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Zagreb, Croatia

World's top junior skaters to compete in Zagreb ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2019

The World's best young figure skaters will take center stage at the [ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2019](#) in Zagreb, Croatia (March 4 - 10). Zagreb has hosted the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships once before in 1999, and has hosted the ISU European Figure Skating Championships several times as well as ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events.

180 skaters from 44 ISU members have been entered the Championship: 38 Men, 46 Ladies, 17 Pair Skating couples and 31 Ice Dance couples. All skaters compete in the Short Program/Rhythm 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

The Junior Men's event features ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final Champion [Stephen Gogolev](#) (CAN/ seasons best 233.58 points), silver medalist [Petr Gumennik](#) (RUS/seasons best 220.04) and bronze medalist [Koshiro Shimada](#) (JPN/seasons best 220.45). Competition should come from 2016 World Junior bronze medalist [Tomoko Hiwatashi](#) (USA), ISU Junior Grand Prix Finalist [Camden Pulkinen](#) (USA) and 2018 ISU World Junior Figure Skating silver medalist [Artur Danielian](#) (RUS). [Daniel Grassl](#) (ITA) and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Finalist [Adam Siao Him Fa](#) (FRA) and [Joseph Phan](#) (CAN) are in the mix as well. [Alexei Krasnozhon](#) (USA) hopes to have another shot at the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships title after he won the Short Program last year and then had to withdraw due to injury during the Free Skating.

In the Junior Ladies, defending ISU World Junior Figure Skating Champion [Alexandra Trusova](#) (RUS) is back and aiming again the top of the podium. Trusova, who has a quad Lutz and quad toe in her arsenal, scored a seasons best of 221.44 points at the ISU Junior Grand Prix in Lithuania. Competition should come from Russian Champion [Anna Shcherbakova](#), who has landed the quad Lutz in competition as well, and debuts at Junior Worlds (seasons best 205.39 points). However, the Russian skaters have to watch out for [Young You](#) (KOR), [Ting Cui](#) (USA) and [Yuna Shiraiwa](#) (JPN). 2018 World Junior Figure Skating silver medalist [Alena Kostornaia](#) (RUS), who beat Trusova at the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in December, has withdrawn on Monday due to medical reasons. She is replaced by [Kseniia Sinitsyna](#) (RUS).

The Russian Junior Pairs have set their eyes on a podium sweep like at the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final with Final Champions and defending ISU World Junior bronze medalists [Anastasia Mishina/Aleksandr Galliamov](#) (seasons best 192.75 points), current Junior Final and World Junior silver medalists [Polina Kostjukovich/Dmitrii Ialim](#) (seasons best 189.53) and Junior Final bronze medalists [Apollinaria Panfilova/Dmitry Rylov](#) (seasons best 186.59). Others to watch include ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Finalists [Sarah Feng/TJ Nyman](#) (USA), [Cleo Hamon/Denys Strekalin](#) (FRA) and [Feiyao Tang/Yongchao Yang](#) (CHN).

In the Junior Ice Dance, ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final Champions [Sofia Shevchenko/Igor Eremenko](#) (RUS) and current Junior Final silver and World Junior bronze medalists [Arina Ushakova/Maxim Nekrasov](#) (RUS) enter the event as the top contenders.

Shevchenko/Eremenko scored a seasons best of 170.66 points at the Final while Ushakova/Nekrasov have seasons best of 172.81 points from the Junior Grand Prix in Armenia. Junior Final bronze medalists [Elizaveta Khudaiberdieva/ Nikita Nazarov](#) (RUS) as well as Junior Grand Prix finalists [Majorie Lajoie/Zachary Lagha](#) (CAN), [Maria Kazakova/Georgy Reviya](#) (GEO) and [Avonley Nguyen/Vadym Kolesnik](#) (USA) are challenging for the podium as well.

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 ISU Challenger Series have been taken into consideration, not other international competitions or National Championships.

Prize Money

The ISU awards a global prize money of US\$ 140,000 at the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships to skaters/couples placed 1st to 6th. 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\$ 4,000
5th place US\$ 2,000
6th place US\$ 1,000

Pairs and Dance (per couple)

1st place US\$ 15,000
2nd place US\$ 10,000
3rd place US\$ 7,000
4th place US\$ 5,000
5th place US\$ 3,000
6th place US\$ 1,000

Event Schedule

The schedule of the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2019 is as follows:

Wednesday, March 6: Junior Men Short Program, Junior Pairs Short Program

Thursday, March 7: Junior Rhythm Dance, Junior Pairs Free Skating

Friday, March 8: Junior Ladies Short Program, Junior Men Free Skating

Saturday, March 9: Junior Free Dance and Junior Ladies Free Skating

Sunday, March 10: Exhibition Gala

The ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships will be available to watch at <https://www.isu.org/figure-skating> for certain countries.

For more information, full entry lists and results please see the [event website](#) and the [official website](#). Follow the event on social media using the hashtags [#WorldJFigure](#) and [#FigureSkating](#).

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