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## 2026 ISU FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA

The following describes the process Skate Canada will undertake in the selection of athletes who will represent Canada at the following ISU Championships:

- 2026 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships
- 2026 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships
- 2026 ISU World Figure Skating Championships

### Introduction

The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that Skate Canada will undertake in the selection of athletes who will represent Canada at the 2026 ISU Figure Skating Championships. The objective of the selection policy and procedures is to select the maximum number of medal potential athletes for the individual disciplines.

### Decision Making Authority

- The Skate Canada [High Performance Development Committee](#) (HPDC) is responsible for reviewing and providing feedback on the selection process and procedures developed by Skate Canada management for the team that will be nominated for the 2026 ISU Figure Skating Championships.
- Following discussion with Skate Canada management, the HPDC will nominate to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) the selection of athletes to represent Canada at 2026 ISU Championships. The HPDC reserves the right to nominate athletes to any 2026 ISU Championship any time following the conclusion of the 2025-2026 Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in Nagoya, Japan (December 6, 2025) and in no circumstances beyond February 21, 2026, following the conclusion of the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milan, Italy.
- The CEO will ratify the final selection of the teams to ensure that the selection criteria was adhered to and that the decisions were made in an objective and impartial manner.
- No member of the HPDC shall participate in any discussions or decisions regarding the nomination of any athletes with whom they have a perceived or real conflict of interest. Any member of the HPDC who considers that they are in a position of a perceived or real conflict of interest must declare such a conflict before any discussions are held or decisions are made and must remove themselves from any meetings until the matter giving rise to the perceived or real conflict of interest has been resolved by the HPDC.

### Appeals

Skate Canada nominations to the ISU Championships Teams may be appealed in accordance with the procedures ([Appeal Procedure](#)) set out in the Skate Canada Athlete Agreement or may be brought directly to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) on the consent of all parties and at the sole discretion of the SRDCC pursuant to the rules of the SRDCC. Appeals must be resolved within seven days after the nominations for all ISU Championship Teams.



### **Cancelled or Postponed Events**

- Should any event specified in this selection criteria be canceled, postponed, rescheduled, or replaced, Skate Canada shall update the nomination procedures indicated in this selection criteria, as applicable, as soon as reasonably possible and shall communicate any modifications to all impacted individuals, as well as publish the modified selection criteria on its website, prior to the postponed, rescheduled or replacement event.
- Decisions made pursuant to this clause shall not be subject to appeal and do not apply to the cancellation of events that are conducted under the authority of organizations other than Skate Canada.

### **Changes to this Document**

Skate Canada reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the best athletes possible for the Skate Canada ISU Championship Teams. Any changes to this document shall be promptly posted on the Skate Canada website. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials, which formed part of the internal nomination procedure unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. The purpose of this section is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. The purpose of such changes must be in order to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this document rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have otherwise been selected. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.



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**2026 ISU FOUR CONTINENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Beijing, China**  
**January 21 – 25, 2026**

Pursuant to ISU rules and regulations, Skate Canada is entitled to a maximum of the following entries.

- Men - 3 entries
- Women - 3 entries
- Pairs - 3 entries
- Dance - 3 entries

With the ISU point and qualifying system in place, athlete selection will be based on the following eligibility requirements:

1. ISU Combined Total Elements Score (Appendix i).
2. Age requirements as per ISU Rule 108.
3. Citizenship requirement as per ISU Rule 109.
4. Valid entry visa for China

The HPDC, in consultation with Skate Canada management, will exercise discretion with regard to the relative weight and priority of the Selection Criteria as well as other relevant factors deemed appropriate in their decision-making process and may take into account, **in no specific order**, the following criteria:

- Medalist at the 2025 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Placement and scores at the 2025 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Season best international score from the 2025-2026 ISU Grand Prix Series, Senior International events and /or ISU Grand Prix Final
- Demonstration of short and free skate international scores from the current season (2025-2026) for a potential placement in the top three flights at the 2026 ISU World Figure Skating Championships.
- Placement and scores at the 2026 Canadian National Figure Skating Championships
- Other relevant criteria deemed appropriate for selection.



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**2026 ISU WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Tallinn, Estonia**  
**March 3 – 8, 2026**

Pursuant to ISU rules and regulations Skate Canada is entitled to a maximum of the following entries.

- Men - 1 entry
- Women - 1 entry
- Pairs - 3 entries
- Dance - 2 entries

With the ISU point system in place at the ISU Junior World Championships, which determines the number of entries a country will have at the following ISU World Junior Championships, and the number of entries for the ISU Junior Grand Prix Series and its impact on future entries, the decision as to the athletes to be named must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. ISU Combined Total Elements Score (Appendix i).
2. Age requirements as per ISU Rule 108.
3. Citizenship requirement as per ISU Rule 109.

The HPDC, in consultation with Skate Canada management, will exercise discretion with regard to the relative weight and priority of the Selection Criteria as well as other relevant factors deemed appropriate in their decision-making process and may take into account, **in no specific order**, the following criteria:

- Placements, scores, skills performed, and age of eligible athletes / teams at the 2025-2026 ISU Junior Grand Prix Series, ISU Junior Grand Prix Final, and ISU International competitions in which Skate Canada has selected and nominated the skater(s)
- Placements, scores, skills performed, and age of eligible athletes / teams at the 2026 Canadian Championships. Athletes may be considered from Junior, or Senior categories if they meet the eligibility requirements.
- Skater / team's performances trends over the previous 2 years based on total and technical scores achieved.
- Other relevant criteria deemed appropriate for selection.

**Competition and Performance Readiness**

- Selected athletes must show competition and performance readiness through an on-ice monitoring session by Skate Canada between February 2 – 13, 2026.
- Athletes who are injured must receive medical clearance to compete from Skate Canada's Chief Medical Advisor fourteen days prior to their first event at the 2026 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships



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**2026 ISU WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Prague, Czech Republic  
March 24 – 29, 2026**

Pursuant to ISU rules and regulations, Skate Canada is entitled to a maximum of the following entries.

- Men - 1 entry
- Women - 1 entry
- Pairs - 2 entries
- Dance - 3 entries

With the ISU point and qualifying system in place at the 2026 ISU World Championships, and its impact on entries to various 2027 ISU Championships, the decision as to the athletes to be named must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. ISU Combined Total Elements Score (Appendix i).
2. Age requirements as per ISU Rule 108.
3. Citizenship requirement as per ISU Rule 109.

The HPDC, in consultation with Skate Canada management, will exercise discretion with regard to the relative weight and priority of the Selection Criteria as well as other relevant factors deemed appropriate in their decision-making process and may take into account, **in no specific order**, the following criteria:

- Medalist at the 2025 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Placement and scores at the 2025 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Season best international score from the 2025-2026 ISU Grand Prix Series, Senior International events and /or ISU Grand Prix Final
- Placement and scores at the 2026 ISU Four Continents Championships
- Demonstration of short and free skate international scores from the current season (2025-2026) for a potential placement in the top three flights at the 2026 ISU World Figure Skating Championships.
- Placement and scores at the 2026 Canadian National Figure Skating Championships
- Other relevant criteria deemed appropriate for selection.

**Competition and Performance Readiness**

- Athletes who are injured must receive medical clearance to compete from Skate Canada's Chief Medical Advisor fourteen days prior to their first event at the 2026 ISU World Figure Skating Championships.



**Combined Total Elements Scores (ISU Communication No. 2732)**

Skaters/teams participating in the following 2026 ISU Figure Skating Championships must have reached in an ISU recognized Senior International Competition during the ongoing season (2025/26) or immediately preceding season (2024/25) the applicable **Combined Total Elements Score** (SP/RD + FS/FD) as follows:

**ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2026:**

	<b>CTES</b>
Men	109.00
Women	88.00
Pairs	91.00
Ice Dance	98.00

**ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2026:**

	<b>CTES</b>
Men	86.00
Women	75.00
Pairs	75.00
Ice Dance	85.00

Skaters/teams participating in the 2026 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, must have reached in an ISU recognized Junior International Competition during the ongoing season (2025/26) or immediately preceding season (2024/25) the applicable **Combined Total Element Score** (SP/RD + FS/FD) as follows:

**ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2026:**

	<b>CTES</b>
Men	80.00
Ladies	72.00
Pairs	63.00
Ice Dance	71.00

The Combined Total Elements Score (not including Component Scores) is calculated by adding the Skater/Team's highest Technical Elements Score in Short Program / Rhythm Dance and the Free Skating / Free Dance at an ISU recognized International Competition and must be reached 28 (twenty-eight) days before the first day (first official practice day) of the Championships concerned (same as entry deadline). The Skater/Team's highest Technical Elements Score in Short Program / Rhythm Dance and the Free Skating / Free Dance to calculate the Combined Total Elements Score may be reached at different competitions.

***\*\*The ISU Council reserves the right to slightly re-adjust the Combined Total Element Scores if it became evident that the number of entries would be significantly higher or lower than expected. Skate Canada reserves the right to revisit athlete selection if the Combined Total Element score is adjusted and impacts prior selections.***