



# FISE MONTPELLIER 2022

## BMX FREESTYLE PARK

FISE Montpellier is a selection of contests in sports areas and parks that have been specifically designed and assembled by Hurricane Group to enhance the performances of riders at the highest world level while remaining accessible to junior and amateur categories.

Urban sports communities are full of riders who stand out for their commitment. Whether involved with new generations of riders, social causes, or the reputation of their discipline(s), many of them carry their enthusiasm into the wider world.

### **BMX FREESTYLE PARK**

FISE Freestyle Park covers an area of 1,500m<sup>2</sup> and is composed of iron and wood structures. These are oversized to meet the needs of the pros while maintaining the lines needed for amateurs to express themselves.

### **UCI BMX FREESTYLE PARK WORLD CUP PRESENTED BY MONTPELLIER MÉDITERRANÉE MÉTROPOLE**

BMX Freestyle Park is one of the most democratic of FISE competitions, characterised by aerial tricks made possible by the shape of the structures and the speed of riders. While the technicality of tricks is very important to the scoring, other criteria – such as the use of the whole Park and originality of the chosen lines – are also key components of evaluation. The World Cup is organised in collaboration with UCI and FFC.

#### **Justin DOWELL – age 22 – USA**

Justin has already realised one of his greatest dreams by winning FISE Montpellier 2019. The rider from Virginia also won gold at the UCI World Championships in 2018 and 2019. It appears that the rainbow jersey gives him wings as he's just as comfortable on a Spine Ramp. With the unique lines that distinguish him from other participants, his originality guarantees him a place as one of the favourites.

#### **Irek RIZAEZ – age 25 – RUSSIA**

Winner of the 2019 FISE European Series, Irek is renowned for his seemingly innate talent and his committed, enthusiastic and versatile riding style. He took up BMX in 2009 aged 12 and within a few years had made a name for himself on the international scene. He has pioneered tricks such as the 360 Whip to Bar to Opo Whip and the Quintuple Tailwhip (five full rotations of the bike frame around its axis).



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### **Logan MARTIN – age 28 – AUSTRALIA**

A few years ago, a FISE event in Paris welcomed the young Logan 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 at almost every event in which he has participated. Committed and technically superb, he went to Tokyo last summer as reigning World Champion and won the first ever BMX Freestyle Olympic gold medal.

### **Hannah ROBERTS – age 20 – USA**

Winner of FWS every year since 2017, Hannah won gold at the 2021 World Championships. As modest as she is passionate, Hannah dedicated herself to BMX from a very young age and this is reflected in the technicality of her tricks. With her massive flairs, many see in her the future of female BMX, so successfully launched at Tokyo 2020 where she came 2nd to the UK's Charlotte Worthington.

### **Perris BENEGAS – age 26 – USA**

Perris is one of the talented female athletes promoting the growth of her category. As soon as she could pedal, it was obvious that her lines were all about style and range. World Champion in 2018, 2nd overall at FWS 2019, 4th at the last World Championships in Montpellier, Perris also has a history of being champion at ... Thai Boxing!

### **Lara LESSMANN – age 22 – GERMANY**

The signature of this particularly promising rider is her unique style, which consists of runs marked by a few bangers that she is the only female to master. Originally from Flensburg, she started BMX aged 9 and was initially influenced by her brother. After rigorous training sessions, her perfectionism won her the sport's first Olympic gold medal at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.