

EXTENDED START LIST

MEN FREE SKATING

Starting Number	Name					Nation
1	Alexei BYCHENKO					ISR
	Age: 31	Personal Best: 136.31	Season Best: 136.31	Current Rank: 22		
	Music: Bram Stoker's Dracula (soundtrack) by Wojciech Kilar					
	Coach: Galit Chait Moracci, Roman Serov, Nikolai Morozov					
	2016 European silver medalist & first ISR skater to win a medal at ECh. Placed 9th at 2019 ECh, 5th at 2018 & 2017 ECh. Finished 11th at 2018 OWG & 21st at 2014 OWG. Competes at ECh & WCh since 2012. Placed 4th at 2018 WCh, his best result. Ranked 9th in his two GP events in 2018. Came 10th at 2018 Golden Spin Zagreb. Was injured earlier this season. Competed for Ukraine until 2009. Has moved to the USA for training. Coach Galit Chait Moracci is the 2002 World Ice Dance bronze medalist.					
2	Keiji TANAKA					JPN
	Age: 24	Personal Best: 167.61	Season Best: 167.61	Current Rank: 19		
	Music: William Tell Overture by Gioacchino Rossini					
	Coach: Yusuke Hayashi, Utako Nagamitsu, Sayaka Yodo					
	2019 National bronze medalist. Placed 18th at 2018 OWG. Finished 13th at 2018 WCh & 19th in his debut at 2017 WCh. Ranked 4th at 2018 FCCh, his best result in the event. Was 7th at 2019 FCCh, 13th at 2017 FCCh, 6th at 2016 FCCh & 17th at 2014 FCCh. 2017 Winter Universiade silver medalist. 2011 World Junior silver medalist. Ranked 8th in his GP events 2018. Was 3rd at 2018 ONT Bratislava.					
3	Deniss VASILJEVS					LAT
	Age: 19	Personal Best: 140.63	Season Best: 140.63	Current Rank: 23		
	Music: The Last Samurai (soundtrack) by Hans Zimmer					
	Coach: Stephane Lambiel					
	Three-time National Champion. Finished 11th at 2019 ECh, 4th at 2018 ECh, 7th at 2017 ECh & 12th in his debut at 2016 ECh. Came 19th at 2018 OWG. Placed 6th at 2018 WCh, 14th at 2017 & 2016 WCh. Ranked 7th at 2015 WJCh & 8th at 2016 & 2014 WJCh. Ranked 7th & 8th in his GP events in 2018. Creates unusual spin positions. Has relocated to Switzerland for training. Coach Stephane Lambiel is the 2005 & 2006 World Champion.					
4	Brendan KERRY					AUS
	Age: 24	Personal Best: 147.63	Season Best: 147.63	Current Rank: 21		
	Music: You're the One that I Want by John Farrar					
	Coach: Nikolai Morozov					
	Seven-time & reigning National Champion. Finished 9th at 2019 FCCh, his best result in the event since he started competing in it in 2011. Ranked 13th at 2018 FCCh. Came 18th at 2018 WCh, 15th at 2017 WCh, 17th at 2016 WCh, 20th at 2015 WCh & 15th in the Preliminaries at 2012 WCh. Placed 20th at 2018 OWG & 29th at 2014 OWG. His sister Chantelle competed at the international level in singles and now switched to Ice Dance. She competes at 2019 FCCh as well. Their mother Monica McDonald competed in Ice Dance at the Olympic level.					
5	Julian Zhi Jie YEE					MAS
	Age: 21	Personal Best: 126.43	Season Best: 126.43	Current Rank: 24		
	Music: Seven Nations Army by Jack White performed by The White Stripes Highway to Hell by Don Scott performed by AC DC Kings & Queens by Jared Leto performed by Thirty Seconds to Mars					
	Coach: Michael Hopfes, Doug Leigh					
	Placed 21st at 2018 & 2016 WCh and 22nd at 2017 WCh. First Malaysian skater to compete at WCh & OWG. Came 25th at 2018 OWG. Ranked 20th at 2019 FCCh, 16th at 2018 FCCh, 15th at 2017 & 2016 FCCh, 22nd at 2015 FCCh & 23rd at 2014 FCCh. Competed at WJCh 2012-2015 with his best result being 19th in 2015. Ranked 7th & 12th in his GP events in 2018. Came 7th at 2018 Autumn Classics Oakville. Was also a member of the National short track team. His older brother Ryan Zhi Jwen competed at the international level in figure skating. Trains mostly in Canada.					
6	Alexander SAMARIN					RUS
	Age: 20	Personal Best: 177.87	Season Best: 177.87	Current Rank: 20		
	Music: From Now On (from "The Greatest Showman" soundtrack) The Greatest Showman (from "The Greatest Showman" soundtrack)					
	Coach: Svetlana Sokolovskaia					
	Debuts at WCh. 2019 European silver medalist. 2019 National bronze medalist. 2017 World Junior bronze medalist & 2016 ISU JGP Final silver medalist. Ranked 6th at 2018 ECh & 8th in his debut at 2017 ECh. Finished 3rd & 4th in his GP events in 2018. Placed 3rd at Golden Spin Zagreb & 5th at ONT Bratislava in 2018. Came 4th at 2019 Winter Universiade.					
7	Keegan MESSING					CAN
	Age: 27	Personal Best: 179.43	Season Best: 179.43	Current Rank: 14		
	Music: The Sober Dawn (from "City Lights") by Charlie Chaplin The Reel Chaplin: A Symphonic Adventure, Pt. 2 by Charlie Chaplin					
	Coach: Ralph Burghart					

2019 National bronze medalist. Placed 4th at 2019 FCCCh. Finished 12th at 2018 OWG and 8th in his debut at 2018 WCh. Ranked 2nd & 5th in his GP events in 2018 and 5th at GP Final. Originally from the USA, he represented USA before switching to Canada in 2014. Got engaged in fall 2018.

8	Vladimir LITVINTSEV				AZE
Age:	18	Personal Best:	130.68	Season Best:	130.68
Music:	The Nutcracker by Petr I. Tchaikovsky				
Coach:	Alexei Chetverukhin, Vladimir Kotin				
Competes in his first WCh. Ranked 13th in his debut at 2019 WJCh and 16th at 2019 ECh. Finished 8th at JGP Ljubljana Cup 2018. Ranked 2nd at Minsk Arena Ice Star & 9th at Tallinn Trophy in 2018. Won 2018 Volvo Open Cup Riga. Born and raised in Mosccow, where he trains. Coach Vladimir Kotin is a four-time European silver medalist (1985-88).					
9	Alexander MAJOROV				SWE
Age:	27	Personal Best:	147.78	Season Best:	147.78
Music:	Tina by Randy Edelman Saint James Infirmary by Hugh Laurie Cuban Pete by Jim Carrey				
Coach:	Alexander Majorov sr				
Six-time National Champion. 2011 World Junior bronze medalist & first skater from Sweden to medal at an ISU Championship since 1937. Placed 8th at 2019 ECh, 7th at 2018 ECh, 6th at 2013 ECh & 11th at ECh 2013-17. Ranked 14th at 2014 OWG. Finished 23rd at 2017 WCh & 12th at 2018 WCh. Ranked 9th & 10th in his GP events 2018. Qualified for OWG 2018 but was not selected by the SWE NOC. Is coached by his parents. His younger brother is a competitive skater. Is a certified physiotherapist. In 2015, he donated bone marrow to his father who suffered from leukemia. Plans to retire after this season.					
10	Daniel SAMOHIN				ISR
Age:	21	Personal Best:	145.44	Season Best:	145.44
Music:	Once Upon a Time in Mexico by Robert Rodrigues				
Coach:	Igor Samohin				
2016 World Junior Champion and first ISR skater to win an ISU Championship title. Came 13th at 2018 OWG and 20th at 2018 WCh. Ranked 13th at 2019 ECh, 26th at 2018 ECh, 7th at 2016 ECh & 10th in his debut at 2015 ECh. Was 33rd at 2017 ECh where he had to compete in his brother's skates as his luggage was lost. Came 8th & 10th at his GP events 2018. First ISR single skater to qualify for ISU Junior GP Final (2015). Is coached by his father. His older brother Stanislav competed at the international level in figure skating.					
11	Nam NGUYEN				CAN
Age:	20	Personal Best:	158.72	Season Best:	158.72
Music:	La La Land (soundtrack) by Justin Hurwitz				
Coach:	Robert Burke, Danielle Rose				
2014 World Junior Champion. 2019 & 2015 National Champion. Finished 9th at 2018 FCCh, 8th at 2017 FCCh, 11th at 2015 FCCh & 10th at 2019 & 2014 FCCh. Ranked 25th at 2018 WCh, 27th at 2016 WCh, 5th at 2015 WCh & 12th in his debut at 2014 WCh. Youngest National Champion when he won the title in 2015 for the first time. Placed 6th & 7th at his GP events in 2018. His younger sister Kim is also a figure skater.					
12	Junhwan CHA				KOR
Age:	17	Personal Best:	174.42	Season Best:	174.42
Music:	Romeo and Juliet (soundtrack) by Craig Armstrong				
Coach:	Brian Orser				
Debuts at WCh. 2019 National Champion. 2018 GP Final bronze medalist. Ranked 15th at 2018 OWG. Finished 6th at 2019 FCCh. Was 5th at 2017 WJCh and 7th at 2016 WJCh. Placed 3rd in his two GP events in 2018. Came 2nd at 2018 Autumn Classics & Finlandia Trophy. Has moved to Canada for training. Coach Brian Orser is the 1984 and 1988 Olympic silver medalist.					
13	Mikhail KOLYADA				RUS
Age:	24	Personal Best:	177.55	Season Best:	177.55
Music:	Adagio from Carmen Suite by Georges Bizet, Rodion Shchedrin Habanera from Carmen Suite No. 2 by Georges Bizet				
Coach:	Valentina Chebotareva, Mikhail Semenenok				
2018 World bronze medalist. 2018 & 2017 European bronze medalist. 2017 ISU GP Final bronze medalist. 2019 National silver medalist. Finished 8th at the 2018 OWG in the individual event, silver medalist with the team. Placed 5th at 2019 & 2016 ECh. Ranked 8th at 2017 WCh & 4th in his debut at 2016 WCh. Finished 4th in his GP events in 2018. Won 2018 ONT Bratislava & Finlandia Trophy and 2019 Tallink Hotels Cup. First RUS man to land a 4Lz in international competition (2017). Graduated from University with a master degree in June 2018. Competed fighting sinusitis at 2019 NCh.					
14	Morisi KVITELASHVILI				GEO
Age:	24	Personal Best:	158.64	Season Best:	158.64
Music:	Mozart L'Opera Rock (musical soundtrack)				
Coach:	Eteri Tutberidze, Sergei Dudakov				
Came 10th at 2019 ECh, 12th at 2018 ECh & 6th in his debut at 2017 ECh. Finished 24th at 2018 OWG. Ranked 26th at 2018 WCh & 13th at 2017 WCh. Came 2nd & 8th in his GP events in 2018 & first GEO skater to win a GP medal. 2019 Winter Universiade bronze medalist. Competed for Russia until the 2015/16 season. His father competed in cycling and his mother is a former figure skater. His parents emigrated from Georgia to Russia and he was born and raised in Moscow.					
15	Andrei LAZUKIN				RUS
Age:	21	Personal Best:	155.53	Season Best:	155.53
Music:	Romeo and Juliet Overture by Petr Tchaikovsky				

Coach: Alexei Mishin

Competes in his first ISU Championship. Ranked 4th at 2019 NCh. Placed 6th & 7th in his GP events in 2018. Ranked 2nd at 2018 Lombardia Trophy. Came 5th at Winter Universiade and 2nd at Dragon Trophy Ljubljana in 2019. Moved to St. Petersburg in 2010 to train in Alexei Mishin's group. Long-time boyfriend of 2015 World Champion Elizaveta Tuktamysheva. Replaces Maxim Kovtun on the RUS team.

16	Kevin AYZOZ					FRA
Age:	21	Personal Best:	162.93	Season Best:	162.93	Current Rank: 7
Music:	In This Shirt by The Irrepressibles					
Coach:	John Zimmerman, Silvia Fontana					
Competes in his first WCh. 2019 National Champion. Ranked 4th at 2019 ECh & 15th at 2017 ECh. Placed 7th at 2017 WJCh & 9th at 2016 WJCh. Came 5th & 7th in his GP events in 2018. Was 5th at Autumn Classics 2018. Has relocated to the USA for training. Coach John Zimmerman is the 2002 World Pairs bronze medalist.						
17	Boyang JIN					CHN
Age:	21	Personal Best:	181.34	Season Best:	181.34	Current Rank: 9
Music:	Hable con ella (soundtrack) by Alberto Iglesias					
Coach:	Zhaoxiao Xu, Caishu Fu					
2017 & 2016 World bronze medalist. 2018 Four Continents Champion. 2019 & 2016 Four Continents silver medalist. Came 4th at 2018 OWG & 19th at 2018 WCh. 5-time National Champion. 2015 World Junior silver medalist. Placed 5th at 2017 FCCh. Ranked 6th at 2014 WJCh & 4th at 2013 WJCh. Placed 5th & 9th in his GP events in 2018. First skater to perform a quad Lutz-triple toe combination in competition.						
18	Michal BREZINA					CZE
Age:	28	Personal Best:	166.05	Season Best:	166.05	Current Rank: 8
Music:	I'm a Man performed by The Spencer Davis Group Thunderstruck performed by AC/DC					
Coach:	Rafael and Vera Arutunian, Nadia Kanaeva					
2013 European bronze medalist. Finished 7th at 2019 ECh. Placed 10th at 2018 WCh. Competes in his 9th WCh with his best results placing 4th in 2010 & 2011. Was 16th at 2018 OWG and 10th at 2014 & 2010 OWG. Took silver in his 2 GP evens in 2018 & was 4th at GP Final. His younger sister Eliska competes in the Ladies event at 2019 WCh. Brezina got married to former single and pair skater Danielle Montalbano in June 2017. He launched his own clothing line in 2018.						
19	Vincent ZHOU					USA
Age:	18	Personal Best:	172.04	Season Best:	172.04	Current Rank: 4
Music:	Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (soundtrack) by Tan Dun Rising Sun by Kiyoshi Yoshida					
Coach:	Tammy Gambill, Tom Zakrajsek, Christine Krall					
2019 Four Continents bronze medalist. 2017 World Junior Champion. Ranked 6th at 2018 OWG and 14th at 2018 WCh. 2018 National silver medalist. Came 5th at 2016 WJCh. Finished 4th & 5th in his GP events in 2018. Ranked 2nd at 2018 Tallinn Trophy. He is of Chinese descent and speaks Mandarin.						
20	Shoma UNO					JPN
Age:	21	Personal Best:	197.36	Season Best:	197.36	Current Rank: 6
Music:	Moonlight Sonata by Ludwig van Beethoven performed by Vladimir Ashkenazy					
Coach:	Machiko Yamada, Mihoko Higuchi					
2019 Four Continents Champion. 2018 Olympic silver, 2018 & 2017 World silver medalist. 2018 Four Continents silver & 2017 Four Continents bronze medalist. 2015 World Junior Champion. Reigning GP Final silver medalist. Three-time & reigning National Champion. Placed 4th at 2016 FCCh & 5th in his debut at 2015 FCCh. Ranked 7th at 2016 WCh. Ranked 5th at 2014 WJCh, 7th at 2013 WJCh & 10th at 2012 WJCh. Won his two GP events in 2018. His idol in skating is Daisuke Takahashi (JPN).						
21	Matteo RIZZO					ITA
Age:	20	Personal Best:	165.67	Season Best:	165.67	Current Rank: 5
Music:	Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen Love Of My Life by Queen Don't Stop Me Now by Queen					
Coach:	Franca Bianconi, Valter Rizzo					
2019 European bronze medalist. 2018 World Junior bronze medalist & first ITA man to take a medal at WJCh. 2018 National silver medalist. Ranked 9th at 2018 ECh & 13th in his debut at 2017 ECh. Came 21st at 2018 OWG. Placed 17th at 2018 WCh & 30th in his debut at 2017 WCh. Ranked 3rd & 4th in his GP events in 2018 & first ITA man to win a GP medal. 2019 Winter Universiade Champion. His father Valter is an ice dance coach and one of his choreographers. His older sister Francesca competed in ice dance.						
22	Yuzuru HANYU					JPN
Age:	24	Personal Best:	190.43	Season Best:	190.43	Current Rank: 3
Music:	Origin ("Art on Ice") by Edvin Marton					
Coach:	Brian Orser, Tracy Wilson, Ghislain Briand					
2018 & 2014 Olympic Champion. 2017 & 2014 World Champion. 2016 & 2015 World silver medalist. 4-time GP Final Champion. 2012 World bronze medalist. Four-time National Champion. Missed GP Final and 2019 due to injury. 2017, 2013 & 2011 Four Continents silver medalist. 2010 World Junior Champion. Followed his older sister into skating. Moved to Canada for training in spring 2012. First skater to crack the 300 points barrier and first to perform a clean 4Lo in competition.						
23	Nathan CHEN					USA
Age:	19	Personal Best:	189.99	Season Best:	189.99	Current Rank: 1

Music: Land of All by Woodkid

Coach: Rafael Arutunian

2018 World & current GP Final Champion. 2017 Four Continents Champion. Bronze medalist in the Team Event at 2018 OWG. Finished 5th at 2018 OWG in the individual event. Ranked 6th at 2017 WCh. 2018 & 2017 National Champion. 2014 World Junior bronze medalist. Ranked 4th at 2015 WJCh. Won his two GP events in 2018. First skater to land five quadruple jumps in one free skating (2017 NCh & FCCh). Started studying at Yale University in 2018.

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Jason BROWN

USA

Age: 24 **Personal Best:** 172.32 **Season Best:** 172.32 **Current Rank:** 2

Music: Old Friends by Paul Simon, performed by Simon & Garfunkel Bookends by Paul Simon, performed by Simon & Garfunkel A Hazy Shade of Winter by Paul Simon, performed by Simon & Garfunkel

Coach: Tracy Wilson, Brian Orser, Lee Barkell, K. Preston

2018 Four Continents bronze medalist. 2019 National bronze medalist. Olympic bronze medalist in the team event at 2014 OWG. Ranked 9th at 2014 OWG in the individual event. Placed 7th at 2017 WCh and 4th at 2015 WCh. Finished 5th at 2019 FCCh, 6th at 2017 & 2015 FCCh. 2013 World Junior silver & 2012 World Junior bronze medalist. Placed 2nd & 6th in his GP events in 2018. Won 2018 Golden Spin. Also skated pairs. Moved to Canada for training in 2018.