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Tallinn, Estonia

## **Next generation to take center stage at ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2022**

The next generation of promising Skaters will take center stage at the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships in Tallinn (EST) April 13-17, 2022. At total of 144 Skaters/Couples from 39 ISU members are set to compete in Estonia.

### **Overview of the top contenders**

Tallinn hosts the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships for the third time after 2015 and 2020 and stepped in for Bulgaria this year after being unable to hold the event. Earlier this season, Tallinn hosted as well the ISU European and Four Continents Figure Skating Championships.

The ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2021 were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Two-time ISU Junior Grand Prix gold medallist [Ilia Malinin](#) (USA) leads the Junior Men in Tallinn. He comes off a 9<sup>th</sup> place finish in his debut at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships last month and has high hopes for Junior Worlds (seasons best 263.79 points). The challenge should come from [Kao Miura](#) (JPN), who claimed the bronze medal at the ISU Four Continents Championships on this ice in January (seasons best 251.07 points) and [Wesley Chiu](#) (CAN) with a seasons best of 232.39 points. Others to watch include 2018 ISU Junior Grand Prix Final Champion [Stephen Gogolev](#) (CAN) who is making a comeback after battling injuries, Estonia's up and coming [Arlet Levandi](#), as well as [Mikhail Shaidorov](#) (KAZ) and [Lucas Tsuyoshi Honda](#) (JPN).

The Women's event looks wide open with several strong contenders. [Isabeau Levito](#) (USA) comes to Estonia with a gold and a silver medal from her two ISU Junior Grand Prix events and a season's best of 208.31 points. She needs to watch out for teammate [Lindsay Thorngren](#) who collected a silver and a bronze on the circuit (season's best 193.77 points) as well as for [Niina Petrokina](#) (EST) with a seasons best of 188.86 points and [Seoyeong Wi](#) (KOR). Japan sends [Rion Sumiyoshi](#) and [Rinka Watanabe](#).

[Karina Safina/Luka Berulava](#) (GEO) are the hot favorites in the Pairs event following their fourth place finish at the ISU European and World Figure Skating Championships (seasons best 192.44 points). Other competitors include [Anastasiia Smirnova/Danylo Siianytsia](#) (USA), [Brooke McIntosh/Benjamin Mimar](#) (CAN) and [Anastasia Golubeva/Hector Giotopoulos-Moore](#) (AUS).

The Ice Dance event features ISU Junior Grand Prix gold and silver medalists [Katarina Wolfkostin/Jeffrey Chen](#) (USA) with a seasons best of 165.01 points, ISU Junior Grand Prix gold medalists [Natalie d'Alessandro/Bruce Waddell](#) (CAN) with a seasons best of 163.04 as well as ISU Grand Prix medalists [Hannah Lim/Ye Quan](#) (KOR), [Angelina Kudryavtseva/Ilia Karankevich](#) (CYP). Other contenders include [Nadiia Bashynska/Peter Beaumont](#) (CAN), [Oona Brown/Gage Brown](#) (USA) and [Angela Ling/Caleb Wine](#) (USA).

### **Prize Money**

The ISU awards a global prize money of US\$ 140,000 at the World Junior Championships to Skaters/Couples placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. The prize money is awarded to winners and placed Skaters/Couples as follows:

*Men and Ladies*

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> place: | US\$ 10,000 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place: | US\$ 7,000  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place: | US\$ 5,000  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> place: | US\$ 4,000  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> place: | US\$ 2,000  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> place: | US\$ 1,000  |

*Pairs and Ice Dance (per couple)*

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> place: | US\$ 15,000 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place: | US\$ 10,000 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place: | US\$ 7,000  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> place: | US\$ 5,000  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> place: | US\$ 3,000  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> place: | US\$ 1,000  |

**Event Schedule**

**The schedule of the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2022 is as follows:**

**Thursday, April 14**

Men's & Pairs Short Program

**Friday, April 15**

Ice Dance/Rhythm Dance, Pairs Free Skating

**Saturday, April 16**

Women's Short Program, Men's Free Skating

**Sunday, April 17**

Ice Dance/Free Dance, Women's Free Skating

\* Following the IOC recommendation, in order to protect the integrity of ice skating competitions and for the safety of all the participants of international ice skating competitions, the ISU Council based on Article 17.1.q) i) of the ISU Constitution, agreed that with immediate effect and until further notice, no Skaters belonging to the ISU Members in Russia (Russian Skating Union and the Figure Skating Federation of Russia) and Belarus (Skating Union of Belarus) shall be invited or allowed to participate in international ice skating Competitions including ISU Championships and other ISU Events (Full [Statement](#) to be read on ISU website).

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