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WMTRC 2023 SHORT TRAIL: Who are the favourites?

We're only a few days away from the next World Mountain and Trail Running Championships, which will be held in Innsbruck/Stubai from 6 to 10 June. The time has come to take a close look at the favourites for these Championships.

SHORT TRAIL RACE MEN

The men's field is exceptional. **Fourteen athletes have an ITRA Performance Index of over 900.** As at the previous World Championships, Great Britain's [Jonathan ALBON](#) looks like the race favourite with an ITRA Performance Index (ITRA PI) of 938. The 2019 Trail World Champion and bronze medallist at the inaugural Short Trail World Championships in Thailand, he will be back with a view to reclaiming his Short Trail World Champion title.

The race will be marked by the first participation of Italian [Davide MAGNINI](#), second in the rankings with 925 ITRA PI, a specialist in steep terrain and the Short Trail format. The battle will be fierce with Short Trail World Champion [Stian ANGERMUND](#) (916 ITRA PI), who will be defending his title no matter what.



Stian ANGERMUND

In the top 15 of the world's fastest runners, the Italians are four strong with [Davide MAGNINI](#) (925 ITRA PI), [Cristian MINOGGIO](#) (911 ITRA PI), [Luca DEL PERO](#) (903 ITRA PI) and [Francesco PUPPI](#) (899 ITRA PI), runner-up at the Short Trail World Championships, who will be doing everything in his power to climb onto the top step of the podium.

The French are also present in large numbers, with four in the Top 15 of the world's best athletes. Orienteering specialist [Frédéric TRANCHAND](#) (912 (ITRA PI), followed by [Thomas CARDIN](#) (908), then [Thibault BARRONIAN](#) (904 ITRA PI) and [Loïc ROBERT](#) (904 ITRA PI) will battle it out at the top of the rankings, heralding a fierce battle at the head of the race.

On the Austrian trails, we mustn't forget Sweden's [Petter ENGDAHL](#) with an astronomical ITRA Performance Index of 923, nor American [Seth RUHLING](#) (905 ITRA PI).

In the men's category, the competition will be tough, with the steep, demanding trails promising an epic race with plenty of twists and turns, where predictions will be hard to make.

Twenty-three other athletes follow in the rankings with ITRA Performance Indices above 870. Look out for athletes such as Poland's [Andrzej WITEK](#) (890 ITRA PI), China's [Juwei ZI](#) (884 ITRA PI) and Austria's [Hans-Peter INNERHOFER](#) (876 ITRA PI), who, with home advantage, is one to keep an eye on.

TOP 15 MEN :

Nationality	Last Name	First Name	ITRA Performance Index
GBR	ALBON	Jonathan	938
ITA	MAGNINI	Davide	925
SWE	ENGDAHL	Petter	923
NOR	ANGERMUND	Stian	916
FRA	TRANCHAND	Frederic	912
ITA	MINOGGIO	Cristian	911
FRA	CARDIN	Thomas	908
USA	RUHLING	Seth	905
FRA	BARONIAN	Thibaut	904
FRA	ROBERT	Loïc	904
JPN	UEDA	Rui	904
ITA	DEL PERO	Luca	903
GBR	ROACH	Thomas	902
ITA	PUPPI	Francesco	899

Looking at the men, the average ITRA Performance Index for the top 5 is 922.8 and for the top 10 is 914.6. The performance level among the men is unprecedented. The world's best runners will be competing for the title of Short Trail World Champion. The show promises to be spectacular.

Ranking	ITRA PERFORMANCE INDEX
Top 5	922,8
Top 10	914,6

SHORT TRAIL RACE WOMEN

On the women's side, the Short Trail race is very competitive. The big favourite at these Short Trail World Championships is South Africa's [Toni MCCANN](#) with an ITRA Performance Index of 781, followed by a very tight field of athletes of almost similar ability, including the American [Brittany CHARBONEAU](#) (771 ITRA PI), Spain's [Nuria GIL](#) (770 ITRA PI) and New Zealand's [Caitlin FIELDER](#) (768 ITRA PI). Similarly, among the world's fastest athletes, Mauritania will be represented by the incredibly pacey [Marie PERRIER](#) (758 ITRA PI). Great Britain's [Eleanor DAVIS](#) (756 ITRA PI), eighth at the inaugural Short Trail World Championships and 3rd in the team competition, is a good bet for another top-10 finish.

The Czech Republic's [Barbora MACUROVA](#) (745 ITRA PI) came second and Sweden's [Emilia BRANGEFÄLT](#) (751 ITRA PI) was third at the inaugural Short Trail World Championships. Both will be keen to top the podium this year.



Emilia Brangefält

Among the women, the level is high and there are many athletes with performance levels between 730 and 750 (ITRA PI). The demanding Austrian course will offer an ultra-competitive spectacle where, once again, predictions are difficult to make.

TOP 15 WOMEN :

Nationality	Last Name	First Name	ITRA Performance Index
RSA	MCCANN	Toni	781
USA	CHARBONEAU	Brittany	771
ESP	GIL	Nuria	770
NZL	FIELDER	Caitlin	768
ITA	CONTI	Fabiola	760
MRI	PERRIER	Marie	758
GBR	DAVIS	Eleanor	756
SLO	TRATNIK	Petra	756
FRA	GEOFFRAY	Clémentine	754
SUI	WILHEM	Ariane	753
SWE	BRANGEFÄLT	Emilia	751
ESP	FONT	Julia	750
ESP	KORTAZAR	Oihana	749
USA	MATTOX	Kimber	749
SUI	POOLEY	Emma	748

The women's field at these Short Trail Running Championships is extremely strong. The average ITRA Performance Index for the top 5 is 770 and for the top 10 is 762.7. Once again, there are many athletes in with a chance of the win if they perform to their full potential on the day.

Ranking	ITRA Performance Index
Top 5	770
Top 10	762,7

[SHORT TRAIL BY TEAM](#)

MEN

Last year's **Short Trail World Team Champions** were the **Italians**, followed by the **French** and the **British**.

If we look at the ITRA Performance Index for all the athletes, we find **exactly the same ranking**, with the Italians in the lead, followed by the French and then the British. Will there be any changes? Or **will this year's event confirm Italy's domination of the Short Trail discipline?** The predictions also include the presence of the Americans in fourth place, followed by the Spanish and Chinese respectively. A place on the podium of the world's fastest Short Trail nations is a real possibility for each of these teams.



SHORT TRAIL BY TEAM

WOMEN

In the women's category, the **first Short Trail World Champions were the Spanish**, followed by the **Americans** in second place and the **British** in third.

This year, the predictions are that the **Spanish** will be the strong favourites for the Short Trail Team Championships, followed by the **Americans**. The change comes in third place, where we find the **Italians**. **Will the Spanish be able to confirm their supremacy in the Short Trail discipline?** Or will other nations spring a surprise? The Swiss, the French and the Italians are right behind them and will be doing their utmost to win the team World Champion title. We can't wait to watch the action unfold.



See you on Thursday June 8!

Discover all the start list: [short trail race start list](#)