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**A WORLD CUP U18
FOR THE 13TH EDITION OF THE MAXI-RACE (MAY 26TH TO 28TH 2023)**

In 2023, the MaXi-Race will welcome the 16th edition of the International Under 18 Cup, the World Cup for those under 18 years old. This is a vote of confidence on the part of the World Mountain Running Association (WRMA) who has, in doing so, yet again placed the event amongst the top international events. Since its launch in 2011, the MaXi-Race has strived to unite all race types (trail, ultra-trail, mountain running...) and federations in order to successfully promote trail-running in itself as well as the Haute-Savoie region and particularly the Annecy lake area, an ideal location for all outdoor sports.

ITALY HAS THE MOST WINS, 4 VICTORIES FOR FRANCE

In 2015, the MaXi-Race welcomed the Trail-running World Championships in association with the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF). In May of 2019, it was part of the Mountain Running World Cup, under the auspices of the WRMA (World Mountain Running Association), which also took place around the Annecy lake.

In 2023, the MaXi-Race is organising the 16th edition of the International Under 18 Mountain Cup, the World Cup for those under 18, in association with the French Athletics Association and the WRMA. Once a year, the event brings together each country's top 4 athletes, in both women's and men's categories, under the age of 18. Countries are then ranked according to each category's 3 best athletes.

After having taken place in Gap in 2013, the event was held in Italy for the past five years. This is only the second time it'll take place in France.



Currently, Italy withholds the most wins with a total of eight individual victories (5 for women and 3 for men) and ten victories (5 for women and 5 for men) in the country ranking. Amongst others, the renowned Italian trail runner, Davide Magnini, won in 2014.

France accounts for a total of four victories, 2 in each the individual and team rankings. In 2014 for instance, Elsa Racasan won the women's race. That same year, the French team won in the women's team category.

In 2019 in Susa, Italy, the French team walked away with a triple victory with Hugo Schropfer coming in first place, right in front of Basile Basset and Mael Allaire.

The 2022 event hosted 44 women and 48 men from 11 countries. Alyssa Sauro (USA) and Maciej Lachowsky (Poland) brought home a gold medal in the individual category whereas England and Italy won the team victories in both women's and men's category.

Saturday, May 27th

This year's event will host athletes from 15 countries: Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Poland, Switzerland, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Slovenia, Hungary, England, USA, and Sierra Leone.

The final list of qualified athletes will be available on May 15th.

Overall, more than 100 young athletes, both women and men, will race each other on the 4.6 km itinerary that's been traced through the pastures and forests of Le Semnoz (1704m altitude).

Opening and closing ceremonies will take place on the shores of Annecy lake.

Stéphane Agnoli, the MaXi Event's race director, states : « *The MaXi-Race strives to bring together all the various trail running race formats. Since its beginnings in 2011, we have brought together athletes and amateurs of all ages and various backgrounds. The organisation of the Trail World Championships in 2015 and the Mountain Running World Cup in 2019 took place in this context. Hosting the U18 World Cup is an additional challenge that's completely in line with the values we've promoted from the start: sharing of experiences, authenticity and discovery. We will have the pleasure and honour of hosting future champions at the top of Le Semnoz. This event will also enable us to look ahead and plan future projects.* »



OPEN RACE

An alternative event, called the « Open Race », will also be organized during the U18 World Cup. It'll take place the same day and on the same itinerary as the U18 World Cup and is open to all trail runners under age 18. Although, the start of the race will take place at 9:30 am, therefore slightly earlier than the World Cup. Registration open here: <https://www.maxi-race.org/fr/inscription/>



RACE FORMATS OPEN TO EVERYONE

An incredible adventure around the lake with race formats suitable for whatever your goal might be.

- **The Annecy lake loop**
 - In one day: The [MaXi-Race](#) 87km and 4900m elevation gain
 - In two days: The [XL-Race](#) 93km and 4900m elevation gain
 - The team race: The [R-Race SEPAs impossible](#) 87km and 4900m elevation gain
- **The half-loop:** The [Marathon-Expérience](#) 45km and 2400m elevation gain
- **The secret race:** The [Marathon-Race](#) 40km and 3300m elevation gain
- **The quarter of a loop:** 16km and 1000m elevation gain
 - 100% women: The [Fémina-Race](#)
 - For all: The [Short-Race](#)
- **The orienteering race** organised by ASO: [MaXi et Semi Orientation](#)
- **The kids' races: Between 50 and 800m:** The [Mini-Race](#)
- The [U18 WMRA World Cup](#) (only if selected nationally prior) and [the Open Race](#): 4,6 km et 230 de D+

THE PROGRAMME

Friday, May 26th

5:00 – 6:00 pm: U18 World Cup opening ceremony on the shores of Annecy lake

Saturday, May 27th 2023

2:50 to 3:30 am: race starts in waves for the MaXi-Race, the XL-Race (1st day), and the R-Race

9:00 am: race start for the Femina-Race (Menthon-Saint-Bernard) MaXi and Semi orienteering (Les Puisots)

9:30 am: U18 Open Race on the World Cup itinerary (Semnoz)

11:00 am: Women's U18 World Cup (Semnoz)

11:45 am: Men's U18 World Cup (Semnoz)

11:55 am: First MaXi Race athletes start arriving

Sunday, May 28th

6:30 am: Start of the Marathon Race (location kept secret, with access by bus from Annecy)

7:15 am: Start of the Short-Race (Menthon-Saint-Bernard)

8:30 to 9:15 am: Race starts for the Marathon-Expérience and the XL-Race (2nd day) (Doussard)

8:30 am: First Short Race athletes start arriving

10h45 am: First Marathon Race athletes start arriving

12:15 pm: First Marathon Experiences athletes start arriving



For more details: <https://www.maxi-race.org>
HD photos available: <https://www.maxi-race.org/fr/presse/>
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