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**Australia wins its first gold in Sydney, where**  
**the People's Republic of China and India keep ruling the competition**

Sydney (AUS), 27 March 2018 - Three finals took place on the second-to-last competition day at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney, and the battle between India and the People's Republic of China for the top position in the medal standings saw them win one gold medal each, while Australia finally climbed atop the podium in the Skeet Women Junior final.

**10m Air Pistol Mixed Team Junior**

The second-to-last competition day at the Sydney International Shooting Centre opened with the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team final, where India's 19-year-old Anmol Anmol and 16-year-old Manu Bhaker climbed atop the podium and took India's seventh gold medal in this ISSF Junior World Cup.

To do so, the two youngsters dominated the final match since its very first series, progressively building a relevant gap between them and their closest rivals and eventually finishing with 478.9 points, 1.8-point away from the current World Record.

Previously, Anmol and Bhaker also set a new Junior Qualification World Record with 770 points.

The silver and bronze medals were both awarded to the People's Republic of China, as Liu Jinyao (20) and Li Xue (18) finished in 2nd position with 473.3 points, while Wang Zhehao (19) and Xiao Jiaruixuan (15) took 3rd place with 410.7.

A second Indian couple composed by 18-year-old Gaurav Rana and 19-year-old Mahima Turhi Agrawal finished at the feet of the podium, leaving the final at the 38th-shot mark with 370.2 points and placing 4th.

Finishing 11.2 points away from 5th place because of a dry-fire shot — and also suffering a 1.0-point reduction — Australia's Hans Ben Hummer (18) and Sascha Kroopin (16) took 6th place with a final score of 320.9.

**10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Junior**

The 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Junior final crowned 18-year-old Zhu Yingjie and 16-year-old Liu Yuqi of the People's Republic of China, who secured their country's eight gold medal at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney (AUS), the first junior competition of the 2018 ISSF Season.

After nailing the second highest score in the opening series of the match, the two Chinese shooter grabbed the lead in the following one, then firing with great consistency throughout the rest of the final, concluding with 496.2 points and the gold medals around their neck. Previously, the two gold medalist also recorded a new Junior Qualification World Record in this event with 838.3 points.

0.6-point behind Zhu and Liu, a second Chinese team composed by Zhang Changhong (18) and Gao Mingwei (17) took 2nd position, scoring 495.6 points and pocketing silver.

India's 17-year-old Shreya Agrawal and 19-year-old Arjun Babuta completed the podium in 3rd place, finishing with 432.8 points, while their country-mates Elavenil Valarivan Elavenil (18) and Tejas Krishna Prasad (20) placed just outside of the podium, concluding in 4th position with 389.1.

Despite concluding the match on a high note, Australia's Alex Chresten Hoberg (16) and Victoria Michelle Venning Rossiter (16) finished in 5th place with 347.6 points.

### **Skeet Women Junior**

An outstanding performance signed by Australia's Aislin Jones in the Skeet Women Junior final closed the second-to-last competition day at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney (AUS).

The 18-year-old shooter — currently ranked 31st in the world in this event — started her day by signing a new Junior Qualification World Record with 117 hits, then leading the pack for most of the match and setting another World Record at the end of the final, when she took gold with 51 hits out of 60 targets.

Thanks to an impressive streak of 18 consecutive hits she nailed midway through the contest, Jones definitely distanced herself from People's Republic of China's Che Yufei (19) — junior gold medalist at the 2015 ISSF Shotgun World Championship in Lonato (ITA) — who then placed 2nd and took silver with 47 hits.

On the third step of the podium, India's Ganemat Sekhon (17) secured the bronze medal in her third Junior World Cup start, besting the 33rd place she obtained in Suhl (GER) in 2016 and the 17th place she nailed at last year's competition in Porpetto (ITA). Her final score was 36 hits out of 50 targets.

The Indian shooter was followed by Italy's 16-year-old Giada Longhi, who missed five of her last ten targets and definitely slipped out of the medal positions, taking 4th place in her first final participation with 28 crushed targets out of 40.

18-year-old Esmee Van Der Veen of the Netherlands followed in 5th place, finishing with 20 hits out of 30 clays, while People's Republic of China's second finalist — 19-year-old Sun Yashu — took 6th place in her first international competition ever with 14 hits out of 20 targets.

The ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney will conclude tomorrow with the last two finals: the 25m Pistol Women Junior, taking place at 1:00 pm (UTC+11:00), and the Skeet Men Junior final, scheduled at 3:30 pm.

Matches 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 Skeet Women Junior complete results [click here](#).

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