

# WORLD MOUNTAIN & TRAIL RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS CHIANG MAI, THAILAND

RESULTS OF The CLASSIC UPHILL -

# - TIPS FOR THE TEAM MEDALS IN THE SHORT TRAIL & LONG TRAIL RACES -

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The Amazing Thailand World Mountain and Trail Running Championships launched this morning at 10:15 am local time with a bang as loud as the fireworks at last night's opening ceremony. The national teams battled it out on a rugged course from Chang Mai to the idyllic rustic hill village, Ban Khun Chang Khian. This uphill "sprint" was 8.5km long and involved a lung-bursting altitude gain of 1344m. Congratulations to all the amazing runners who made it look so easy and particularly the medalists in the individual and team categories:

#### Individual men podium:

- 1. Patrick KIPNGENO Keyna 46:51
- 2. Philemon KIRIAGO Keyna 48:24
- 3. Alejandro GARCIA CARRILLO Spain 49:03

#### Men's team podium:

- 1. Italy
- 2. Switzerland
- 3. Spain

## Individual women podium:

- 1. Allie MCLAUGHLIN United States 55:15
- 2. Andrea MAYR Austria 55:41
- 3. Maude MATHYS Switzerland 56:00

#### Women's team podium:

- 1. United States
- 2. Great Britain
- 3. Switzerland

#### The highest-ranked teams: LONG TRAIL RACE MEN

This chart shows the average ITRA Performance Index (ITRA PI) of the 3 top-ranked runners in each team.

Rank	Names	First names	Gender	ITRA PI	Country	ITRA PI average
1	GARRIVIER	Thibaut	М	916		899
	MARTIN	Nicolas	М	902	France	
	POMMERET	Ludovic	М	878		
	REITERER	Andreas	М	905		887
2	CHERAZ	Davide	М	879	Italy	
	MONTANI	Riccardo	М	878		
	Jones	Harry	М	873		886
3	Foster	George	М	867	GBR	
	Evans	Tom	М	918		
	EGEA CACERES	ARITZ	М	893		883
4	FERNANDEZ JIMENEZ	JOSE ANGEL	М	888	Spain	
•	FERNANDEZ FERNANDEZ	BORJA	М	868	Spain	
	Anthamatten*	Martin*	М	901		879
5	Manetsch	Ramon	М	878	Switzerland	
	Lustenberger	Martin	М	859		
	Kjærevik	Anders Johnny	М	879		870
6	Fenre	Tobias Dahl	М	868	Norway	
	Hermansen	Didrik Grytbak	М	863		
	Peterman	Adam	М	917		
7	LiPuma	Eric	М	856	USA	860
	Colt	Jeff	М	806		

<sup>\*</sup>To be confirmed

As you can see, the scores are very close. **France** is ranked first with an average ITRA PI of 899. Then, Italy with 887, **Great Britain** with 886 and Spain with 883 – you can't fit a cigarette paper between these three great trail running nations. **Switzerland**, **Norway** and the **USA** with an average ITRA PI respectively of 879, 870 and 860 will certainly be in the running too. Nothing is decided, everything is to play for! This race promises to be a real test of endurance, grit and determination as well as raw talent. We should consider too the runners whose local knowledge might provide an advantage. Those with substantial experience racing in Asia include **Japan**'s Hirokazu NISHIMURA (834 ITRA PI) and **Hong-Kong's** WONG Ho Chung (825 ITRA PI). We'll keep a close eye too on local boy "Jay" KIANGCHAIPAIPHANA (773 ITRA PI) who's running his home trails and Team GB's Harry JONES (873 ITRA PI) who lived, trained and raced in Chiang Mai for years. Still, it would take real courage to bet against France for the team win in this one.

## The highest-ranked teams: LONG TRAIL RACE WOMEN:

Again, the chart shows the average ITRA PI of the 3 top-ranked runners in each team.

Rank	Names	First names	Gender	ITRA PI	Country	ITRA PI average
1	LHIRONDEL	Blandine	F	811		780
	TANGUY	Audrey	F	766	France	
	BOHARD CAILLER	Manon	F	764		
_	GARCIA DE LOS SALMONES MARCANO	AZARA	F	768		
2	MOLIST CODINA	MARTA	F	768	Spain	765
	ARENAS ALCAZAR	GEMMA	F	760		
	Bracy	Addie	F	763		
3	Charboneau	Brittany	F	753	USA	755
	Gerbin	Kaytlyn	F	748		
	Stelmach	Dominika	F	773		
4	Wilk	Katarzyna	F	745	Poland	753
	Solińska	Katarzyna	F	742		
	BOIFAVA	Alessandra	F	749		
5	TURINI	Giuditta	F	726	Italy	729
	SPAGNOL	Camilla	F	713		
	Albon	Henriette	F	738		
6	Linde	Sara-Rebekka Færø	F	721	Norway	725
	Fenre	Mari Klakegg	F	715		

The average women's ranking is also incredibly high. As for the men, **France** is leading the ranking with an average ITRA PI of 780. **Spain** is just behind with 765. Then, Team **USA** and Team **Poland** are almost side by side with respectively 755 and 753. In 5th and 6th position we have the **Italians** with 729 and the Norwegians on 725. All of these teams have everything to win and the capacity to do it.

This race for women will be hugely competitive and each of the runners mentioned above are in the frame. Look out too for **Nepal**'s Sunmaya BUDHA (772 ITRA PI), as the top-ranked Asian trail runner who might need less acclimatization than her competitors. The women promise us a great show and we shouldn't be surprised if there are surprises, given the incredible depth and talent of the field.

#### The highest-ranked teams: SHORT TRAIL RACE MEN:

Rank	Names	First names	Gender	ITRA PI	Country	ITRA PI average
1	TRANCHAND	Frédéric	М	919		909
	CARDIN	Thomas	М	912	France	
	BONIN	Arnaud	М	895		
	CARDONA COLL	ORIOL	М	894		888
2	MARTINEZ PEREZ	ANTONIO	М	886	Spain	
	AIT MALEK OULKIS	ZAID	М	883		
	PUPPI	Francesco	М	901		877
3	DEMATTEIS	Martin	М	873	Italy	
	ROTA	Andrea	М	857		
	King	Max	М	887		874
4	Miller	Zach	М	883	USA	
	Aziz	Jonathan	М	853		
	Anthamatten*	Martin*	М	901		
5	Delorenzi	Roberto	М	877	Switzerland	870
	Becker	Ruedi	М	831		
	Albon	Jonathan	М	941		857
6	Townshend	Brennan	М	815	GBR	
	Adams	Thomas	М	814		
	Moitoso	Dário	М	854		848
7	Silva	Bruno	М	849	Portugal	
	Fumo	Helio	М	842		
	MITRICĂ	LEONARD ALBERT	М	867		
8	MOȘOIU	CRISTIAN MARIAN	М	844	Romania	841
	DAMIAN	BOGDAN	М	811		

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The ITRA PI of the men in the SHORT TRAIL race of the World Championships is so high that we expect 8 teams to fight a battle royal for the podium. Ranked first are the **French** with an average ITRA PI of 909. High enough to intimidate the other teams slightly, perhaps? But not so far behind **France** we find **Spain** with an average ITRA PI of 888. Team USA are 3<sup>rd</sup>, followed very closely by the **Swiss** with respectively 874 and 870. Team **Great Britain** is led by Jonathan ALBON, the 2nd best trail runner in the world by ITRA general ranking with an ITRA PI of 941. Jonathan must be the favorite for gold, even if he tells us he prefers to be the underdog. The **Portuguese** and **Romanian** teams are respectively ranked 7th and 8th with ITRA PI averages of 848 and 841. With such stratospheric performance levels it is impossible to be sure who will win the team medals. Take your pick, but, again, to bet against France for the team win would be brave.

#### The highest-ranked teams: SHORT TRAIL RACE WOMEN

Rank	Names	First names	Gender	ITRA PI	Country	ITRA PI average
1	McLaughlin*	Allie*	F	791		
	Gregory	Lauren	F	771	USA	769
	Mattox	Kimber	F	746		
	SABRIE	Anaïs	F	781		
2	SAGNES	Mathilde	F	762	France	763
	FERTIN	Candice	F	746		
	AVILES CASTAÑO	SHEILA	F	780		
3	GIL CLAPERA	NURIA	F	765	Spain	763
	COMET PASCUA	ANNA	F	743		
	CONTI	Fabiola	F	748		
4	MAGLIANO	Camilla	F	727	Italy	725
	IOZZIA	Ivana	F	700		
	Davis	Eleanor	F	758		
5	Jackson	Nichola	F	714	GBR	720
	Taylor	Sharon	F	689		
	Kott Helander	Sanna	F	726		
6	Gelfgren	Johanna	F	709	Sweden	701
	Kott Helander	Lina	F	669		

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The women's SHORT TRAIL race looks likely to be a shoot-out for the medals between USA, France and Spain. Team USA just lead the rankings with an average ITRA PI of 769. France and Spain are locked together each with an average ITRA PI of 763. But Team USA's Allie MCLAUGHLIN (791 ITRA PI) may be feeling the effects of her magnificent win in the Uphill race today. Or maybe it will just put even more spring in her step. Ranked fourth and fifth are Team Italy and Team GB with ITRA PI averages of 725 and 720. Sweden, without the presence of Tove ALEXANDERSSON (821 ITRA PI) who will sadly not start due to injury, are ranked 6th with an average of 701. The level of this field is incredibly high and the battle between France, Spain and the USA is one of the most eagerly anticipated aspects of an Amazing Thailand World Mountain and Trail Running Championships that is full of great match-ups and fascinating contests. We can't wait to see how it unfolds. Details on how to follow the races are below, so that you don't miss any of the action. Enjoy!

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