



2021 URBAN CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



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**June 5–8
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FISE Montpellier 2021

For 25 years, FISE Montpellier has celebrated urban sports by bringing together more than 600,000 people each year to support the thousands of professional and amateur athletes that attend the event, uniting them through the vibrant passions that they live for.

Each new edition of the festival has met its own set of surprises, and challenges of all kinds and in all areas. 2020 was certainly part of the tradition, and imposed an unprecedented transformation for the event as a whole.

The global context remains exceptional in 2021, but more than ever, FISE is committed to keep on promoting our passions, and support their transmission to everyone, in France and abroad. While the digital challenge has fulfilled all of its promises last year, it is now by assuming a physical presence again that it will push the development of alternative sports

further, beyond the original format of this essential gathering. With a world-class competition of the highest level behind closed doors, followed by an exclusive digital contest dedicated to juniors and, finally, by a gradual return of the festival in its physical form, this season is divided into three projects spread from June to September.

Supported by its historical partners and joined by many new ones, FISE Montpellier 2021 offers three radically innovative challenges, further engaging fans while pushing the boundaries of urban disciplines.

Concept

A new urban sports concept, which articulates physical and digital phases, will continue to bring together the world's top-level athletes and young talents. According to the challenges from international federation calendars, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games deadline and the health context, there are many parameters that have conditioned the planning of the coming world season. To respect these variables while continuing to meet the fans' and athletes'

expectations, the FISE organizers and partners have developed an event concept made of three distinct projects. And if Montpellier remains the essential epicenter for the festival, it is also with its digital platform that the participants have an appointment. From June to September, the festival takes advantage of three different venues and competition formats.

A 2021 season marked by three exclusive events, which promise to bring together fans, riders, and partners around a new version of FISE Montpellier.

JUNE 4–8: UCI Urban Cycling World Championships presented by FISE

JULY – AUGUST: E-FISE Junior by Hot Wheels


SEPTEMBER 3–5: FISE Montpellier 2021

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UCI Urban Cycling World Championships presented by FISE

Following the UCI BMX Freestyle Park and Flatland World Cups organization, the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) and Hurricane Group (FISE events owner) reinforce their collaboration to present the exclusive 2021 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships.

On June 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, the structures set up in the Sud de France Arena will host an event without any public, that a TV live broadcast in more than 55 countries will offset. After holding its two previous editions in Chengdu, this year it will be hosted by the city of Montpel-

lier, the world capital of Freestyle sports. The best riders in BMX Freestyle Park and BMX Flatland are expected for this major contest, particularly according to the number of points at stake. It will also be one of the first physical Action Sports events, after more than 18 months break.

WHEN : JUNE 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 2021

WHERE : at the Sud de France Arena in Montpellier

Who?

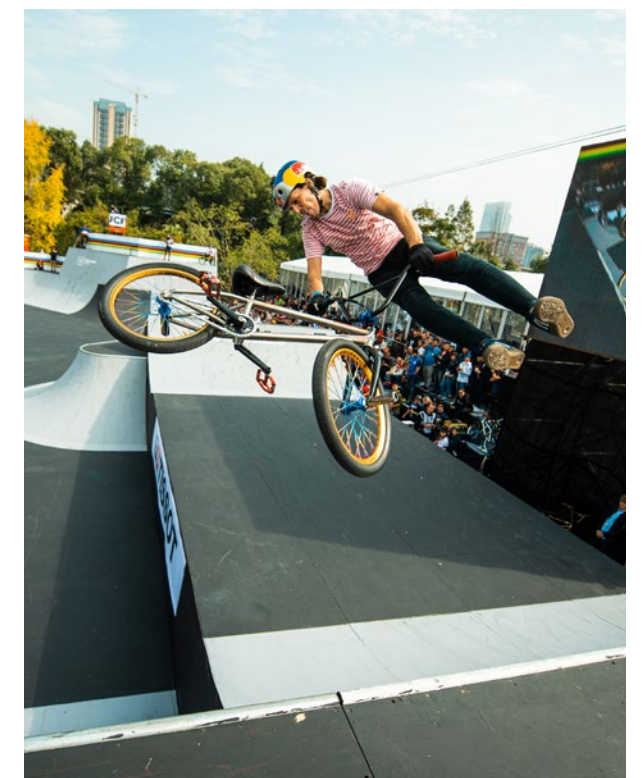
The highest international level of BMX Freestyle Park and Flatland riders, men and women aged 15 years and over, selected by their national federation according to a limited number of spots attributed according to the rankings.

What?

BMX Freestyle Park and Flatland competitions, with qualifying rounds, semi-finals, and finals, at the end of which the UCI World Champion 2021 title will be awarded for these two disciplines.

How?

All the competitions will take place behind closed doors, in the Sud de France Arena. The implementation of a strict sanitary protocol will be observed, in order to limit individual contacts as much as possible.





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Disciplines in Competition

BMX Freestyle Park

One of the most popular disciplines at FISE, BMX Freestyle Park is defined by aerial tricks made possible by the shape of the course and the speed of the riders. If the technicality of the tricks is very important in the scoring process, other criteria such as the use of the whole Park and the originality of the lines chosen make it possible to judge this discipline, which has just been included in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics program.

BMX Flatland

A combination of the simplicity of a flat surface and the creativity of 20» bikes, BMX Flatland is the most artistic discipline in urban sports. Riders combine skill, balance, and creativity to perform a unique type of dance with their bike, where the subtlety of each trick and the overall aesthetics of the run are evaluated. Visually pleasing and easily accessible to the uninitiated, this competition has become a must at FISE.

About the UCI

Founded in 1900 in Paris (France), the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) is the worldwide governing body for cycling. It develops and oversees cycling in all its forms, for all people: as a competitive sport, a healthy recreational activity, a means of transport, and also just for fun. The UCI manages and promotes the eight cycling disciplines: road, track, mountain bike, BMX Racing, BMX Freestyle, cyclo-cross, trials and indoor cycling. Five of these are featured on the Olympic Games programme (road, track, mountain bike, BMX Supercross and BMX Freestyle Park), two in the Paralympic Games (road and track) and four in the Youth Olympic Games (road, mountain bike, BMX Supercross and BMX Freestyle Park). For more information: www.uci.org

Olympic Games: The Road to Tokyo 2020

By announcing the introduction of Skateboarding, and then in June 2017, of BMX Freestyle Park at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, the IOC (International Olympic Committee) wished to renew the selection of disciplines for the world's greatest sports competition.

Beyond this strategic move, it has made the dream of representing their nation at this iconic event accessible to a whole generation of riders. Urban sports, which are rooted in alternative cultures, are in a constant process of democratization today. In July, still unknown to the general public, these riders will be propelled in the limelight to embody the values of their country and Olympism. Eclectic & passionate, unconventional & committed, FISE is an opportunity to meet some of these unique personalities while on their way to Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024.

Since 2017, in collaboration with Hurricane and on each stop of the FISE World Series, the UCI has organized the BMX Freestyle Park and Flatland World Championships, a major step in the globalization and recognition of these disciplines at the highest level. This has led to the federation being in charge of the Tokyo 2020 qualification process for the first time, and responsible for the changes and additions to the Olympic program to the IOC.

France at the Olympics

Through his performances during the 2019 season, Anthony Jeanjean, a member of the French FFC Team, had managed to secure a place for his nation in the men's category.

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Urban Sports Vocabulary and Information

«Freestyle», «Urban Sports», «Riders»... What does it all mean?

These are generic terms for sports that defy gravity while playing with urban elements. Practitioners (known as «riders») hijack the primary use of their means of transportation (Skateboard, Bike, Roller...) by adapting to the structures and obstacles offered by their environment («spots») while performing a wide range of maneuvers («tricks»). Freedom, self-improvement, and passion are some of the common values that unite all these «Freestyle» disciplines, where the expression of one's way of riding or sliding without constraint («style») is an integral part of the practice. Developing your physical abilities and pushing the limits, expressing your personality and expanding your creativity, traveling to meet your peers, and of course, freeing yourself from the rules that govern most traditional sports, countless motives animate each «session».

A few distinctions between the labels

The disciplines hosted on the tour are distinguished from «extreme sports», which are mainly practiced in natural environments, where the «rider» evolves without having full control. This induces specific risks stemming from the act of defying the elements in «extreme» configurations where only an elite can practice. We will also avoid using the term «sliding sports» since, in most disciplines, the participants are rolling! Equally challenging, «urban sports» or «action sports» transform the urban landscape into a never-ending playground. Here, the environment is

no longer a danger in itself, and it is rather the choice of the «spot», the commitment needed to jump on it and the technicality of the «tricks» performed that matter. Depending on their skill and preferences, each «rider» can express themselves in their own way while riding the same spot. Even during collective «sessions» where riders with different levels of skill are brought together, everyone can take on the spot in their own unique way, which is the essence of «Freestyle».

How are riders evaluated?

They are judged during each of their «runs», either on a start-to-finish line or when they are offered a free space with a limited amount of time to perform. Thanks to the obstacles that are set up in each area, they carry out movements that will be evaluated based on criteria such as technical difficulty, quality of execution, originality, utilization of the space. Another essential aspect: the overall impression of the «run», generally assessed depending on the «style», fluidity, and commitment of each «rider». The jury is always composed of experienced practitioners of the discipline, recognized as true specialists able to appreciate the subtleties of each performance.

About the riders

Urban sports communities are rich with athletes whose personal commitments truly stand out. Whether they are involved with the newest generations of riders, fighting for social justice or the promotion of their discipline(s), many of them live their passion well beyond their performances.



Partner Presentations

Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole

To fight against the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the safety of all, the 2020 edition of FISE World Montpellier on the banks of the Lez had to be canceled. However, working alongside the great team behind FISE, the City and Metropole of Montpellier were able to bounce back and adapt to the situation by playing an active role in the birth of the first all-digital international festival dedicated to Urban Sports: the E-FISE Montpellier.

Recognized by all the major actors of these sports, this competition has brought together more than 1,000 athletes from 85 different nationalities with a new format, showcasing their freestyle performances on video. With more than 20 million views and 500,000 votes, this event has found its audience and provided its share of adrenaline. This year, the FISE program has been specially designed to adapt to the ongoing health crisis: behind closed doors first, with the UCI Urban Cycling World Championships from June 5 to 8 at the Sud de France Arena, then this summer with another E-FISE dedicated to young talents this time, and finally, in September – and in real conditions - with the highly anticipated FISE Montpellier 2021. With a joint financial contribution of nearly 500,000€ and the opportunity for greater visibility on social media for nearly four months, the City and Metropole will be the main partners of FISE Montpellier 2021. Because it is a factor of social cohesion on the territory, and an important influence on different scales, the City and Metropole of Montpellier strive to support the world of professional and amateur sports, and to help pursue its development, organizing for instance several closed events such as the Open Sud de France or the French Boxing Championships. 2022 should mark the return of major international competitions in real conditions, starting with the World Figure Skating Championships that will take place in Montpellier from March 21 to 27.



Région Occitanie Pyrénées-Méditerranée

The global health crisis is a revelation in many areas, particularly when it comes to sports. It has shown the fragility of a certain model, with heavy and immediate economic consequences for many actors, on every level. But it also demonstrated the need for daily physical activity, and the importance of sharing, exchanging, and living together that sport allows. Thus, Region Occitanie reinforces its commitment and its support to the regional sports movement, and ensures real solidarity towards all the actors of the sector, in favor of the practice and the values of sport. They forge the identity of our territory as much as they take part in its development and overall social cohesion.

This is why we are implementing an ambitious sports policy that allows the 5.7 million inhabitants of our region to have access to quality sports activities, in all areas.

With a budget of over 29 M€ dedicated to sports this year, Region Occitanie has the means to carry out its sports policy with a dual objective: to offer all its inhabitants the ability to practice a sport close to home, as well as to ensure the influence of Occitanie at both national and international levels.



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LA RÉGION, UN PARTENAIRE HISTORIQUE DU FISE

La Région Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée a démontré depuis de nombreuses années son engagement en faveur de la pratique et des valeurs du sport. Elles forment l'identité de notre territoire autant qu'elles participent à son développement et à la cohésion sociale. Elle renouvelle son engagement en faveur du Festival International des Sports Extrêmes. Le succès du FISE, tant populaire que sportif, constitue un élément d'attractivité de notre territoire. Ce soutien s'inscrit aussi dans l'engagement fort de la Région pour les sports de glisse avec notamment la Team Occitanie Sud de France, afin de renforcer l'impact de ces grands événements, la notoriété et l'attractivité de notre territoire au niveau national et international.

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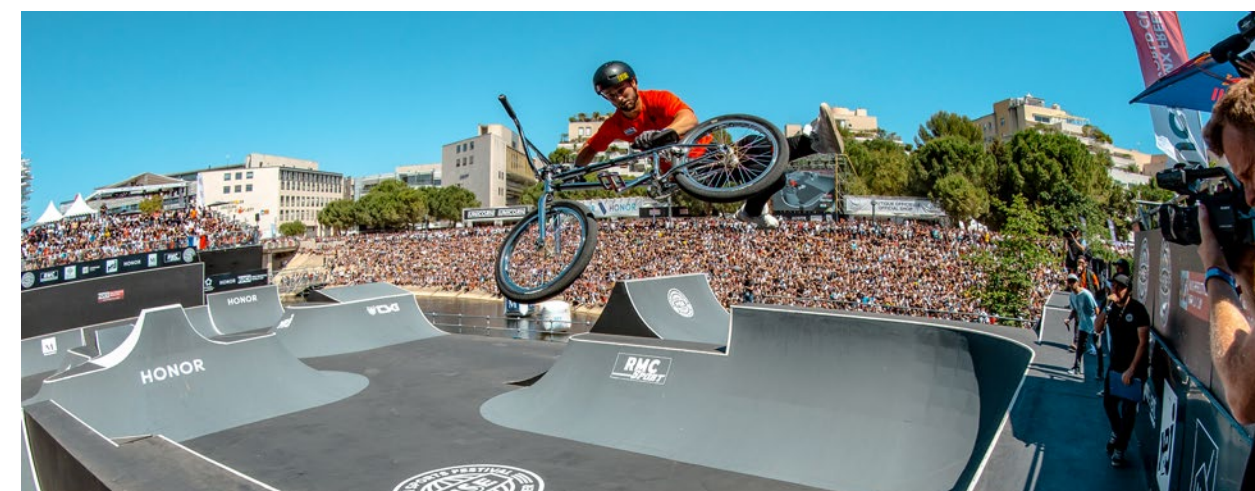
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The Group

Hurricane is a group which specializes in urban sports, offering global expertise in all aspects of event management, communication, and infrastructure provision throughout the world.

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Expertise

360° expertise across five key areas (Events, Creative, Parks, Talent, and Media) to support brands in their communication and engagement strategy with the 15-25 year olds, a unique, ultra-connected audience in search of extreme experiences and content.

Hurricane & FISE

FISE is the main brand of the Hurricane group, a leading company in urban sports with 25 years of experience. Hurricane's flagship event is FISE Montpellier, which attracts more than 600,000 spectators for Skateboard, BMX Freestyle, Roller Freestyle, Wakeboard, Parkour, and many other competitions... In partnership with international sports federations, Hurricane and FISE are proud to have contributed to the creation and development of new sports events focused on the youth which are now integrated into the Olympic program.

Event Program

Thursday 3rd June		
	9:00 / 18:00	Accreditation Centre open (for Officials and organizing committee)
BMX	15:00 / 17:00	BMX Freestyle PARK Forum Arena Montpellier
PARK	16:00 / 18:30	BMX Park Riders Confirmation Arena Montpellier
PARK	19:00 / 19:30	BMX Park Team Managers Meeting Arena Montpellier

Friday 4th June		
	9:00 / 17:00	Accreditation Centre open
PARK	10:00 / 11:00	BMX PARK Inspection by UCI
PARK	11:30 / 12:30	BMX PARK Women <i>Training group 1</i>
PARK	12:30 / 13:30	BMX PARK Women <i>Training group 2</i>
PARK	13:30 / 14:30	BMX PARK Men <i>Training group 1</i>
PARK	14:30 / 15:30	BMX PARK Men <i>Training group 2</i>
PARK	15:30 / 16:30	BMX PARK Men <i>Training group 3</i>
PARK	16:30 / 17:30	BMX PARK Men <i>Training group 4</i>
PARK	17:30 / 18:30	BMX PARK Men <i>Training group 5</i>

Saturday 5th June		
	9:00 / 16:00	Accreditation Centre open
PARK	9:00 / 9:45	BMX Park Women <i>Warm-up Group 1</i>
PARK	9:45 / 10:45	BMX Park Women <i>Qualification Group 1</i>
PARK	10:45 / 11:30	BMX Park Women <i>Warm-up Group 2</i>
PARK	11:30 / 12:30	BMX Park Women <i>Qualification Group 2</i>
PARK	12:30 / 13:15	BMX Park Men <i>Warm-up Group 1</i>
PARK	13:15 / 14:15	BMX Park Men <i>Qualification Group 1</i>
PARK	14:15 / 15:00	BMX Park Men <i>Warm-up Group 2</i>
PARK	15:00 / 16:00	BMX Park Men <i>Qualification Group 2</i>
PARK	16:00 / 16:45	BMX Park Men <i>Warm-up Group 3</i>
PARK	16:45 / 17:45	BMX Park Men <i>Qualification Group 3</i>
FLAT	10:00 / 17:00	BMX Flatland Riders confirmation
FLAT	11:00 / 18:00	BMX Flatland Practice
FLAT	18:15 / 18:45	BMX Flatland Team Manager's meeting

Sunday 6th June		
	9:00 / 16:00	Accreditation Centre open
PARK	10:00 / 11:00	BMX Park Women <i>Training Finalists</i>
FLAT	11:00 / 14:30	BMX Flatland Men <i>Practice</i>
PARK	11:30 / 12:00	BMX Park Men <i>Training Group 1 of ½ Finalists</i>
PARK	12:00 / 12:30	BMX Park Men <i>Training Group 2 of ½ Finalists</i>
PARK	12:45 / 14:45	BMX Park Men <i>½ Finals</i>
FLAT	14:50 / 17:00	BMX Flatland Men <i>Qualification</i>
FLAT	17:00 / 18:00	BMX Flatland Women <i>Practice</i>
FLAT	18:00 / 18:45	BMX Flatland Women <i>Qualification</i>

Monday 7th June		
	9:00 / 17:00	Accreditation Centre open
FLAT	10:00 / 11:00	BMX Flatland Women <i>Finalists Training</i>
PARK	10:20 / 11:20	BMX Park Women <i>Finals Warm-up</i>
PARK	11:20 / 11:30	BMX Park Women <i>Finals Rider Introduction TV</i>
PARK	11:30 / 12:40	BMX Park Women <i>Finals</i>
FLAT	12:30 / 13:30	BMX Flatland Men <i>½ Finals Warm-up</i>

FLAT	13:30 / 13:40	BMX Flatland Men <i>½ Finals Rider Introduction TV</i>
FLAT	13:40 / 15:30	BMX Flatland Men <i>½ Finals</i>
PARK	15:20 / 16:20	BMX Park Men <i>Finals Warm-up</i>
PARK	16:20 / 16:30	BMX Park Men <i>Finals Rider Introduction TV</i>
PARK	16:30 / 17:50	BMX Park Men <i>Finals</i>
PARK	18:00	Park Prize giving Ceremony (<i>10 min after the competition</i>)

Tuesday 8th June		
	13:00 / 16:00	Accreditation Centre open
FLAT	10:00 / 12:00	BMX Flatland <i>Forum</i>
FLAT	12:25 / 13:25	BMX Flatland <i>Open Practice session Finalists</i>
FLAT	13:25 / 14:00	BMX Flatland Women <i>Finals Warm-up</i>
FLAT	14:05 / 14:15	BMX Flatland Women <i>Finals Rider Introduction TV</i>
FLAT	14:15 / 14:45	BMX Flatland Women <i>Finals</i>
FLAT	14:45 / 15:20	BMX Flatland Men <i>Warm-up</i>
FLAT	15:20 / 15:30	BMX Flatland Men <i>Finals Rider Introduction TV</i>
FLAT	15:30 / 16:30	BMX Flatland Men <i>Finals</i>
FLAT	16:40	Flatland Prize giving Ceremony (<i>10 min after the competition</i>)

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