

# **2025–26 ISU JUNIOR GRAND PRIX SERIES ASSIGNMENTS**

This document outlines the official rules and current conditions in force regarding the selection and assignment of athletes by Swiss Ice Skating for participation in the **2025–26 ISU Junior Grand Prix (JGP) Series**. It serves as a reference for all parties involved in the selection process and ensures transparency, fairness and compliance including with ISU regulations.

## **1. JGP Preselection:**

- Members of the 2025–26 Swiss National Figure Skating Team Team Elite and Team Junior are invited to participate in the selection process for the 2025–26 ISU Junior Grand Prix (JGP) Series, in accordance with current age-based eligibility criteria.
- Final selection will be based on the 2025 Test Skate, Swiss Ice Skating's official qualifying competition.
- According to the ISU's <u>2025–26 Junior Grand Prix Series announcement</u>, Swiss Ice Skating may enter athletes in the following events:

	Women	Men	Pairs	Ice Dance
	(6)	(5)	(12)	(6)
20-23.08.2025	1	1	3	1
– JGP#1 Riga (LAT)	Ŧ	Ŧ	2	T
27-30.08.2025	1	1	3	1
– JGP#2 Ankara (TUR)	Ŧ	Ŧ	2	Ŧ
03-06.09.2025	1	1		1
– JGP#3 Varese (ITA)	Ŧ	Ŧ		T
09-13.09.2025	1	0	3	1
– JGP#4 Bangkok (THA)	Ŧ	0	2	Ŧ
24-27.09.2025	1	1		1
– JGP#5 Baku (AZE)	Ŧ	Ŧ		Ŧ
01-04.10.2025	1	1	2	1
– JGP#6 Gdansk (POL)	L	1	3	1
08-11.10.2025	0	0		0
– JGP#7 Abu Dhabi (UAE)	U	0		0

 More information: <u>https://isu-skating.com/figure-skating/events/isu-junior-grand-prix/</u>

#### 1.1. Women:

 Swiss Ice Skating has been awarded 6 spots in Women's 2025–26 JGP Series based on the results of the 2025 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, where Switzerland ranked 7th in the ISU Members classification.

- An athlete placing in the Top 10 at the 2025 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships earns 2 spots directly (→ Leandra Tzimpoukakis, ranked 9th).
- An athlete placing in the Top 15 earns 1 spot directly with the possibility to get a second one at the 2025 Test Skate (→ Anastasia Brandenburg, ranked 15th).
- In addition, the preselected pool for JGP Women nomination includes all others Team Junior members participating in the 2025 Test Skate:

Olivia Bacsa
Sayra Bessire
Anastasia Brandenburg (1)
Elisabeth Dibbern
Valeriya Ezhova
Anthea Gradinaru
Noélie Haymoz
Chiara Schöll
Eugenia Sekulovski
Leandra Tzimpoukakis (2)

### 1.2. Men:

- Swiss Ice Skating has been awarded 5 spots in Men's 2025–26 JGP Series based on the 2025 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, where Switzerland ranked outside the Top 10 in the ISU Members classification — but was represented by a finalist (Top 24).
- The preselected pool for JGP Men nomination includes Team Junior members and, if age-eligible, Team Elite members participating in the 2025 Test Skate:

Aurélian Chervet
Sandro De Angelo
Naoki Rossi
Gion Schmid
Ean Weiler
Tammaro Wyss

#### 1.3. Pairs:

- Swiss Ice Skating has been awarded 12 spots in Pair Skating 2025–26 JGP Series based on results at the 2025 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, where Switzerland ranked 4th in the ISU Members classification, earning three spots across the four JGP events including Pairs. Swiss Ice Skating returned 9 spots.
- The preselected pool for JGP Pairs nomination includes two spots reserved for the couple who is member of the Team Junior:

Chiara Michaela Pazienza & Maxim Knorr

 One additional spot is open to a new couple applying for selection to the 2025–26 Swiss National Figure Skating Team, provided they participate in the 2025 Test Skate and are subject to any applicable ISU Clearance Certificate restrictions:

Nora Marleen Rothenbühler & Manuel Rossi

#### 1.4. Ice Dance:

- Swiss Ice Skating has been awarded 6 spots in Ice Dance 2025–26 JGP Series based on results at the 2025 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, where Switzerland ranked 9th in the ISU Members classification.
- The preselected pool for JGP Ice Dance nomination includes Team Junior members participating in the 2025 Test Skate:

Alexandra Lévy & Alan Llorente
Seraina Tscharner & Laurin Wiederkehr
Leonie Woodtli & Timon Suhner

### 1.5. Preliminary Entries by Event:

- As initial registration for the 2025–26 ISU Junior Grand Prix (JGP) Series must be submitted prior to the availability of the 2025 Test Skate results, the preliminary entries serve as a guideline only and do not constitute final nomination decisions.
- Only athletes whose names appear without parentheses are considered definitively nominated.
- Based on the 2025 PISTE rankings for Singles categories and, where applicable, past performance history for long-term injured skaters with a SO Bronze Card, those listed in parentheses are included for reference only. All other athletes in the preselection pool remain potential candidates for nomination, while those in parentheses may also be subject to reassignment, depending on the outcome of the 2025 Test Skate:

20-23.08.2025 – JGP#1 Riga (LAT)			
(Anthea Gradinaru)			
(Naoki Rossi)			
Chiara Michaela Pazienza & Maxim Knorr			
(Seraina Tscharner & Laurin Wiederkehr)			
27-30.08.2025 – JGP#2 Ankara (TUR)			
Leandra Tzimpoukakis			
(Gion Schmid)			
(Alexandra Lévy & Alan Llorente)			
03-06.09.2025 – JGP#3 Varese (ITA)			
Anastasia Brandenburg			
(Ean Weiler)			
(Leonie Woodtli & Timon Suhner)			
09-13.09.2025 – JGP#4 Bangkok (THA)			
(Elisabeth Dibbern)			
(Alexandra Lévy & Alan Llorente)			
24-27.09.2025 – <b>JGP#5 Baku (AZE)</b>			
(Anastasia Brandenburg)			
(Aurélian Chervet)			
(Leonie Woodtli & Timon Suhner)			

01-04.10.2025 – JGP#6 Gdansk (POL)		
Leandra Tzimpoukakis		
(Sandro De Angelo)		
(Chiara Michaela Pazienza & Maxim Knorr)		
(Nora Marleen Rothenbühler & Manuel Rossi)		
(Seraina Tscharner & Laurin Wiederkehr)		

## 2. JGP Selection | Test Skate (Dübendorf, August 8-10, 2025)

Based on performances at the **2025 Test Skate** — Swiss Ice Skating's qualifying event held in **Dübendorf** from **August 8 to 10** — final assignments for the 2025–26 ISU Junior Grand Prix (JGP) Series will be confirmed. Where applicable, the initial preselection will be validated or adjusted as previously outlined, and substitutes may also be appointed.

The 2025 Test Skate will include the Short Program/Rhythm Dance on Saturday, August 9, and the Free Skate/Free Dance on Sunday, August 10. Judging will follow ISU rules for the 2025–26 season. Final rankings will play a key role in the selection process:

• In Singles, selected athletes may receive up to two JGP assignments. In the Short Program of the 2025 Test Skate, a triple-triple combination for women and a triple axel (3A) for men would be an advantage when decisions need to be made for selection.

**N.B**.: Athletes who place in the top three at their first JGP event will automatically receive a second assignment, unless already assigned to two. This may result in previously selected athletes being reclassified as alternates. For this reason, the highest-ranked athletes at the 2025 Test Skate may be guaranteed assignments in one of the three first events.

- In Pair Skating, two spots may be awarded per couple. Participation in the 2025 Test Skate is required. If absent, a couple must achieve the required Combined Total Element Scores (CTES | 63,00 points) at their first JGP to be qualify for a second. A couple without a definitive initial assignment must meet the CTES standard at the 2025 Test Skate in order to be eligible.
- In Ice Dance, three couples have been provisionally awarded two assignments one in an early JGP event and one in a later event — subject to their performance at the 2025 Test Skate. If absent, a couple must achieve the required Combined Total Element Scores (CTES | 71,00 points) at their first JGP to qualify for a second.

Swiss Ice Skating may leave spots unfilled if performance expectations are not met. In cases of illness, injury, or other valid reasons for non-participation, athletes may still be considered. Exceptional decisions remain at the full discretion of Swiss Ice Skating.