

U.S. Figure Skating
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2006 Olympic Winter Games
December 9, 2005

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

- A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:
1. Citizenship:
 - All athletes nominated to the U.S. Olympic Figure Skating Team must be a United States Citizen and have a valid U.S. passport no later than January 28, 2006.
 2. Minimum IF standards for participation:
 - Per International Skating Union (ISU) Rule 108, athletes must be 15 years of age by July 1, 2005 to be eligible to compete in the 2006 Winter Olympic Games.
 3. Must be a current member of U.S. Figure Skating.
- b. Provide a brief summary outlining how an athlete is selected as a nominee to the Team.

U.S. Figure Skating can qualify up to a maximum of 3 ladies, 3 men, 3 pairs teams and 3 dance teams to the 2006 Winter Olympic Games. Qualification slots will be determined at the 2005 World Figure Skating Championships, Moscow, Russia, March 14-20, 2005.

U.S. Figure Skating will nominate the champions from the 2006 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships in each senior discipline (i.e., Ladies, Men, Pairs and Dance) provided they meet the eligibility requirements (see section I. A.). If the champion(s) doesn't meet the eligibility requirements then the next ranked athlete(s), meeting the eligibility requirements, will be nominated. This process will continue until the first spot(s) on the 2006 U.S. Olympic Team is filled.

The remaining nominations in each discipline for the 2006 U.S. Olympic Team will be selected by U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee (see section I. E.), taking into consideration the criteria outlined in section I. D.

Skaters who qualified to compete in the 2006 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships but were unable to compete due to injury or illness, may petition to the International Committee for nomination to the 2006 U.S. Olympic Team (see section I.D).

The International Committee formally meets immediately following the conclusion of each discipline at the 2006 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships to determine the nominees to the 2006 U.S. Olympic Team.

All athletes selected by U.S. Figure Skating are to be considered nominees to the 2006 U.S. Olympic Team until final approval is given by the USOC.

B. Tryout Events:

1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and/or camps to be used as part of the selection process.

2006 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships (“U.S. Championships”)

St. Louis, Mo., January 7-15, 2006

2005 ISU Senior Grand Prix Final

Location TBD, December 16-18, 2005

2005 World Figure Skating Championships

Moscow, Russia, March 14-20, 2005

2005 Four Continents Figure Skating Championships

Seoul, Korea, February 14-20, 2005

2005 ISU Junior Grand Prix Final

Ostrava, Czech Republic, November 24-27, 2005

2005 World Junior Figure Skating Championships

Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, Feb 28 - Mar 6, 2005

2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the events listed above in C. 1 (if any).

2006 U.S. Sectional Championships

The top four place-winners in each discipline advance to compete in the 2006 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

2006 Pacific Coast Sectional, Roseville, Calif., Nov. 15-19, 2005

2006 Midwestern Sectional, Littleton, Colo., Nov. 17-19, 2005

2006 Eastern Sectional, Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 16-19, 2005

2006 U.S. Regional Championships

The top four place-winners in each discipline advance to compete in the 2006 U.S. Sectional Championships.

2006 Southwest Pacific Regional, Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 6-9, 2005

2006 Southwest Regional, Dallas, Texas, Oct. 18-22, 2005

2006 Upper Great Lakes Regional, Duluth, Minn., Oct. 18-22, 2005

2006 North Atlantic Regional, Lake Placid, N.Y., Oct. 18-22, 2005
2006 New England Regional, Exeter, N.H., Oct. 18-22, 2005
2006 Northwest Pacific Regional, Jackson Hole, Wyo., Oct. 19-22, 2005
2006 Central Pacific Regional, Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 19-22, 2005
2006 Eastern Great Lakes Regional, Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 25-29, 2005
2006 South Atlantic Regional, Tampa, Fla., Oct. 26-30, 2005

In addition, athletes earn an automatic invitation to the 2006 State Farm U.S. Championships if they meet any of the following:

- A competitor or couple placing in the top-five at the 2005 U.S. Figure Skating Championships;
- A competitor or couple who won a medal at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games;
- A competitor or couple who won a medal at the 2005 World Championships.

2005 ISU Grand Prix Final

Location TBD, December 16-18, 2005

The top six athletes from the ISU Grand Prix Series in each discipline qualify to compete in the ISU Grand Prix Final. The ISU Grand Prix Series includes the following events: Skate America; Skate Canada, Trophée Eric Bompard (France); NHK Trophy (Japan); Cup of Russia and Cup of China. Athletes are selected to compete using the ISU Grand Prix selection procedures (See Attachment A).

2005 World Figure Skating Championships

Moscow, Russia, March 14-20, 2005

U.S. athletes are selected by U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee, per U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee Rule (ICR) 6.041 (see Attachment B), following the conclusion of the 2005 U.S. Championships.

2005 Four Continents Figure Skating Championships

Seoul, Korea, February 14-20, 2005

U.S. athletes are selected by U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee, per ICR 6.042 (see Attachment B), following the conclusion of the 2005 U.S. Championships.

2005 ISU Junior Grand Prix Final

Ostrava, Czech Republic, November 24-27, 2005

The top eight athletes from the ISU Junior Grand Prix Series in each discipline qualify to compete in the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final. The ISU Junior Grand Prix Series includes eight international events annually. U.S. athletes are selected for the ISU Junior Grand Prix Series by U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee Management Subcommittee (see Section I.E.) per the policy defined in Attachment B.

2005 World Junior Figure Skating Championships

Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, Feb 28 - Mar 6, 2005

U.S. athletes are selected by U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee, per ICR 6.043 (see Attachment B), following the conclusion of the 2005 U.S. Championships.

- D. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team nominees.

U.S. Figure Skating will nominate the champions from the 2006 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships in each discipline (i.e., Ladies, Men, Pairs and Dance) provided they met the eligibility requirements (see section I. A.). If the champion(s) doesn't meet the eligibility requirements then the next ranked athlete(s), meeting the eligibility requirements, will be nominated. This process will continue until the first spot(s) on the 2006 U.S. Olympic Team is filled.

The remaining nominations in each discipline for the 2006 U.S. Olympic Team will be selected by U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee (see section I. E.). To field the most competitive team, U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee will take into consideration results from the events outlined below to determine athletes who will have the most performance impact at the 2006 Winter Olympic Games. The International Committee will take into consideration placement and competitive field at the following events in priority order:

- a) 2006 State Farm U.S. Championships
- b) 2005 ISU Senior Grand Prix Final
- c) 2005 World Figure Skating Championships
- d) 2005 Four Continents Figure Skating Championships
- e) 2005 ISU Junior Grand Prix Final
- f) 2005 World Junior Figure Skating Championships

Skaters who qualified but did not compete or complete competition in the 2006 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships due to injury or illness, may petition for nomination to the Olympic Team. The athletes must submit a written petition to U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee by the conclusion of each discipline at the 2006 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Their injury or illness must be verified by U.S. Figure Skating medical personnel.

The U.S. Figure Skating International Committee will determine whether to grant or deny the petition based on results from the above-mentioned criteria, excluding the 2006 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Prior to the date of 2006 U.S. Olympic Team nomination, January 16, 2006, U.S. Figure Skating medical personnel must verify that the athlete(s) will be physically ready to compete at the 2006 Winter Olympic Games.

U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee will meet immediately following the conclusion of each discipline at the 2006 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships to determine the nominees to the 2006 U.S. Olympic Team and

replacement athletes in ranked order. All athletes are to be considered nominees to the 2006 U.S. Olympic Team until final approval is given by the USOC.

E. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name(s) and role(s) of their members.

U.S. Figure Skating International Committee:

Bob Horen, Chair
Lois Long, National Vice-Chair for Synchronized Skating

Eastern Section

Sharon Wiggins, Sectional Vice-Chair
Lucy Brennan, member
Anne Cammett, member
Wendy Enzmann, member
Phyllis Howard, member
Joesph Inman, member
Joan Rozolis, member

Midwestern Section

Lorrie Parker, Sectional Vice-Chair
Todd Bromley, member
Richard Dalley, member
Roger Glenn, member
William Smith, member
Gale Tanger, member

Pacific Coast Section

Steve Winkler, Sectional Vice-Chair
Charlie Cyr, member

Janie Engel, member
Linda Leaver, member
Paula Naughton, member
Doug Williams, member

Athlete Representatives

Brittany Bottoms
Amber Corwin
Scott Davis
Justin Dillon
Danielle Hartsell-Minnis
Ryan Jahnke
Ryan O'Meara
Scott Smith

Coaches

Ken Congemi
Carol Jenkins
Robert Kaine
Mark Mitchell
Mitch Moyer
Peter Oppegard
Shawn Rettstatt, Group Coordinator

A representative from the USOC Sport Partnerships Division will be in attendance to observe the International Committee meetings that relate to nominating the 2006 Olympic Team at the 2006 State Farm U.S. Championships.

Any member of the committee that has a conflict of interest (to included but not limited to, judging the 2006 U.S. Championships, coaching an athlete competing in the 2006 U.S. Championships, an athlete participating in the 2006 U.S. Championships or an athlete being considered for a nomination to the 2006 Olympic Team) must declare a conflict of interest, recuse themselves and not influence others regarding the discussions, meetings and voting concerning their specific discipline.

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

- A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

To field the most competitive team, U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee will take into consideration results from the events outlined in section I.D. to determine athletes who will have the most performance impact at the 2006 Winter Olympic Games.

- B. Describe the criteria to be used:

See section I. D.

- C. Explain how the criteria will be used:

See section I. D.

- D. Selection Committee

1. Provide the name of the committee(s) that will be responsible for discretionary selection.

See section I. E.

2. Provide a complete list of the members of the committee(s), their titles and NGB role that qualifies them to serve in this capacity.

See section I. E.

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by U.S. Figure Skating may be removed from the Nominations for any of the following reasons, as determined by U.S. Figure Skating.

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the U.S. Figure Skating CEO/Executive Director.
- Injury or illness as certified by U.S. Figure Skating medical staff.

An athlete who may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per U.S. Figure Skating's Constitution

and Bylaws or USOC Bylaws, Article IX. The U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws and Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures (Article XXVII) can be found on the U.S. Figure Skating web site at <http://www.usfsa.org/content/Bylaws.pdf>.

- B. A USOC approved team member is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.
- C. An athlete may be removed from Nomination or from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, WADA, ISU, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

Using the criteria listed in section I.D., replacement athletes will be determined by rank order and announced at the time of the Olympic Team nomination.

- B. If a vacancy occurs on the team nominee roster prior to USOC acceptance, describe the process by which a replacement pool athlete will be nominated to the team:

A replacement athlete(s) will be submitted as a nominee by U.S. Figure Skating to the USOC as determined by their ranked order per discipline.

- C. If a vacancy occurs on the team roster after USOC acceptance of nominations, describe the process by which the NGB will nominate the replacement athlete to the USOC.

A replacement athlete(s) will be submitted as a nominee by U.S. Figure Skating to the USOC as determined by their ranked order per discipline.

- D. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:

- 1. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:

U.S. Figure Skating International Committee, see section I. E.

2. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the team:

U.S. Figure Skating International Committee, see section I.E.

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

U.S. Figure Skating will retain all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the 2006 Winter Olympic Games.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following document is required to be adhered to by an athlete as a condition of participation in the Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

- N/A

VI. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by U.S. Figure Skating in the following locations and will include the USOC approval date:

- A. NGB website: www.usfigureksating.org
The website information will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following notice of approval by the USOC.
- B. NGB Official Publication (if any): SKATING Magazine
- C. Other: The approved athlete selection procedures will be included in the 2005-06 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

VII. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of Athletes form will be submitted to the USOC by Monday, Jan. 16, 2006.

VIII. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

No mandatory training will be required.

IX. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, ISU, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out of competition testing as required by the IOC, WADA, ISU, USADA and USOC Rules.

X. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

- The athlete selection procedures were created by the U.S. Figure Skating Executive Director, U.S. Figure Skating's Athletes Advisory Committee and subsequently approved by the U.S. Figure Skating Executive Committee.

U.S Figure Skating's Athletes Advisory Committee

Danielle Hartsell-Minnis, Chair

Brittney McConn-Bottoms, National
Vice Chair

Steve Hartsell

Sara Jack

David Mitchell

Morgan Rowe

Scott Smith

Kristin Adamczyk

Ben Agosto

Katie Bach

Tanith Belbin

Amber Corwin

Karen Courtland Kelly

Scott Davis

Derrick Delmore

Justin Dillon

Philip Dulebohn

Todd Eldredge

Lindsay Ellwood

Brandon Forsyth

Andrea Gardiner

Mathew Gates

Tim Goebel

Felicia Haining

Laura Handy

Dan Hollander

Megan Hughes

Jennifer Iavarone

Ryan Jahnke

Craig Joeright

Kathaleen Kelly Cutone

Jennifer Kirk

Ron Kravette

Tonia Kwiatkowski

Elyse Lerman

Angela Nikodinov

Karen Kwan Oppegard

Elena Palmer

Aaron Parchem

Justin Pekarek

Parker Pennington

Matt Savoie

Tiffany Scott

Larisa Spielberg

Jerod Swallow

Peter Tchernyshev

Amy Webster

Melanie Weintraub

Elaine Zayak

John Zimmerman

U.S. Figure Skating Executive Committee:

Ron Hershberger, President
Gale Tanger, First Vice President (Midwest)
Joan Rozolis, Second Vice President (Eastern)
Charlie Cyr, Third Vice President (Pacific Coast)
Sharon Watson, Secretary
Tony Morici, Treasurer
Danielle Hartsell-Minnis, Athlete Representative (AAC Chair)
Brittany Bottoms, Athlete Representative
Chuck Foster, Past President

XI. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws and Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures (Article XXVII) can be found on the U.S. Figure Skating web site at: <http://www.usfsa.org/content/Bylaws.pdf>

XII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, and/or ISU rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC or ISU rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to U.S. Figure Skating. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

XIII. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by U.S. Figure Skating may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: John W. Ruger by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XV. NGB SIGNATURES

I certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by U.S. Figure Skating.

| Position | Print Name | Signature | Date |
|---|------------|-----------|------|
| NGB Executive Director | | | |
| Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director | | | |
| USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative* | | | |

*If USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

USOC USE ONLY

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| Date Original Procedures Rec'd _____ | Date of USOC Approval _____ |
| Date Revision Submitted _____ | |

ATTACHMENT A

2004/2005 ISU GRAND PRIX OF FIGURE SKATING General Rules for Skater/Couple Selection

(Note: This attachment will be amended immediately following ISU approval of the 2005/2006 ISU Grand Prix of Figures Skating General Rules for Skater/Couple Selection)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Notification:

1. The ISU Management Commission will provide each country hosting an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event with a copy of the ISU World Championships placements by April 15, 2004.
2. The ISU Management Commission will provide each country hosting an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event with a copy of the current ISU World Ranking System List by April 15, 2004.
3. All ISU Figure Skating members must notify the ISU Management Commission by May 15, 2004 of the following:
 - a) Which of their seeded skaters/couples, skaters/couples placing in the top twenty-four (24) in the ISU World Championships or skaters/couples listed on the ISU World Ranking System will compete in the 2004-2005 ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating.
 - b) Those skaters/couples who have retired.
 - c) Those couples who have split.
 - d) Those skaters/couples who will not participate in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating in 2004/2005.
4. All ISU Figure Skating members must notify the ISU Management Commission by May 15, 2004 whether their junior skaters/couples who are listed on the ISU World Ranking System will compete in the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating or in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating.
5. All ISU member countries must notify the ISU Management Commission by May 15, 2004 whether their participating pairs will skate in one or both series.

B. Skater/Couple Selection Process for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating:

1. Each host country of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating may select up to a maximum of three (3) skaters/couples in each discipline for their own event.
2. Skaters/couples in each of the categories listed in Item D below will be selected by the host countries using a draw system to establish the order of selection. The complete draw procedure is attached.
3. Each of the host countries conducting an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event will be entitled to send one (1) representative to the ISU Management Commission meeting for the purpose of selecting skaters for their country's event. The representative's expenses will be the responsibility of the host country.

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C. Number of Skaters/Couples per Discipline per Event:

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| 1. | Ladies: | Minimum of 10 – Maximum of 12 |
| 2. | Men: | Minimum of 10 – Maximum of 12 |
| 3. | Pairs: | Minimum of 8 – Maximum of 10 |
| 4. | Ice Dancing: | Minimum of 10 – Maximum of 12 |

D. Skater/Couple Selection Categories:

1. Seeded Skaters/Couples: The top six (6) skaters/couples in each discipline in the most recent ISU World Championships will be entitled to skate in two
2. (2) events and may skate in three (3) events if notification is given to the ISU Management Commission by May 15, 2004.
3. ISU World Championships Placement: Skaters/couples placed 7 – 12 in each discipline in the most recent ISU World Championships will be entitled to skate in two (2) events.
4. ISU World Ranking System: Each host country must select two (2) skaters/couples from the top 36 in the ISU World Ranking System.
5. Host Country Skaters/Couples: Each host country conducting an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event is entitled to select up to three (3) skaters/couples in each discipline from their own country.
6. Host Country Selections: Each host country conducting an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event may select up to two (2) skaters/couples in each discipline of their own choice from any ISU eligible skater.

II. RULES FOR SELECTION FOR SKATERS/COUPLES BY CATEGORY:

A. Seeded Skaters/Couples:

1. Each host country will be guaranteed to have at least one (1) seeded skater/couple ranked 1 – 3 in each discipline in their own event.
2. Each host country will be guaranteed to have at least one (1) seeded skater/couple ranked 4 – 6 in each discipline in their own event.
3. If a host country has selected one of their own seeded skaters ranked 1 – 3 or 4 – 6 for their own event, that country will not be eligible to participate in the first round of the draw for that category in that discipline.
4. No host country may select more than two (2) of their own seeded skaters/couples in any discipline for their own event. Additionally, no host country may have more than two (2) seeded skaters/couples from the same country in any discipline in their event.
5. For those seeded skaters/couples electing to skate in three (3) events, the third event as selected by draw will be the designated non-scoring event.
6. The ISU Management Commission reserves the right to change the third event for seeded skaters/couples electing to skate a third event, if, for example, the skater/couple ends up with three (3) events in a row, cannot participate due to school exams, or because of the geographical distance between the two adjacent events, or for a better balance of any given event based on the ISU World Ranking System.

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B. ISU World Championships Placement:

1. Each host country must select two (2) skaters/couples in each discipline placed 7 – 12 in the most recent World Championships.
2. If no skaters/couples remain to be selected from places 7 – 12, the host countries must then select the next highest ranked skater/couple from the most recent World Championships.

C. ISU World Ranking System:

1. Each host country must select two (2) seeded skaters/couples ranked in the top 36 of the ISU World Ranking System.
2. If no skaters/couples remain to be selected in the top 36, the host countries may select a skaters/couples from the ISU World Ranking System not in the top 36 if those skaters/couples have a ranking higher than a skater/couple placed 13 – 24 in the most recent ISU World Championships. If the ranking of the skater/couple is lower, then the country must select first the higher ranking skater/couple placed 13 – 24.
3. If a skater/couple ranked in the top 36 withdraws from the Grand Prix Series for any reason, a skater/couple not in the top 36 will move up in the rankings.

D. Host Country Skaters/Couples:

1. Each host country may select up to a maximum of three (3) skaters/couples from their own country in each discipline for their own event.
2. If a host country does not select up to three (3) of their own skaters/couples for their own event, that country must select the remaining skaters/couples from the ISU World Ranking System.
3. The host country may not select more than two (2) of their own seeded skaters/couples for their own event.

E. Host Country Selections:

1. Each host country has the right to select up to two (2) skaters/couples of their choice from ISU eligible skaters/couples.
2. The host country may not exceed the maximum number of three (3) skaters/couples for their own event by using this category.

ATTACHMENT B

U.S. FIGURE SKATING - INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

International Committee Rules

ICR 6.041 World Championships:

The U.S. World Team shall be selected from those athletes who are ISU senior age eligible and shall include the current U.S. champion in each discipline. The remaining selections shall be based upon the results of the two most recent U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the most recent World Championship, the most recent Four Continents Championship, all other international events and the current International Committee Ranking System placements, however, the International Committee may consider extenuating circumstances. Exceptions to the age-eligibility rules which are granted by the ISU will always be allowed.

ICR 6.042 Four Continents Championships:

The team shall be selected from those athletes who are ISU senior age eligible. Consideration shall be given the current U.S. champion in each discipline. Selection to the U.S. Four Continents Team shall be based upon the results of the two most recent U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the most recent World Championship, the most recent Four Continents Championship, all other international events and the current International Committee Ranking System placements; however, the International Committee may consider extenuating circumstances. Exceptions to the age-eligibility rules which are granted by the ISU will always be allowed.

ICR 6.043 World Junior Championships:

The U.S. World Junior Team shall be selected from those athletes who are ISU junior age eligible, and shall be based on the results of the two most recent U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the most recent World Junior Championships, and all other international events including but not limited to the ISU Junior Grand Prix events and the current International Committee Ranking System placements, or other athletes who have demonstrated capabilities at the world junior level. However, the International Committee may consider extenuating circumstances.

International Committee Management Subcommittee

ISU Junior Grand Prix Series:

U.S. athletes are selected to compete in the ISU Junior Grand Prix Series from those athletes who are ISU junior age eligible and shall be based upon the results of the most recent U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the most recent World Junior Championships, the most recent ISU Junior Grand Prix Final and the most recent ISU Junior Grand Prix Series and the current International Committee Ranking System placements.