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**The People's Republic of China opened the ISSF Junior World Cup**  
**in Sydney with two golds**

Sydney (AUS), 22 March 2018 - The second competition day at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney delivered three individual gold medals in the three different disciplines.

**10m Air Rifle Men Junior**

The opening event of the day crowned People's Republic of China's Liu Yuqi with the first international gold medal of his career.

The 16-year-old prevailed over Hungary's Zalan Pekler (18), firing seven of his last eight shots into the 10th ring and sealing the victory with a great 10.7 on his second-to-last shot. Liu climbed on the highest step of the ISSF podium for the first time in his career, taking gold with 247.1 points, while Pekler — a first-time final participant in this event — concluded with 246.0.

The bronze medal went to India's Arjun Babuta — silver medalist at last year's Asian Championship in Wako City (JPN) — who secured the second Junior World Cup medal of his career after the bronze he won in Gabala (AZE) in 2016. The 19-year-old shooter took 3rd place with 226.3 points.

Liu's teammates Zhang Changhong (18) and Fu Gangfeng (18) finished outside of the podium, respectively taking 4th place with 205.1 points and 7th place with 141.5, while 5th place was taken by Singapore's Mohamad Irwan Abdul Rahman with 183.6 points.

Two more Indian shooters finished in 6th and 8th position respectively: indeed, first-time participant Surya Pratap Singh (16) left the match after shot number 12 with 119.4 points, followed four shots later by 16-year-old Shahu Tushar Mane, who signed off with 161.7 points.

**10m Air Rifle Women Junior**

Participating in the second ISSF competition of her career, India's Elavenil Valarivan Elavenil pocketed the 10m Air Rifle Women Junior gold in Sydney, where the first ISSF Junior World Cup of the season is currently underway.

Elavenil — who placed 28th in this event at last year's Junior World Championship in Suhl (GER) — secured the win with a fantastic and decisive 10.7 in her 24th shot, compensating the 9.6 she nailed with her previous one and definitely besting Chinese Taipei's Lin Ying-Shin.

The Indian 18-year-old claimed the brightest medal with 249.8 points, also signing, at the end of the qualification round, a new Qualification World Record with the score of 631.4 points.

Lin — ranked 70th in the world in this event after placing 7th at last year's World Cup stage in New Delhi (IND) — took silver with 248.7 points, while Chinese shooter Wang Zeru (18) pocketed bronze by recording 228.4 points in her first ISSF start.

Wang was followed by her teammate Zhu Yingjie — gold medalist in this event at last year's Junior World Championship in Suhl (GER) — and by Singapore's Martina Lindsay Veloso, currently ranked 47th in the world in Air Rifle. The Chinese 18-year-old finished 4th with 206.1 points, while Veloso closed in 5th place with 185.9 points.

India's second and third finalists followed in 6th and 7th position respectively: 17-year-old Shreya Agrawal finished with 164.8 points, while Zeena Khitta (16) closed her match with 144.1 points.

Eliminated after shot number 12, Australia's Victoria Michelle Venning Rossiter (16) won the warmest applause from the crowd, placing 8th with 122.2 points.

India's Elavenil, Khitta and Agrawal also climbed atop the team podium taking gold, while Chinese Taipei's Lin, Tsai Yi-Ting and Hung Chen-Ching finished in 2nd place. The team bronze medal was awarded to Zhu, Wang and Gao Mingwei of the People's Republic of China.

### **Trap Women Junior**

The competition day closed with a rainy and windy victory signed by Duan Yuwei of the People's Republic of China, who climbed on the highest step of the Trap Women Junior podium at the end of a very challenging match, heavily conditioned by the weather.

However, it took two additional shoot-off targets for the 19-year-old Chinese shooter to prevail over Great Britain's Augusta Rose Campos-Martyn (19) — 6th at last year's Junior World Cup in Porpetto (ITA) — as both Duan and her British rival closed the match with 36 hits out of 50 targets.

Duan's 20-year-old teammate Gao Wendi completed the podium in 3rd place, taking bronze with 30 crushed targets out of 40 and climbing on the ISSF Junior World Cup podium in her first international appearance.

Right outside of the medal position, Australia's Charlie Anna Hudso-Czerniecki (18) — holder of the highest qualification score with 105 hits out of 125 — took 4th place and crushed 22 clays out of 35 in her first international competition ever.

Besting the 7th place she obtained at last year's World Championship, India's 20-year-old Soumya Gupta took 5th place with 18 hits out of 30 targets, while the third Chinese shooter in the final — 18-year-old Zhang Ting — concluded in 6th position with 12 hits out of 25 clays.

On the team podium, the People's Republic of China's Zhang, Duan and Gao secured gold, followed by Australia's Hudson-Czerniecki, Alexis Elsa Preston and Antonia Katharina Loizos in 2nd place, and by Italy's Erica Sessa, Diana Ghilarducci and Maria Lucia Palmitessa in 3rd position.

The ISSF Junior World Cup 1 in Sydney (AUS) will continue tomorrow with two more finals: the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men Junior, scheduled at 1:15 pm (UTC+11:00), and the Trap Women Junior, scheduled at 4:00 pm.

The competition will be streamed live on the [ISSF website](#), on the Federation's [Livestream channel](#) and on its official [Facebook page](#).

Live results of the competitions, news and updates will be available on [www.issf-sports.org](http://www.issf-sports.org) and on all ISSF social media platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [Weibo](#) and [Youku](#).

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For the 10m Air Rifle Women Junior complete results [click here](#).

For the Trap Women Junior complete results [click here](#).

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**Notes for the editors:**

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