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Kelowna, Canada

## **Olympic Champion Hanyu (JPN) to compete at ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating at Skate Canada**

Two-time and reigning Olympic Champion [Yuzuru Hanyu](#) (JPN), Olympic silver medalist [Evgenia Medvedeva](#) (RUS), ISU World Figure Skating Pairs medalists [Evgenia Tarasova/Vladimir Morozov](#) (RUS) and ISU World Figure Skating Ice Dance medalists [Madison Hubbell/Zachary Donohue](#) (USA) are set to compete at ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating - Skate Canada International in Kelowna this week. Skate Canada International is the second of six events of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2019/2020.

### **Hanyu (JPN), Medvedeva (RUS), Tarasova/Morozov (RUS), Hubbell/Donohue (USA) lead line up at ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating - Skate Canada International**

[Yuzuru Hanyu](#) will compete in his first ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating series event this season and is the top favorite in Kelowna. 2019 ISU European Figure Skating bronze medalist [Matteo Rizzo](#) (ITA), Canadian Champion [Nam Nguyen](#), [Deniss Vasiljevs](#) (LAT) and [Keiji Tanaka](#) (JPN) are eager to challenge for a medal.

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating [Standings Men](#)

[Evgenia Medvedeva](#) headlines the Ladies event, but she has to expect stiff competition coming from reigning ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final Champion [Rika Kihira](#) (JPN), two-time ISU World Junior Figure Skating Champion and “quad queen” [Alexandra Trusova](#) (RUS) as well as from ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating - Skate America silver medalist [Bradie Tennell](#) (USA), who will fight for a spot in the Grand Prix Final. Entering the mix are [Marin Honda](#) (JPN) and Korea’s up and coming skaters [Yelim Kim](#) and [Young You](#). 2017 ISU World Figure Skating bronze medalist [Gabrielle Daleman](#) (CAN) is on the comeback trail after recovering from injury.

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating [Standings Ladies](#)

In the Pairs, reigning ISU World Figure Skating silver medalists [Evgenia Tarasova/Vladimir Morozov](#) (RUS) are aiming at the top of the podium. The challenge should come from 2019 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating silver medalists [Kirsten Moore-Towers/Michael Marinaro](#) (CAN) and 2019 ISU European Figure Skating bronze medalists [Aleksandra Boikova/ Dmitri Kozlovskii](#) (RUS). Other contenders include [Alexa Scimeca Knierim/Chris Knierim](#) (USA) and the new team of [Liubov Ilyushechkina/Charlie Bilodeau](#) (CAN).

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating [Standings Pairs](#)

Two-time and reigning ISU World Figure Skating Ice Dance medalists [Madison Hubbell/Zachary Donohue](#) (USA) come fresh from their victory at ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating - Skate America last week and are looking to book their ticket to Torino with another gold medal in Canada. However, [Piper Gilles/Paul Poirier](#) (CAN) and 2018 ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating - Rostelecom Cup silver medalists [Sara Hurtado/Kirill Khaliavin](#) (ESP) are ready to challenge the U.S. Champions. [Lilah Fear/Lewis Gibson](#) (GBR), [Betina Popova/Sergey Mozgov](#) (RUS) and [Kaitlin Hawayek/Jean-Luc Baker](#) (USA) are aiming at the podium in Kelowna as well. 2019 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Champions [Majorie Lajoie/Zachary Lagha](#) (CAN) debut on the senior circuit.

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating [Standings Ice Dance](#)

Overall, 60 skaters/couples representing 14 ISU members compete at ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating - Skate Canada International on October 25-27. The top 6 qualifiers of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating series in each discipline will proceed to the Final in Torino (ITA), December 5 to 8, 2019.

### Schedule of the event

Friday, October 25	Rhythm Dance, Ladies, Pairs, Men's Short Programs
Saturday, October 26	Free Dance, Ladies, Pairs, Men's Free Skating
Sunday, October 27	Exhibition Gala

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series continues next week in Grenoble (FRA). Full [entry lists, results, the General Announcement](#) of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series are available on [isu.org](http://isu.org).

### Where to watch and follow the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2019?

Viewers will be able to watch the Series either via their national broadcaster / channel and for countries where there are no broadcasters, the ISU will offer a live stream on the [Skating ISU YouTube Channel](#) as of season 2019/20. You will find the full list in the [Where to watch news here](#).

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### ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2019/20

[Skate America - Las Vegas \(USA\) – October 18 – 20](#)

[Skate Canada International – Kelowna \(CAN\) – October 25 – 27](#)

[Internationaux de France – Grenoble \(FRA\) – Novembre 1 – 3](#)

[SHISEIDO cup of China – Chongqing \(CHN\) – November 8 – 10](#)

[Rostelecom Cup – Moscow \(RUS\) – November 15 – 17](#)

[NHK Trophy – Sapporo \(JPN\) – November 22 – 24](#)

[ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final \(Senior & Junior\) – Torino \(ITA\) – December 5 – 8](#)

[The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series](#) started in 1995 (previously known as the ISU Champions Series) and consists of six international senior invitational events and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. The skaters are seeded and invited to the six Grand Prix of Figure Skating events based on the results of the previous ISU World Figure Skating Championships. Competitors collect points in their ISU Grand Prix events towards the qualification for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. Only the top six Skaters / Couples in each discipline can qualify for the Final.