



## Press Release

**3.-6.8.2017: Junior World Championships with free concerts in Nottwil from Mark Sway and Dodo.**

## Successful start: Fourth Place for Licia Mussinelli

**Nottwil, 3.8.2017 - The Nottwil 2017 World Para Athletics Junior Championships were officially opened today. Three young Swiss talents competed for junior world titles. Licia Mussinelli (Derendingen) competed well and finished in a very credible fourth place over 400 meters.**

During the four days of competition, 275 athletic talents from 40 nations can be seen at the Sports Arena Nottwil. These include two Swiss female and two Swiss male athletes. Three of them competed today. Licia Mussinelli narrowly missed the podium over a distance of 400 meters, but was well able to compete against the British Eden Rainbow-Cooper. This was particularly pleasing to her coach Paul Odermatt, because he rates this athlete as a strong competitor. The young Wayra Huber (Arlesheim) also started in the same race and finished in seventh place. This was her first international competition. The race was won by the American Hannah Dederick.

Dario Studer (Hauenstein) is also competing for the first time. He had to compete twice because there were technical difficulties with the time measurement. As a 14-year-old, he is not necessarily seeking a podium finish in the U18 category, but is rather there to gain experience. His eighth place is therefore not unexpected.

Competitions will continue tomorrow for the Swiss athletes with the short 200 metres distances. All four juniors will be taking part.

### Internationale Highlights

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has newly created these Junior World Championships to give young talented athletes the opportunity to compete with their peers. The IPC is observing ten young athletes at these World Championships to whom they attribute a lot of potential for the future. One of them is the Chilean Amanda Cerna. She is one of the most experienced athletes among the juniors. She has already participated in the Paralympic Games at the elite level and came fourth in Rio over 400 metres. At the World Championships in London in 2017 she finished fourth in the T47 class (single arm amputee). Today she ran away from the competition and had a clear victory over Jayanti Behera, the Indian who took sixth place at the World Championship in London this year.

### Sport meets music

Under the motto «Sport meets music» there are not only competitions, but also Swiss music concerts such as Dodo («Hippie-Bus») and Marc Sway («Severina»). The two stars forego a large part of their fee and provide two open-air evening concerts. The concerts are free for everyone who arrives in the Sports Arena Nottwil before 6.00 pm to cheer on the athletes. During the competitions, a visit is also worthwhile for families with children, as a kids & family park is provided, with a carousel, bouncy castles and a climbing wall.

### Results of the Swiss athletes

**Nottwil. Nottwil 2017 World Para Athletics Junior Championships**

**Wheelchair men, 400 m. Class T51-54: 8. Dario Studer (Hauenstein) 01:16.62**





**Wheelchair women, 400 m.**Class T51-54: 4. Licia Mussinelli (Derendingen) 01:05.50 -- 7. Wayra Huber (Arlesheim) 01:11.57

**You can download high-resolution images at your leisure from the following link: <http://img.gg/YNsnU9P>. Please mark "Sigg Fotografie" as photographer.**

### **Nottwil 2017 World Para Athletics Junior Championships**

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has re-created this track and field Junior World Championships to promote the next generation of athletes. Wheelchair Sport Switzerland was commissioned to carry out the first two competitions, 2017 and 2019. 275 athletes, aged from 14 to 17 years (Under18) and from 18 to 19 years (Under20) as well as 150 coaches and assistants travelled to Nottwil from 40 countries. Competitors include athletes in wheelchairs, as well as those with amputations, cerebral palsy, visual impairment, learning disabilities and dwarfism. They compete on the track or in the throwing and jumping arena.

### **The starting times of the Swiss for the following days**

| <b>Athletes</b>          | <b>Friday</b><br>4. August 2017                    | <b>Saturday</b><br>5. August 2017                        | <b>Sunday</b><br>6. August 2018                                  |
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| Andrin Deschwanden (T34) | 10.20: 200 Metres                                  | 10.15: 100 Metres  | 18.15: 400 Metres  |
| Wayra Huber (T54)        | 16.10: 200 Metres                                  |  | 17.00 Uhr: 100 Metres  |
| Licia Mussinelli (T54)   | 16.10: 200 Metres                                  | 17.45: 800 Metres  | 10.25: 1500 Metres<br>17.00: 100 Metres                          |
| Dario Studer (T54)       | 16.05: 200 Metres                                  | 17.40: 800 Metres  | 16.55: 100 Metres  |
| <b>Rahmenprogramm</b>    | <b>From 19.30 onwards: Marc Sway und DJ ZsuZsu</b> | <b>From 19.30 onwards: Dodo und Cookie the Herbalist</b> | <b>From 19.30 onwards: Party in the Beach Bar with DJ Butjes</b> |

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## Athletenportraits

**Andrin Deschwanden** (JG 2001) aus Horw, Klasse T34 (Tetraplegie nach Unfall)

Andrin Deschwanden ist mit den Eltern und zwei Schwestern in Horw (LU) aufgewachsen und besucht dort die Oberstufe. Er wurde vor rund drei Jahren durch einen unglücklichen Sturz in einem Jungwacht-Lager zum Tetraplegiker. Noch immer ist er in der Freizeit in der Jungwacht engagiert, auch wenn das Leichtathletik-Training seit zwei Jahren einen wichtigen Stellenwert einnimmt.

**Wayra Huber** (JG 2002) aus Arlesheim, Klasse T54 (Arthrogrypose: Gelenkversteifung)

Die ursprünglich aus Bolivien stammende Athletin mit einer Gehbehinderung ist ein sportliches Multitalent. Neben der Leichtathletik fährt sie im Winter Ski, reitet gerne und ist im Drachenboot oder dem Kanu unterwegs. Sie besucht die Oberstufe und wird im Alltag von ihrem Assistenzhund Lewis unterstützt. Webportrait: <https://sites.google.com/site/wayrahu/>

**Licia Mussinelli** (JG 2000) aus Derendingen, Klasse T54 (Spina Bifida)

Licia Mussinelli wurde mit Spina Bifida geboren und wuchs mit zwei Schwestern in Derendingen auf. Seit 6 Jahren fährt sie Rennrollstuhl. Derzeit besucht sie das Sportler KV in den Frei's Schulen Luzern und wohnt während der Woche in Nottwil, um ihre Sportkarriere als erste Teilnehmerin der Sport Akademie von Rollstuhlsport Schweiz aktiv voranzutreiben.

**Dario Studer** (JG 2003) aus Hauenstein, Klasse T54 (Spina Bifida)

Dario kam mit Spina Bifida auf die Welt und ist seit frühester Kindheit auf einen Rollstuhl angewiesen. Er wohnt mit den Eltern und einer Schwester in Hauenstein (SO) und besucht in Trimbach die Oberstufe. Als «Bewegungsmensch» probierte er verschiedene Sportarten aus wie Skifahren, war aber rasch vom Rennrollstuhl fasziniert und fährt seit mehreren Jahren nationale Rennen.