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Top 6 teams qualify for ISU World Team Trophy

Russia leads the six ISU Members that have qualified for the ISU World Team Trophy in Figure Skating in Fukuoka (JPN), April 11 to 14. The ISU World Team Trophy is a biennal event.

Russia tops the standings with 9038 points followed by the USA (7752 points) and Japan with 6991 points. The other qualified ISU Members are France (5541 points), Italy (4344 points) and Canada (4217 points).

Competition Format and Qualifying

The ISU World Team Trophy format is based on a competition consisting of the six best national teams from ISU Members with a special provision for the host ISU Member to be included. Each team will be composed of two Men, two Ladies, one Pair Skating couple and one Ice Dance couple, i.e. a total of eight skaters per team.

The team event consists of two phases of competition, the Short Program/Short Dance and the Free Skating/Free Dance. Teams are awarded 12 to 1 team points (12 points for first place, 1 point for 12th place) for Men and Ladies and respectively 12 to 7 points for Pairs and Ice Dance couples in the Short Program/Rhythm Dance and in the Free Skating/Free Dance. The standings are calculated according to the sum of the team points achieved in each phase of the event. Several tie breakers are in place.

The teams qualified based on a scoring scale used for the ISU World Standing points scored by their best skaters primarily at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating events and Final of the 2018/19 season and the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2019 plus possibly the ISU European Figure Skating Championships/ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2019, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2019 and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating in the 2018/19 season.

For more information, full entry lists and results please see the <u>ISU event website</u>. Follow the discussion on social media by using the hashtag #WTTFigure.