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ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series 2013/14 Preview

The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series starts this week with the event in Riga (LAT) from August 27 to September 1. The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating consists of seven events. Riga is followed by the events in Mexico City (September 4 to 8), Kosice, Slovakia (September 11 to 15), Gdansk, Poland (September 18 to 22), Minsk, Belarus (September 25 to 29), Ostrava, Czech Republic (October 2 to 6) and Tallinn, Estonia (October 9 to 13). The events in Riga, Kosice, Minsk, Ostrava and Tallinn include Pair Skating.

The top six skaters/couples of the series in each category will advance to the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in Fukuoka, Japan (December 5 to 8). 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 2013.

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 point	-	-

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

Ladies and Men Pairs 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

The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 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. While several top juniors including reigning World Junior Champions Elena Radionova (RUS),

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Joshua Farris (USA), Haven Denney/Brandon Frazier (USA) and Alexandra Stepanova/Ivan Bukin (RUS) have moved up to the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating, others such as World Junior medalists Shotaro Omori (USA) and Lina Fedorova/Maxim Miroshkin (RUS) are back on the circuit and newcomers are eager to prove themselves at the international stage. The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating showcases talents from all over the world and the stars of tomorrow are waiting to be discovered.

Media and fans can watch the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series via the ISU Junior Grand Prix YouTube Channel. Performances of all skaters will be available here: http://www.youtube.com/user/ISUJGP2011

For further information, including complete results, see www.isu.org

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