

Press Conference

Junior Ladies, after Free Skating

Alexandra Trusova (RUS), 2019 World Junior Champion

(on defending her title) I am happy with my performance today, but I obviously need to work on my quads, triples, spins and skating skills. It was different winning the second time, but I can't really tell if it is easier or not. On the one hand it was easier, on the other hand it was harder. (on talking to coach Eteri Tutberidze) I already talked to Eteri Georgievna and she congratulated me and pointed out the mistakes that I made. (on when she began training the quads) In April it will be two years. (on plans for next season) Well if I get the Grand Prix assignments, I will compete in the senior Grand Prix. (on her plans for next season's programs and elements) We haven't talked about new programs yet. The season is not quite over yet, same goes for the elements. (on which new elements she wants to learn) Triple Axel and quad loop. (on the level of competition in Russia) The competition at Russian Nationals is very strong, because the strongest skaters in Russia are there and they all have placed first or second in the Grand Prix or at the Russian Cup series.

Anna Shcherbakova (RUS), 2019 World Junior silver medalist

(on taking silver at her first ISU World Junior Championships) I am happy with my performance today. There were some little mistakes I am going to work on like the landing on the Lutz. It was not clean, but still better than last time. (on talking to coach Eteri Tutberidze) I did not yet have a chance to talk to Eteri Georgievna, because I skated last and there was the medal ceremony. (on when she began training the quads) Like Sasha, I began training the quads in April two years ago. We started doing them at the same time. (on plans for next season) I also want to compete at senior level next season and hopefully I also get assigned to the Grand Prix. (on the level of competition at Russian Nationals) I cannot really compare the level of competition of Nationals to Europeans and Worlds, because we haven't competed there yet. But the level of figure skating in Russia is very high and it is a very tough competition. (on her plans for next season's programs and elements) We haven't yet thought about new programs. There will be a lot of work in the off-season. We'll work on skating skills, jumps and learn new elements.

Ting Cui (USA), 2019 World Junior bronze medalist

(on making the podium) My program wasn't clean like I was hoping for, but I am still very happy with it, how I skated and performed the character of the story. This is my second Junior Worlds so coming in I was a little bit more relaxed because I knew a bit more what to expect. I am very happy I was able to medal and make it to the podium. (on plans for next season) Well I did senior competitions this season, but next season I am looking forward competing with the older girls. Ultimately, that is where I want to be. We all want to be competing at senior level. (on her plans for next season's programs and elements) We are not sure yet about this and it is not official yet - but I may keep my short program. I will be getting a new long program. As far as elements, I will be working on a quad and hopefully will put it in the program next season. (on her inspiration for Free Skating to "Giselle") This was a collaboration between me and my choreographer Derrick Delmore. I have always looked up to Yuna Kim and just remember her Giselle program, it made a huge impression on my mind and I always knew I eventually wanted to skate to Giselle some day. When I was a juvenile I skated to act one of Giselle, so I thought it would be very cool to skate to act two, with more dramatic music.