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## **ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2014** **Preview**

The ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2014 will open in Sofia, Bulgaria, on March 12. 179 skaters from 45 ISU members have been entered for the Championships. Following a decision of the ISU congress in summer 2012, no preliminary rounds are skated, but participants need to have achieved a total element minimum score for both Short and Free Program. All skaters compete in the Short Program/Short Dance and the top 24 single skaters, top 16 Pairs and top 20 Ice Dance teams proceed to the Free Skating/Free Dance.

### **Overview of the top contenders**

Competition will be tight with the participants of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. Reigning Junior Grand Prix Final Champion Boyang Jin (CHN) landed three quadruple jumps in the Junior Final and has a seasons best of 218.73 points. He finished fourth in 2013 and is aiming at the top of the podium. The challenge should come from ISU Junior Grand Prix Final silver medalist Adian Pitkeev (RUS/seasons best 216.24 points), ISU Junior Grand Prix Final bronze medalist Nathan Chen (USA/seasons best 218.62 points) as well as Nam Nguyen (CAN/seasons best 204.69 points). Others to watch out for are 2011 World Junior silver medalist Keiji Tanaka (JPN), Michael Christian Martinez (PHI) and 2013 World Junior bronze medalist Shotaro Omori (USA).

The Russian Ladies swept the podium in 2013 (as did the US Men), and the Russian team is strong again. Defending champion Elena Radionova is back (seasons best 191.81 points) and is joined by ISU Junior Grand Prix Final Champion Maria Sotskova (seasons best 176.75 points) and ISU Junior Grand Prix Final silver medalist Serafima Sakhanovich (seasons best 172.86 points). Looking to challenge the Russians are 2014 Four Continents silver medalist Satoko Miyahara (JPN/seasons best 186.53 points) and Karen Chen (USA/seasons best 179.08 points). Other contenders include Rika Hongo (JPN), Lutricia Bock (GER) and Ziquan Zhao (CHN).

The Pairs event features ISU Junior Grand Prix Final Champions Xiaoyu Yu/Yang Jin (CHN/seasons best 173.58 points), ISU Junior Grand Prix Final silver medalists Maria Vigalova/Egor Zakroev (RUS/seasons best 168.10 points) as well as 2012 World Junior bronze medalists Vasilisa Davankova/Andrei Deputat (RUS/seasons best 161.03 points). Russian Junior Champions Evgenia Tarasova/Vladimir Morozov and Madeline Aaron/Max Settlege (USA) are expected to challenge for the podium as well.

In the Ice Dance event, reigning ISU Junior Grand Prix Final Champions Anna Yanovskaya/ Sergey Mozgov (RUS/seasons best 152.48 points) are up against ISU Junior Grand Prix Final silver medalists Kaitlin Hawayek/Jean Luc Baker (USA/seasons best 144.84 points) and ISU Junior Grand Prix Final bronze medalists Lorraine McNamara/Quinn Carpenter (USA/seasons best 137.97 points). Other contenders include Madeline Edwards/Zhao Kai Pang (CAN), Mackenzie Bent/Garrett Mackeen (CAN), Betina Popova/ Yuri Vlasenko (RUS), Alexandra Nazarova/Maxim Nikitin and Rachel Parsons/Michael Parsons (USA). Defending champions Alexandra Stepanova/Ivan Bukin (RUS) have withdrawn due to illness and were replaced by Evgenia Kosigina/Nikolai Moroshkin.

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Please note that for the seasonal best total scores only the ISU Grand Prix competitions (senior and junior), ISU Championships, Olympic Winter Games and the Olympic Qualifying Event Nebelhorn Trophy have been taken into consideration, not other international competitions or National Championships.

## **Prize money**

The ISU awards a global prize money of US\$ 200,000 at the World Junior Championships to skaters/couples placed 1st to 12th. The prize money is awarded to winners and placed skaters/couples as follows:

### *Men and Ladies*

1st place US\$ 10,000  
2nd place US\$ 7,000  
3rd place US\$ 5,000  
4th place US\$ 3,500  
5th place US\$ 2,750  
6th place US\$ 2,500  
7th place US\$ 2,250  
8th place US\$ 2,000  
9th place US\$ 1,750  
10th place US\$ 1,500  
11th place US\$ 1,250  
12th place US\$ 1,000

### *Pairs and Dance (per couple)*

1st place US\$ 15,000  
2nd place US\$ 10,500  
3rd place US\$ 7,500  
4th place US\$ 4,500  
5th place US\$ 4,000  
6th place US\$ 3,750  
7th place US\$ 3,500  
8th place US\$ 3,000  
9th place US\$ 2,750  
10th place US\$ 2,250  
11th place US\$ 1,750  
12th place US\$ 1,500

## **The schedule of the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2014 is as follows:**

Wednesday, March 12: Short Dance, Pairs Short Program  
Thursday, March 13: Men Short Program, Pairs Free Skating  
Friday, March 14: Ladies Short Program, Free Dance  
Saturday, March 15: Men Free Skating  
Sunday, March 16: Ladies Free Skating, Exhibition Gala

For more information, full entry lists and results please see: [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org) and <http://www.isujworlds2014.bsf.bg>

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