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Chongqing, China

World Champions Sui/Han (CHN) to compete at ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating – Shiseido Cup of China

ISU World Figure Skating Pairs Champions Wenjing Sui/Cong Han (CHN), World Ice Dance silver medalists Victoria Sinitsina/Nikita Katsapalov (RUS) and ISU European Figure Skating Champion Sofia Samodurova (RUS) will compete in their first Grand Prix event at Shiseido Cup of China in Chongqing this week, the fourth of six events in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating series. Skate America Champion Anna Shcherbakova (RUS) and Cheng Peng/Yang Jin (CHN) as well as Internationaux de France silver medalists Madison Chock/Evan Bates (USA) hope to qualify for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in Torino (ITA).

Sui/Han (CHN), Sinitsina/Katsalapov (RUS), Tuktamysheva (RUS) lead line-up at Cup of China

The Men's event looks open with medals up for grabs. Skate Canada bronze medalist Keiji Tanaka (JPN) is aiming at another podium finish and possible qualification for the ISU Grand Prix Final. Two-time ISUWorld Figure Skating bronze medalist Boyang Jin (CHN), 2018 ISU Grand Prix Finalist Keegan Messing (CAN), 2018 ISU Grand Prix Final bronze medalist Junhwan Cha (KOR) and 2019 ISU European bronze medalist Matteo Rizzo (ITA) all missed the podium in their first event and hope to do better in Chongqing. Han Yan (CHN) returns to competition after sitting out the past season.

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Standings Men.

ISU World Junior Figure Skating silver medalist <u>Anna Shcherbakova</u> (RUS) and 2015 ISU World Figure Skating Champion <u>Elizaveta Tuktamysheva</u> (RUS) are looking to secure their spot for the ISU Grand Prix Final after taking gold and bronze respectively at Skate America. <u>Young You</u> (KOR) comes with a bronze medal from Skate Canada and has a chance to qualify for Torino as well. Two-time ISU World Figure Skating medalist <u>Satoko Miyahara</u> (JPN) and 2019 ISU European Figure Skating Champion <u>Sofia Samodurova</u> (RUS) are entering their first ISU Grand Prix event this season and are aiming at the podium as well.

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Standings Ladies.

Two-time and reigning ISU World Figure Skating Champions Wenjing Sui/Cong Han (CHN) headline the Pairs event and enter their first ISU Grand Prix. Competition should come from Skate America Champions Cheng Peng/Yang Jin (CHN), 2018 ISU Grand Prix Finalists Nicole Della Monica/Matteo Guarise (ITA) and 2018 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships bronze medalists Tae Ok Ryom/Ju Sik Kim (PRK). Other contenders include Liubov Ilyushechkina/Charlie Bilodeau (CAN), 2018 ISU Four Continents Champions Tarah Kayne/Danny O'Shea (USA) and Alisa Efimova/Alexander Korovin (RUS).

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Standings Pairs.

ISU World Figure Skating silver medalists <u>Victoria Sinitsina/Nikita Katsalapov</u> lead the Ice Dance and are competing in their first ISU Grand Prix event this season. 2019 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships' Champions <u>Madison Chock/Evan Bates</u> (USA) come off a silver medal from Internationaux de France last week and aim at the ISU Grand Prix Final. Skate America

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bronze medalists <u>Laurence Fournier Beaudry/Nikolaj Sorensen</u> (CAN) hope for another podium finish while 2018 ISU Four Continents Champions <u>Kaitlin Hawayek/ Jean-Luc Baker</u> (USA) want to improve from their fourth-place finish from Skate Canada. Other competitors include <u>Shiyue Wang/Xinyu Liu</u> (CHN) and 2018 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Champions <u>Anastasia Skotpcova/Kirill Aleshin</u> (RUS).

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Standings Ice Dance.

Schedule of the event

Friday, November 8 Rhythm Dance, Ladies, Men's & Pairs Short Programs Saturday, November 9 Free Dance, Ladies, Men's & Pairs Free Skating

Sunday, November 10 Exhibition Gala

Overall, 60 skaters/couples representing 11 ISU members compete at Shiseido Cup of China November 8-10. The top 6 qualifiers of the Grand Prix series in each discipline will proceed to the Final in Torino (ITA), December 5 to 8, 2019. Full entry lists, results, the General Announcement of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series are available on isu.org.

Where to watch and follow the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2019?

Viewers will be able to watch the Series 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 as of season 2019/20. You will find the full list in the Where to watch news here.

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ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2019/20

Skate America - Las Vegas (USA) - October 18 - 20

Skate Canada International – Kelowna (CAN) – October 25 – 27

Internationaux de France – Grenoble (FRA) – Novembre 1 – 3

SHISEIDO Cup of China – Chongqing (CHN) – November 8 – 10

Rostelecom Cup - Moscow (RUS) - November 15 - 17

NHK Trophy - Sapporo (JPN) - November 22 - 24

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (Senior & Junior) – Torino (ITA) – December 5 – 8

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series started in 1995 (previously known as the ISU Champions Series) and consists of six international senior invitational events and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. The skaters are seeded and invited to the six Grand Prix of Figure Skating events based on the results of the previous ISU World Figure Skating Championships. Competitors collect points in their ISU Grand Prix events

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towards the qualification for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. Only the top six Skaters / Couples in each discipline can qualify for the Final.