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# World Champion Nathan Chen (USA) headlines 2020 Guaranteed Rate Skate America

Two-time ISU World Figure Skating Champion Nathan Chen (USA) and two-time Ice Dance ISU World Figure Skating medalists Madison Hubbell/Zachary Donohue (USA) lead the line-up at 2020 Guaranteed Rate Skate America on October 22-24 in Las Vegas (USA).

Following a decision of the ISU Council due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and travel restrictions, the Grand Prix events are primarily domestically run events with domestic skaters and skaters who train in the host country or respective geographical region competing.

#### Overview of the contenders

In the Men's event 2018 & 2019 ISU World Figure Skating Champion <u>Chen</u> will face 2019 ISU World Figure Skating bronze medalist <u>Vincent Zhou</u> (USA). Also in the mix are 2019 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Champion <u>Tomoki Hiwatashi</u> (USA), <u>Keegan Messing</u> (CAN), <u>Camden Pulkinen</u> (USA), 2016 ISU European Figure Skating silver medalist <u>Alexei Bychenko</u> (ISR) and <u>Alexei Krasnozhon</u> (USA).

2020 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating bronze medalist <u>Bradie Tennell</u> (USA) leads the Ladies. She has to expect competition from her teammates multiple ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating medalist <u>Mariah Bell</u>, former National Champion <u>Karen Chen</u> and ISU World Junior Figure Skating competitor <u>Starr Andrews</u>. Two-time National Champion <u>Gracie Gold</u> (USA) continues her comeback.

In the Pairs, 2018 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating silver medalists Ashley Cain-Gribble/Timothy LeDuc (USA) and 2018 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Champions Tarah Kayne/Danny O'Shea (USA) are the top contenders. Jessica Calalang/Brian Johnson (USA) and Audrey Lu/Misha Mitrofanov (USA) are eying the podium as well. They all need to watch out for the new team of Alexa Scimeca Knierim/Brandon Frazier (USA), who will debut in international competition this week.

Two-time ISU World Figure Skating Ice Dance medalists Madison Hubbell/Zachary Donohue (USA) are the clear favorites in the Ice Dance event. 2018 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Champions Kaitlyn Hawayek/Jean-Luc Baker (USA) and two-time ISU World Junior Figure Skating medalists Christina Carreira/Anthony Ponomarenko (USA) will try to get as close as possible to the top team. Others to watch include Caroline Green/Michael Parsons (USA) and 2016 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Champion Lorraine McNamara with her new partner Anton Spiridonov (USA).

Overall, 56 skaters/couples representing 5 ISU members compete in Skate America, October 22-24.

#### Schedule of the event

Friday, October 23 Ladies, Pairs, Men's Short Programs, Rhythm Dance Saturday, October 24 Ladies, Pairs, Men's Free Skating, Free Dance

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For full entry lists and further information regarding the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series please visit: https://isu.org/GrandPrix.

### Where to watch and follow the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2020?

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be live streamed on the <u>Skating ISU YouTube Channel</u>. Geo-restrictions will apply in markets where TV rights are in place. You will find the full list in the <u>Where to Watch news here</u>.

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### **ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2020**

- 2020 Guaranteed Rate Skate America, Las Vegas (USA) October 22-24
- Shiseido Cup of China, Chongging (CHN) November 6-8
- Rostelecom Cup, Moscow (RUS) November 20-22
- NHK Trophy, Osaka (JPN) November 27-29
- ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final Beijing (CHN) postponed

### **About ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series**

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series started in 1995 (previously known as the ISU Champions Series) and consists of six invitational international senior events and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. Due to the current situation, the usual selection criteria do not apply. Please see the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating page for further information.