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Golden hattrick for Team Junost Junior (RUS)

Russia's Team Junost earned their third consecutive World Junior title as the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships 2019 came to a close in Neuchatel (SUI) on Saturday. A total of 23 teams representing 18 ISU Members competed in the Championships. This was the fifth edition of the ISU World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships that was a biennial event and has become annual beginning in 2017.

Team Junost Junior completed the hattrick while Team Crystal Ice Junior, also from Russia, took the silver medal and Team Skyliners (USA) picked up the bronze. A year ago, the silver and bronze medalists were reversed.

Junost Junior stood in second place following the Short Program on Friday, trailing their teammates from Crystal Ice by three points after a fall in the Twizzle Element. However, Junost rallied back with a strong performance to Piano Concerto No. 1 by Petr Tchaikovski with effortless looking elements executed at high speed. The Muscovites opened with an Artistic Block (level two) and followed up with a level-four Twizzle Element and level-four Travelling Element (Wheel). Junost scored 124.28 points which was enough to edge Crystal Ice and take their third consecutive World Junior title at 200.74 points.

Overnight leaders Crystal Ice delivered a dynamic and intense performance to "Total Eclipse of the Heart" and "Survivor", earning a level four for the twizzles and the Travelling Element and a level three for three other elements. They had the same technical base value as Junost, but earned a little less on the Grade of Execution and also in the component score. Crystal Ice was ranked second in the Free Skating with 120.55 points and slipped to second overall at 199.99 points.

Skating to "Carmen" by Georges Bizet, the Skyliners produced a flawless performance as well, collecting the same levels for their elements as the leaders. The Americans earned 117.63 points for the Free Skating and totaled 193.42 points to remain in third place.

Team Dream Edges Junior (FIN) finished just off the podium in fourth place on 192.72 points. Team Fintastic Junior placed fifth (185.71 points) followed by Les Supremes Junior (CAN) at 172.91 points.

Teams from Australia, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey were competing as well.

For more information, full entry lists and results please see the [ISU event page](#) and the [official website](#). Watch the full event on demand on the [Skating ISU YouTube Channel](#)

About Synchronized Skating

Originally called Precision Skating, Synchronized Skating was introduced in the 1950s. Synchronized Skating is a team sport with 16 skaters (plus up to 4 alternates). It is a highly technical form of Figure Skating characterized by speed, precisions, unison, intricate formations, synchro elements, difficult footwork, spectacular lifts and exciting transitions.