

2018-19 TEAM ENVELOPE CRITERIA

ENVELOPE A

TEAM A – TIER 1

- Placements 1st – 3rd at the 2018 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 1st – 3rd at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games (excluding the team event)
- 2018 U.S. National Senior Champion combined with a top 5 placement at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games or 2018 ISU World Figure Skating Championships

TEAM A – TIER 2

- 2018 U.S. National Senior Champion
- Placements 4th – 10th at the 2018 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 4th – 10th at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games
- Placements 1st – 6th at the ISU Senior Grand Prix Final in the 2017-18 season
- 2018 ISU Four Continents Champion
- Top 1-6 in seasons best score 2017 -18 season for senior athletes and teams
- Top 1-6 in world standings 2017 -18 season for senior athletes and teams

ENVELOPE B

TEAM B - TIER 1

- Placements 11th and lower at the 2018 ISU World Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 2nd – 4th in the senior events at the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- Placements 2nd – 3rd at the 2018 ISU Four Continents Championships
- 1st alternate for 2018 Olympic Winter Games
- Champion at any of the six ISU Senior Grand Prix competitions in the 2017-18 season
- 2018 ISU World Junior Champion combined with a top 8 placement in the senior events at the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- Top 7-12 in seasons best score 2017-18 season for senior athletes and teams
- Top 7-12 in world standings 2017 -18 season for senior athletes and teams

TEAM B - TIER 2

- Placements 2nd – 3rd at any of the six ISU Senior Grand Prix competitions in the 2017-18 season
- Placement 5th and 6th in the senior events at the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- 2nd and 3rd alternates to Olympic Winter Games
- 2018 ISU World Junior Champion
- Placements 2nd and 3rd at the 2018 ISU World Junior Championships combined with a top 8 placement in the senior events at the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- Top 13 – 24 in seasons best scores 2017-18 season for senior athletes and teams
- Top 13 – 24 in world standings 2017 -18 season for senior athletes and teams

ENVELOPE C

TEAM C - TIER 1

- Placements 4th – 10th at the 2018 ISU Four Continents Championships
- Placements 7th – 8th in the senior events at the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- 2018 U.S. Junior Champion
- Placements 2nd – 3rd at the 2018 ISU World Junior Championships

- **Champion in the Challenger Series competitions in the 2017-18 season**
- **Champion at any of the seven ISU Junior Grand Prix competitions in the 2017-18 season**
- **Qualifier for the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final in the 2017-18 season**
- **Top 24 in seasons best scores 2017-18 season for junior athletes and teams**
- **Top 24 in world standings 2017 -18 season for junior athletes and teams**

TEAM C - TIER 2

- **Placements 2nd – 3rd in the Challenger Series competitions in the 2017-18 season**
- **Placements 4th and lower at the 2018 ISU World Junior Championships**
- **Placements 2nd – 3rd in the junior events at the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Championships**
- **Placements 2nd – 3rd at any of the seven ISU Junior Grand Prix competitions in the 2017-18 season**

ENVELOPE D

TEAM D - TIER 1

- **Placements 4th – 6th in the junior events at the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Championships**

TEAM D - TIER 2

- **Placements 1st – 3rd in the novice events at the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Championships**

RESERVE ENVELOPE

- **Junior and Senior Athletes or teams that are assigned to an international competition and do not meet the criteria for the A, B or C envelopes will be placed in the reserve envelope.**
- **Reserve Envelope receives NO Funding**

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

Consideration will be given to place the ISU World Figure Skating 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 in the top 10 at Worlds in 2017 but could not compete in 2018 due to injury or illness into Team A – Tier 2. Consideration will be given to place athletes who were 11th or lower at Worlds in 2017 but could not compete in 2018 due to injury or illness into Team B – Tier1.

Athletes that were in the Team A Envelope 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 the A Envelope 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 the Team B Envelope 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 the A Envelope 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 the B or C envelope but does not qualify through a bye or by a sectional championship 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 envelope structure, will be placed in the reserve envelope. If the athlete/team medal at a Challenger Series, a Junior Grand Prix or a Senior Grand Prix competition, they will be placed, immediately, in Team Envelope 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% of the total amount of Team C – Tier 2 funding of the current season.

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

Athletes in the reserve envelope that medal at a Challenger Series, a Junior Grand Prix or a Senior Grand Prix competition will be placed immediately in Team Envelope C – Tier 2 and receive the remaining funding for that season.

Athletes selected for a collegiate international competition or the World University Games through the collegiate international program and athletes selected for the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) will not become part of the team envelope and will not be eligible for funding unless they are already members of the team envelope based on other results. Furthermore, if a skater is a member of the reserve team and medals at the collegiate international and/or the World University Games and/or Youth Olympic Games, they will not move up to Team C based on that result.