

## **Press Conference**

Junior Pairs, after Short Program

### **Polina Kostjukovich/Dmitri Ialin (RUS), 1<sup>st</sup> after the Short Program**

Ialin: We had a decent performance, but it was far from our best and as I already said in Canada [at the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final] if it is not our best, it means there is room to grow. We want to fix our mistakes in the future and we'll focus on the free skating like we did today [on the Short Program]. (on what they would like to change in the rules) Maybe not only for the short program, but also for the free program we would like add a little more time so we are not running from one element to the next and don't have time to breathe.

Kostjukovich: (on looking serious in spite of being in the top three) I just want to sleep. We are not used to skate so late. The competition is not over yet, there is the free skating tomorrow for which we need to focus and need a lot of energy and patience, therefore all now are a bit sad and concentrated on tomorrow.

### **Apollinaria Panfilova/Dmitry Rylov (RUS), 2<sup>nd</sup> after the Short Program**

Panfilova: This was a good performance, one of the best of the season for us and we got a season's best. We skated pretty well, but we could have done the death spiral and the twist better. (on looking serious in spite of being in the top three). At this competition, there is a long break, ten hours, between practice and competition. This is boring and tiring. Therefore, everybody is tired.

Rylov: (on what they would like to change in the rules) We don't think anything needs to be taken out, but personally, I would take out the death spiral.

### **Anastasia Mishina/Alexander Galliamov (RUS), 3<sup>rd</sup> after the Short Program**

Mishina: Our short program was normal but it wasn't good. We had a small mistake, I think because we were nervous. (on what they would like to change in the rules) I think it would be cool if pairs were allowed to do small lifts like ice dancers. (on looking serious in spite of being in the top three) We woke up really early, so we are a little bit tired and there was a long break. So we just want to sleep.

Galliamov: The short program is over now and the new day is for the long program and we will start from the scratch on the new day for the long program. (on what they would like to change in the rules) Maybe add a choreographic step sequence, but it is not up to us to make the rules. We only execute the rules, but it would be nice to add this to increase the artistry of the program.