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Nottingham, Great Britain

The world's best Junior Synchronized Skating Teams to compete in Nottingham

The ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships® 2020 will be held in Nottingham (GBR) at the Motorpoint Arena Nottingham on March 13 and 14, 2020. A total of 21 teams representing 16 ISU Members countries have entered the sixth edition of the Championships, to compete for the title currently held by Team Junost Junior of Russia.

Nottingham will host the event for the first time. The previous editions took place in Neuchatel (SUI) in 2019, Mississauga (CAN) in 2017, Helsinki (FIN) in 2013 and in Zagreb (CRO) in 2015 and 2018. Russia and Finland top the medal table with six medals each. Russia has taken the title in the past three years.

Three-time and defending Champions Team Junost Junior (RUS) wants to continue their golden streak by taking a fourth consecutive title. The challenge should come from 2019 ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating silver medalists Team Crystal Ice Junior (RUS) and 2019 bronze medalists Team Skyliners Junior (USA). Finland that has been dominant in the discipline but finished outside the medals in the past two years is hoping to get back on to the podium with Team Fintastic Junior and Team Mystique Junior. Other contenders include Team Nexxice Junior (CAN) and Les Supremes Junior (CAN).

Teams from Australia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Great Britain, Germany, Hungary, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey are competing as well.

Donna Gately, General Manager of the Motorpoint Arena Nottingham and National Ice Centre said "It's a huge privilege to host the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships® 2020 here in Nottingham. We have been working closely with the ISU and partners across the city to prepare for the event and ensure all skaters receive a warm welcome to Nottingham and the Motorpoint Arena. The Championships which are open to the public to attend, are set to bring spectacular performances sure to impress regular skating enthusiasts and anyone with an interest in ice sports."

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The Junior Short Program consists of five required elements: Intersection Element, Move Element, No Hold Element, Traveling Element – Wheel and Twizzle Element. The No Hold and Twizzle Element cannot be executed one after the other. The Short Program is maximum 2 min 50 seconds in length.

The Junior Free Skating program contains eight elements in total, seven of which are required elements: two different Intersection Elements, Move Element, No Hold Element, Pivoting Element – Block, Synchronized Spin Element and Traveling Element – Circle. The eighth element can be chosen between Artistic Element – Line or Artistic Element – Wheel. The Free Skating program is 3.30 min +/- 10 seconds in length.

Originally called Precision Skating, Synchronized Skating was introduced in the 1950s. It is a highly technical form of Figure Skating characterized by speed, precisions, unison, intricate formations, synchro elements, difficult footwork, spectacular lifts and exciting transitions. A synchronized team consists of 16 skaters (plus up to four alternates).

Tickets

Tickets for the Championships are on sale now, with prices starting from £25.00. All prices listed include admin and facility fees. Group tickets and private suite packages are also available.

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://wjsysc2020.com/tickets/> or via 0843 373 3000 or in person at the Motorpoint Arena Nottingham Box Office, Bolero Square, The Lace Market, Nottingham, NG1 1LA.

Event Schedule

The schedule of the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2020 is as follows:

Friday, March 13: Short Program

Saturday, March 14: Free Skating

Where to watch and follow the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2020?

Viewers will be able to watch the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships as a live stream on the [Skating ISU YouTube Channel](#).

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