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## ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series 2014/15 Preview

The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series starts this week with the event in Courchevel (FRA) from August 20-24. The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating consists of seven events. Courchevel is followed by the events in Ljublijana, Slovenia (August 27 to 31), Ostrava, Czech Republic (September 3 to 7), Aichi, Japan (September 10 to 14), Tallinn, Estonia (September 24 to 28), Dresden, Germany (October 1 to 5) and Zagreb, Croatia (October 8 to 12). The events in Ostrava, Tallinn, Dresden and Zagreb 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 Barcelona, Spain (December 11 to 14). 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 2014.

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\$22.500,00 awarded to each medal winner for 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

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 have moved up to senior level, a number of them have returned to the

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Junior Series including reigning Junior Grand Prix Champion Boyang Jin (CHN), 2013 World Junior bronze medalist Shotaro Omori (USA), 2012 Youth Olympic Games silver medalist Shoma Uno (JPN), 2014 World Junior bronze medalist Evgenia Medvedeva (RUS), reigning national Junior Champion and 2014 World Junior silver medalist Serafima Sakhanovich (RUS), 2014 World Junior bronze medalist Madeline Edwards/ Zhao Kai Pang (CAN), 2013 World Junior and ISU Junior Grand Prix bronze medalists Lina Fedorova / Maxim Miroshkin (RUS).

ISU Junior Grand Prix finalists Alexander Petrov (RUS), Leah Keiser (USA), Kamilla Gainetdinova with new partner Sergei Alexeev (RUS), brother and sister Ice Dance team Rachel Parsons/Michael Parsons (USA), Betina Popova/Yuri Vlasenko (RUS) and Ukrainians Alexandra Nazarova/Maxim Nikitin are back on the circuit and newcomers are eager to prove themselves on 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.

For the first time, with the partnership of Red Brick Entertainment, a live feed of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series will be available to fans and television networks across the world on the ISU Junior Grand Prix YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/ISUJuniorGrandPrix

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

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