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ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2015 **Preview**

The ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2015, which are held every two years will be held in Zagreb, Croatia on March 12 and 13. The first World Junior Championships were held in Helsinki (FIN) in 2013. 24 teams from 19 ISU Members will compete in the second edition of these Championships.

A team consists of 16 skaters (plus up to four alternates). The athletes on the ice should move in one flowing unit at high speed and perform a number of elements such as Lifts, Intersections, Moves, Blocks, wheels as well as isolated moves.

The Junior Short Program consists of five required elements: Pivoting, Traveling, Intersections, Moves, and a No Hold Element. While a well-balanced Free Skating Program consists of eight elements, Intersections, Moves, No Hold, Pivoting, Travelling. Additionally, there are three groups of Elements and the teams must select one Element from each group.

Finland, Sweden, Canada, Russia and the USA are the leading ISU members in Synchronized Skating. Finland has claimed a total of 2 medals out of a possible 3 at the last ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championship. In 2013 the Musketeers (Team Finland 2) took the gold while Fintastic (Team Finland 1) took the silver. Junost (Team Russia 1) was in close third. Other teams such as Les Supremes (Team Canada 1), NEXXICE (Team Canada 2), Skyliners (Team USA 1), Lexettes (Team USA 2), Spirit (Team Sweden 1) and Convivium (Team Sweden 2) will also be contenders for a World Junior title.

The other teams are from Australia, Belgium, Croatia, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, South Africa, Spain and Switzerland and Turkey.

The Organizing Committee will be providing a live stream:

Day 1: http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2j7wxq_isu-world-junior-synchronized-skating-championships-day-1_sport

Day 2: http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2j7x1y_isu-world-junior-synchronized-skating-championships-day-2_sport

The schedule of the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2015 is as follows:

Friday, March 13: Short Program

Saturday, March 15: Free Skating

For more information, full entry lists and results please see: www.isu.org and <http://www.croskate.hr/index2.html>

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