

Press Release

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ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series 2017/18 Preview
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The Figure Skating Olympic winter season starts on August 23 with the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating. The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series 2017/18 features talented junior skaters from all over the world and provides young skaters aged 13 to 19 (21 for the male ice dance and pair skating partners) with the opportunity to compete at a high international level. The 2017/18 season marks the 21st edition of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating that was introduced in 1997.

The series consists of seven events and starts August 23-26 in Brisbane (AUS), followed by Salzburg (AUT) August 31-September 2, Riga (LAT) September 6-9, Minsk (BLR) September 20-24, Zagreb (CRO) September 27-30, Gdansk (POL) October 4-7 and concludes in Egna (ITA) October 11-14. The events in Riga, Minsk, Zagreb and Poland include Pair Skating.

The best six skaters/couples in each discipline qualify for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series in Nagoya (JPN), December 7 -10. Skaters earn points according to their placements in order to qualify for the Final.

Several top junior skaters return to the circuit this season. In the ladies ISU Junior Grand Prix Final silver medalist Anastasiia Gubanova (RUS), ISU Junior Grand Prix Finalist Rika Kihira (JPN), Eun Soo Lim (KOR) will compete. World Junior Pair Skating silver medalists Aleksandra Boikova/Dmitrii Kozlovskii (RUS), 2017 World Junior Ice Dance bronze medalists Christina Carreira/Anthony Ponomarenko (USA) and Youth Olympic Games Champions (Ice Dance) Anastasia Shpilayeva/Grigory Smirnov (RUS).

More than 300 young skaters from over 50 ISU Members are expected to compete in this year's series. Each ISU Member is entitled to enter competitors for the series while the number of their entries depends on the result of the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2017.

The following point system based on the ranking has been established to determine the qualifiers for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final:

Place	Men / Ladies	Pairs	Ice Dance
1st place	15 points	15 points	15 points
2nd place	13 points	13 points	13 points
3rd place	11 points	11 points	11 points
4th place	9 points	9 points	9 points
5th place	7 points	7 points	7 points
6th place	5 points	5 points	5 points
7th place	4 points	4 points	4 points
8th place	3 points	3 points	3 points
9th place	2 points	-	-
10th place	1 points	-	-

The Global Prize money per individual event of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating is

US\$22.500,00 awarded to each medal winner for each category as follows:

Singles	(Ladies and Men)	Pair Skating and Ice Dance (per couple)
1st place	US\$2.000,00	US\$ 3.000,00
2nd place	US\$1.500,00	US\$2.250,00
3rd place	US\$1.000,00	US\$1.500,00

With the partnership of Red Brick Entertainment, a live feed of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series will be available to fans and television networks across the world on the ISU Junior Grand Prix YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/ISUJuniorGrandPrix>

For further information, including entry lists per event, results and standings, see <http://www.isu.org/en/single-and-pair-skating-and-ice-dance/series/isu-junior-grand-prix-of-figure-skating>

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