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Saitama, Japan

## Facts & Figures

The [ISU World Figure Skating Championships](#) will be held in Saitama (JPN) for the third time after 2019 and 2014. Additionally, Japan has already hosted the ISU World Figure Skating Championships five times in other cities – in Tokyo (2007, 1985, 1977), in Nagano (2002) and in Makuhari (1994).

This year, a total of **181 skaters/couples** from **39 ISU members** have been entered for the Championships: 34 Men, 35 Ladies, 23 Pairs and 33 Ice Dance couples.

- ✓ 39-year-old pair skater Deanna STELLATO-DUDEK (CAN) is the oldest skater competing in the Championships (dob Jun 22, 1983)
- ✓ 37-year-old ice dancer Daisuke TAKAHASHI (JPN) is the oldest male skater competing in the Championship (date of birth Mar 16, 1986)
- ✓ The youngest competitor is 16-year-old Isabeau LEVITO of the USA (dob Mar 3, 2007)
- ✓ The youngest male skater competing is Slovakia's Adam HAGARA (dob Apr 26, 2006) at age 16

### Three skaters celebrate their birthday during the event:

- ✓ Mark GORODNITSKY (ISR) will turn on 22 on Thursday, Mar 23, the day of the Men's Short Program
- ✓ Ice Dancer Geoffrey BRISSAUD (FRA) will be 25 years old on Mar 23 as well
- ✓ Pair skater Alexei Sviatchenko (HUN) celebrates his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, Mar 24

### There are two sets of siblings competing at the Championships:

- ✓ Natalie TASCHLEROVA/Filip TASCHLER (CZE) in the Ice Dance event
- ✓ Twins Mariia NOSOVITSKAYA/Mikhail NOSOVITSKIY (ISR) in the Ice Dance event

### There is one husband-and-wife-team competing:

- ✓ Camille KOVALEV/Pavel KOVALEV (FRA) in the Pairs event

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