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Top six Figure Skating teams get ready for ISU World Team Trophy 2021

Some of the World's best Figure Skaters are set to compete at the seventh edition of the ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating from April 15 to 18 in Osaka, Japan. Russia tops the list of the six ISU members that have qualified for the ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating. The ISU World Team Trophy is a biennial event.

Overview over the teams

Russia collected 9847 points towards the qualification followed by the USA (8001 points) and Japan with 6441 points. The other directly qualified ISU Members are Canada (5580) and Italy (4021). China was qualified with 4537 points but does not send a team allowing France (3905 points) to compete instead.

Team Russia features three newly minted ISU World Figure Skating Champions [Anna Shcherbakova](#), [Anastasia Mishina/Aleksandr Galliamov](#) and [Victoria Sinitsina/Nikita Katsalapov](#). 2021 ISU World Figure Skating silver medalist [Elizaveta Tuktamysheva](#) is the team captain. 2018 ISU World Figure Skating bronze medalist [Mikhail Kolyada](#) and [Evgeni Semenenko](#) are competing as well.

Three-time and reigning ISU World Figure Skating Champion [Nathan Chen](#) leads Team USA. The team includes top-ten ISU World competitors [Jason Brown](#), [Karen Chen](#), [Bradie Tennell](#), [Alexa Knierim/Brandon Frazier](#) and [Kaitlin Hawayek/Jean-Luc Baker](#). Brown is the team captain.

Two-time Olympic Champion and current ISU World Figure Skating bronze medalist [Yuzuru Hanyu](#) as well as 2018 Olympic silver medalist [Shoma Uno](#) headline Team Japan. Two-time ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Champion [Rika Kihira](#), [Kaori Sakamoto](#), Pair Skaters [Riku Miura/Ryuichi Kihara](#) and Ice Dancers Misato [Komatsubara/Tim Koleto](#) complete the team. Kihara represents the team as captain.

Team Canada includes captain [Nam Nguyen](#), 2017 ISU World Figure Skating bronze medalist [Gabrielle Daleman](#) and 2018 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Ice Dance silver medalists [Carolane Soucisse/Shane Firus](#).

Team Italy features 2019 ISU European Figure Skating Ice Dance bronze medalists [Charlene Guignard/Marco Fabbri](#), 2019 ISU World Junior Figure Skating bronze medalist [Daniel Grassl](#) as well as Pair Skaters [Nicole Della Monica/Matteo Guarise](#). Guarise acts as captain. [Matteo Rizzo](#) had to withdraw and was not replaced due to time constraints.

2019 ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final bronze medalist [Kevin Aymoz](#) leads Team France as captain, which includes [Adam Him Fa](#), Pairs [Cleo Hamon/Danys Strekalin](#) and Ice Dancers [Adelina Galyavieva / Louis Thauron](#).

Team USA has won the Team Trophy four times in 2019, 2015, 2013 and 2009 while Team Japan struck gold in 2012 and in 2017.

Competition Format and Qualifying

The ISU World Team Trophy format is based on a competition consisting of the six best national teams from ISU Members with a special provision for the host ISU Member to be included. Each team is composed of two Men, two Ladies, one Pair Skating couple and one Ice Dance couple, i.e. a total of eight skaters per team.

The team event consists of two phases of competition, the Short Program/Short Dance and the Free Skating/Free Dance. Teams are awarded 12 to 1 team points (12 points for first place, 1 point for 12th place) for Men and Ladies and respectively 12 to 7 points for Pairs and Ice Dance couples in the Short Program/Rhythm Dance and in the Free Skating/Free Dance. The standings are calculated according to the sum of the team points achieved in each phase of the event. Several tie breakers are in place.

The teams qualified based on a scoring scale used for the ISU World Standing points scored by their best Skaters at ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and Final season 2019/20 and the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021, plus possibly the ISU European Figure Skating Championships / ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2020, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2020 and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating season 2019/20.

Prize Money

The teams will compete for a total prize money of 1,000,000 US\$, made available by the organizing ISU Member, Japan Skating Federation (and secured through ISU agreements).

The prize money is awarded as follows:

- 1st placed team: US\$ 200'000
- 2nd placed team: US\$ 170'000
- 3rd placed team: US\$ 160'000
- 4th placed team: US\$ 150'000
- 5th placed team: US\$ 140'000
- 6th placed team: US\$ 130'000.

Schedule

The schedule of the ISU World Team Trophy is as follows:

Thursday, April 15: Opening Ceremony, Rhythm Dance, Ladies and Men's Short Programs

Friday, April 16: Pairs Short Program, Free Dance, Men's Free Skating

Saturday, April 17: Pairs and Ladies Free Skating, Victory Ceremony

Sunday, April 18: Exhibition Gala

Viewers will be able to watch the ISU World Team Trophy 2021 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](#). For more details, see the [Where to Watch](#) guide.

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