



QUICK QUOTES

Men, Short Program (warm up groups 2 & 3)

Donovan Carrillo (MEX), 2019 National Champion

I'm really happy with my program as it has been a lot of hard work in Mexico where I train. It is an honour for me to compete here and have a season's best. I'm really proud of the work we have done with my coach. I am happy and thankful for the support of the audience giving me energy. My free skate is very different, it is more passionate, about love. I try to be more serious but I like this program a lot so I hope the audience will enjoy it too. (On training in Mexico) It can be challenging as we don't have an Olympic size rink and I have to train in public sessions but I prefer to focus on the positive and passion and love of having my friends and family around. I focus on what I have to do and not the things I don't have. I really enjoy training in Mexico. I want to show Mexican young skaters that it is possible to train in Mexico and compete internationally. We have good coaches too. If you work hard and fight for it, you can make it. My goal for this competition was to land the triple Axel and I made it for the first time. My next step will be to try quads, maybe at the next competition. My main goal is to be ready and qualify for the Olympics in Beijing 2022.

Andrew Dodds (AUS), 2019 National silver medalist

(On how he feels after his personal best score in the short program) Great! I feel really good to put out such a good performance in front of a really great crowd here. I've never had most of my family here at an international competition and it's also great to have so many fans here that I know that I've met at other competitions. (On how he feels going into his free program) Confident! The last 2 times I've competed I've done really great free skates and I know I can do everything that I'm planning to do, so especially after that (short program) performance I know I am going to do really well.

Tomoki Hiwatashi (USA), 2018 JGP Richmond & Ljubljana silver medalist

(On his performance) It wasn't the best I've done but I'm very satisfied with what I did because it's my first (ISU senior) Championship competition and I'm very excited to go into the long. (On what he hopes to do in the long program) I want to get myself the quad toe in the beginning and be able to do it consistently in the long program. My long program is done (choreographed) by Ben Agosto and I like the style of music.

Nicolas Nadeau (CAN), 2016 World Junior silver medalist

I didn't make the quad toe, so during the program I tried to ask my coach if I could do the combination at the end. He didn't answer but I was pretty sure I couldn't, I didn't want to lose any points (combination was changed to 3Lo+2T to not repeat the 3T). the rest of the program was good as I got all my levels. So the quad toe was the one big mistake but very costly. After my injury at the Grand Prix in France, I had a break for about a week and saw my physio a lot and with my team we focused on warm-up and cool-down so it wouldn't happen again. I took the time to rest so I could get to Nationals in good shape, and maintain it until this competition. My aim is to skate two good programs here.

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