

Press Release

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**Finalists for ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final are determined**  
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Skaters from Australia, Canada, Japan, Russia and the USA have qualified for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in Nagoya (JPN) in December. The last spots were determined when the series of seven qualifying events concluded in Egna (ITA) last weekend.

Alexei Erokhov (RUS) and Alexei Krasnozhon (USA) lead the Men's standings and claimed two gold medals on the circuit. Camden Pulkinen (USA), Mitsuki Sumoto (JPN), Makar Ignatov (RUS) and Andrew Torgashev (USA) booked their tickets to Nagoya as well. All except Krasnozhon qualified for the first time for the Final.

The Russian Junior Ladies dominated the circuit and five of them proceed to the Final: Alexandra Trusova, Sofia Samodurova, Alena Kostornaia, Daria Panenkova and Anastasia Tarakanova. The field is completed by Rika Kihira (JPN), who is the only one to return to the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final.

In the Pair Skating, World Junior Champions Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya / Harley Windsor (AUS) and World Junior silver medalists Aleksandra Boikova / Dmitrii Kozlovskii come back to the Junior Final while World Junior bronze medalists Yumeng Gao / Zhong Xie (CHN) made it for the first time. Newcomers are the top qualifiers Daria Pavliuchenko / Denis Khodykin (RUS) and Apollinariia Panfilova / Dmitry Rylov (RUS) while Anastasia Poluianova / Dmitry Sopot (RUS) were in the Final before, but with different partners.

World Junior bronze medalists Christina Carreira / Anthony Ponomarenko (USA) top the list of qualifiers in Ice Dance after winning their two events. They competed in the Final last year and are joined by Anastasia Skoptcova / Kirill Aleshin (RUS), who competed in the Final in 2015. Sofia Polishchuk / Alexander Vakhnov (RUS), Marjorie Lajoie / Zachary Lagha (CAN), Sofia Shevchenko/ Igor Eremenko (RUS) and Arina Ushakova / Maxim Nekrasov (RUS) will compete in their first Junior Final.

A total of 377 Skaters / Couples competed in what was the 21st edition of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series: 110 Men, 171 Ladies, 31 Pair Skaters and 65 Ice Dance couples. The series started end of August in Brisbane (AUS), followed by Salzburg (AUT), Riga (LAT), Minsk (BLR), Zagreb (CRO), Gdansk (POL) and Egna (ITA). The events in Riga, Minsk, Zagreb and Poland included Pair Skating.



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The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series was introduced in 1997 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. Skaters earn points according to their placements and the top six in each discipline advance to the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final. 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 2017. The Global Prize money per individual event of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating is US\$22.500,00.

The entire ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series was live streamed and all videos are available on the [ISU Junior Grand Prix YouTube Channel](#). The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final will take place in Nagoya (JPN) and will also be live streamed. Further information, complete results and standings are available [here](#).

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