



FISE MONTPELLIER 2022

PARKOUR

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.

PARKOUR AREA

This area is dotted with assorted blocks, walls and barriers which seek to replicate the different obstacles one might find in an urban environment. Athletes have to use a range of physical techniques to master them.

FIG PARKOUR WORLD CUP

The urban discipline of Parkour has been popularised partly through the movies. It's all about getting from one point to another with the utmost efficiency of movement. The World Cup is organised in collaboration with FIG and FFG.

In Speed Run, athletes have to overcome obstacles as quickly as possible to get to the finish line.

In Freestyle, they have to use the obstacles to express their style and creativity as they cross them.

Krystian KOWALEWSKI – age 23 – POLAND

Krystian took up Parkour in the playground in 2011 before training hard to become one of the best professional freerunners in the world, as proven by victory in 2019 at FISE Montpellier and 2nd place at the World Urban Games in Budapest. He is particularly active on social media.

Evgenii AROIAN – age 26 – RUSSIA

This freerunner was inspired by Jackie Chan and the video game Prince of Persia to take up Parkour in 2010. Two of Evgenii's fondest memories are ranking overall winner in the 2019 FIG World Cup Freestyle and winning gold at the World Urban Games in Budapest. Also coming 2nd at FISE Montpellier 2019, he is full of surprises with an unmistakable and uninhibited style.



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Johan TONNOIR – age 27 – FRANCE

A Parkour enthusiast for over 10 years, Johan exploded onto the scene because of the Assassin's Creed Unity IRL video. A lover of the freedom that Parkour creates, he pushes the limits of gravity during his runs over Parisian rooftops. Winning 3rd place at FISE Montpellier 2019, this athlete from northern France will be aiming for victory at this year's edition.

Aleksandra SHEVCHENKO – age 32 – RUSSIA

After giving up a successful career in gymnastics due to injuries sustained in 2003, Aleksandra discovered a new passion: Parkour. This proved a perfect choice and she has not stopped performing at the highest level ever since, winning Freestyle at FISE Hiroshima and Montpellier in 2019. She is a great favourite coming into the 2022 season.

Adela MERKOVA – age 21 – CZECH REPUBLIC

A seasoned gymnast when younger, Adela has expressed herself through Parkour since 2019. Together with her twin sister, Vendula, the two women shine in this emerging discipline. Adela's artistic and rhythmic movements earned her 2nd place in Freestyle at FISE Montpellier 2019 and 3rd at E-FISE 2020.

Hikari IZUMI – age 26 – JAPAN

Like many freerunners, Hiraki discovered Parkour by watching action movies, especially those featuring Jackie Chan. In 2019, she dazzled as she won 3rd place in Speed Run and Freestyle at FISE Montpellier, and then gold and silver respectively in the same disciplines at FISE Chengdu. Her goal: to create a Parkour circuit in Japan which will develop the discipline in her native country.