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## **ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series 2016/17 - #JGPFigure Preview**

The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series 2016/17 features the best junior 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.

The series consists of seven events and starts this week in St. Gervais (FRA) in August 24-28, continues in Ostrava (CZE) August 31-September 4, Yokohama (JPN) September 7-11, Saransk (RUS) September 14-18, Ljubljana (SLO) September 21-25, Tallinn (EST) September 28-October 2 and concludes October 5-10 in Dresden (GER). The events in Russia, Czech Republic, Estonia and Germany include a Pair Skating competition.

The best six Skaters/Couples in each discipline qualify for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in Marseille (FRA), December 8 -11. Skaters earn points according to their placements in order to qualify for the Final.

Several top junior skaters are back on the circuit this season including 2016 World Junior Champion Marin Honda (JPN), Youth Olympic Games Champion Polina Tsurskaya (RUS), 2016 World Junior silver medalist Nicolas Nadeau (CAN), Jun Hwan Cha (KOR), ISU Junior Grand Prix Final silver medalist Dmitri Aliev (RUS), Vincent Zhou (USA), 2016 World Junior Champions Anna Duskova/Martin Bidar (CZE), Youth Olympic Games Champions Ekaterina Borisova/Dmitri Sopot (RUS), 2016 World Junior Ice Dance Champions Lorraine McNamara/Quinn Carpenter (USA) and Youth Olympic Games Champions (Ice Dance) Anastasia Shpilayeva/Grigroy Smirnov (RUS).

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 2016.

The following point system based on the ranking has been established to determine the qualifiers for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final:

| Place      | Men / Ladies | Pairs     | Ice Dance |
|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1st place  | 15 points    | 15 points | 15 points |
| 2nd place  | 13 points    | 13 points | 13 points |
| 3rd place  | 11 points    | 11 points | 11 points |
| 4th place  | 9 points     | 9 points  | 9 points  |
| 5th place  | 7 points     | 7 points  | 7 points  |
| 6th place  | 5 points     | 5 points  | 5 points  |
| 7th place  | 4 points     | 4 points  | 4 points  |
| 8th place  | 3 points     | 3 points  | 3 points  |
| 9th place  | 2 points     | -         | -         |
| 10th place | 1 points     | -         | -         |

**Official Series Hashtag: #JGPFigure**

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The Global Prize money per individual event of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating is US \$22.500 awarded to each medal winner for each category as follows:

| Singles   | (Ladies and Men) | Pair Skating and Ice Dance (per couple) |
|-----------|------------------|---|
| 1st place | US\$ 2000        | US\$ 3000                               |
| 2nd place | US\$ 1500        | US\$ 2250                               |
| 3rd place | US\$ 1000        | US\$ 1500                               |

With the partnership of Red Brick Entertainment, live streams and on-demand videos of the entire ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series will be available for the sixth year on the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/ISUJuniorGrandPrix>

The live feed will start on August 25, 2016 but will be geoblocked in the Republic of Korea due to television rights. ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating [teaser video](#)

For further information, including complete results, see [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org)

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