



ISU 2012 World Junior Figure Skating Championships
Monday, Feb. 27 – Sunday, March 4
Minsk Arena – Minsk, Belarus



Upcoming Events

Date	Event
March 8-11	Challenge Cup
March 26-April 1	World Championships
April 19-22	World Team Trophy

2011-12 Team USA Medal Count

Four Continents Championships

Gold - 1 • Silver - 2 • Bronze - 3 • Total - 6

Grand Prix Series

Gold - 6 • Silver - 2 • Bronze - 4 • Total - 12

Junior Grand Prix Series

Gold - 8 • Silver - 4 • Bronze - 10 • Total - 22

Senior B

Gold - 7 • Silver - 3 • Bronze - 4 • Total - 14

Team USA at the World Junior Championships

Ladies

Team USA has medaled in each of the last eight World Junior Championships dating back to 2004. Rachael Flatt was the last gold medalist (2008).

Men

The U.S. looks to return to the podium after a two-year layoff. Adam Rippon won back-to-back titles in 2008 and '09, while Stephen Carriere took gold in 2007.

Pairs

Marissa Castelli & Simon Shnafir are the last U.S. team to medal at the World Junior Championships, earning bronze in 2009.

Ice Dancing

Tanith Belbin & Ben Agosto are the only U.S. team to medal three times at the World Junior Championships (3 straight between 1999 and 2001).

Useful Links



TEAM USA

Discipline	Name	Hometown	Training Town(s)
Ladies	Christina Gao	Cincinnati	Toronto
	Gracie Gold	Springfield, Ill.	Chicago
	Vanessa Lam	Bellflower, Calif.	Westminster, Calif.
Men's	Jason Brown	Highland Park, Ill.	Highland Park/Northbrook, Ill.
	Timothy Dolensky	Kennesaw, Ga.	Kennesaw, Ga.
	Joshua Farris	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Pairs	Haven Denney	Wesley Chapel, Fla.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
	Brandon Frazier	Colorado Springs, Colo.	
	Kylie Duarte	Cumberland, R.I.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
	Colin Grafton	North Attleboro, Mass.	
Ice Dancing	Britney Simpson	Golden, Colo.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
	Matthew Blackmer	Detroit	
	Alexandra Aldridge	Birmingham, Mich.	Canton, Mich.
	Daniel Eaton	Bloomfield, Mich.	
	Lauri Bonacorsi	St. Louis	Aston, Pa.
	Travis Mager	Fulton, Md.	
	Rachel Parsons	Rockville, Md.	Wheaton, Md.
	Michael Parsons	Rockville, Md.	

Third Time's a Charm? – **Christina Gao** will compete at her third straight World Junior Championships. She placed eighth in her debut in 2010 and fourth last year. Gao competed as a senior in the Grand Prix Series and at the U.S. Championships.

Good as Gold – **Gracie Gold**, the newly crowned U.S. junior champion, competes internationally for the second time in her career. She won gold by nearly 15 points at 2011 JGP Estonia.

In Like A Lam – **Vanessa Lam** made a name for herself on the international scene last fall. She qualified for the JGP Final after winning gold at JGP Austria and bronze at JGP Australia.

Double Duty – **Jason Brown** looks to improve on a seventh-place finish at this event a year ago. He's already had a busy season, winning the JGP Final before placing ninth as a senior at the 2012 U.S. Championships.

Skating to His Own Tune – **Timothy Dolensky**, who composed his own short program music, has three medals to his credit this season. After earning bronze at JGP Latvia, he won a pair of silvers at the 2012 Eastern Sectional Championships and 2012 U.S. Championships (as a junior).

Seeking Similar Success – **Joshua Farris** returns to junior competition after most recently competing as a senior at the U.S. Championships. Like Brown, he qualified for the JGP Final where he placed third.

Something in the Water – All three U.S. pairs teams train in Colorado Springs, Colo., under coaches Dalilah Sappenfield and Larry Ibarra. **Haven Denney & Brandon Frazier**, **Britney Simpson & Matthew Blackmer** and **Kylie Duarte & Colin Grafton** placed one-two-three, respectively, as juniors at the 2012 U.S. Championships.

Capping the Season – **Alexandra Aldridge & Daniel Eaton** have enjoyed a successful season that includes two medals on the JGP Series, a fourth-place showing at the JGP Final and the 2012 U.S. junior title.

Return Trip – Like some of their teammates, **Lauri Bonacorsi & Travis Mager** make a second trip to the World Juniors. The two-time U.S. junior silver medalists were 11th at this event in 2011.

Road Warriors – **Rachel Parsons & Michael Parsons** have earned plenty of frequent flyer miles this season. They competed at JGP Poland and the Eastern Sectional Championships before setting their sights on competing at the first Winter Youth Olympic Games in Austria and the 2012 U.S. Championships - in the same week.

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