

Media Release

Winter Olympic stars return to the ice for ISU World Figure Skating Championships broadcast live on SBS

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Just when the post-Olympic blues are setting in for Winter Games fans, SBS will offer the cure with its exclusive broadcast of the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2026, available both live and on catch-up via SBS On Demand from 25-30 March 2026.

Fans can relive all the passion and drama of world-class figure skating competition as the stars of the Milano Cortina Games return to compete for world titles at Prague's O2 arena, writing the next chapter of the compelling narrative that unfolded on the ice in Italy last month.



Ilia Malinin wins the 2025 world title.



Dual world champion and pre-Olympic favourite Ilia Malinin will seek redemption after his Milano meltdown, while Olympic champion Alysa Liu will hope to extend her astonishing comeback with a second consecutive world crown.

Surprise Olympic champion Mikhail Shaidorov of Kazakhstan has opted not to compete, but silver and bronze medallists Yuma Kagiyama and Shun Sato of Japan will provide the highest level of competition for the "Quad God" Malinin.

"I'm looking forward to getting myself that 'redemption competition', as I like to call it," Malinin told Olympics.com last week. "I'm definitely looking at that, and I can be satisfied with it if everything goes well."

The entire women's Olympic podium will compete as Liu faces silver medallist and former world champion Kaori Sakamoto in her swansong competition, while the exciting 17-year-old Ami Nakai will make her world championships debut after winning a breakthrough bronze medal in Milano.

Olympic pairs champions Riku Miura and Ryuichi Kihara of Japan will skip the event, creating an opportunity for Milano Cortina 2026 silver medallists, Anastasiia Metelkina and Luka Berulava of Georgia, and bronze medallists, Minerva Fabienne Hase and Nikita Volodin of Germany, to contend for a first world title.

Meanwhile, the ice dancing competition will see a rematch between France's gold medal duo Laurence Fournier Beaudry and Guillaume Cizeron, and American silver medallists Madison Chock and Evan Bates, who will hope to go one better and successfully defend their world title.

Aussies in action

Australia's Olympic representatives Holly Harris and Jason Chan (ice dancing) and Anastasia Golubeva and Hektor Giotopoulos-Moore (pairs) will be back on the ice.

Harris and Chan are fresh from Australia's best-ever performance in the ice dance at the Olympics (18th place) and will look to make a further rise up the ranks in Czechia.

Golubeva and Giotopoulos-Moore had a rough start to the 2025-26 season as uncertainty around Golubeva's nationality and injury issues halted their momentum. However they still finished 18th at the Olympics, and will hope to be nearer their best at the world championships, after finishing in the top ten for the past three years.



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How to watch the 2026 ISU World Figure Skating Championships LIVE on SBS:

Wednesday, March 25

ISU World Championships - Women Short Program

8:55pm - 2:38am (AEDT)

LIVE via SBS On Demand

Thursday, March 26

ISU World Championships - Pairs Short Program

4:10am - 8:35am (AEDT)

LIVE via SBS On Demand

ISU World Championships - Men Short Program

8:40pm - 2:37am (AEDT)

LIVE via SBS On Demand

Friday, March 27

ISU World Championships - Pair Free Skate and Victory Ceremony

4:20am - 8:27am (AEDT)

LIVE via SBS On Demand

ISU World Championships - Ice Dance Rhythm Dance

8:55pm - 2:37am (AEDT)

LIVE via SBS On Demand

Saturday, March 28

ISU World Championships - Women Free Skate and Victory Ceremony



3:55am - 8:22am (AEDT)

LIVE via SBS On Demand

ISU World Championships - Men Free Skate and Victory Ceremony

10:25pm - 2:25am (AEDT)

LIVE via SBS On Demand

Sunday, March 29

ISU World Championships - Ice Dance Free Dance and Victory Ceremony

4:25am - 8:21am (AEDT)

LIVE via SBS On Demand

Monday, March 30

ISU World Championships - Exhibition Gala

12:25am - 3:10am (AEDT)

LIVE via SBS On Demand

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