, Irina Sadovnik will be on the Flatland area of the Sud de France Arena to defend her first place. The German Julia Preuss, Ekaterina Kruglova (RCF) and the two French Céline Vaes and Louise Seigneur will be present to challenge her.

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