

CATEGORY POLICY FOR U.S FIGURE SKATING SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS
Effective August 15, 2025. Amended September 15, 2025.

RATIONALE

Pursuant to the Ted Stevens Olympic & Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C. § 22501, et. Seq. (the “Act”), the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (“USOPC”) has certified U.S. Figure Skating as the national governing body for the sport of figure skating, and this certification is dependent upon continued compliance with the requirements of the USOPC and the Act. The USOPC has determined that under the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, 36 USC § 220501 et seq., and further under Executive Order 14201, which it has determined is applicable, that all National Governing Bodies (“NGBs”) must adopt the policy described below or be subject to consequences imposed by the USOPC and/or Congress including potential loss of status as an NGB.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all competitions sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating. This policy supersedes all previous policies or prior decisions by U.S. Figure Skating addressing whether an athlete may compete in Female Competition Category.

POLICY

U.S. Figure Skating is committed to protecting opportunities for athletes participating in sport. U.S. Figure Skating will continue to collaborate with various stakeholders with oversight responsibilities, e.g., USOPC and International Skating Union (“ISU”), to ensure that women have a fair and safe competition environment consistent with Executive Order 14201 and the Ted Stevens Olympic & Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C § 22501, et. seq. As required by Executive Order 14201, the definitions in Executive Order 14168 shall apply to this Policy.

U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned competitions that include a Female Category (‘girls’ and/or ‘women’ as referenced in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook) must limit participation in that category to athletes who were assigned female at birth.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION OF THE FEMALE COMPETITION CATEGORY

By registering in the Female Category for a competition sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating an athlete (or their legal guardian) represents and warrants to U.S. Figure Skating that the athlete was assigned as female at birth. Only U.S. Figure Skating shall have the right to contest the athlete’s Female Competition Category status. If contested by U.S. Figure Skating, the determination of whether the athlete was assigned as female at birth may be established through the person’s original birth certificate or certified copy of the original birth certificate. U.S. Figure Skating in its sole discretion may also consider other reliable facts if the original birth certificate was amended, corrected or in the absence of an original birth certificate.

OPEN DISCIPLINES GOVERNED BY U.S. FIGURE SKATING

U.S. Figure Skating offers multiple disciplines to participate in U.S. Figure Skating Sanctioned Competitions that are not restricted by this Policy.

- Synchronized Skating
- Theatre on Ice
- Showcase
- Solo Dance
- Team Maneuver Events