

**U.S. FIGURE SKATING  
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES  
2022 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES  
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**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of nomination.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

1.1.3. Minimum International Skating Union (ISU) standards for participation:

The complete ISU Qualification System for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games is found at [www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/olympic-winter-games/fsk-beijing-2022](http://www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/olympic-winter-games/fsk-beijing-2022).

Per International Skating Union (ISU) Rule 108 (<https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/rules/fsk-constitution/file>), athletes must be 15 years of age by July 1, 2021, to be eligible to compete in the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

As per Rule 400.A/B, paragraph 5 of the 2018 Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance ([www.isu.org/figure-skating/rules/fsk-regulations-rules/file](http://www.isu.org/figure-skating/rules/fsk-regulations-rules/file)), to be entered into and participate in the individual events (Ladies Single Skating, Men Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dance) of the Olympic Winter Games, a skater/couple must have reached on or before the final entry deadline of 24 January 2022 in an ISU Championship or ISU recognized International Competition (as per Article 39 paragraph 7 and Rule 107, paragraph 1 to 9 of the [ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2018](http://www.isu.org/figure-skating/rules/fsk-constitution/file)) during the ongoing or immediately preceding season the applicable Minimum Total Elements Score (points) established for the ISU

Championships (see [ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance](#), Rule 378, paragraph 3). The applicable Minimum Total Elements Scores shall be decided by the ISU Council and shall be published in an ISU Communication at the beginning of the Olympic season 2021/22; ISU Communications are regularly made available at [www.isu.org/figure-skating/rules/fsk-communications](http://www.isu.org/figure-skating/rules/fsk-communications).

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current USOPC Background Check Policy.
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport's online training.
- Athlete must be a current member in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating at the time of selection.

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

The following events are used as part of the selection process:

NOTE: Athletes are encouraged to regularly check the calendar of events to ensure they are current with any schedule changes. The domestic calendar is published at [www.usfigureskating.org/skate/compete](http://www.usfigureskating.org/skate/compete) and the international calendar at [www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/figure-skating-calendar](http://www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/figure-skating-calendar).

2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships  
Nashville, Tennessee, January 3 - 9, 2022

2021 ISU Grand Prix Final  
TBD, Japan, December 9 - 12, 2021

2021 ISU World Figure Skating Championships  
Stockholm, Sweden, March 22 - 28, 2021

2021 Grand Prix Series Competitions (six competitions)

USA – October 22 - 24, 2021

Canada – October 29 - 31, 2021

China – November 5 - 7, 2021

Japan – November 12 - 14, 2021

France – November 19 - 21, 2021

Russia – November 26 - 28, 2021

2021 World Junior Figure Skating Championships  
TBD, China, March 1 - 7, 2021

2021 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships  
Sydney, Australia, February 8 - 14, 2021  
2021 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships  
San Jose, California, January 11 - 17, 2021  
2021 Challenger Series Events  
Events TBD, September – December 2021  
2021 ISU Junior Grand Prix Final  
TBD, Japan, December 9 - 12, 2021  
2021 ISU Junior Grand Prix Series  
Events TBD, August – October 2021

Note: If either 20% of the above competitions AND/OR the 2021 ISU World Figure Skating Championships, 2021 ISU Grand Prix Final, or the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships, are cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the ICMS, with approval from the US Figure Skating Board of Directors, would determine whether the 2020 Grand Prix Final and the 2020 Grand Prix Series events may be added to the pool of the remaining identified events above to provide an appropriate body of work. With approval from the ICMS and the Board of Directors, this information will be posted within 24 hours of the decision to US Figure Skating's website ([www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org)) and U.S. Figure Skating's "Members Only" website ([www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org)).

2020 ISU Grand Prix Final  
Beijing, China, December 10 - 13, 2020

2020 Grand Prix Series Events (six competitions)  
USA – October 23 - 25, 2020  
Canada – October 30 – November 1, 2020  
China – November 6 - 8, 2020  
France – November 13 - 15, 2020  
Russia – November 20 - 22, 2020  
Japan – November 27 - 29, 2020

- 1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

**Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships (2021 & 2022)**

Each season athletes qualify to compete in all U.S. Figure Skating Championships based on published criteria in the current season's [Official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#) (see Part Two, 2500 Qualifying for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships) and the [U.S. Figure Skating Qualifying Structure](#). In addition, for the 2019-20 season, see Technical Notification 229 Re: Qualifying for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships – Minimum Total Element Score (TES) found in Attachment A.

NOTE: Eligibility for consideration and selection to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team is based on qualifying to compete at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships. See “Establishing the Pool of Eligible Athletes/Teams for Ladies’ Singles, Men’s Singles, Pairs Team and Ice Dance Teams” in Section 1.3.B., as well as the exception noted in “Petition Process” in Section D, and the scenarios outlined in the Guidelines for International Byes for Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance (For the most up-to-date version, go to <https://www.usfigureskating.org/about/rules> and click on the link called “International Bye Guidelines”).

**2021 ISU Grand Prix Final**

**TBD, Japan, December 9 - 12, 2021**

The top six athletes in each discipline from the 2021 ISU Grand Prix Series qualify to compete in the ISU Grand Prix Final. The ISU Grand Prix Series includes the following events: Skate America, Skate Canada, Internationaux de France, NHK Trophy (Japan), Rostelecom Cup (Russia) and Cup of China. Athletes are eligible to compete as determined by the ISU Grand Prix qualification process. The Grand Prix Announcement including the Grand Prix Final and qualification procedures can be found at the following link: <https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/grand-prix-of-figure-skating>.

**2021 ISU World Figure Skating Championships**

**Stockholm, Sweden, March 22 - 28, 2021**

U.S. athletes are selected by U.S. Figure Skating’s International Committee (<https://www.usfigureskating.org/about/rules>, see ICR 1-3) at the conclusion of the 2021 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships. The selection procedures for the ISU World Figure Skating Championships can be located at the following links: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/members-only/skater-journey/selection-procedures> and <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skate/qualify-for-team-usa>

**2021 Four Continents Figure Skating Championships**

**Sydney, Australia, February 8 - 14, 2021**

U.S. athletes are selected by U.S. Figure Skating’s International Committee (<https://www.usfigureskating.org/about/rules>, see ICR 1-3) at the conclusion of the 2021 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships. The selection procedures for the ISU Four Continents Championships can be located at the following links: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/members-only/skater-journey/selection-procedures> and <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skate/qualify-for-team-usa>

### **2021 World Junior Figure Skating Championships**

**Harbin, China, March 1 - 7, 2021**

U.S. athletes are selected by U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee (<https://www.usfigureskating.org/about/rules>, see ICR 1-3) at the conclusion of the 2021 World Junior Selection Camp. The selection procedures for the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships can be located at the following links: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/members-only/skater-journey/selection-procedures> and <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skate/qualify-for-team-usa>

### **2021 Grand Prix Series Events (Skate America, Skate Canada, Internationaux de France, NHK Trophy/Japan, Rostelecom Cup/Russia and Cup of China) October 22 - November 28, 2021**

Each season athletes qualify to be selected for the Grand Prix Series based on published criteria in the current season's [ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating/Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final Announcement](#). The selection of the athletes/teams representing the U.S. for Skate America are determined by the International Committee (IC) Discipline Subcommittees. Athletes assigned by the IC Discipline Subcommittees must meet the criteria outlined in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating/Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final Announcement.

The Grand Prix Announcement including the Grand Prix Final can be found at the following link: <https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/grand-prix-of-figure-skating>.

### **2021 Challenger Series September – December 2021**

Each season athletes are selected by the U.S. Figure Skating's IC Discipline Subcommittees for the Challenger Series events. The series consists of several international events during the competition season. Details of the Challenger Series can be found at <https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/challenger-series>.

### **Junior Grand Prix Final**

**TBD, Japan, December 9 - 12, 2021**

The top six athletes from the 2021 ISU Junior Grand Prix Series in each discipline qualify to compete in the 2021 ISU Junior Grand Prix Final. The ISU Junior Grand Prix Series includes seven international events annually. For entries available to the U.S., athletes are selected for the ISU Junior Grand Prix Series by U.S. Figure Skating's IC Discipline Subcommittees. The Junior Grand Prix Final information is posted at the following link: <https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/junior-grand-prix-of-figure-skating>.

**2021 ISU Junior Grand Prix Series, seven international events from August – October 2021**

The ISU Junior Grand Prix Series includes seven international events annually. U.S. athletes are selected for the ISU Junior Grand Prix Series by U.S. Figure Skating's IC Discipline Subcommittees. The Junior Grand Prix information is posted at the following link: <https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/junior-grand-prix-of-figure-skating>.

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process (include maximum Team size).

A. Securing Olympic Quotas

In accordance with the [ISU Qualification System for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games](#), 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 to the 2022 Olympic Winter Games for a maximum total team size of 18 athletes.

The methods of earning quotas are determined by the ISU and outlined in Section D of the Qualification System.

In accordance with the qualification system, quota places are allocated by the ISU to the NOC; selection of athletes for any quota places earned is at the discretion of each National Federation (for the U.S., that is U.S. Figure Skating) with approval by the NOC [i.e., United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC)]. The process established by U.S. Figure Skating for selecting athletes/teams to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team is outlined in the sections that follow.

In addition, U.S. Figure Skating may qualify to compete in the Team Event provided the U.S. qualifies as one of the 10 best member federation teams based on qualifying points as outlined in the Qualification System. The process used for determining the athletes/teams to compete in the Team Event is described in detail below (see Section F).

B. Defining the Pool of Eligible Athletes/Teams for Ladies' Singles, Men's Singles, Pairs Teams and Ice Dance Teams

To field the most competitive team, U.S. Figure Skating's IC Discipline Subcommittees will take into consideration the performances (including objective performance data, which includes segment and overall scores) from the events outlined in 1.2.1. to determine athletes/teams who will have the most performance impact at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

The IC Discipline Subcommittees' primary focus to determine the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team for figure skating will be based on three qualities: competitiveness, consistency and trending scores. A brief description of these three qualities follows:

Competitiveness will be based on comparing an athlete's/team's scores from the events listed in 1.2.1 to benchmarks from the scores that earned placements in the Top 3, Top 5 or Top 10 at the 2021 ISU World Figure Skating Championships. Scores from the preceding ISU World Figure Skating Championships have proven to be indicators of medal potential for the upcoming Olympic Games and is therefore a key factor in determining the 2022 U.S Olympic Team. In addition, the athlete's/team's best score at the international events listed in 1.2.1. will be used to separate athletes with similar scores during the identified events. Domestic placement and scores at the 2021 and 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships will also be taken into consideration but will not be directly compared to international scores.

Consistency will be based on taking the median score whenever the athletes/teams compete at the identified international events in 1.2.1. The median score will then be compared to the benchmark scores needed to place in the Top 3, Top 5 or Top 10 at the 2021 ISU World Figure Skating Championships.

Trending scores will be based on scores achieved at the identified international events in 1.2.1. and how they escalate or deescalate through those events. The 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships will be the final score evaluated for trending scores.

The process to determine the pool of athletes to be considered for nomination to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team will be as follows:

- The nominees must be from the pool of athletes/teams that qualified and competed at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships. In addition, athletes or teams who qualified to compete but did not compete or complete both segments of the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships, due to injury or illness as verified by medical personnel approved by U.S. Figure Skating, may still be considered for selection by petitioning to the appropriate IC Discipline Subcommittee for nomination to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team. The athlete or team must have competed at any of the other identified competitions above (1.2.1.) and qualified for the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships to be eligible. Please see Section D. below for additional details regarding the Petition Process.

C. Ranking the Pool of Eligible Athletes/Teams for Ladies' Singles, Men's Singles, Pairs Teams and Ice Dance Teams

Scores from the identified competitions in 1.2.1. above will be used to determine competitiveness, consistency, and trending to place the athletes/teams in one of four groups (Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 and Group 4; athletes selected into Group 1 will have the highest priority to be named to the 2022 U.S Olympic Team and Group 4 the lowest). Athletes will be measured and placed in a group as outlined below:

1. Athletes/teams who placed in the top 3 at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships (or successfully petitioned) AND have consistently attained international scores that would place them in the top 3 in the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. This is evaluated as athletes/teams who consistently achieve scores that would place them in the top 3 at the 2021 World Championships (athlete's/team's median score from the identified international events is greater than or equal to the total score from the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers from the 2021 World Championships).
2. Athletes/teams who placed in the top 5 at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships (or successfully petitioned) AND have either consistently attained international scores that would place them in the top 5 and/or have attained a score(s) that demonstrate the ability to place in the top 3 at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. This is evaluated as athletes/teams who demonstrate scores that would consistently place them in the top 5 at the 2021 World Championships (defined as the athlete's/team's median score from identified international events is greater than or equal to the total score from the 5<sup>th</sup> place finisher from the 2021 World Championships) and/or demonstrate the ability (achieved at least one score that is greater than or equal to the score needed to place in the top 3 at the 2021 World Championships) will have the second-highest priority to be named to the 2022 Olympic Team.
3. Athletes/teams who placed in the top 3 at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships (or successfully petitioned) OR have either consistently attained international scores that would place them in the top 10 and/or attained a score(s) that demonstrate the ability to place in the top 5 at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. This is evaluated as athletes/teams who demonstrate scores that would consistently place them in the top 10 at the 2021 World Championships (defined as the athlete's/team's median score from identified international events is greater than or equal to the total score from the 10<sup>th</sup> place finishers from the 2021 World Championships) and/or demonstrate the ability (achieved at least one score that is greater than or equal to the score needed to place in the top 5 at the 2021 World Championships) will have the third-highest priority to be named to the 2022 Olympic Team.
4. Athletes/teams who placed in the top 5 at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships (or successfully petitioned) OR have attained an international score that would place them in the top 10 OR have consistently attained international scores that would place them in the top 15 at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. This is evaluated as athletes/teams who demonstrate the ability (achieved at least one score that is greater than or equal to the score needed to place in the top 10 at the 2021 World Championships) OR consistently demonstrate the ability (defined as the athlete's/team's median score from identified international events is greater than or equal to the total



score from the 15<sup>th</sup> place finishers from the 2021 World Championships) will have the lowest priority to be named to the 2022 Olympic Team.

Below is a table that illustrates this priority process:

	<b>Group 1: Highest Priority</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>	<b>Group 4: Lowest Priority</b>
<b>CRITERIA FOR US CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placed in the top 3 at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships OR successfully petitioned athlete</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placed in the top 5 at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships OR successfully petitioned athlete</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placed in the top 3 at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships OR successfully petitioned athlete</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placed in the top 5 at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships OR successfully petitioned athlete</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p>
<b>CRITERIA FOR INTERNATIONAL SCORES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International scores <u>consistently</u> demonstrate ability to be <b>top 3</b> in the 2022 Olympic Winter Games</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International scores <u>consistently</u> demonstrate ability to be <b>top 5</b> at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games</li> </ul> <p><b>AND/OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained a score(s) that demonstrate ability to place in the <b>top 3</b> at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International scores <u>consistently</u> demonstrate ability to be <b>top 10</b> at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games</li> </ul> <p><b>AND/OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained a score(s) that demonstrate ability to place in the <b>top 5</b> at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained an international score that demonstrates ability to be <b>top 10</b> at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have consistently attained international scores that would place them in a category to be in the <b>top 15</b> at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games</li> </ul>

NOTE: If there are still remaining slots for the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team after going through the four priority groups listed above, the remaining athletes/teams placing 6<sup>th</sup> and below at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships who did not demonstrate the ability to achieve at least one score that is greater than or equal to the score needed to place in the top 10 or consistently attain international scores that would place them in the top 15 at the 2021 World Championships will be considered for nomination to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team. The athlete/teams will be determined using the same criteria as the four priority groups.

Analyzing the competitiveness and consistency of the international scores from the identified events (1.2.1.) to differentiate the athlete's/team's body of work will be used to rank the athletes/teams within their priority groups. Three additional criteria will also be used to separate the athletes/teams within their priority groups with a similar body of work. The criteria include:

- Scores at the 2021 ISU World Figure Skating Championships and 2021 Grand Prix Final and the placement at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating

Championships to further identify competitiveness at the three most important events immediately preceding the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

- Trending scores showing an acceleration of scores through the identified events will be favored versus a deceleration or stagnation in scores. The 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships will be the final event for trending scores.
- Comparison of the placement of the athletes/teams from the 2021 and 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships will be the final tiebreaker for athletes/teams with a similar body of work that cannot be separated using the previous criteria. The placements (as opposed to scores) will be used for the 2021 and 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Placements at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships will have priority over placements at the 2021 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

The names of the athletes/teams being considered from the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships and by petition will be entered into the pool of athletes listed in precedence by the four priority groups (and, if applicable, the fifth group referenced in the NOTE above) which is based on their body of work in terms of their competitiveness, consistency and trending scores from the identified events (1.2.1.) for consideration for the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team.

Further discussion of each athlete's/team's performance at the identified events based on the criteria for competitiveness, consistency, and trending/improvement to further differentiate the athletes/teams in each of the four priority groups will be conducted.

- Comparing the consistency (frequency of achieving the scores) and competitiveness (ability to score in the top 3, top 5 or top 10 at the World Championships) by analyzing scores at the identified events.
- Forecasting peak performance based on season's best score internationally at the identified international events listed in 1.2.1. for those who do not separate themselves in consistency and competitiveness.
- Scores at the 2021 ISU World Figure Skating Championships, 2021 Grand Prix Final and the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships (within the top four priority groups) to further identify competitiveness at the three most important events and at the most important time of the year, immediately preceding the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.
- Trending scores will be based off scores achieved at the identified events above and how they escalate or deescalate through those events.
- Comparing the placements of the athletes/teams at the previous two U.S. Championships (2021 and 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships). Placements at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating

Championships will have priority over placement at the 2021 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

D. Petition Process

Notwithstanding the process identified in the preceding sections of these Selection Procedures, U.S. Figure Skating recognizes that extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances may occur which would cause an athlete otherwise deserving of a spot on the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team indicated by their previous competition results to be unable to participate in the 2022 Toyota U.S Figure Skating Championships.

Petition Rights: Athletes may petition to U.S Figure Skating’s International Committee for the right to be selected as a 2022 Olympic Games participating athlete.

A petition in writing for consideration must be submitted to the International Committee Chair no less than two hours prior to the IC Discipline Subcommittee meeting for the petitioner’s respective event, unless the athlete is injured or becomes ill during the last segment of the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships and has to withdraw from the event. These athletes/teams will be able to petition the IC Discipline Subcommittee for nomination to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team after the event concludes and prior to the IC Discipline Subcommittee’s meeting for the petitioner’s respective event.

All petitions must be filled out using the petition form (attachment C) and must state the specific injury, illness or unusual circumstance, which prohibited the athlete from participating at or caused early withdrawal from the 2022 Toyota U.S Figure Skating Championships.

In the case of a petition based upon an injury or illness, the petition must be accompanied by a physician’s statement, and the nature and extent of that injury or illness is subject to verification by a doctor approved by U.S Figure Skating.

Athletes must also be able to demonstrate competitive, consistent and trending results through the events listed in 1.2.1.

A successfully petitioned 2022 U.S. Olympic Team athlete must be able to prove his/her ability to compete by performing complete competition programs with all planned program elements by a specified date, as approved and reviewed by a monitoring panel to be determined by the appropriate IC Discipline Subcommittee. In addition, medical personnel approved by U.S. Figure Skating must verify that the athlete(s) will be physically ready to compete at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

E. Selecting Members of the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team

At the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships, U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee (IC) Discipline Subcommittees for singles, pairs and ice dance ([U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#) ICR 2.01 and ICR 2.03) will formally meet within 24 hours of the conclusion of the respective discipline (ladies, men, pairs, ice dance) or at the conclusion of all of the Championship disciplines. A schedule of the nomination meetings will be posted onsite at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships and on U.S. Figure Skating's website no later than 24 hours before the first event of the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee's (IC) Discipline Subcommittees (singles, pairs and ice dance) will determine their respective nominees to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team and at least one but up to three replacement athletes per discipline based on the criteria outlined in 2.2. below. Each IC Discipline Subcommittee will nominate the athletes/teams in rank order and the nomination for each discipline for the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team will be submitted to the USOPC for final approval.

A quorum of each discipline subcommittee of the International Committee must vote in order for the IC Discipline Subcommittee's nomination to be official. A quorum is defined as a two-thirds majority of the IC Discipline Subcommittee present either in person or via telephone conference call. Two-thirds of the votes for each of the IC Discipline Subcommittees is needed to determine the nominees and replacement athletes for the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team.

Official nominees will be notified by visiting a secure page on U.S. Figure Skating's "Members Only" website (<https://www.usfsaonline.org/>) at a predetermined date and time. If the nominations are not completed by the designated time, a message will be posted on the page with further details on the estimated time the nominations will be completed.

- The IC Discipline Subcommittees will nominate the athletes/teams in a ranked order based on the discussion of the criteria above at the identified events (1.2.1.). Once the IC Discipline Subcommittees have identified the slate of athletes for nomination (including replacement athletes/teams) in a ranked order to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team, the nomination of the athletes will be forwarded to the USOPC for final approval.

#### F. Team Event Nominees

Once the nominations of each discipline are approved in a ranked order by the International Committee (IC) Discipline Subcommittees, the IC Discipline Subcommittees will consider the athletes/teams to compete in the Team Event.

The strategy for selecting athletes to compete in the Team Event will be based on maximizing the potential for peak performances and placements in the Team Event as well as the athlete's/team's individual event.

The athletes/teams to compete in the Team Event must be selected from the nominated athletes/teams for the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team in the individual disciplines. After the short programs/rhythm dance of the Team Event are concluded at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, the top five countries with the highest number of aggregate placement points will qualify athletes/teams to compete in the free skate program of the Team Event. The Team Event athletes/teams competing in the free skate/free dance segments will be the same athletes/teams that competed in the short programs, however, each country is allowed to substitute up to two entries (men, ladies, pairs or ice dance) from the selected athletes on the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team.

Athletes/teams participating in the Championship division at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships, with their primary coach's approval, will submit a Team Event Preference Form (see Attachment B) to indicate their interest in participating in the Team Event at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. Completed forms should be emailed to the International Chair [lsfjohnson@yahoo.com](mailto:lsfjohnson@yahoo.com) and the Senior Director, Athlete High Performance [mmoyer@usfigureskating.org](mailto:mmoyer@usfigureskating.org) at least 28 days (four weeks) prior to the first day of official practice of the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships in order to be considered for the Team Event at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. The athletes/teams will indicate whether they want to be considered for both segments, short/rhythm dance only, free skate/free dance only or would like to opt out of participating in the Team Event. The Team Event Preference Form will provide the IC Discipline Subcommittees valuable information on the athlete's/team's strategy to perform at their peak at the Games in the Team Event as well as their individual event. If the athlete has potential of podium placement in their individual event, their individual strategy will be the priority if it is determined that the Team Event strategy interferes with their individual strategy. However, in order to fill the field of the Team Event, and because there will be limitations on participation (only those athletes nominated to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team in their discipline will be eligible) and substitution (only up to two disciplines can be substituted), U.S. Figure Skating reserves the authority to enter an athlete to compete in the Team Event despite the information provided in the Team Event Preference Form. Reasons why an athlete could be entered to compete in a segment that was not indicated by the athlete on their Team Event Preference Form would be due to:

- Ranking of the disciplines (explained below) -- not having the ability to replace an athlete due to the maximum replacement allocation of two athletes/teams already having been reached.
- The first-ranked athlete in the discipline chose the segment the next-ranked athlete preferred.
- The athlete's/team's strategy would not contribute to the best interest of the team to maximize podium potential.

It will be the responsibility of the athlete/team to accept or decline participation in the Team Event.

One week prior to the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships, five members of the International Committee (the IC Chair, U.S. Figure Skating USOPC AAC Representative and the three International Committee Discipline Vice Chairs), along with three non-voting attendees (Senior Director of Athlete High Performance, International Committee Past Chair and the ISU Representative) will meet by conference call to discuss strategy and to rank the disciplines using the international events listed in 1.2.1. for the purpose of determining which athletes/teams will have the first or second option of substitution if the first-ranked athlete/team chooses to compete in one segment only.

The ranking of the disciplines will be based solely on maximizing the total medal potential for Team USA in the individual events as well as the Team Event.

Based on the ranking system for the disciplines and ranking order of the athletes/teams within each discipline (Section C. above), discussions with the athletes and coaches, along with the Team Event Preference Form completed by the athletes and their primary coach, the IC Discipline Subcommittees will determine the athletes to compete in the Team Event in ranked order.

The ranking order of the disciplines will be based on which disciplines have the best opportunity to medal and/or provide the strongest field in the individual events and the ranking order of the athletes/teams will be used to determine which athletes will have priority in competing in the Team Event. The highest-ranked disciplines will have the first option of substitution in the Team Event if the U.S. qualifies for the free skate.

The selection of the participants for the Team Event will be made with the highest-ranked discipline selected first, the second-ranked discipline selected second, the third-ranked discipline selected third and the fourth-ranked discipline selected fourth. When the substitutions of athletes/teams of two disciplines are determined, the athletes/teams of the remaining two discipline(s) will compete in the free skate/free dance segment, which may be contrary to the Team Event Preference Form but is determined by the IC Chair, U.S. Figure Skating USOPC AAC Representative and the three International Committee Discipline Vice Chairs, along with three non-voting attendees (Senior Director, Athlete High Performance, International Committee Past Chair and the ISU Representative) to be the best strategy for podium placement in the Team Event.

If U.S. Figure Skating qualifies only one athlete in a discipline (men, ladies, pairs or ice dance) for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games:

- The athlete or team will be nominated to compete in both segments (short program/rhythm dance and free skate/free dance, if the U.S. qualifies in the top five after the short program/rhythm dance) of the Team Event in addition to their individual event.

- Despite the information provided in the Team Event Preference Form, the athlete/team will be nominated to compete in both segments. However, the athlete/team has the option to decline participation in the Team Event.

If U.S. Figure Skating qualifies two athletes/teams in a discipline (men, ladies, pairs, ice dance) for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, the top-ranked athlete/team determined by the IC Discipline Subcommittees will have the option to compete in both segments or one segment based on their Team Event Preference Form to participate in the Team Event.

- If the top-ranked athlete/team elects to compete in both segments, the second-ranked athlete will not compete in the Team Event.
- If the top-ranked athlete/team elects to compete in only one segment, the second-ranked athlete will be entered to participate in the other segment (if the U.S. qualifies for both segments), despite the preference provided in the Team Event Preference Form. However, the athlete has the option to decline participation in the Team Event.
- If the top-ranked athlete/team opts out of competing in the Team Event, the second-ranked athlete/team will be entered to compete in both segments of the Team Event, despite the information provided in the Team Event Preference Form. However, the athlete has the option to decline participation in the Team Event.

If U.S. Figure Skating qualifies three athletes/teams in a discipline (men, ladies, pairs, ice dance) for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, the top-ranked athlete/team determined by the IC Discipline Subcommittee will have the option to compete in both segments or one segment of the Team Event based on their Team Event Preference Form.

- If the top-ranked athlete/team elects to compete in both segments, the second- and third-ranked athlete will not compete in the Team Event.
- If the top-ranked athlete/team elects to compete in only one segment, the second-ranked athlete will have the option to participate in the other segment (if the U.S. qualifies for both segments) despite the preference provided in the Team Event Preference Form. However, the athlete has the option to decline participation in the Team Event.
  - If the second-ranked athlete/team opts out of competing in the Team Event, the third-ranked athlete/team will be nominated to compete in the other segment despite the preference provided in the Team Event Preference Form. However, the athlete/team has the option to decline participation in the Team Event.
- If the top-ranked athlete/team opts out of competing in the Team Event, the second-ranked athlete/team will have the option of competing in no segments, both segments or only one segment of the Team Event.

- If the second-ranked athlete/team elects to compete in both segments, the third-ranked athlete/team will not compete in the Team Event.
- If the second-ranked athlete/team elects to compete in only one segment, the third-ranked athlete will participate in the other segment (if the U.S. qualifies for both segments) despite the preference provided in the Team Event Preference Form. However, the athlete has the option to decline participation in the Team Event.
- If the first- and second-ranked athlete/teams opt out of competing in the Team Event, the third-ranked athlete/team will compete in both segments of the Team Event which may be contrary to their Team Event Preference Form. However, the athlete has the option to decline participation in the Team Event.

Any changes in the athlete's/team's participation in the Team Event due to injury, illness or the athlete's desire not to participate, the replacement athlete/team will be determined by the approved ranked order. Four days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games and throughout the Games, any changes in the participants of the Team Event due to injury, illness or the athlete's desire not to participate will be determined by ranked order; however, if the changes affect the original plan of participation (which athletes are participating in each athlete segment) in the Team Event, the two U.S. Olympic Team Managers and the Team Leader, working with the coaches, will determine the participants, as needed. In addition, with the U.S. Olympic Team having to declare the composition of the free skate or free dance athletes/teams immediately (latest about 10 minutes) after the conclusion of the short program/rhythm dance, any last-minute decisions will be made by the Team staff (Team Managers and Team Leader) should any unforeseen circumstances arise. Hence, there will be no announcement of the athlete performing in the free skate until after the conclusion of the short programs/rhythm dances to ensure that all athletes are healthy and/or there are no last-minute substitutions or changes that must be made by the Team staff to the original slate approved by the IC discipline Subcommittees.

## **2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION**

### **2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):**

It has been the experience of U.S. Figure Skating that the athletes who have had success at the international and Olympic level are those who have demonstrated consistent performances as opposed to the athletes who have had only a single great performance. Therefore, by not having the selection process based solely on one event, U.S. Figure Skating can select the best athletes to represent the United States at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. In addition to consistency, the athletes should demonstrate performances that are in a total point range that identifies them as being competitive at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games as described in 1.3.B. and 1.3.C.

### **2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):**



The data provided from the events listed in 1.2.1. will provide a body of work within a 12-month period prior to the 2022 Olympic Winter Games that will demonstrate the athlete's/team's consistency, trajectory of improvement, and ability to achieve competitive and/or medal potential scores at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games as described in 1.3.B. and 1.3.C.

- 2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

The International Committee (IC) is responsible for making the nominations to USOPC for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games and is responsible for the selection of athletes to all international events in the junior and senior divisions. Details regarding the responsibilities and goals of the International Committee can be found at <https://www.usfigureskating.org/about/rules>.

#### **Ranking of Disciplines**

As listed below, five voting members within the International Committee (IC) will rank the disciplines and non-voting members will attend the meetings. Non-voting members attend the meetings to provide additional context and information.

International Committee Chair  
U.S. Figure Skating USOPC AAC Representative  
International Committee Discipline Subcommittee, Singles  
International Committee Discipline Subcommittee, Ice Dance  
International Committee Discipline Subcommittee, Pairs

Non-Voting:  
Senior Director, Athlete High Performance  
U.S. Figure Skating ISU Representative/ International Group Coordinator  
International Committee Past Chair

#### **Athlete/Team Nominations to the U.S. Olympic Team**

The International Committee Discipline Subcommittees will be responsible for nominating athletes/teams to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team.

The current IC Discipline Subcommittee titles are listed below:

- IC Discipline Subcommittee - Singles
- ISU Representative
  - International Chair
  - Immediate Past International Chair
  - Vice Chair – Singles
  - Discipline-specific singles representative
  - Discipline-specific singles representative

- ISU Official – Singles
- Board of Director Athlete – Singles
- ISU Championship Athlete – Singles

#### IC Discipline Subcommittee - Ice Dance

- ISU Representative
- International Chair
- Immediate Past International Chair
- Vice Chair – Dance
- Discipline-specific dance representative
- Discipline-specific dance representative
- ISU Official – Dance
- Board of Director Athlete – Dance
- ISU Championship Athlete - Dance

#### IC Discipline Subcommittee – Pairs

- ISU Representative
- International Chair
- Immediate Past International Chair
- Vice Chair - Pairs
- Discipline-specific pairs representative
- Discipline-specific pairs representative
- ISU Official - Pairs
- Board of Director Athlete - Pairs
- ISU Championship Athlete - Pairs

Representative(s) from the USOPC may be in attendance to observe the IC Discipline Subcommittee meetings with respect to the nominations for the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team and/or the meeting with respect to ranking the disciplines for the Team Event.

- 2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

Any member of the IC Discipline Subcommittee who has a conflict of interest (to include, but not limited to, an athlete or a coach or a family member of an athlete being considered for a nomination to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team) must declare a conflict of interest, recuse themselves, abstain from the vote, and not influence others regarding the discussions, meetings and voting concerning their specific discipline. In addition and for clarification, any member of IC Discipline Subcommittee who is a judge or a technical official at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships and/or a member of the skating club of an athlete being considered must disclose this information, but they may remain eligible to participate in the selection process. The judge or technical official remains in the selection process as they will have the most precise and

accurate information regarding the performance quality of the skater(s) at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused himself/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance may provide such information to the committee as long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest abstains as their vote toward the final decision.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete or coach of a potentially impacted athlete) with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to U.S. Figure Skating's Ethics Committee within at least 30 days prior to the nomination meetings for the 2022 Olympic Team. If a situation arises where there is an emergency conflict raised after the 30-day deadline, the issue will be addressed by the Ethics Committee Chair or designee within 24 hours of the reported conflict of interest. Reports may be made anonymously.

### **3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete/team who is to be nominated to the U.S. Olympic Team by U.S. Figure Skating may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by U.S. Figure Skating:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the Executive Director of U.S. Figure Skating.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Figure Skating. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Figure Skating, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.

In addition, any injury/illness occurring after nomination of the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team must be reported to [medical@usfigureskating.org](mailto:medical@usfigureskating.org) within 24 hours of occurrence and/or knowledge (whichever occurs first) of the injury/illness by the athlete and/or coach. The Senior Director, Athlete High Performance and the International Chair will be notified by the Director, Medical and Performance Services regarding the injury/illness. Depending on the severity of the injury or

illness, the athlete authorizes U.S. Figure Skating to request a Return to Play Plan & Status Report from the Director, Medical and Performance Services. After the review of the Return to Play & Status Report, U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to assemble an injury/illness evaluation group and meet via conference call.

The evaluation group shall include:

- U. S. Figure Skating, Senior Director of Athlete High Performance
- Director, Medical and Performance Services
- Medical representative for U.S. Figure Skating
- U.S. Figure Skating International Committee Chair
- Athlete's physician diagnosing the injury or illness
- Primary coach of the athlete

The athlete or the parents of the athlete, if a minor, may also participate in the meeting to discuss the injury or illness. The athlete will also be provided with the option to have an athlete representative as part of the medical evaluation group; however, this is not mandatory as such evaluations concern protected health information.

The purpose of the evaluation group is to provide the athlete, in a confidential manner, a support mechanism to communicate factual information to aid in the recovery and allow the athlete to compete at the highest level at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. The athlete's support staff (medical team, coach, etc.) will develop a plan to provide:

- A timeline for recovery and training that will achieve the performance goal agreed upon by the evaluation group.
- A timeline for communication on the progress of the athlete.

The primary coach of the next replacement (alternate) athlete and / or the replacement athlete may be notified by the International Committee Chair that a replacement may be needed depending on the severity of the injury or illness with a timeline to be determined.

If the athlete is unable to progress in the timeline approved by the evaluation group, the coach and athlete must notify the Senior Director, Athlete High Performance and a follow-up conference call will be arranged to discuss the options for the athlete. The USOPC AAC representative for USFS will be included in this meeting. At this point the athlete will decide whether to withdraw, or if the athlete decides that he/she is not ready to withdraw from the event, then the following will occur:

- 1) The evaluation group will work with the athlete and support staff to adjust the timeline, or

- 2) If it is determined by the evaluation group, in its sole discretion, that it is not in the best interest of the athlete and/or U.S. Figure Skating for the athlete to attend the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, the evaluation group will recommend to the International Chair that the athlete is replaced by the next replacement (alternate) athlete. The International Chair will take the recommendation of the evaluation group to a vote by the appropriate IC Discipline Subcommittee to replace the athlete.
- 3.1.3. Violation of the U.S. Figure Skating's Code of Conduct (GR 1.02 of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook) and/or Code of Ethics (GR 1.01) found at <https://www.usfigureskating.org/about/rules>
- 3.1.4. A petitioned athlete is unable to meet the requirements outlined in section 1.3.D.

An athlete who is removed from the U.S. Olympic Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per U.S. Figure Skating's Bylaws and the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9. The U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws and Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures (Article XXV) can be found on the U.S. Figure Skating website at <https://www.usfigureskating.org/about/rules>.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable U.S. Figure Skating Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:  
<https://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-and-Competition>  
[www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents](https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents)
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the U.S. Olympic Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, WADA, ISU, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport policies, as applicable. The link to U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport Handbook is:  
<https://www.usfigureskating.org/safesport>

#### **4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

Using the criteria listed in section 1.3., replacement (alternate) athletes will be determined via a ranking list compiled by U.S. Figure Skating's IC Discipline Subcommittees of their respective discipline using all of the evaluative events listed

in section 1.2.1. and announced at the time of the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team nomination.

- 4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

A replacement athlete(s) will be submitted by U.S. Figure Skating to the USOPC as determined by the ranking list per discipline (men, ladies, pairs and ice dance) provided by the IC Discipline Subcommittee of their respective discipline – as described in 4.1. For each individual event qualified by the U.S. to compete at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, at least one (1) and up to three (3) replacement athletes/teams per discipline will be named. The first replacement athlete will be given the option to travel to the USFS alternate training site in Asia.

- 4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

See 4.1 and 4.1.1 above.

## **5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

U.S. Figure Skating will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

## **6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

In addition to the [USOPC Code of Conduct](#), the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Olympic Winter Games.

Team Event Preference Form for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games (Attachment B).

## **7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the U.S. Figure Skating in the following location(s):

- 7.1. U.S. Figure Skating’s “Members Only” website: [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org)

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days after notice of approval by the USOPC.

- 7.2. U.S. Figure Skating’s website: [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org)

These procedures, excluding its attachments, will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days after notice of approval by the USOPC.

## **8. DATE OF NOMINATION**

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before:

Monday, January 10, 2022.

## **9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

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

There will be no mandatory training required, due to the short timeline from the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships to the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. However, athletes will be monitored through U.S. Figure Skating's Athlete High Performance Department. Members of the Athlete High Performance Department and/or ISU officials may visit the athlete's/team's home training site to provide valuable feedback prior to the Games. U.S. Figure Skating's Athlete High Performance department and the two 2022 U.S. Olympic Team Managers may provide feedback to the athletes and coaches on their U.S. Championships performances and other performances during the year. The Athlete High Performance department may also follow up with the coaches to make sure that the athletes are on track for medal-winning performances at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

## **10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, ISU, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, ISU, USADA and USOPC Rules, as applicable.

## **11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

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

Prior to developing the procedures, a meeting was held with key U.S. Figure Skating AAC members to discuss the contents in the procedures and receive input from the athletes on making the procedures clear on the criteria, more objective and transparent in the process. The members in the meeting included:

- U.S. Figure Skating's USOPC AAC Representative/ representative for pairs – Mark Ladwig
- AAC representative for ladies – Rachael Flatt
- AAC representative for men – Ross Miner
- AAC representative for ice dance – Colin Mc Manus

- Senior Director, Athlete High Performance – Mitch Moyer
- U.S. Figure Skating ISU Representative/Group Coordinator, International – Bob Horen
- International Chair at the time of the meeting – Sam Auxier

The athlete selection procedures were created with input from the individuals listed below. These procedures were subsequently approved by U.S. Figure Skating’s International Committee and Athlete Advisory Committee, with final approval from U.S. Figure Skating’s Board of Directors.

- Executive Director – David Raith
- Senior Director, Athlete High Performance – Mitch Moyer
- U.S. Figure Skating Athletes Advisory Committee Chair/USOPC AAC Representative – Mark Ladwig
- U.S. Figure Skating International Committee Chair – Sam Auxier
- U.S. Figure Skating’s ISU Representative – Bob Horen
- USOC Athlete Advisory Member – Mark Ladwig
- AAC Representative – Colin McManus
- AAC Representative – Rachael Flatt
- AAC Representative – Ross Miner

**U.S Figure Skating’s Athletes Advisory Committee consists of 50 members representing five disciplines (men, ladies, pairs, ice dance and synchronized skating). The members include:**

**Rachael Flatt, Chair**  
 Anastasia Cannuscio  
 Katie McBeath  
 Ella Ales  
 Marissa Castelli  
 Tessa Hedges  
 Colin McManus  
 Tori Alexander  
 Jordan Alexander  
 Evan Bates  
 Jason Brown  
 Nathan Bartholomay  
 Emily Day  
 Ashley Cain-Gribble  
 Isabella Cannuscio  
 Jonathan Cassar  
 Damian Dodge

Caroline Zhang  
 Ryan Devereaux  
 Timothy Dolensky  
 Logan Bye  
 Amanda Evora  
 Joelle Forte  
 Tomoki Hiwatashi  
 Mark Ladwig  
 Christina Gao  
 Douglas Razzano  
 Grant Hochstein  
 Tarah Kayne  
 Timothy LeDuc  
 Jenna Longo  
 Alexander Johnson  
 Hannah Miller  
 Erika Hoffman

Felicia Zhang  
 Stephen Murray  
 Ashley Mulhern  
 Brynne McIsaac  
 Danny O’Shea  
 Sean Rabbitt  
 Mirai Nagasu  
 Olivia Serafini  
 Akari Nakahara  
 Sharon Neff  
 Camden Pulkinen  
 Livvy Shilling  
 Ashley Tomich  
 Jason Wong  
 Tyler Vollmer  
 Devin Wang

**U.S. Figure Skating International Committee**

The following three members hold positions on each of the IC Discipline Subcommittees in addition to the discipline-specific members in the subsequent lists below:

- International Committee Chair- Laurie Johnson



- ISU Representative – Bob Horen
- Immediate Past International Chair – Sam Auxier

#### IC Discipline Subcommittee - Singles

- National Vice Chair/Singles – Wendy Enzmann
- Discipline-specific singles representative – Kathleen Cutone
- Discipline-specific singles representative – Peggy Graham
- ISU Official/Singles – Lorrie Parker
- Board of Director Athlete/Singles – Rachael Flatt
- ISU Championship Athlete/Singles – Max Aaron

#### IC Discipline Subcommittee - Ice Dance

- National Vice Chair/Dance – Sharon Rogers
- Discipline-specific dance representative – Janis Engel
- Discipline-specific dance representative – Julia Rey
- ISU Official/Dance – Jenny Mast
- Board of Director Athlete/Dance – Colin McManus
- ISU Championship Athlete/Dance - Alexandra Aldridge

#### IC Discipline Subcommittee - Pairs

- National Vice Chair/Pairs – Tina Lundgren
- Discipline-specific pairs representative – Troy Goldstein
- Discipline-specific pairs representative – Whitney Gaynor
- ISU Official/Pairs - Deveny Deck
- Board of Director Athlete/Pairs – Felicia Zhang
- ISU Championship Athlete/Pairs – Amanda Evora

#### International Committee Management Subcommittee (ICMS) – TBD

ICMS roles and responsibilities can be found on the <https://www.usfigureskating.org/about/rules>.

The members of the ICMS are as follows:

- IC Chair, Laurie Johnson
- National Vice Chair for International Coaches Subcommittee, Kelley Morris-Adair
- Prior IC Chair, Sam Auxier
- ISU Representative, Bob Horen
- USOPC AAC Representative, Mark Ladwig

#### **U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors**

- Anne Cammett, President
- Kristin Arneson Cutler, Midwest Vice President
- Janis Engel, Pacific Coast Vice President
- Heather Nemier, East Vice President

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- Lynn Goldman, Group Coordinator Athlete Services
- Elizabeth Preston, Group Coordinator Membership Development
- Todd Bromley, Group Coordinator Technical
- Karen Terry Perreault, Group Coordinator Administrative/Legal
- Heather Paige, Coach Representative
- Bobby Martin, Coach Representative
- Rachael Flatt, Athlete Representative
- Colin McManus, Athlete Representative
- Jenna Longo, Athlete Representative
- Felicia Zhang, Athlete Representative (non-voting)
- Sam Auxier, Past President (non-voting)
- Bob Horen, ISU Representative (non-voting)

Note: The four athlete representatives rotate so that there are always three voting and one non-voting member.

## **12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

The U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws, Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures (Article XXV) can be found at: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/about/rules>

## **13. 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 and/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.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

## **14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

The Athlete Ombudsman provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB.

To contact the Athlete Ombudsman Office:




PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org)

WEBSITE: [www.usathlete.org](http://www.usathlete.org)

## 15. NGB SIGNATURES

**I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by U.S. Figure Skating.**

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
U.S. Figure Skating President or CEO/Executive Director	David Raith		8/18/2020
U.S. Figure Skating Senior Director, Athlete High Performance	Mitch Moyer		8/18/2020
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Mark Ladwig		8/18/2020

\* If the USOPC 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.

\* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by U.S. Figure Skating, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

\* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOPC AAC Representative, U.S. Figure Skating must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.



## ***Technical Notification 229***

**Dated: May 23, 2019**

**Re: Qualifying for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships – Minimum Total Element Score (TES)**

Per rule 2505 (2018-19 Combined Report of Action, Item 320, pages 44-46), competitors who qualify for the senior events at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships must also have met a minimum total element score (TES) at one of the following competitions in the same season:

- Any National Qualifying Series event,
- A Regional Singles Challenge,
- A Sectional Singles Final,
- A Sectional Pairs or Dance Challenge,
- The U.S. Pairs or Dance Final, or
- Any ISU competition.

The minimum score is comprised of the TES from the short program/rhythm dance plus the TES from the free skate/free dance in the same competition.

For the 2019-20 season, the minimum TES are:

- Men: 92.0
- Ladies: 75.0
- Pairs: 68.0
- Ice Dance: 65.0

**Attachment B**

**2022 Olympic Winter Games Team Event – Team Event Preference Form  
Beijing, China**



**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY:**

**DECEMBER 6, 2021**

Please fill in with computer or in capital letters!

I /we, the undersigned

(full name of Competitor(s))

\_\_\_\_\_

hereby make the following declaration that if nominated to the 2022 Olympic Team would like to be considered for selection to the Team Event in the following segments:

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we would like to be considered for either or both segments of the Team Event.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we would prefer being considered for one segment of the Team Event.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we prefer to skate the short program/short dance.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we prefer to skate the long program/free dance.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we do not wish to be considered for the team event.

Please provide information explaining your strategy to maximize your potential for peak performance in your individual and team event.

Note: In order to fill the field of the Team Event, and because there will be limitations on participation (only those athletes nominated to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team in their discipline will be eligible) and substitution (only up to two disciplines can be substituted), U.S. Figure Skating may nominate an athlete to compete in the Team Event despite the information provided in the intent to compete form. It will be the responsibility of the athlete/team to accept or decline the nomination.

I/we, the undersigned understand,

- *The athlete/team will submit a Team Event Preference Form to U.S. Figure Skating Senior Director, Athlete High Performance and the International Committee Chair on or before December 6, 2021 (at least 28 days prior to the first day of official practice of the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships) in order to be considered for the Team Event at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.*
- *The athlete/team understands that the segment preferences listed above for the Team Event at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games are preferences only, and it is not a guarantee that the athlete/team will receive their most preferable segment if the athlete/team chooses to be considered for one segment only.*
- *If the plan to compete in the Team Event at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games changes after submitting the form, the athlete/team or their primary coach must notify the International Chair and the Senior Director, Athlete High Performance (in writing) prior to the first official practice of the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships.*

Competitor:	Date:	Signature:
	_____	_____
Competitor (Partner if applicable):	Date:	Signature:
	_____	_____
Coaches Signature:	Date:	Signature:
	_____	_____
Competitor's parent or lawful guardian for Competitors who have not reached the age of 18:	Date:	Signature:
	_____	_____
Partner's parent or lawful guardian for Competitors who have not reached the age of 18 (if applicable):	Date:	Signature:
	_____	_____



## **2022 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES PETITION**

In accordance to 1.3.D in the 2022 Olympic Winter Games Athlete Selection Procedures a skater must participate in the 2022 Toyota U.S. Championships. U.S. Figure Skating recognizes that extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances may occur which would cause an athlete otherwise deserving of a spot on the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team indicated by their previous competition results to be unable to participate in the 2022 Toyota U.S Figure Skating Championships. Therefore, athletes may petition to U.S Figure Skating's International Committee for the right to be selected as a 2022 Olympic Games participating athlete.

If the skater has to withdraw from the 2022 Toyota U.S. Championships for any reason and would still like to be considered for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games team they must submit this form to the International Committee Chair, [Lsfjohnson@yahoo.com](mailto:Lsfjohnson@yahoo.com) no less than two hours prior to the IC Discipline Subcommittee meeting for their respective discipline. If the skater has to withdraw from the event during the last segment of the 2022 Toyota U.S. Championships the athletes/teams will be able to petition the IC Discipline Subcommittee for nomination to the 2022 U.S. Olympic Team after the event concludes and prior to the IC Discipline Subcommittee's meeting for the petitioner's respective event.

This petition must state in detail the specific injury, illness, or unusual circumstance that prevented the skater from competition. This petition must include a physician's statement if applicable. Proof of demonstrated, competitive, consistent and trending results as listed in section 1.2.1 of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games Athlete Selection Procedures must also be included. Furthermore, a successfully petitioned 2022 U.S. Olympic Team athlete must be able to prove his/her ability to compete by performing complete competition programs with all planned program elements by a specified date, as approved and reviewed by a monitoring panel to be determined by the appropriate IC Discipline Subcommittee. In addition, medical personnel approved by U.S. Figure Skating must verify that the athlete(s) will be physically ready to compete at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

### I. ATHLETE

Skater Name:

Skater USFS Member Number:

Skater Full Mailing Address:

Skater E-mail Address:

Skater Telephone Numbers:                      Home:

Cell:

### II. COACH

Coach Name:

Coach E-mail Address:

Coach Telephone Number:

Home:

Cell:

III. PARENT/GUARDIAN (if under the age of 18)

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian E-mail:

Parent/Guardian Telephone Number:

Home:

Cell:

IV. SPECIFY INJURY/ILLNESS OR UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCE

Describe in detail the injury, illness, or unusual circumstance that prevented you from competing in the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships.



V. PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT

Please include as an attachment, a detailed statement from a physician if skater sustained injury or illness which prevented them from competing at the 2022 TOYOTA U.S. Figure Skating Championships. The Statement must also include a return to play progression and status report specifying how the athlete will be prepared to compete at the Olympic Games.

VI. PROOF OF TRENDING RESULTS

Please include in the chart provided below proof of demonstrated, competitive, consistent and trending results using data from the identified events in 1.2.1 of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games Athlete Selection Procedures.

Event Name	Total Points	Placement

VII. SIGNATURE

The petition must be signed by the skater (or skaters legal guardian). If this petition is being submitted electronically, the person sending the e-mail shall have been deemed to have signed the petition.

Signature of skater/legal guardian:

Signed on:

(Date)

(Signature)

(Printed Name)