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## **Tough battle for spots in the Final at ISU Junior Grand Prix in Zagreb**

It was a tough battle for the spots in the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final at the sixth and penultimate event of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series in Zagreb (CRO). [Andrei Mozalev](#) (RUS), [Shun Sato](#) (JPN) as well as [Haein Lee](#) (KOR) and the top three Pair teams punched their tickets to Torino. Ice Dance Champions [Maria Kazakova/Georgy Reviya](#) (GEO) not only qualified for their second consecutive Final, but also became the first dance team from Georgia to win an ISU Junior Grand Prix event. The 12 medals went to six ISU Members.

### **Lee (KOR) takes second gold on the circuit**

[Haein Lee](#) (KOR) secured her second Junior Grand Prix gold medal with two exquisite and clean performances. She stood in second place in the Short Program but overtook [Daria Usachva](#) (RUS) in the Free Skating to take the title and the ticket to her first ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final with 203.40 points.

Usacheva put out a strong Short Program, but fell on an underrotated triple Lutz in the Free Skating to slip to second place on 197.19 points. She will have to wait and see if two silver medals are enough to get her into the Final. [Anna Frolova](#), also from Russia, earned the bronze medal in what was her debut on the circuit.

A total of 35 Junior Ladies competed in the event.  
ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating [Standings Ladies](#)

### **Mozalev (RUS) comes out on top in tough field**

Seven junior men travelled to Zagreb hoping to get into the Final. [Andrei Mozalev](#) (RUS) came out on top in this battle, securing his spot in Torino as did bronze medalist [Shun Sato](#) (JPN). Silver medalist [Artur Danielian](#) (RUS) has to wait for the results of the last event to know if he made it or not. Mozalev ranked third after a competitive Short Program with a clean performance, but he was not far behind. The skater from St. Petersburg delivered a strong Free Skating that featured a 4T-3T combination and six clean triples. The only glitch came on the first quad toe when he almost fell. Mozalev totaled 236.44 points and earned his second gold medal and first ticket to the Final. Danielian especially shone in the characteristic Short Program, but dropped to second after popping his planned quad Salchow into a single (223.82 points). Sato placed fourth in the Short and in the Free Skating, but overall moved up to third place on 219.69 points. He went for two quad toes, but the first was not clean and the combination was tight. [Andrew Torgashev](#) (USA), fourth in Riga, slipped from second to fourth and lost his chance for the Final. Reigning ISU Junior Grand Prix Final Champion [Stephen Gogolev](#) (CAN) was second in Lake Placid, but he came only fifth in Zagreb after singling two jumps. Riga silver medalist [Sihyeong Lee](#) (KOR), missed his triple Axel in the Short Program and pulled up to sixth. 2018 Junior Grand Prix Finalist [Adam Siao Him Fa](#) (FRA) came eighth after some errors.

“Making the Final means a lot to me, first of all it means that I am moving into the right direction and get closer to my main goal” Mozalev said. “I prepared absolutely calmly for my (free) skate and tried not to think about anything. The mistake on the (first) quad toe woke me up and after that I continued calmly. For the Final, I want to improve the quality of my jumps, spins and overall get stronger” he concluded.

24 competitors participated in the event.  
ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating [Standings Men](#).

### **Artemeva/Nazarychev (RUS) qualify for their first Junior Final**

[Luliia Artemeva/Mikhail Nazarychev](#) (RUS) continued Russia's golden streak in the Pairs discipline, taking gold ahead of teammates [Diana Mukhametzianova/Ilya Mironov](#). [Annika Hocke/Robert Kunkel](#) (GER) earned the bronze and qualified for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final as did the gold and silver medalists. Hocke/Kunkel are the first German pairs team to make the Junior Final.

Artemeva/Nazarychev, who compete in their first international Junior season, ranked second in the Short Program as she made an error on the throw triple flip, but then the team from Perm caught up with a strong Free Skating to "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen that included a double Axel-triple Salchow combination. However, they only risked a throw double flip. They scored 179.83 points. Mukhametzianova/Mironov led following the Short Program but slipped to second in the Free Skating on 178.58 points. The Muscovites, who are new on the circuit as are Artemeva/Nazarychev, hit a triple Lutz-double toe-double toe combination and went for a triple flip, but both wobbled on it. Hocke/Kunkel started out with a solid Short Program. She fell on the throw triple flip and there were a few other smaller errors in their Free Skating, but the Germans held on to third place on 156.31 points.

"The victory in Zagreb is an important result and a great step for the Final. Additionally, we set new personal best scores" Nazarychev noted. "It was harder to skate in Zagreb (than in Chelyabinsk) as this is another country and there was not so much crowd support. There was more responsibility, since the event in Zagreb was the last qualifying event for the pairs" he added. "In Chelyabinsk, we made errors on the throws. Before the Free Skate, we and the coaches decided to do a throw double flip and a throw triple loop. I think because of this we got a better score (than in Chelyabinsk), because both throws were clean" Artemeva said.

15 Pairs participated in the event. Zagreb was the fourth and last event for Pairs and the six qualifiers for the Final are complete. ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating [Standings Pairs](#).

### **Kazakova/Reviya give Georgia first Ice Dance gold**

[Maria Kazakova/Georgy Reviya](#) claimed Georgia's first Ice Dance gold in an ISU Event and qualified for their second consecutive Junior Grand Prix Final. The Georgians led from start to finish and won with almost 15 points to spare. The team picked up a level four for their twizzles, the spin and combination lift in their Free Dance to "In the End" by Tommee Profitt and accumulated a personal best score of 169.22 points. After taking bronze in their first event, [Sofya Tyutyunina/Alexander Shustitskiy](#) (RUS) this time danced to the silver medal with two solid performances (154.39 points). The bronze went to [Emmy Bronsard/Aissa Bouaragui](#) (CAN), who also skated well (149.97 points).

"This victory is very important to us. We've worked towards it for a long time and with determination. This is a big step forward for us and our federation. It shows that we are competitive and ready to compete with the Russian and American teams for a podium spot in the Final and at Junior Worlds" Reviya commented. "We've worked a lot on our mistakes after our first event. We changed some transitions and paid attention to the interaction between us. We feel that we're opening up and loosening up with each competition" Kazakova added.

Overall, 17 Ice Dance couples competed in Zagreb.  
ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating [Standings Ice Dance](#)

The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series continues in Egna (ITA) with the seventh and last event. Full [entry lists, results, the General Announcement](#) of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series are available on [isu.org](http://isu.org).

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### ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2019

[Courchevel, France - August 22 to 24](#)

[Lake Placid, USA - August 29 to August 31](#)

[Riga, Latvia – September 5 to 7](#)

[Chelyabinsk, Russia - September 12 to 14](#)

[Gdansk, Poland - September 19 to 21](#)

[Zagreb, Croatia – September 26 to 28](#)

[Egna, Italy - October 3 to 5](#)

[ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final – Torino, Italy - December 5 to 8](#)

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 of the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating are live streamed on the official ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating [YouTube Channel](#). The 2018/19 season marks the 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating that was introduced in 1997.