U.S. Figure Skating

PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO THE ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

2026 Olympic Winter Games

9/16/2024

TO: Members of U.S. Figure Skating

FROM: U.S. Figure Skating

RE: Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games

To provide as much information in a timely manner, U.S. Figure Skating is releasing this Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. This document is being written as a complement, and not a substitute to the 2026 Olympic Winter Games Athlete Selection Procedures. Additional communication will be released by U.S. Figure Skating once the Athlete Selection Procedures have been approved by the USOPC.

A. <u>International Skating Union Qualification System</u>

The complete International Skating Union (ISU) Qualification System for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games (Games) can be found under "Qualification" at https://olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/milano-cortina-2026-olympic-winter-games.

B. General Minimum Eligibility Criteria

- Athletes must be a national of the United States at the time of nomination and must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- Per ISU Rule 108 (https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/rules/fsk-constitution/file), athletes must be 15 years of age by July 1, 2025, to be eligible to compete in the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.
- Athletes must also meet all eligibility criteria in the ISU Qualification System (see Section A) in addition to all eligibility criteria listed in the 2026 Olympic Winter Games Athlete Selection Procedures. Once complete, the athlete selection procedures will be posted at https://www.usfigureskating.org/about/team-usa.

C. Team Size

In accordance with the ISU Qualification System, U.S. Figure Skating can qualify up to a maximum of three (3) ladies, three (3) men, three (3) pairs teams and three (3) ice dance teams for the Games for a maximum total team size of 18 athletes.

Please note that quota places are allocated by the ISU to the NOC and that nomination of athletes to the Games for all quota places earned is at the discretion of each National Federation (U.S. Figure Skating) with approval by the NOC (United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC)). A comprehensive description of the nomination process in addition to the discretionary criteria that will be used to nominate athletes to the Games will be included in the 2026 Olympic Winter Games Athlete Selection Procedures.

D. Anticipated Evaluation Events

It is intended that athletes being considered for nomination to the 2026 Olympic Winter Games will be evaluated on their performance at any of the events on the domestic and international calendars starting with the 2025 U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

- The domestic calendar is published at www.usfigureskating.org/skate/compete
- The international calendar at www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/figure-skating-calendar

It is the responsibility of each athlete to regularly check both calendars of events to ensure they are aware of all schedule changes.

E. <u>Disclaimer</u>

This preliminary notice is based on the ISU rules and regulations as presently known and understood for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. The information in this notice is provided to assist athletes with their training and competition planning and is subject to change upon approval of the U.S. Figure Skating Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. Once complete, the approved Athlete Selection Procedures will be posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website (https://www.usfigureskating.org/about/team-usa).

For questions about the Games selection process, please contact Justin Dillon, Senior Director of Athlete High Performance (jdillon@usfigureskating.org).

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