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Post-Olympic season kicks off with the ISU Junior Grand Prix

With only 6 days to go, the post-Olympic season will start on August 23 with the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series 2018/19. Talented young Skaters aged 13 to 19 (21 for the male Ice Dance and Pair Skating partners) from all over the world will compete at an international level. Some Skaters will become the stars of tomorrow, others aim to gain valuable experience but all Skaters want to share their passion for Figure Skating. The 2018/19 season marks the 22nd edition of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating that was introduced in 1997.

Overview of the events

The series consists of seven events and starts August 23-25 in Bratislava (SVK), followed by Linz (AUT) August 29-September 1, Kaunas (LTU) September 5-8, Richmond (CAN) September 12-15, Ostrava (CZE) September 26-29, Ljubljana (SLO) October 3-6 and concludes in Yerevan (ARM) October 10-13. The events in Bratislava, Linz, Richmond and Ostrava include Pair Skating. Armenia and Lithuania will host an ISU Junior Grand Prix event for the first time.

The best six Skaters / Couples in each discipline qualify for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series in Vancouver (CAN), December 6-9, 2018. Skaters earn points according to their placements in order to qualify for the Final.

Several top Junior Skaters return to the circuit this season including World Junior Champion Alexandra Trusova (RUS) and World Junior silver medalist Alena Kostornaia (RUS). Trusova became the first female skater to perform two quadruple jumps in a program and is aiming for three quadruple jumps this season. World Junior Pair Skating silver medalists Polina Kostiukovich/Dmitri Ialin (RUS), World Junior silver medalist Artur Danielian (RUS), ISU Junior Grand Prix Finalists Majorie Lajoie/Zachary Lagha (CAN) and ISU Junior Grand Prix Final bronze medalist Mitsuki Sumoto (JPN) return to the junior circuit as well.

For full entry lists, results, the General Announcement of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series and further information please visit: <a href="https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/figure-sk

Junior Grand Prix livestream

The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating events will be live streamed on the official <u>ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating YouTube Channel</u>. Additionally, all performances since 2011 are available on demand.

<u>Subscribe</u> to the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating YouTube Channel to receive all the latest videos and follow the conversation with #JGPFigure.

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Selection Criteria

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 2018.

Prize Money & Points

Competitors collect points in their ISU Junior Grand Prix events towards the qualification for the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final. 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	-	-

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

Further to the introduction of the +5 / -5 Grade of Execution (GoE), all <u>statistics</u> start from zero for the season 2018/19 and all previous statistics are now historical.

About ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating

The ISU Junior Grand Prix Figure Skating Series started in 1997. It includes seven events and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. The Series features some of the up and coming 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. A points system based on the ranking has been established to determine the qualifiers for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. Points are obtained according to the results in each of the seven events and only the top six Skaters / Couples in each discipline can qualify for the Final. The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating is financed by the ISU Development Program.

Since 2011 all events from the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating are live streamed and available on demand on the official ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating YouTube Channel.