

## Long list of candidates announced for ISU Skating Awards

As of December 1, 2019 the public, media and ISU Members can vote for their favorite Skaters, Coach and Choreograph on the [ISU Skating Awards online voting platform](#). Once the votes close on February 10, 2020 three nominees in each category will be selected and officially announced on March 10, 2020. The winners will be determined by a star-studded Jury and will be revealed and presented with their Award at the ISU Skating Awards on March 22, 2020.

The ISU Skating Awards Selection Commission selected the candidates based on the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event results and feedback. For the full list of candidates please register on the [ISU online voting platform](#) where votes can be cast in the following categories:

1. **Most Valuable Skater:** Honors the Single Skater or Pair or Ice Dance Couple who best managed to increase the level of popularity of Figure Skating with their fan base, media attention and sponsor appreciation.
2. **Best Costume:** Honors the Single Skater or Pair or Ice Dance Couple whose costume reflects creativity, contemporary implementation, fashion, style and originality.
3. **Most Entertaining Program:** Honors the Single Skater or Pair or Ice Dance Couple whose program had the best music selection, expression, creativity, contemporary implementation, originality and overall performance.
4. **Best Newcomer:** Honors a talented Single Skater or Pair or Ice Dance Couple competing very successfully in ISU Events on the Senior level for the first season.
5. **Best Choreographer:** Honors the choreographic work of a Choreographer who successfully inspired one or several Single Skaters and/or Pairs and/or ice Dance Couples.
6. **Best Coach:** Honors a Coach who delivered professional and efficient work and achieved outstanding results with one or several Single Skaters and/or Pairs and/or ice Dance Couples.
7. **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Honors a Figure Skating legend having achieved great success and popularity and is considered a role model in the Figure Skating world (will be announced on March 10, 2020).

During the online voting period between December 1, 2019 and February 10, 2020 the ISU Skating Awards Selection Commission will take into account the results and developments at the ISU Events (ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, ISU European Figure Skating Championships, ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships) may add additional Candidates for online voting.

The ISU Skating Awards Selection Commission will take into account the online voting results of each of the 3 voting groups with the same weight, i.e. Public 1/3 - Media 1/3 - ISU Member Federations 1/3. Only online votes submitted via the ISU online voting platform will count.

For the determination of result of the Public online vote and Media online vote, the ISU Skating Award Selection Commission will take into account for each Award category:

- a) the absolute number of online votes per candidate including online votes from all countries
- b) the absolute number of online votes per candidate including online votes from all countries but not including the online votes from the Candidates country of origin.
- c) the number of online votes per candidate broken down by online votes from each country
- d) considering this first-time edition of the ISU Skating Awards and related totally unknown online voting result and proportion by country of the result, the ISU Skating Award Selection Commission will weigh the above-mentioned online results details with the objective to determine the final Nominees reflecting a fair and balanced world-wide opinion.

## Voting groups:

- **Public** - can cast one vote per user in each of the following categories: Most Valuable Skater, Best Costume, Most Entertaining Program, Best Newcomer.
- **Media** - must register via the “Media Registration” section. All media registration requests will be vetted by the ISU Media Team and media will have the possibility to vote in the following categories: Most Valuable Skater, Best Costume, Most Entertaining Program, Best Newcomer, Best Choreographer, Best Coach.
- **ISU Members** – registration guidelines sent to ISU Members separately and can vote in the following categories: Most Valuable Skater, Best Costume, Most Entertaining Program, Best Newcomer, Best Choreographer, Best Coach. ISU Member Federations may not vote for Candidates of their own country in the categories Most Valuable Skater, Best Costume, Most Entertaining Program and Best Newcomer. However, for the categories Best Choreographer and Best Coach, this provision does not apply.

The ISU Skating Awards is a new addition to the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2020. The ISU Skating Awards will take place in conjunction with the World Championships on Sunday, March 22, 2020 between 16:00 – 18:30 EDT (21:00 – 23:30 GMT) in Montreal, Canada.

The ISU Skating Awards is a combination of the Exhibition Gala and an Awards show in honor of all those who participated in the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2020. In tradition with the Exhibition Gala format, the 2020 world medalists will perform an exhibition number that will be coupled with live musical acts and exciting production numbers that combine contemporary skating and dance. For the first time ever at the World Championships cirque nouveau will also be on display during the show. Seven Award categories for Skaters, Coaches and Choreographers will be awarded.

For further information on the ISU Skating Awards, please consult the FAQ on the [ISU Skating Awards](#) page and the [Montreal2020's FAQ](#).

The ISU, Skate Canada and Art on Ice held a press conference on October 26, 2019 to unveil and explain the ISU Skating Awards. The full press conference is available on demand on the [Skating ISU YouTube channel](#).

To receive the latest information on the #ISUSkatingAwards please subscribe to the [ISU Newsletter here](#).

## About International Skating Union

The International Skating Union (ISU), founded in 1892, is the oldest governing international winter sport federation and the exclusive international sport federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) administering the sports of Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance), Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating worldwide. The objectives of the ISU are to regulate, govern, promote and develop its sports on the basis of friendship and mutual understanding between athletes. Currently three ISU disciplines are included in the Olympic Winter Games program (Figure Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating). For further information please visit [isu.org](http://isu.org).

## About Skate Canada

A not-for-profit organization, Skate Canada is the oldest figure skating organization in the world and is recognized by the Government of Canada, the Canadian Olympic Committee, and the International Skating Union as the governing body for the sport of figure skating in Canada. As the largest learn-to-skate teaching organization in Canada, Skate Canada is dedicated to creating a nation of skaters both recreationally and competitively. Skate Canada is comprised of ten regional sections that are made up of over 1,200 skating clubs and 180,000 members, including over 10,000 volunteers and coaches who are dedicated to creating safe and healthy learning, training, and working environments in our communities. For further information please visit [skatecanada.ca](http://skatecanada.ca).

## About Art on Ice

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Year after year, millions of viewers, whether live in the stadium or at home in front of the TV, are enchanted by the passion and power of Art on Ice and its artists.

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