

## Facts & Figures

The ISU European Figure Skating Championships are held in Ostrava, Czech Republic, for the first time in history. Ostrava has hosted the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships in 2003 and several ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events before. European Championships in what is now known as Czech Republic have been held in Prague (in 1999, 1988, 1948, 1937) and in Opava (Troppau) in 1928.

166 skaters from 33 ISU Members have been entered for the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2017 (36 Men, 34 Ladies, 18 Pairs and 30 Ice Dance Couples).

- ✓ 37-year-old pair skater Zoe JONES (GBR) is the oldest skater competing in the Championships (date of birth Jan 14, 1980)
- ✓ The oldest male skater is pair skater Ondrej HOTAREK (ITA) at age 32 (dob Jan 25, 1984)
- ✓ The youngest competitor is 15-year-old ice dancer Katerina BUNINA of Estonia (dob May 8, 2001)
- ✓ The youngest male skater competing is Israel's 15-year-old Mark GORODNITSKY (dob Mar 23, 2001)

Three skaters celebrate their birthdays during the Championships:

- ✓ Pair skater Ondrej HOTAREK (ITA) turns 33 on Wednesday, Jan 25, the day of the Pairs Short Program
- ✓ Birce ATABEY (TUR) will be 24 on Thursday, Jan 26
- ✓ Pair skater Bruno MASSOT (GER) celebrates his 28<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, Jan 28

There are one brother and sister competing at the Championships:

- ✓ Loena HENDRICKX (BEL) and Jorik HENDRICKX (BEL), competing in Ladies and Men's singles

There are two married couples competing:

- ✓ Ice Dancers Marie-Jade LAURIAULT/Romain LE GAC (FRA)
- ✓ Ice Dancer Anna CAPPELLINI (ITA) and Pair skater Ondrej HOTAREK (ITA)

Three skaters are back that competed at the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships in 2003 in Ostrava:

- ✓ Ice Dancer Anna CAPPELLINI (ITA), competed in Ice Dance with Matteo ZANNI
- ✓ Carolina KOSTNER (ITA), won the Ladies bronze medal
- ✓ Ice Dancer Alper UCAR (TUR), competed in singles

Three reigning European Champions are back to defend their titles here in Ostrava: Ladies Champion Evgenia MEDVEDEVA (RUS), two-time European Ice Dance champions Gabriella PAPADAKIS/Guillaume CIZERON (FRA) and four-time European champion Javier FERNANDEZ (ESP). Several former European Champions are competing as well: Five-time European Champion Carolina KOSTNER (ITA), 2014 European Ice Dance Champions Anna CAPPELLINI/Luca LANOTTE (ITA), 2013 European Champions Ekaterina BOBROVA/Dmitri SOLOVIEV (RUS). Four-time European Pairs Champion Aliona SAVCHENKO (GER) is competing with Bruno MASSOT.