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Young talents back in action as ISU Junior Grand Prix kicks off the Olympic season

The Junior skaters are back! The World's best up and coming young skaters will have the opportunity to compete at the <u>ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series 2021/22</u>. The series is back after it had to be cancelled in the past season due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the pandemic is still affecting the world and travel restrictions apply. Therefore, Canada returned its ISU Junior Grand Prix event that has been moved to Courchevel, France. Russian skaters have withdrawn from the two events in France due to travel restrictions. Japan is not sending skaters to the first three events. The ISU has an anti-Covid protocol in place to keep all participants of the events as safe as possible.

The ISU Junior Grand Prix series features talented young Skaters aged 13 to 19 (21 for the male Ice Dance and Pair Skating partners) from all over the world and provides them with the possibility to compete at an international level. Some Skaters will become the next stars of the sport while others aim to gain valuable experience but all of them want to share their passion and love for Figure Skating.

The 2021/22 season marks the 24th edition of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating that was introduced in 1997.

Overview of the events

The series consists of seven events and starts August 18-21 in Courchevel (FRA), followed by the second event in Courchevel August 25-28. The next events are in Kosice (SVK) September 1-4, in Krasnoyarsk (RUS) September 15-18, in Ljubljana (SLO) September 22-25, in Gdansk (POL) September 29-October 2 and concludes in Linz (AUT) October 6-9. The events in Kosice, Krasnoyarsk, Gdansk and Linz include Pair Skating.

Due to the situation, the ISU Council concluded that it is impossible to implement a fair and consistent ISU Junior Grand Prix ranking for the 2021/22 season and therefore no ranking will be applied. Depending on the developments during the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series, the ISU Council will evaluate if and how the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (scheduled to be held on December 9-12, 2021 in Japan), could be held by applying alternative qualification criteria.

For full entry lists, results, the General Announcement of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series and further information please visit: <a href="https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/figure-sk

Junior Grand Prix livestream

The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events will be live streamed on the official <u>ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating YouTube Channel</u>. Additionally, all performances since 2011 are available on demand.

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Selection Criteria

More than 300 young Skaters from over 50 ISU Members are expected to compete in this year's series. Each ISU Member is entitled to enter competitors for the series while the number of their entries depends on the result of the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2020.

Prize Money

The Global Prize money per individual event of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating is US \$22.500,00 (15.750 for events without Pair Skating) awarded to the medal winners in each category as follows:

Singles (Ladies and Men) Pair Skating and Ice Dance (per couple)

 1st place
 US\$2.000,00
 US\$ 3.000,00

 2nd place
 US\$1.500,00
 US\$2.250,00

 3rd place
 US\$1.000,00
 US\$1.500,00

About ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating

The ISU Junior Grand Prix Figure Skating Series started in 1997. It includes seven events and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. The Series features some of the up and coming Skaters of the world and provides young skaters aged 13 to 19 (21 for the male Ice Dance and Pair Skating partners) with the opportunity to compete at a high international level. A points system based on the ranking has been established to determine the qualifiers for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. Points are obtained according to the results in each of the seven events and only the top six Skaters / Couples in each discipline can qualify for the Final. The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating is financed by the ISU Development Program.

Since 2011 all events of the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating are live streamed on the official ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating <u>YouTube Channel.</u>