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ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2019/20 European Champions in Action at ISU Grand Prix Rostelecom Cup

The reigning ISU European Figure Skating Champions in all disciplines <u>Dmitri Aliev</u> (RUS), <u>Alena Kostornaia</u> (RUS), <u>Aleksandra Boikova/Dmitrii Kozlovskii</u> (RUS) and <u>Victoria Sinitsina/Nikita</u> <u>Katsalapov</u> (RUS) as well as World and European medalists lead the lineup at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Rostelecom Cup from November 20-22, in Moscow (RUS).

Following a decision of the ISU Council due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and travel restrictions, the Grand Prix events are primarily domestically run events with domestic skaters and skaters who train in the host country or respective geographical region competing.

Overview over the contenders

ISU European Figure Skating Champion <u>Dmitri Aliev</u> (RUS) faces stiff competition in the Men's event with 2018 ISU World Figure Skating bronze medalist <u>Mikhail Kolyada</u> (RUS), who returns to competition after missing the past season due to health problems and 2020 ISU European Figure Skating bronze medalist <u>Morisi Kvitelashvili</u> (GEO). 2020 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Champion <u>Andrei Mozalev</u> (RUS) debuts at the senior ISU Grand Prix and is another medal contender.

The Ladies event features a star-studded field that includes current ISU European Figure Skating Champion Alena Kostornaia (RUS), ISU European Figure Skating bronze medalist and "quad queen" Alexandra Trusova (RUS), ISU European Figure Skating silver medalist Anna Shcherbakova (RUS), 2019 European Figure Skating Champion Sofia Samodurova (RUS) and 2015 ISU World Figure Skating Champion Elizaveta Tuktamysheva (RUS).

In the Pairs, ISU European Figure Skating Champions Aleksandra Boikova/Dmitrii Kozlovskii (RUS) have to expect a challenge from 2019 ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final bronze medalists Anastasia Mishina/Aleksandr Galliamov (RUS). ISU World Junior Figure Skating Champions Apollinariia Panfilova/Dmitry Rylov (RUS), ISU World Junior Figure Skating silver medalists Ksenia Akhanteva/Valeri Kolesov (RUS) and ISU World Junior Figure Skating bronze medalists Iuliia Artemeva/Mikhail Nazarychev (RUS) debut at the senior-level ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating and want to challenge for the podium.

ISU European Figure Skating Champions <u>Victoria Sinitsina/Nikita Katsalapov</u> (RUS) lead the Ice Dance competition. Other contenders include <u>Tiffani Zagorski/Jonathan Guerreiro</u> (RUS), <u>Elizaveta Khudaiberdieva/Egor Bazin</u> (RUS), <u>Allison Reed/Saulius Ambruvelicius</u> (LTU) and <u>Alexandra Nazarova/Maxim Nikitin</u> (UKR).

Overall, 60 skaters/couples that represent nine ISU Members compete at Rostelecom Cup.

Schedule of the event

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Friday, November 20 Men's Short Program, Rhythm Dance, Pairs & Ladies Short

Programs

Saturday, November 21 Men's Free Skating, Free Dance, Pairs & Ladies Free Skating

Sunday, November 22 Exhibition Gala

For full entry lists and further information regarding the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series please visit: https://isu.org/GrandPrix. Follow the discussion on social media by using #FigureSkating #GPFigure.

Where to watch and follow the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2020?

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be live streamed on the <u>Skating ISU YouTube Channel</u>. Geo-restrictions will apply in markets where TV rights are in place. You will find the full list in the Where to Watch news here.

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- 2020 Guaranteed Rate Skate America, Las Vegas (USA) October 22-24
- Shiseido Cup of China, Chongqing (CHN) November 6-8
- Rostelecom Cup, Moscow (RUS) November 20-22
- NHK Trophy, Osaka (JPN) November 27-29
- ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final postponed

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final that was to be held as an Olympic Test Event on December 10-13 has been postponed. The ISU, in consultation with all stakeholders and considering the pandemic developments, is evaluating the continuation of the 2020/21 season.

About ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series started in 1995 (previously known a s the ISU Champions Series) and consists of six invitational international senior events and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. Due to the current situation, the usual selection criteria do not apply. Please see the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating page for further information.