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ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series 2013/2014

The World's top figure skaters including all reigning World Champions and medalists will compete in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series 2013/2014. A prize money of US \$ 180,000 per individual event of the Grand Prix series is available.

141 skaters/couples from 19 ISU Members have been invited. The number of entries for each event is ten Ladies, ten Men, eight Pairs and eight Ice Dance couples. The top six qualifiers in each discipline will proceed to the Final in Fukuoka (JPN), December 6 to 8, 2013.

The skaters are seeded and invited to the six Grand Prix of Figure Skating events based on the results of the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013. Skaters/couples who have placed 1 to 6 in each of the four categories are seeded and assigned to two events. Skaters/couples who have placed 7-12 at the ISU World Championships 2013 are selected for two ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and skaters with a top 24 high seasons best score as well as those placed in the top 24 of the World Standings can also be invited. Medalists from the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final gold medalists are guaranteed one spot.

In order for a skater/couple to be eligible to compete at a Grand Prix event, a minimum total score or minimum technical score must have been achieved in the previous or current season in an ISU event (Grand Prix, Junior Grand Prix, ISU Championships, World Team Trophy or U.S. International Figure Skating Classic, Nebelhorn Trophy, Ondrej Nepela Trophy, Finlandia Trophy, Coupe de Nice). Exceptions apply to host country skaters, previously ranked skaters or split ranked couples who return with new partners. The minimum score for the 2013/14 season is as follows:
130.98 points for Ladies
160.68 points for Men
135.42 points for Pairs
113.73 points for Ice Dance

Competitors collect points in their Grand Prix events towards the qualification for the Grand Prix Final. The prize money is awarded to winners and placed skaters/couples as follows:
1st place US \$ 18,000
2nd place US \$ 13,000
3rd place US \$ 9,000
4th place US \$ 3,000
5th place US \$ 2,000

The points are awarded as follows:
1st place 15 points
2nd place 13 points
3rd place 11 points
4th place 9 points

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5th place 7 points
6th place 5 points
7th place 4 points
8th place 3 points

Pairs and Ice Dancers collect points up to 6th place. The global prize money for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final is US \$ 272,000.

The Grand Prix series 2013/2014 will feature all reigning World Champions – Yuna Kim (KOR), Patrick Chan (CAN), Tatiana Volosozhar/Maxim Trankov (RUS) and Meryl Davis/Charlie White (USA) as well as Olympic Champions, European Champions, Four Continents Champions, former World Champions, current and former Olympic and World medalists.

The series kicks off with Skate America in Detroit (USA), October 18 to 20. The event features current World Champions Meryl Davis/Charlie White (USA) and World Pairs Champions Tatiana Volosozhar/Maxim Trankov (RUS), World silver medalist Denis Ten (KAZ), former World Champions Daisuke Takahashi (JPN) and Brian Joubert (FRA) as well as 2010 Olympic Champion Evan Lysacek (USA), 2013 World bronze medalist Mao Asada (JPN) and reigning World Junior Champion Elena Radionova (RUS).

Skate Canada in St. John (CAN), October 25 to 27, is headlined by three-time and reigning World Champion Patrick Chan (CAN), Olympic Ice Dance Champions Tessa Virtue/Scott Moir (CAN) and World Champion Yuna Kim (KOR). Other competitors include 2013 World bronze medalists Meagan Duhamel/Eric Radford (CAN), 2012 World bronze medalists Akiko Suzuki (JPN) and Yuzuru Hanyu (JPN), as well as Kaitlyn Weaver/Andrew Poje (CAN) and Yuko Kavaguti/Alexander Smirnov (RUS). World Junior Ice Dance Champions Alexandra Stepanova/Ivan Bukin (RUS) will debut on the senior circuit.

The Cup of China is the third event and will return to Beijing from November 1 to 3. Four-time World Champions Aljona Savchenko/Robin Szolkowy (GER), reigning World silver medalists Carolina Kostner (ITA) and Ten, 2013 World bronze medalists Ekaterina Bobrova/Dmitri Soloviev (RUS), two-time European Ice Dance Champions Nathalie Pechalat/Fabian Bourzat (FRA), as well as Olympic silver medalists Qing Pang/Jian Tong (CHN) and 2012 World Junior Champion Han Yan (CHN) are among the top contenders.

The series continues with the NHK Trophy in Tokyo (JPN) November 8 to 10 with Volosozhar/Trankov, Asada, Suzuki, Radionova, Takahashi, European Champion Javier Fernandez (ESP), Davis/White and European silver medalists Elena Ilinykh/Nikita Katsalapov (RUS).

The Trophée Bompard in Paris (FRA), November 15 to 17 is the next stop. Kim will meet Adelina Sotnikova (RUS) and Ashley Wagner (USA), Chan is up against Hanyu and 2013 European silver medalist Florent Amodio (FRA), Virtue/Moir compete against Pechalat/Bourzat and Duhamel/Radford against Pang/Tong.

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The last spots for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final will be decided in Moscow at the Rostelecom Cup of Russia November 22 to 24. Top contenders include 2006 Olympic Champion Evgeni Plushenko (RUS), Four Continents Champion Kevin Reynolds (CAN), Joubert, Fernandez, Savchenko/Szolkowy, Kirsten Moore-Towers/Dylan Moscovitch (CAN), Bobrova/Soloviev, Kostner, Elizaveta Tuktamysheva (RUS) and Julia Lipnitskaia (RUS).

Please contact the ISU Media Team media@isu.ch in order to obtain the full list of entries of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2013/14.

Information regarding media accreditations will be available on the ISU website in the following weeks.

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