

Communication No. 2696

ENTRIES/PARTICIPATION 2026 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES (OWG) SINGLE & PAIR SKATING AND ICE DANCE

A. Qualification Men, Women, Pair Skating & Ice Dance

Entries/Quota Places

Entries/quota places will be determined in accordance with Rule 126, paragraph 2 of the ISU General Regulations, Rule 400 A., of the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2024 as well as the [Qualification System - Figure Skating](#) approved by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The maximum number of entries/quota places for the Olympic Winter Games is twenty-nine (29) for Women and Men, nineteen (19) for Pair Skating and twenty-three (23) for Ice Dance. There are two different ways to qualify for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games:

1. Accumulation of points according to Rule 378, paragraph 3, and Rule 400, paragraph 3 for ISU Members/NOCs which have participated in the immediately preceding year's ISU World Figure Skating Championships (Boston 2025, hereafter WC2025).

According to Rule 400 A., paragraph 3, up to twenty-four (24) entries/quota places in the Single events (Women and Men), up to sixteen (16) in the Pair Skating event and up to nineteen (19) in the Ice Dance event will be determined according to the diagram outlined below. ISU Members/NOCs with only one entry/quota place are listed in order of their best-placed Skater in the WC2025.

According to Rule 378, paragraph 3, the number of Skaters per discipline (Women, Men, Pair Skating, Ice Dance) an ISU Member/NOC may enter in the 2026 OWG is determined in accordance with the following diagram:

No. of Skaters in the WC2025	Points required for 3 entries/quota places in the 2026 OWG	Points required for 2 entries/quota places in the 2026 OWG
Two (2)	Not more than 13	Not more than 28
One (1)	Not more than 2	Not more than 10

The above-mentioned points are calculated by the addition of placements at the WC2025. If an ISU Member/NOC had three (3) Skaters participating in the WC2025, only the two (2) best placed Competitors count for points.

As per Rule 400, paragraph 3, an ISU Member/NOC, who has earned the necessary points for two (2) or three (3) entries/quota places, must additionally have had two (2), respectively three (3) Skaters/Pairs/Couples qualified for the Free Skating/Free Dance at WC2025 in order to have the right for two (2) respectively three (3) entries/quota places.

An ISU Member/NOC, who did not have two (2) respectively three (3) Skaters qualified for the Free Skating/Free Dance at the WC2025 but would have earned the necessary points for two (2) respectively three (3) entries/quota places may enter one Skater, who, however, cannot be a Skater that had qualified for the Free Skating/Free Dance at the World Senior Championships immediately preceding the OWG, to earn one additional entry/quota place in the Qualification Competition for the Olympic Winter Games (in Beijing / CHN, September 17 – 21, 2025) hereafter “the Qualifying Competition”.

2. Remaining entries/quota places: Rule 400 A., paragraph 3

According to Rule 400, paragraph 3, the remaining entries/quota places under this paragraph 3 will be attributed to the ISU Members/NOCs with the best placed and qualified Skaters in the Free Skating/Free Dance at WC2025.

3. Remaining open entries/quota places: Rule 400 A., paragraph 4

The remaining open entries/quota places available will be filled by ISU Members/NOCs in order of their placements at the Qualifying Competition.

The open entries/quota places are available only to:

- ISU Members/NOCs which have not previously earned an entry/quota place in the respective discipline (according to Rule 400, paragraphs 2 and 3), and only one (1) entry/quota place per discipline and ISU Member/NOC may be earned.
- ISU Members/NOCs which have earned the necessary points for two (2) or three (3) entries/quota places but did not have two (2) respectively three (3) Skaters qualified for the Free Skating/Free Dance at the WC2025 (according to Rule 400, paragraph 3). Those ISU Members/NOCs may enter one Skater in the Qualifying Competition who, however, cannot be a Skater that had qualified for the Free Skating/Free Dance at the WC2025.

4. ISU Members/NOCs having earned entries/quota places at the WC2025: Rule 400 A., paragraph 7

ISU Members/NOCs who have earned entries/quota places under the provisions of Rule 400 A., paragraphs 2 and 3, should, after consultation with their NOC (National Olympic Committee), inform the ISU Secretariat **not later than two weeks after the publication of this Communication** if they intend to use their full quota of entries/quota places. In the case that some ISU Members/NOCs do not intend to use their full quotas of entries/quota places, the remaining open entries/quota places available will be filled by increasing the number of entries/quota places according to Rule 400 A., paragraph 4.

ISU Members/NOCs not exercising the right to announce their participation: Rule 400 A., paragraph 8. In the event that ISU Members/NOCs do not exercise their right to announce their participation within the prescribed IOC date limit in accordance with Rule 400 A., paragraphs 3 to 5, stand-by entries/quota places will be chosen, based on the final results of the Qualifying Competition for those ISU Members/NOCs not qualified and not yet represented.

5. Entries/quota places earned by ISU Members/NOCs according to Rule 400 A., paragraphs 2 and 3

MEN SINGLE SKATING							
ISU Member/NOC	Best result WC2025	2nd best result WC2025	Accumulated points WC2025	Max. spots	Number of Skaters in FS WC2025	OWG Entries/quota places	Chance for additional entry/quota place at OWG Qualification
USA	1	8	9	3	3	3	
KAZ	2		2	3	1	1**	1
JPN	3	6	9	3	3	3	
FRA	4	5	9	3	2	2**	1
KOR	7	26*	25	2	1	1**	1
GEO	9		9	2	1	1**	1
ITA	10	13	23	2	2	2	
LAT	11	24*	27	2	2	2	
SUI	12		12	1	1	1	
CAN	14		14	1	1	1	
AZE	15		15	1	1	1	
SVK	16		16	1	1	1	
SWE	17		16*	1	1	1	
CHN	18		16*	1	1	1	
EST	19		16*	1	1	1	
ESP	20		16*	1	1	1	
POL	23		16*	1	1	1	
Total:						24	

All 24 possible spots are allocated through the WC2025.

As per Rule 400 A, paragraph 3 and 4, the following qualified ISU Members/NOCs may participate at the Qualifying Competition to earn one (1) additional entry/quota place for the OWG2026:

- KAZ
- FRA
- KOR
- GEO

* Please note that according to Rule 378, paragraph 3, Skaters who qualified for the final Free Skating, but were not placed higher than 16th place in the final result will be awarded 16 points. Skaters who did not qualify for the final Free Skating will be awarded 18 points.

** As indicated in Rule 400, paragraph 3, ISU Members/NOCs who have earned the necessary points according to Rule 378, paragraph 3, will have the right for two (2) or three (3) entries/quota places if, in addition, they had two (2), respectively three (3) Skaters qualified for the Free Skating in the World Senior Championships immediately preceding the OWG. If this criteria is not fulfilled, this additional entry/quota place will need to be earned at the Qualifying Competition.

WOMEN SINGLE SKATING

ISU Member/NOC	Best result WC2025	2 nd best result WC2025	Accumulated points WC2025	Max. spots	Number of Skaters in FS WC2025	OWG Entries/quota places	Chance for additional entry/quota place at OWG Qualification
USA	1	4	5	3	3	3	
JPN	2	3	5	3	3	3	
BEL	7		7	2	1	1**	1
EST	8		8	2	1	1**	1
KOR	9	10	19	2	2	2	
CAN	11		11	1	1	1	
SUI	12	23*	28	2	2	2	
ITA	13		13	1	1	1	
KAZ	14		14	1	1	1	
FRA	15		15	1	1	1	
ISR	16		16	1	1	1	
AUT	17*		16	1	1	1	
FIN	18*		16	1	1	1	
ROU	19*		16	1	1	1	
POL	20*		16	1	1	1	
BUL	21*		16	1	1	1	
GBR	22*		16	1	1	1	
LTU	24*		16	1	1	1	
Total:						24	

All 24 possible spots are allocated through the WC2025.

As per Rule 400 A, paragraph 3 and 4, the following qualified ISU Members/NOCs may participate at the Qualifying Competition to earn one (1) additional entry/quota place for the OWG2026:

- BEL
- EST

* Please note that according to Rule 378, paragraph 3, Skaters who qualified for the final Free Skating, but were not placed higher than 16th place in the final result will be awarded 16 points. Skaters who did not qualify for the final Free Skating will be awarded 18 points.

** As indicated in Rule 400, paragraph 3, ISU Members/NOCs who have earned the necessary points according to Rule 378, paragraph 3, will have the right for two (2) or three (3) entries/quota places if, in addition, they had two (2), respectively three (3) Skaters qualified for the Free Skating in the World Senior Championships immediately preceding the OWG. If this criteria is not fulfilled, this additional entry/quota place will need to be earned at the Qualifying Competition.

PAIR SKATING

ISU Member/NOC	Best result WC2025	2 nd best result WC2025	Accumulated points WC2025	Max. spots	Number of Skaters in FS WC2025	OWG Entries/quota places	Chance for additional entry/quota place at OWG Qualification
JPN	1	22*	19	2	1	1**	1
GER	2	18*	18	2	2	2	
ITA	3	13	16	2	2	2	
GEO	4		4	2	1	1**	1
CAN	5	11	16	2	2	2	
USA	6	7	13	3	2	2**	1
HUN	8		8	2	1	1**	1
AUS	9		9	2	1	1**	1
UZB	10		10	2	1	1**	1
GBR	12		12	1	1	1	
POL	14		14	1	1	1	
NED	15		15	1	1	1	
Total:						16	

All 16 possible spots are allocated through the WC2025.

As per Rule 400 A, paragraph 3 and 4, the following qualified ISU Members/NOCs may participate at the Qualifying Competition to earn one (1) additional entry/quota place for the OWG2026:

- JPN
- GEO
- USA
- HUN
- AUS
- UZB

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** As indicated in Rule 400, paragraph 3, ISU Members/NOCs who have earned the necessary points according to Rule 378, paragraph 3, will have the right for two (2) or three (3) entries/quota places if, in addition, they had two (2), respectively three (3) Pairs qualified for the Free Skating in the World Senior Championships immediately preceding the OWG. If this criteria is not fulfilled, this additional entry/quota place will need to be earned at the Qualifying Competition.

ICE DANCE

ISU Member/NOC	Best result WC2025	2 nd best result WC2025	Accumulated points WC2025	Max. spots	Number of Skaters in FS WC2025	OWG Entries/quota places	Chance for additional entry/quota place at OWG Qualification
USA	1	5	6	3	3	3	
CAN	2	7	9	3	3	3	
GBR	3	17	19	2	2	2	
ITA	4	23*	22	2	1	1**	1
ESP	6		6	2	1	1**	1
FRA	8	15	23	2	2	2	
GEO	10		10	2	1	1**	1
FIN	11	14	25	2	2	2	
CZE	12	13	25	2	2	2	
GER	16		16	1	1	1	
KOR	18		16*	1	1	1	
Total:						19	

All 19 possible spots are allocated through the WC2025.

As per Rule 400 A, paragraph 3 and 4, the following qualified ISU Members/NOCs may participate at the Qualifying Competition to earn one (1) additional entry/quota place for the OWG2026:

- ITA
- ESP
- GEO

* Please note that according to Rule 378, paragraph 3, Skaters who qualified for the final Free Dance, but were not placed higher than 16th place in the final result will be awarded 16 points. Skaters who did not qualify for the final Free Dance will be awarded 18 points.

** As indicated in Rule 400, paragraph 3, ISU Members/NOCs who have earned the necessary points according to Rule 378, paragraph 3, will have the right for two (2) or three (3) entries if, in addition, they had two (2), respectively three (3) Couples qualified for the Free Dance in the World Senior Championships immediately preceding the OWG. If this criteria is not fulfilled, this additional entry/quota place will need to be earned at the Qualifying Competition.

B. Figure Skating Team Event

The ISU will inform ISU Members/NOCs after the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2025/26 (in Nagoya / Japan – December 4-7, 2025) regarding the qualified Teams for the Olympic Figure Skating Team Event.

For more details regarding this event, please refer to the [Qualification System - Figure Skating](#) available on our website.

C. Additional Athletes Quota

The Additional Athletes Quota of up to five (5) Skaters will be used as a priority for the Host Country quotas allocation if needed.

In addition, NOCs who do not have qualified Skaters/Couples in an individual OWG competition/discipline (Women Single Skating, Men Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dance) may benefit of any remaining Additional Athlete Quota (after Host Country places are allocated) and enter into the Team Event with one (1) Skater/Couple. Preference is given to the best-ranked “incomplete Teams” according to the ranking of the Figure Skating Team qualification list.

For more details regarding the Additional Athletes Quota, please refer to the [Qualification System - Figure Skating](#) available on our website.

D. Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Judges, Data Operators, Replay Operators for Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance for the OWG 2026

The Judges' draw in accordance with Rule 402, will be conducted on site of the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition, Beijing / CHN, September 17-21, 2025.

All other Officials will be appointed in accordance with Article 16, paragraph 2.f) of the ISU Constitution, Rules 121, 126 paragraph 9 and Rule 401.

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