

# **2020-21 TEAM ENVELOPE CRITERIA**

## **ENVELOPE A**

### **TEAM A**

- 2020 U.S. champion
- Placements 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> at the 2019 ISU Grand Prix Final
- 2020 ISU Four Continents champion
- Top 1-6 in season's best score for the 2019-20 season for senior athletes and teams
- Top 1-6 in world standings for the 2019-20 season for senior athletes and teams

## **ENVELOPE B**

### **TEAM B - TIER 1**

- Placements 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> in the championship events at the 2020 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2020 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships
- 1<sup>st</sup> alternate for the 2020 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Champion at any of the six ISU Grand Prix competitions in the 2019-20 season
- 2020 ISU World Junior champion combined with a top 8 placement in the championship events at the 2020 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- Top 7-12 in season's best score for the 2019-20 season for senior athletes and teams
- Top 7-12 in world standings for the 2019-20 season for senior athletes and teams

### **TEAM B - TIER 2**

- Placements 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> at any of the six ISU Grand Prix competitions in the 2019-20 season
- Placement 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the championship events at the 2020 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> alternates for the 2020 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- 2020 ISU World Junior champion
- Placements 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2020 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships combined with a top 8 placement in the championship events at the 2020 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- Top 13 – 24 in season's best scores for the 2019-20 season for senior athletes and teams
- Top 13 – 24 in world standings for the 2019-20 season for senior athletes and teams
- Top 1 – 24 in season's best scores or top 1 – 24 in world standings for the 2019-20 season for junior athletes and teams combined with placements 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2019 ISU Junior Grand Prix Final or placements 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2020 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships

## **ENVELOPE C**

### **TEAM C - TIER 1**

- Placements 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> at the 2020 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> in the championship events at the 2020 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- 2020 U.S. junior champion
- Placements 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2020 ISU World Junior Championships
- Champion at any of the ISU Challenger Series competitions in the 2019-20 season
- Champion at any of the seven ISU Junior Grand Prix competitions in the 2019-20 season
- Qualifier for the 2019 ISU Junior Grand Prix Final
- Top 24 in season's best scores for the 2019-20 season for junior athletes and teams
- Top 24 in world standings for the 2019-20 season for junior athletes and teams

## **TEAM C - TIER 2**

- Placements 11<sup>th</sup> and lower at the 2020 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ISU Challenger Series competitions in the 2019-20 season
- Placements 4<sup>th</sup> and lower at the 2020 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the junior events at the 2020 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> at any of the seven ISU Junior Grand Prix competitions in the 2019-20 season

## **ENVELOPE D**

### **TEAM D - TIER 1**

- Placements 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> in the junior events at the 2020 U.S. Figure Skating Championships

### **TEAM D - TIER 2**

- Placements 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the novice events at a 2020 Sectional Singles Final
- Placements 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the novice events at the 2020 U.S. Pairs Final
- Placements 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the novice events at the 2020 U.S. Ice Dance Final

## **RESERVE ENVELOPE**

- Athletes or teams that are assigned to an international competition and do not meet the criteria for the A, B or C envelopes will be placed in the reserve envelope.
- Reserve envelope receives NO Funding

# **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Athletes qualifying in more than one envelope and/or tier will always be placed in the higher envelope and tier.

Consideration will be given to place the ISU World medalists of the previous two seasons into Team A or Team B at the discretion of the ICMS. These athletes must have retained their eligible status and must be committed to competing in the next competitive season. Consideration will be given to place athletes who were in the top 10 at Worlds in 2019 but could not compete in 2020 due to injury or illness into Team A – Tier 2. Consideration will be given to place athletes who were 11<sup>th</sup> or lower at Worlds in 2019 but could not compete in 2020 due to injury or illness into Team B – Tier 1.

Consideration will be given to place a 2018 Olympic medalist into Team A or Team B at the discretion of the ICMS. These athletes must have retained their eligible status and must be committed to competing in the current and/or following competitive season.

Athletes that were in the Team A Envelope the previous year and plan on continuing to compete will automatically be placed in Team C – Tier 1 if they do not meet the criteria for Team A or Team B. However, if the athlete or team was not able to compete at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships due to injury and was in the A Envelope the previous season, the athlete/team may be placed in Team B – Tier 1 or Team B – Tier 2 based on the discretion of the ICMS.

Athletes that were in the Team B Envelope the previous year and plan on continuing to compete will automatically be placed in Team C – Tier 1 if they do not meet the criteria for Team A or Team B. However, if the athlete or team was not able to compete at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships due to injury and was in the A Envelope the previous season, the athlete/team may be placed in Team C – Tier 1 or Team C – Tier 2 based on the discretion of the ICMS.

Consideration to place the athletes in Team C – Tier 1 will be given for senior level skaters placing lower at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships where the event was very strong or the results were very close.

Consideration to place the athletes in Team C – Tier 2 will be given for junior level skaters placing lower at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships where the event was very strong or the results were very close.

If an athlete or team meets the criteria for the B or C envelope but does not qualify through a bye or by a sectional championship for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, they will be placed in Team C – Tier 2.

Athletes/teams assigned to an international competition, who are not in the current season's envelope structure, will be placed in the reserve envelope. If the athlete/team medal at a Challenger Series, a Junior Grand Prix or a Grand Prix competition, they will be placed, immediately, in Team Envelope C – Tier 2 and receive the remaining funding for that season.

Any athlete(s) who medal in the junior or senior levels at a spring international will be awarded ASUPP funding equal to 10 percent of the total amount of Team C – Tier 2 funding of the current season.

Any athlete or team who is selected to the 2020 Grand Prix Series will be added to team C Tier 1.

Any athlete(s) who is selected to the World Junior Team, that is not in the current season's envelope structure, will be placed in Team C – Tier 1 and receive the final installment of funding for the current season.

Any athlete(s) who is selected to the World Team, that is not in the current season's envelope structure, will be placed in Team B – Tier 1 and receive the final installment of funding for the current season.

Athletes in the reserve envelope that medal at a Challenger Series, a Junior Grand Prix or a Grand Prix competition will be placed immediately in Team Envelope C – Tier 2 and receive the remaining funding for that season.

Athletes selected for a collegiate international competition or the World University Games through the collegiate international program and athletes selected for the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) will not become part of the team envelope and will not be eligible for funding unless they are already members of the team envelope based on other results. Furthermore, if an athlete is a member of the reserve team and medals at the collegiate international and/or the World University Games and/or Youth Olympic Games, they will not move up to Team C based on that result.