

Communication No. 2754

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 2026 ENTRIES/PARTICIPATION FIGURE SKATING TEAM EVENT INCLUDING CLARIFICATIONS RELATED TO THE FIGURE SKATING TEAM EVENT AND REPLACEMENTS/SUBSTITUTIONS FOR MEDICAL REASONS

1. Qualified Team Entries

According to the [Qualification System for the Figure Skating Team Event](#), the following Teams have qualified for the Figure Skating Team Event at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games, in Milano Cortina / ITA (in order of qualification):

#	NOC/ISU Member	Points	Teams also qualified for Individual Events (see ISU Communication 2741)			
			Men	Women	Pair Skating	Ice Dance
1	USA	7069	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	JPN*	6027	✓	✓	✓	a*
3	ITA	4606	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	CAN	4231	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	GEO	4106	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	FRA*	3829	✓	✓	a*	✓
	GER	2777	x*	x*	✓	✓
7	GBR*	2671	a*	✓	✓	✓
	KAZ	2454	✓	✓	x*	x*
8	KOR*	2171	✓	✓	b*	✓
9	CHN	2132	✓	✓	✓	✓
	SUI	1946	✓	✓	x*	x*
	BEL	1598	x*	✓	x*	x*
	HUN	1476	x*	x*	✓	x*
	FIN	1454	x*	✓	x*	✓
	ESP	1414	✓	x*	x*	✓
	EST	1393	✓	✓	x*	x*
	AUS	1284	x*	x*	✓	✓
	LTU	1224	x*	✓	x*	✓
	SVK	1208	✓	x*	x*	x*
	CZE	1190	x*	x*	x*	✓
	UKR	906	✓	x*	x*	x*
	ISR	808	x*	✓	x*	x*
10	POL*	776	✓	✓	✓	b*

a* JPN, FRA and GBR are considered as an incomplete, qualified Team. They can use the “additional athlete quota” (see paragraph 3 below) to complete their Team.

JPN: 2 additional Athlete Quota for Ice Dance (2 Athletes)

FRA: 2 additional Athlete Quota for Pair Skating (2 Athletes)

GBR: 1 additional Athlete Quota for Men

- b* KOR and POL are considered as an incomplete, qualified Team. However, since the five (5) “additional athlete quota” are given first to the best-ranked incomplete Teams (see a* above), KOR and POL cannot complete their Team. Should any of the higher-ranked incomplete Teams either earn a new entry spot to the Individual Event due to a replacement or not make use of the “additional athletes quota”, the remaining quota(s) would be given first to the best-ranked incomplete Team (KOR, then POL).

- x* These NOCs (GER, KAZ, SUI, BEL, HUN, FIN, ESP, EST, AUS, LTU, SVK, CZE, UKR, ISR) are ranked among the top Teams but do not fulfill the requirement to have an entry in at least 3 competitions/disciplines of the Individual Events. Consequently, they are not considered as a Team. However, should a late replacement be needed and one of these NOC will earn a new entry spot for an Individual Event which results in having entries in 3 competitions/disciplines, the Team would qualify and therefore, the last Team currently qualified (10. POL) would no longer be qualified for the Team Event.

Stand-by Team Entries

There are no Teams on a Stand-by list since no other NOC in the ranking can be considered as a Team or incomplete Team.

2. Confirmation and Entry Procedure

The NOCs of the qualified Teams announced as per paragraph 1 above, are requested to confirm their participation by email on or before **December 11, 2025 (noon CET)** to the ISU Office.

NOCs with Teams who have qualified Skaters/Couples in an individual OWG competition/discipline (the “qualified Skaters/Couples” in Women Single Skating, Men Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dance) and who have chosen to compete in the Team Event must list the respective qualified Skaters/Couples of such discipline also as entries for the Team Event and may not enter different Skaters/Couples for such discipline. The attached entry Form should be sent **on or before January 13, 2026** to the ISU Office.

Also, the same NOCs must have their Skaters competing in all the competitions/disciplines of the Team event for which they have entries in the individual OWG competition/discipline. This means that if for example an NOC has only one entry for a discipline/competition, this Skater or Couple may not choose to skate only the individual OWG competition and skip the Team Event competition.

3. Additional Athletes Quota for the Figure Skating Team Event

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 an “Additional Athletes Quota” and enter into the Team Event with one (1) Skater/Couple to complete the Team. The “Additional Athletes Quota” places are not valid for the individual events.

The Additional Athletes Quota of up to five (5) Skaters will be used as priority for the best-ranked “incomplete Teams” according to the ranking of the Figure Skating Team qualification list.

If applicable, each NOC may benefit of this Additional Athletes Quota for only one discipline of the Team Event.

The Additional Athletes Quota beyond the above-mentioned 5 Skaters cannot be exceeded and if not sufficient for the “incomplete Teams”, the lower ranked “incomplete Teams” according to the ranking of the Figure Skating Team qualification list, may in such case not be able to complete their Team.

NOCs having Skaters in a discipline qualified for the respective individual OWG competition/discipline but who chose not to enter such Skater(s)/Couple(s) into the individual OWG competition/discipline, may not benefit from the Additional Athletes Quota.

Furthermore, the Additional Athletes Quota for the Team Event cannot be used for replacements or exchanges as outlined in points 5, 6 and 7 below.

4. Combined Total Element Score

The Combined Total Element Score requirement as per ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance 2024, Rule 400 A/B, paragraph 5, shall apply for all Skaters/Couples, independent of being a qualified Skater/Couple of the Individual Events or being a Skater/Couple coming through the Additional Athletes Quota for the Team Event. The Combined Total Technical Score must be achieved on or before the final entry deadline (January 26, 2026).

The Minimum Total Element Scores for the Olympic Winter Games 2026 as published in ISU Communication 2732 are as follows:

	CTES
MEN	86.00
WOMEN	75.00
PAIR SKATING	75.00
ICE DANCE	85.00

(SP=Short Program – RD=Rhythm Dance – FS=Free Skating – FD=Free Dance)

5. IOC Athlete Replacement Policy (in case of injury and/or illness)

Contrary to the ISU Events for which the ISU Rules for substitutes/replacements apply, in the case of the Olympic Winter Games the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy applies exclusively. Consequently, in case of **urgent medical reasons**, the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy (LAR) for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina applies.

Accordingly, for entries related to the Figure Skating Team Event as a whole, it is possible to make athletes replacements **only** up to one hour before the Team Confirmation Meeting for the Team Event. After that time/date a replacement for the Team Event is no longer possible. If a Skater/Couple has competed in any segment, they cannot be replaced using the LAR process.

Teams with only one Skater/Couple qualified for the individual discipline will therefore have **no possibility** to bring in a substitute Skater/Couple for the Team Event after that deadline, e.g. replace an active Skater/Couple due to injury or sickness after the Short Program with a substitute Skater, even in presence of a medical certificate.

Any replaced athlete will not be able to be re-accredited after the replacement.

6. Exchange of a Skater/Couple between the SP/RD and FS/FD of the Team Event

In principle, the Skater/Couple competing in the Free Skating/Free Dance Team Event must be the same as those having competed in the Short Program/Rhythm Dance Team Event; however, each Team has the option to replace up to two (2) entries (two Single skaters or one Single Skater (Woman or Men) plus one Couple (Pair Skating or Ice Dance) or both the Pair Skating and Ice Dance Couples) between the SP/RD and the FS/FD provided such qualified Skaters/Couples are part of the accredited delegation on site of the OWG. Basically, the option of an exchange is only given to Teams, who have more than one qualified Skater/Couple for the individual Events(s).

Any exchange within the Team Event (after the SP/RD) has no consequences on the participation of such Skaters in the Individual Events.

7. Clarification of “Replacement” versus “Exchange” of a Skater/Couple

As per the above explanations, a Skater's/Couple's “**replacement**” is a complete withdrawal of an original entered Skater/Couple due to medical reasons who will be replaced with a substitute Skater/Couple into the same position as the withdrawn Skater/Couple via the IOC Late Athletes Replacement Policy (LAR). A replaced (withdrawn) Skater/Couple will have to return the accreditation, cannot stay any longer in the Olympic Village and is to be considered as an “inactive withdrawn athlete”. Such a replacement is final.

The “**exchange**” of a Skater/Couple during the Team Event is only possible for Teams with more than one qualified competitor in a discipline. In such a case one Skater can skate the Short Program/Rhythm Dance for the Team while the Free Skating/Free Dance segment will be skated by another Skater/Couple.

Consequently an “exchange” is not a “replacement”.

8. Starting Order, Judging System/Result Determination, Medals/Awards, Officials & Panel of Judges

Please refer to the above-mentioned [Qualification System](#) and [ISU Communication 2741](#).

9. Deadline of Nominations for the Figure Skating Team Event

February 3, 2026 - 10:00
(Team Leaders Meeting Team Event)

Final confirmation of Skaters/Couples participating in the Team Event. The confirmation includes all Skaters/Couples available for participation in the Team Event.

With respect to the “exchange possibility” within a Team the following dates and deadlines apply to confirm the **names** of Skaters/Couples (possibility of exchanges) who will skate for the Team in the segment in question.

February 5, 2026 - 10:00

Nomination by name of the Skaters participating in the Women Single Skating SP, Ice Dance RD and Pair Skating SP Team Event.

February 6, 2026 - 09:00

Nomination by name of the Skaters participating in the Men Single Skating SP Team Event.

For the 5 Teams qualified for the Free Skating/Free Dance Team Event, the NOCs/ISU Members must declare the Ice Dance competing for Ice Dance FD Team Event immediately (latest about 10 minutes) after the conclusion of the Men SP Team Event.

February 7, 2026 – 21:15

Nomination by name of the Skaters participating in the Ice Dance FD Team Event.

February 7, 2026 – 23:00

Nomination by name of the Skaters participating in the Women Single Skating FS, Men Single Skating FS and Pair Skating FS Team Event

Skaters/Couples, who suffer an injury or sickness after the deadlines mentioned above (replacement deadline and the deadline for entering the name for a segment), cannot be replaced or exchanged and their place, needs to remain empty.

10. Attendance at Team Leaders meetings

It is of significant importance that a representative of the NOCs/ISU Members, qualified for participation in the Team Event, attend each of the announced Team Leaders Meetings on site. The representative should have the necessary authority to make decisions within the respective NOC Team.

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