

2026-27 ATHLETE SUPPORT FUNDING CRITERIA

TEAM A

TEAM A – TIER 1

- Placements 1-3 at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games (excluding the team event) or the 2026 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- 2026 U.S. champion combined with a top 5 placement at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games (excluding the team event) or the 2026 ISU World Figure Skating Championships

TEAM A – TIER 2

- 2026 U.S. champion
- Placements 4th – 10th at the 2026 Olympic Games (excluding team event) or the 2026 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Qualifier for the 2025 ISU Grand Prix Final
- 2026 ISU Four Continents champion
- Champion at any of the six ISU Grand Prix competitions in the 2025-26 season
- Top 1-6 in season's best scores or world standings for the 2025-26 season for senior athletes and teams

TEAM B

TEAM B - TIER 1

- Placements 11th and lower at the 2026 Olympic Games or the 2026 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 2nd – 4th in the championship events at the 2026 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 2nd – 3rd at the 2026 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships
- 1st alternate for the 2026 Olympic Games or the 2026 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Top 7-12 in season's best scores or world standings for the 2025-26 season for senior athletes and teams

TEAM B - TIER 2

- Placements 2nd – 3rd at any of the six ISU Grand Prix competitions in the 2025-26 season
- Placement 5th and 6th in the championship events at the 2026 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- 2nd and 3rd alternates for the 2026 Olympic Games or 2026 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 4th – 10th at the 2026 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships
- 2026 ISU World Junior champion
- Top 13-24 in season's best scores or world standings for the 2025-26 season for senior athletes and teams

TEAM C

TEAM C - TIER 1

- Placements 11th and lower at the 2026 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 7th – 8th in the championship events at the 2026 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- 2026 U.S. junior champion
- Placements 2nd – 3rd at the 2026 ISU World Junior Championships
- Champion at any senior ISU international competition in the 2025-26 season
- Champion at any of the seven ISU Junior Grand Prix competitions in the 2025-26 season
- Qualifier for the 2025 ISU Junior Grand Prix Final
- Top 1-24 in season's best scores or world standings for the 2025-26 season for junior athletes and teams

TEAM C - TIER 2

- Placements 2nd – 3rd at any senior ISU international competition in the 2025-26 season
- Placements 4th and lower at the 2026 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 2nd – 3rd in the junior events at the 2026 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 2nd – 3rd at any of the seven ISU Junior Grand Prix competitions in the 2025-26 season

TEAM D

TEAM D - TIER 1

- Placements 4th – 6th in the junior events at the 2026 U.S. Figure Skating Championships

TEAM D - TIER 2

- Placements 1st – 2nd in novice singles at each of the Sectional Finals in the 2026 U.S. Figure Skating National Qualifying Series
- Placements 1st – 3rd in novice at the U.S. Pairs and Dance Final in the 2026 U.S. Figure Skating National Qualifying Series
- Placements 1st – 3rd in novice at the U.S. Pairs and Dance Final in the 2026 U.S. Figure Skating National Qualifying Series
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RESERVE TEAM

- Athletes or teams that are assigned to an international competition and do not meet the criteria for the A, B or C teams will be placed in the reserve team.
- Reserve team receives NO funding.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Athletes qualifying in more than one team and/or tier will always be placed in the higher team and tier.

Consideration will be given to place the ISU World medalists of the previous two seasons into Team A or Team B at the discretion of the ICMS. These athletes must have retained their eligible status and must be committed to competing in the next competitive season. Consideration will be given to place athletes who were named to the 2025 World Team but could not compete in 2025 due to injury or illness into Team A – Tier 2 or Team B – Tier 1 at the discretion of the ICMS.

Consideration will be given to place a 2026 Olympic medalist into Team A or Team B at the discretion of the ICMS. These athletes must have retained their eligible status and must be committed to competing in the current and/or following competitive season.

Athletes that were in Team A the previous year and plan on continuing to compete will automatically be placed in Team C – Tier 1 if they do not meet the criteria for Team A or Team B. However, if the athlete or team was not able to compete at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships due to injury and was in Team A the previous season, the athlete/team may be placed in Team B – Tier 1 or Team B – Tier 2 based on the discretion of the ICMS.

Athletes that were in Team B the previous year and plan on continuing to compete will automatically be placed in Team D – Tier 1 if they do not meet the criteria for Team A or Team B. However, if the athlete or team was not able to compete at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships due to injury and was in Team B the previous season, the athlete/team may be placed in Team C – Tier 1 or Team C – Tier 2 based on the discretion of the ICMS.

Consideration to place the athletes in Team C – Tier 1 will be given for senior level skaters placing lower at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships where the event was very strong or the results were very close.

Consideration to place the athletes in Team C – Tier 2 will be given for junior level skaters placing lower at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships where the event was very strong or the results were very close.

If an athlete or team meets the criteria for Team B or C but does not qualify for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, they will be placed in Team C – Tier 2.

Athletes/teams assigned to an international competition, who are not in the current season's funding structure, will be placed in the reserve team. If the athlete/team medal at a senior ISU international competition, they will be placed, immediately, in Team C – Tier 2 and receive the remaining funding for that season.

Any athlete(s) who medal in the junior or senior levels at a spring international will be awarded ASUPP funding equal to 10 percent of the total amount of Team C – Tier 2 funding of the current season.

Any athlete or team not already in a team for the current season and who competes at a 2025 Grand Prix Series event will be added to Team C – Tier 1.

Any athlete(s) who is selected to the World Junior Team, that is not in the current season's funding structure, will be placed in Team C – Tier 1 and receive the final installment of funding for the current season.

Any athlete(s) who is selected to the World Team, that is not in the current season's funding structure, will be placed in Team B – Tier 1 and receive the final installment of funding for the current season.