



2012 ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series
Friday, Nov. 9 – Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012
Rostelecom Cup
Moscow



Grand Prix First Timers (Subject to additions)

Discipline	Name
Ladies	Gold
Pairs	Davis/Ladwig Donlan/Speroff Yankowskas/Reagan
Dance	Cannuscio/McManus

What is the Grand Prix Series?

The Grand Prix Series, now in its 18th season, consists of six international events in a cumulative point-scoring format. Approximately 300 athletes from 30 countries are expected to participate in the series. Each athlete is eligible to score points in up to two of the six scheduled events. The top six point-earners in each discipline qualify for the 2012 ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, set for Dec. 6-9, in Sochi, Russia. Athletes will compete for a total of more than \$1.35 million in prize money throughout the series.

Coming Up on the Grand Prix Series

Event	Dates	NBC broadcast (ET)
Trophée Bompard	Nov. 16-18	Nov. 18 - 2-4 p.m.
NHK Trophy	Nov. 23-25	Nov. 25 - 3-5 p.m.
Grand Prix Final	Dec. 6-9	Dec. 9 - Noon-2 p.m.

2012-13 Team USA Medal Count

Grand Prix Series

Gold - 2 • Silver - 1 • Bronze - 1 • Total - 4

Junior Grand Prix Series

Gold - 8 • Silver - 5 • Bronze - 5 • Total - 18

Senior B

Gold - 5 • Silver - 5 • Bronze - 6 • Total - 16

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TEAM USA - ROSTELECOM CUP

Discipline	Name	Hometown	Training Town
Ladies	Gracie Gold	Chicago	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
	Agnes Zawadzki	Des Plaines, Ill.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Men's	Caroline Zhang	Brea, Calif.	Artesia, Calif.
	Richard Dornbush	Corona, Calif.	Riverside, Calif.
	Johnny Weir	Lyndhurst, N.J.	Hackensack, N.J./Moscow
Pairs	Caydee Denney John Coughlin	Ocala, Fla. Kansas City, Mo.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
	Tiffany Vise Don Baldwin	Peoria, Ariz. Peoria, Ariz.	Scottsdale, Ariz.
Ice dancing	Maia Shibutani Alex Shibutani	Ann Arbor, Mich. Ann Arbor, Mich.	Canton, Mich.

Heading Across the Pond – **Gracie Gold** and **Caroline Zhang** continue their Grand Prix seasons this week in Moscow. They open their year, with Gold appearing in her first career Grand Prix, two weeks ago at Skate Canada where they finished seventh and ninth, respectively. **Tiffany Vise and Don Baldwin** also competed at Skate Canada, placing sixth.

Another Feather in the Cap? – In their short time together, **Caydee Denney and John Coughlin** have enjoyed success including winning the 2012 U.S. title and 2012 Four Continents silver medal. They opened their Grand Prix season by winning the bronze medal at 2012 Skate America. Team USA pairs didn't win a medal in the 2011 Grand Prix Series after winning two in 2010. The medal was the first for Denney and the second for Coughlin, who won bronze at 2010 Cup of China with former partner Caitlin Yankowskas.

We Meet Again – **Richard Dornbush** and **Johnny Weir** will go head-to-head for the second time this season. They finished second and fourth, respectively, at 2012 Finlandia Trophy in October. Dornbush looks for his first Grand Prix medal, while Weir has 12 to his credit dating back to 2004 NHK Trophy.

Third Time's a Charm – **Maia Shibutani and Alex Shibutani** open their third Grand Prix season. The two-time reigning U.S. silver medalists qualified for the 2011 Grand Prix Final, where they placed fifth, after winning gold at 2011 NHK Trophy and silver at 2011 Cup of China. They are the only team members to begin their season in Moscow.



2012 Ice Challenge
Monday, Nov. 5 – Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012
Graz, Austria



What is Ice Challenge?

Ice Challenge is an international competition held annually for skaters at the novice, junior and senior levels. The event was a domestic competition from 1971 until 2006. In 2008, more than 150 athletes competed in the first international event.

Ice Challenge is an ISU points-earning competition for senior athletes.

2011 Ice Challenge Medalists

Ladies

Zhang (USA)
 Popova (UKR)
 Mellgren (SWE)

Men's

Carriere (USA)
 Ge (UZB)
 Pfeifer (AUT)

Pairs

Poapst/Knierim (USA)
 Vartmann/Van Cleave (GER)
 Montalbano/Krasnopolski (ISR)

Dance

Kriengkrairut/Giulietti-Schmitt (USA)
 Cannuscio/Lorello (USA)
 Heekin-Canedy/Dun (UKR)

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TEAM USA - ICE CHALLENGE

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Men's	Armin Mahbanoozadeh	Great Falls, Va.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
	Douglas Razzano	Chandler, Ariz.	Scottsdale, Ariz.
Pairs	Marissa Castelli Simon Shnapir	Cranston, R.I. Sudbury, Mass.	Boston
	Gretchen Donlan Andrew Speroff	Hingham, Mass. Colorado Springs, Colo.	Boston
Ice dancing	Lynn Kriengkrairut Logan Giulietti-Schmitt	Bismarck, N.D. Oak Park, Ill.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
	Anastasia Olson Keiffer Hubbell	Novi, Mich. Sylvania, Ohio	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Return Trip – Douglas Razzano will make his third Ice Challenge appearance. He won his first senior international medal, the silver, at this event in 2010. He opened the year at 2012 Skate America and placed ninth.

Just Can't Get Enough – Marissa Castelli and Simon Shnapir and **Gretchen Donlan and Andrew Speroff** are not only training mates in Boston, but of late have become traveling buddies as well. Both teams competed at Skate America last month, where Castelli and Shnapir place fifth and Donlan and Speroff finished sixth.

On the Defensive – Lynn Kriengkrairut and Logan Giulietti-Schmitt make their third Ice Challenge appearance. They are the 2011 champions and won silver in 2009. They will compete for the third time this season having won bronze at the 2012 U.S. International Figure Skating Classic and finishing fourth at Skate America.

Pleased to Meet You – Anastasia Olson and Keiffer Hubbell make their competitive debut in Graz. They teamed up in April. Olson skated four seasons with Jordan Cowan and they finished fourth at the 2011 U.S. Championships. Meanwhile, Hubbell was a three-time U.S. champion at the juvenile, intermediate and junior levels with his sister, Madison, with whom he skated from 2004-11.

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