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# Alina Zagitova – Olympic champion



# The beginning of the story

Alina was born in Izhevsk. She started skating at the age of 4. At the age of 13 she moved to Moscow with her grandmother to be trained by Eteri Tutberidze. It must be hard to leave a hometown at such a young age. Her parents and younger sister stayed in Izhevsk. Alina started training professionally in figure skating at the age of 6, and skating runs in her family. Her father, Ilnaz Zagitov, is an ice hockey coach who competed at the national level in Russia. Her younger sister Sabina is also a figure skater.

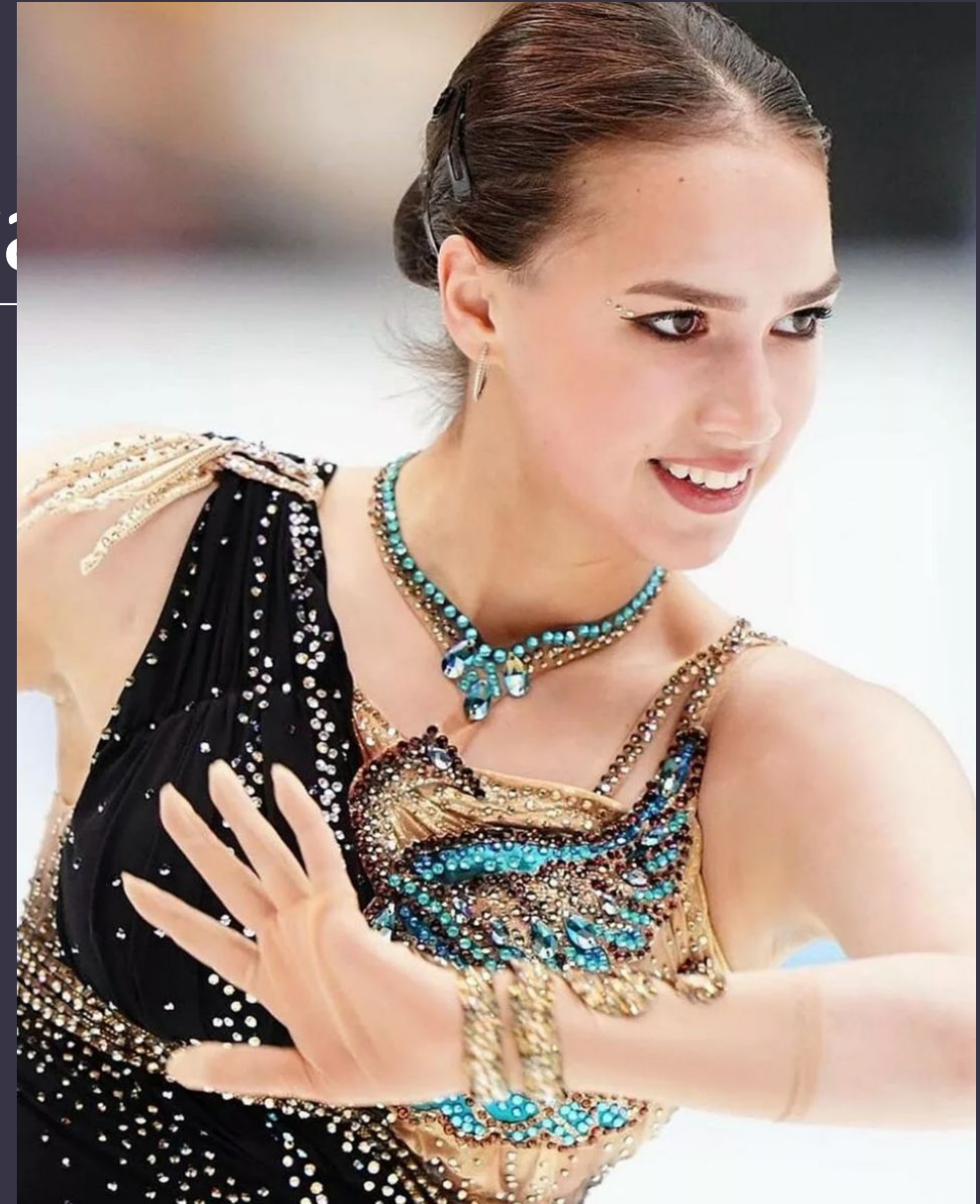
She says that in figure skating can be very lonely. Alina lives far away from her family. "The first months it was very difficult to cope with the fact that I do not see my relatives – mom, dad, sister... There was some devastation in my soul. But then we began to communicate on Skype and the mood improved." - she said.



# Facts about Alina Zagitova

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Alina was named after another Russian performer. Alina's parents named her after Russian rhythmic gymnast Alina Kabaeva. They saw Kabaeva's perform and were inspired. Now, Alina says that Kabaeva is one of her idols. "I know how strong her character is. And I liked very much how she performed," - she said.



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As far as we know, Alina loves animals. She has four pets: two chinchillas, a cat and a dog. The dog's name is Masaru, which means "victory" in Japanese. The pet was presented by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in honor of her victory at the Olympics.



# Friends or rivals?

She had trained with Evgenia Medvedeva, who also wanted to win the gold medal in PyeongChang. The two Russian skaters are poised to take first and second place at the Olympics. The girls seem to support each other despite the potential rivalry. "Zhenya congratulated me, and I congratulated her yesterday," - Zagitova said after the team competition on February 12, referring to Medvedeva by her Russian nickname. "We've really bonded during these competitions."



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Her first season of adult figure skating was in 2017/2018. She skated at the junior level until this year. She moved up to the senior level in the summer of 2017 and won her first medal at the CS Lombardia Trophy in September 2017. She won the Grand Prix finals and the Russian Figure Skating Championship in December. She was included in the Olympic team after defeating Medvedeva at the European Championships in January.



# The best of the best

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- She's already a world record holder. Her performance in the free skate at the Olympics on February 12 earned the highest ever technical score of any women's team skater at 158.08. She became the first figure skater in the world to put all her jumps in the second half of her program, because skaters are rewarded bonus points for anything they do in the second half of their programs.



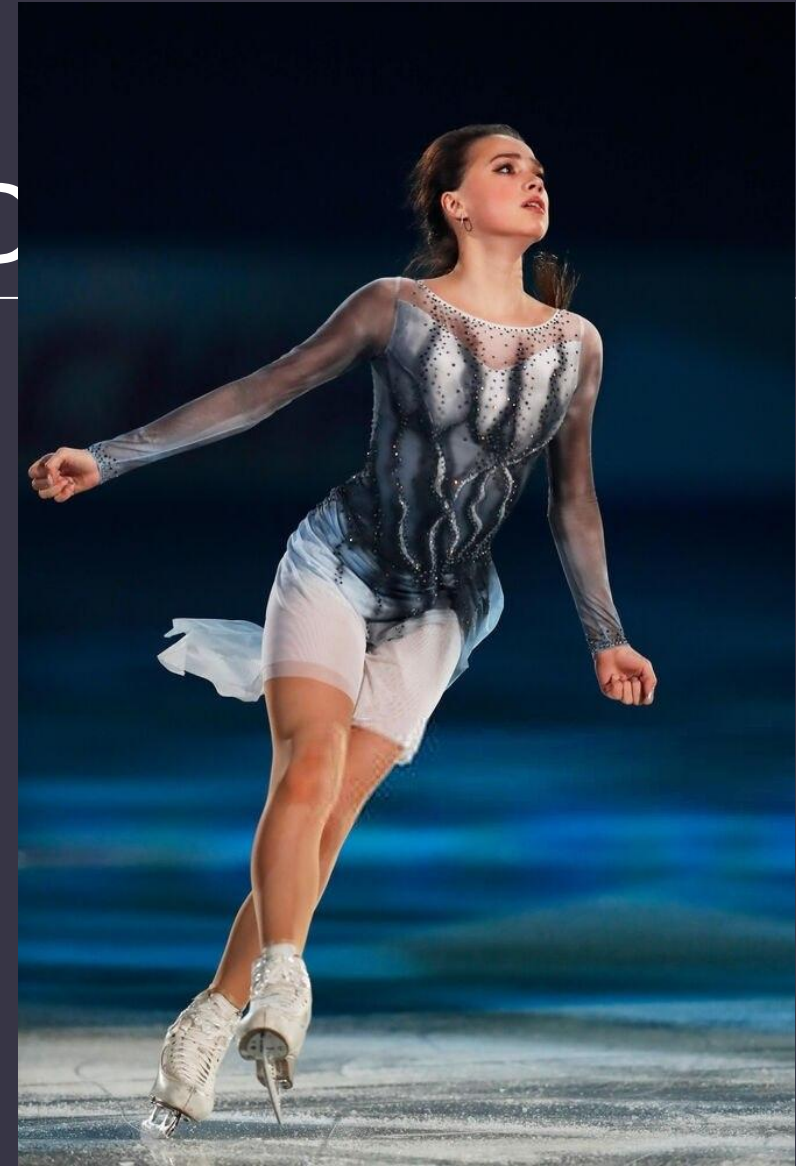


# ALL GOLD OF THE WORLD

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Alina Zagitova is the first figure skater in the history of Russia and the second in world history to win all the titles in the world figure skating.

2018 Olympic champion in singles skating and silver medalist in team competition. World Champion in 2019. European champion in 2018, silver medalist of the European Championship in 2019. Winner (2017) and silver medalist (2018) of the Grand Prix finals. Champion of Russia in 2018 and silver medalist of the Russian Championship in 2017. World Junior Champion in 2017.



# Work brings success

Alina Zagitova achieved all her successes herself. She is an idol of our generation. She is known all over the world and everyone is admired with her skill, grace and beauty on ice.



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