

**INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION
(ISU)**

**FIGURE SKATING (SINGLE & PAIR SKATING)
ICE DANCE**

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EVENTS

LADIES	Figure Skating Singles
MEN	Figure Skating Singles
MIXED	Figure Skating Pair Skating Ice Dance
TEAM	Figure Skating Team Event

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

ATHLETES QUOTA 148 athletes (74 men and 74 ladies) for individual events

	Men	Ladies
Singles	30	30
Pairs	20	20
Ice Dance	24	24

TOTAL MAXIMUM 148 athletes for Figure Skating
For exceptions relating to the Figure Skating Team Event please refer to Annex A.

NOC QUOTA MAXIMUM 18 athletes

	Men	Ladies
Singles	3	3
Pairs	3	3
Ice Dance	3	3

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

ISU Rule 400 applies for Figure Skating qualification.

Qualification places are earned by the NOCs. Qualification for the individual events (Ladies, Men, Pair Skating, Ice Dance) is based on an accumulation of points at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013 or by placement at a Senior International Competition designated by the ISU (Nebelhorn Trophy, Oberstdorf/Germany, September 25-28, 2013) as a qualification event for the Olympic Winter Games.

SYSTEM IN DETAIL FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (LADIES, MEN, PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE)
(For the Figure Skating Team Event please refer to Annex A including all pertinent details for this Team Event)

Qualification through the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013

Twenty-four (24) qualification places for men and ladies each, in the Singles' events, sixteen (16) qualification places in the Pair Skating event and nineteen (19) qualification places in Ice Dance will be determined after the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013 according to the diagram outlined below.

Number of OWG Qualification places	Required No of points as per ISU Rule 378/2	No of athletes in the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013 that count for points
3	Max 13	2
	Max 2	1
2	14-28	2
	3-10	1
1	Next best ranked athlete from the NFs not qualified with 3 and 2 places, until the quotas of qualification through the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013 are reached.	

The above-mentioned points are calculated by the summary of ranking places at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013. If three (3) Skaters/pairs/couples participated in the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013, only the two (2) best placed count for points. The related Rule is Rule 378, paragraph 2.

Qualification through the Senior International Qualification Competition designated by the ISU

The remaining qualification places (6 places for men and ladies each in Singles, 4 places in Pair Skating and 5 places in Ice Dance) will be filled by the NOCs at Senior International Qualification Competition designated by the ISU (Nebelhorn Trophy, Oberstdorf/Germany, September 25-28, 2013). Only one (1) qualification place per discipline and NOC may be earned. Places are available only to those NOCs which have not previously qualified in the respective discipline, based on their best ranked athletes in the competition.

MINIMUM TOTAL TECHNICAL SCORE

As per Rule 400.A/B, paragraph 5 of the 2012 Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance, to be entered into and participate in the individual events (Ladies, Men, Pair Skating, Ice Dance) of the Olympic Winter Games, a Skater/Couple must have reached on or before the final entry deadline (January 27, 2014) in an ISU Championships or ISU recognized International Competition (as per Article 38 paragraph 7 of the ISU Constitution and Rule 107, paragraph 1 to 9 of the ISU General Regulations) during the ongoing or immediately preceding season the applicable Minimum Total Technical Score (points) established for the ISU Championships (see ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance, Rule 378, paragraph 3). The applicable Minimum Total Technical Scores shall be decided by the ISU Council and shall be published in an ISU Communication at the beginning of the Olympic season 2013/14.

HOST NATION QUALIFICATION

In the case where the Skater/Couple of the Host country (Russia) went through the normal qualification procedure and did not qualify, one (1) Skater (man and lady)/pair/couple from Russia shall have the right to participate in each event (Ladies, Men, Pair Skating and Ice Dance), as Skater number 30 in the Single events, as pair number 20 in the Pair Skating event and as couple number 24 in the Ice Dance event. In such case the number of Skaters/pairs/couples taken from the Senior International Competition designated by the ISU will be reduced (See ISU Communication No. 1767, point 9).

FIGURE SKATING TEAM EVENT QUALIFICATION SYSTEM AND COMPETITION RULES – PLEASE REFER TO ANNEX A

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

Qualification places earned and not used by the NOCs, will be filled by stand-by NOCs based on the final result of the designated ISU Senior International Qualification Competition for those NOCs not qualified and not yet represented. This reallocation process will take place from 11.01.2014 to 19.01.2014.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

10-17 March 2013	ISU World Figure Skating Championships – London ON, (Canada)
15 September 2013	NOCs qualified through the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013 confirm to ISU participation in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games
September 25-28, 2013	Nebelhorn Trophy, Oberstdorf/Germany
30 October 2013	Confirmation by ISU regarding allocation of qualification places
5 - 8 December 2013	ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (Japan) and subsequent ISU information regarding the qualified Teams for the Olympic Figure Skating Team Event.
11-19 January 2014	ISU to inform relevant NOCs regarding reallocation of quota places that will have to be confirmed by the NOC within 24 hours. Lack of a NOC response to the ISU within this deadline will be considered as a refusal of the offered quota place
20 January 2014	Final allocation of quota places by the ISU
24 January 2014	End of re-allocation process
27 January 2014	Deadline for Sochi 2014 Organizing Committee to receive entry forms by name submitted by the NOCs

ANNEX A - OLYMPIC FIGURE SKATING TEAM EVENT

1. GENERAL

The IOC Executive Board accepted the inclusion of the Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance) Team Event at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games (OWG) in Sochi based on the notion that only athletes that are already qualified for the individual events (hereafter called the “qualified Skaters/Couples”) will participate in the Team Event. For exceptions please refer to point 3.2.1 below.

As per ISU Regulations, Rule 400, paragraph C, the ISU Council in consultation with the IOC shall determine all relevant conditions (number of Teams and participation, qualifying/participation/entry criteria, technical format, starting order, result determination, Officials participation and other relevant technical and organizational details).

The following Rules and guidelines are based on the consultations between the IOC and the ISU and in line with the 2012 ISU Constitution and General/Special Regulations and Technical Rules.

2. BASIC EVENT FORMAT AND QUALIFYING SYSTEM

a) The Figure Skating Team Event format is based on a competition consisting of up to ten (10) best national teams from NOCs/ISU Members. In each Team 1 Man Single Skater, 1 Lady Single Skater, 1 Pair Skating couple and 1 Ice Dance couple, i.e. a total of 6 Skaters per Team, will compete (hereafter called the Team(s)).

The 10 qualified Teams will compete in the Short Program/Short Dance. The 5 best Teams having scored the highest number of aggregate placement points (see paragraph 5 below) after the Short Programs/Short Dance will qualify to continue the Figure Skating Team Event by skating the Free Skating/Free Dance.

b) Ten (10) NOCs/ISU Members will qualify to enter their Teams based on the qualifying points scoring scale as outlined in sub-paragraph e) below) scored by its best one (1) Lady Single Skater, best one (1) Man Single Skater, best Pair Skating couple and best Ice Dance couple primarily at ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013 (season 2012/13) and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and Final season 2013/14, plus if necessary the ISU European Figure Skating Championships/ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2013 (season 2012/13), the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2013 (season 2012/13) and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating season 2013/14 (only in individual events but not the Final).

c) The 10 Teams having accumulated the highest number of qualifying points by the above-mentioned number and discipline of Skaters/Couples in the above mentioned ISU Events and the criteria outlined below will qualify. If there is a tie among Teams subject to qualify, the Team having earned the higher number of qualifying points at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013 will be qualified. If a tie persists, the Team having earned the higher number of qualifying points at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events & Final season 2013/14 will be qualified. If a tie still persists, the qualifying NOC/ISU Member will be decided by draw.

d) For the purpose of the Figure Skating Team Event Qualifying System, the basis is to attribute to each NOC/ISU Member qualifying points according to the scale below (sub-paragraph e) on the basis of the best result (the highest number of points earned) of one Single Skaters Man, of one Single Skaters Lady, of one Pair Skating couple and of one Ice Dance couple at each of the two (2) groups of ISU Events listed below (the applicable Events):

- i) in one of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating individual events or Final (senior) season 2013/14.

If Skaters/Couples of a NOC/ISU Member have not obtained qualifying points in the above-mentioned ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating individual events and Final (senior) season 2013/14, then the best result in one event of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating individual events (only in individual events but not the Final) season 2013/14 can be considered;

and

- ii) in the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013 (season 2012/13);
If Skaters/Couples of a NOC/ISU Member have not obtained qualifying points in the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013, then it is possible to use the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2013 respectively the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2013 and if needed the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2013.

In summary, for the qualifying system of the Figure Skating Team Event, the highest number of qualifying points per discipline (Ladies, Men, Pair Skating, Ice Dance) earned **at each of the two above-mentioned group of applicable Events** will be used when cumulating the qualifying points earned per NOC/ISU Member. This means that more and different Skaters/Couples per NOC/ISU Member may contribute to the cumulative number of qualifying points per NOC/ISU Member.

Practically, one to two Single Skaters Ladies and one to two Single Skaters Men one to two Pair Skating couples respectively one to two Ice Dance couples per NOC/ISU Member could contribute to the cumulative number of qualifying points per NOC/ISU Member (the maximum two different single Skaters/couples would be one Skater/couple each at the two applicable group of Events).

The corresponding ranking and Figure Skating Team Event qualification list indicating the respective qualified NOCs/ISU Members for the 2014 OWG Figure Skating Team Event (hereafter called the “Qualified NOCs/ISU Members”) will be issued in a dedicated ISU Communication immediately after the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2013 (season 2013/14) which will be held in December 2013.

e) OWG Figure Skating Team Event qualifying points

Allocation of qualifying points:

Place	WC	EC/FC	WJC	GPF	GP	JGP
1.	1200	840	500	800	400	250
2.	1080	756	450	720	360	225
3.	972	680	405	648	324	203
4.	875	612	365	583	292	182
5.	787	551	328	525	262	164
6.	709	496	295	472	236	148
7.	638	446	266		213	133
8.	574	402	239		191	120
9.	517	362	215			108
10.	465	325	194			97
11.	418	293	174			
12.	377	264	157			
13.	339	237	141			
14.	305	214	127			
15.	275	192	114			
16.	247	173	103			
17.	222	156	93			
18.	200	140	83			
19.	180	126	75			
20.	162	113	68			
21.	146	102	61			
22.	131	92	55			
23.	118	83	49			
24.	106	74	44			
Event	11043	7729	4601	3748	2278	1630

WC = World Championships 2013

EC = European Championships 2013

FC = Four Continents Championships 2013
2013

WJC = World Junior Championships

GPF = Grand Prix Final 2013/14 GP = Grand Prix 2013/14 JGP = Junior Grand Prix 2013/14

3. CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION AND ENTRIES OF SKATERS/ COUPLES

3.1 Skaters/Couples participation/eligibility requirements

The Figure Skating Team Event is only open to Skaters/Couples who belong to NOCs/ISU Members that have qualified for participation in the Figure Skating Team Event according to the Qualifying System outlined above. The Skaters/Couples entered by the respective Qualified NOCs/ISU Members must satisfy the ISU eligibility requirements and age limits in accordance with the 2012 ISU Constitution and General Regulations (being Rule 102 for eligibility and Rule 108, paragraph 2.a) for age limits. Only Skaters fulfilling IOC citizenship/residency requirements may be entered. In addition, in accordance with ISU Regulations (Rule 126, paragraph 6) only Skaters who belong to an ISU Member may be entered.

Each Team must participate in at least 3 disciplines (Ladies/Men/Pair Skating/Ice Dance) of the Figure Skating Team Event. NOCs/ISU Members who according to the procedure as per paragraph 2 above would have qualified for the Figure Skating Team Event but who are unable or unwilling to compose a Team with Skaters/Couples competing in at least 3 disciplines will not be allowed to compete in the Figure Skating Team Event. In order to compose a Team the NOCs, if necessary and applicable, can make one entry (for one discipline) according to the “Additional Athletes Quota” as outlined in detail in paragraph 3.2.1 below.

In case that any Qualified NOC/ISU Member cannot send its Team to the OWG for whatever reason, the ISU may invite the NOC/ISU Member whose Team is ranked next in the Figure Skating Team Event qualification list.

3. 2 Confirmation and Entry Procedure

3.2.1 Entries of Skaters/Couples and Judges

The Qualified NOCs/ISU Members will be officially informed by the ISU Secretariat shortly after the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in December 2013 and must enter their Skaters/Couples by respecting the entry deadlines applicable for the 2014 OWG.

NOCs/ISU Members with Teams who have qualified Skaters/Couples in an individual OWG competition/discipline (the “qualified Skaters/Couples”) in Single Lady, Single Man, Pair Skating, Ice Dance) and who have chosen to compete in the Figure Skating Team Event, must list the respective qualified Skaters/Couples of such discipline also as entries for the Figure Skating Team Event and may not enter different Skaters/Couples for such discipline.

Also, the same NOCs/ISU Members must have their Skaters competing in all the competitions/disciplines of the Figure Skating Team event for which they have entries in the individual OWG competition/discipline. This means that if for example an NOC/Member has only one entry for a discipline/competition, this Skater or couple may not choose to skate only the individual OWG competition and skip the Figure Skating Team Event competition.

NOCs/ISU Members who do not have qualified Skaters/Couples in an individual OWG competition/discipline (Single Lady, Single Man, Pair Skating, Ice Dance), may benefit of an "Additional Athletes Quota" and enter into the Figure Skating Team Event 1 Skater/Couple. If applicable, each NOC may benefit of this Additional Athletes Quota for only one discipline of the Figure Skating Team Event.

The Additional Athletes Quota of up to 10 Skaters will be used giving preference to the best ranked "incomplete Teams" according to the ranking of the Figure Skating Team qualification list. The Additional Athletes Quota beyond the above-mentioned 10 Skaters cannot be exceeded and if not sufficient, the lower ranked "incomplete Teams" according to the ranking of the Figure Skating Team qualification list, may in such case not be able to complete their team.

NOCs having Skaters in a discipline qualified for the respective individual OWG competition/discipline but who chose not to enter such Skater(s) into the individual OWG competition/discipline, may not benefit of the additional Athletes Quota.

The Minimum Total Technical Score requirement as per ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance 2012, Rule 400 A/B, paragraph 5, shall apply for Skaters/Couples of this Additional Athletes Quota for the Figure Skating Team Event. The Minimum Total Technical Score must be achieved on or before the final entry deadline (January 27, 2014). The Minimum Total Technical Scores determined by the ISU for this Additional Athletes Quota may be different from the Minimum Total Technical Scores for the individual OWG competitions/disciplines. The applicable Minimum Total Technical Scores shall be decided by the ISU Council and shall be published in an ISU Communication at the beginning of the Olympic season 2013/14.

If a NOC/ISU Member has 2 or 3 entries in an individual OWG competition/discipline then the NOC/ISU Member must declare the Skaters/Couples to compete in the Short Program/Short Dance of the Team Event latest at 10.00 hours (a.m.), local time on site of the OWG, the day before the beginning of the first Short Program/Short Dance of the Figure Skating Team Event. For the 5 Teams qualified for the Free Skating/Free Dance of the Figure Skating Team Event the NOC/ISU Member must declare the Skater/Couple competing for the Free Skating/Free Dance immediately (latest about 10 minutes) after the conclusion of the last Short Program/Short Dance of the Team Event in order to ensure that the Team composition of all Teams are known before the beginning of the Free Skating/Free Dance.

The Skaters/Couples competing in the Free Skating must be the same as those having competed in the Short Program/Short Dance, however each Team has the option to replace up to two (2) entries (two Single Skaters or one Single Skater (Lady or Man) plus one couple (Pair Skating or Ice Dance) or both the Pair Skating and Ice Dance Couples) between the Short Program/Short Dance and the Free Skating/Free Dance provided such qualified Skaters/Couple is part of the accredited delegation on site of the OWG.

4. STARTING ORDER

The participating Skaters/Couples will be listed according to their ISU World Standing placement at time of the Figure Skating Team Event. The starting order in the Short Program or Short Dance segment will be the reverse order of the ISU World Standing placements. In the case of any tie, there will be a draw to determine who skates first.

Skaters/Couples, not having earned any ISU World Standing points will be listed at the bottom of the ISU World Standing list in NOC/ISU Member order. There will be a separate draw between those Skaters/Couples of the respective discipline with no World Standing points to determine the starting order.

For Free Skating/Free Dance the starting order will be the reverse order of the respective result of each discipline after the previous segment.

5. ISU JUDGING SYSTEM – RESULT DETERMINATION

The ISU Judging System as described in the 2012 ISU Special Regulations Single and Pair Skating/Ice Dance shall apply, in particular but not limited to Rule 352 and Rule 353.

To determine the result after the Short Program/Short Dance and for the final result after the Free Skating/Free Dance of the Figure Skating Team Event the following rule will be used:

For each discipline and segment placement points will be awarded as follows:

- 1st 10 placement points
- 2nd 9 placement points
- 3rd 8 placement points
- 4th 7 placement points
- 5th 6 placement points
- 6th 5 placement points
- 7th 4 placement points
- 8th 3 placement points
- 9th 2 placement points
- 10th 1 placement point.

The 5 Teams ranked 1 to 5 based on the number of aggregate placement points shall continue the Figure Skating Team Event by competing in the Free Skating/Free Dance.

The Team having earned the highest number of aggregate placement points in the Short Program/Short Dance and the Free Skating/Free Dance is the winner, the Team having earned the second highest number of aggregate placement points is ranked second and so on.

When forming the intermediate and final result, in case of a tie between Teams, the tie breaking procedure will be used taking into consideration

- The highest aggregate placement points per Team from the two (2) best places in different disciplines will break the tie;
- If they remain tied, the highest total Team scores of the two (2) best places according to the aggregate placement points per Team in different disciplines will break the ties;
- If they remain tied, the highest aggregate placement points per Team from the three (3) best places in different disciplines will break the ties;
- If they remain tied, the highest total Team scores of the three (3) best places according to the aggregate placement points per Team in different disciplines will break the tie;
- If these criteria fail to break the ties, the Teams will be considered tied.

6. MEDALS/AWARDS

The Teams ranked 1 to 3 will be awarded with the Olympic Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Teams ranked 4 through 8 will receive an Olympic Diploma.

Only Skaters who competed in at least one segment of the Figure Skating Team Event will receive a medal respectively a diploma as applicable.

Each Team nominates a Captain from Team Skaters who represents the Team.

7. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

The ISU will appoint all Technical Officials (ISU Referees, ISU Technical Controllers, ISU Technical Specialists, Assistant Technical Specialists, ISU Data & Replay Operators) that shall be among the same Officials also officiating the individual OWG Figure Skating competitions.

8. PANEL OF JUDGES

The panels of Judges for the Figure Skating Team Event will consist of maximum 9 ISU Judges per segment of different NOCs/ISU Members. Only Judges who are also drawn and present on site of the OWG to judge the individual OWG competitions/disciplines shall officiate in the Figure Skating Team Event.

Judges for the Figure Skating Team Event will be drawn from the same pool as for the individual OWG competitions/disciplines (see Rule 402) meaning that the draw will not be limited to a pool of Judges from NOCs/ISU Members who have qualified for the Figure Skating Team Event. The following draw procedure shall apply:

- a) The draw for the panel of Judges for the Figure Skating Team Event will be made on the occasion of the Judges Draw at the Olympic Qualifying Competition in the fall of 2013 (see also Rule 402).
- b) The number of ISU Judges in the Figure Skating Team Event will be a maximum of nine (9) and a minimum of eight (8) Judges per panel.
- c) Immediately following the draw procedure for the respective panels for the individual OWG competitions/disciplines the draw for the panels of the Figure Skating Team Event will follow. The composition will be made as follows:

Pair Skating 9 NOCs/ISU Members out of the 13 NOCs/ISU Members drawn for the Pair Skating individual OWG competition will form the Pair Skating panel for the Pair Skating Team Event.

Men 5 NOCs/ISU Members, out of the 13 NOCs/ISU Members drawn for the Men individual OWG competition and 4 NOCs/ISU Members out of the 9 NOCs/ISU Members drawn already in the Pair Skating Team event will form the panel of Judges for the Men Team Event.

Ladies 5 NOCs/ISU Members, out of the 13 NOCs/ISU Members drawn for the Ladies individual OWG competition and 4 NOCs/ISU Members out of the 9 NOCs/ISU Members drawn already in the Pair Skating Team event will form the panel of Judges for the Ladies Team Event

Ice Dance 9 NOCs/ISU Members out of the 13 NOCs/ISU Members drawn for the Ice Dance individual OWG competition will form the Ice Dance panel for the Ice Dance Team Event.

- d) All Judges, officiating in the Team Event can be invited to act as a Substitute Judge for another discipline of the Team Event if needed and so qualified.
- e) All Judges, drawn to judge the Figure Skating Team Event must be on site according to the OWG event schedule.
- f) All Judges must have the qualification of at least “ISU Judge”.
- g) In each panel there can be only one Judge per ISU Member.