

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION (ISU)

FIGURE SKATING ICE DANCING

EVENTS

- MEN Figure Skating Singles
- WOMEN Figure Skating Singles
- MIXED Figure Skating Pairs
Ice Dancing

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

ATHLETES QUOTA

MAXIMUM 148 athletes (74 men and 74 women)

	Men	Women
Singles	30	30
Pairs	20	20
Ice Dancing	24	24

NOC QUOTA

MAXIMUM 18 athletes

	Men	Women
Singles	3	3
Pairs	3	3
Ice Dancing	3	3

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

ISU Rule 400 applies for Figure Skating qualification.

Qualification places are earned by the NOCs. Qualification is based on an accumulation of points at the 2009 World Figure Skating Championships or by placement at a Senior International Competition designated by the ISU as a qualification event for the Winter Olympic Games.

SYSTEM IN DETAIL

Qualification through the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2009

Twenty-four (24) qualification places for men and women each, in the Singles' events, sixteen (16) qualification places in the Pairs' event and nineteen (19) qualification places in Ice Dancing will be determined after the 2009 ISU World Figure Skating Championships according to the diagram outlined below.

Number of Qualification places	Required No of points as per ISU Rule 378/2	No of athletes 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 World Figure Skating Championships are reached.	

The above-mentioned points are calculated by the summary of ranking places at the 2009 World Figure Skating Championships. If three (3) skaters/pairs/couples participated in the 2009 World Figure Skating Championships, 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 women each in Singles, 4 places in Pairs and 5 places in Ice Dancing) will be filled by the NOCs at Senior International Qualification Competition designated by the ISU. 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.

HOST NATION QUALIFICATION

In the case where the skater/pair of the Host country - Canada went through the normal qualification procedure and did not qualify, one (1) skater (man and woman)/pair/couple from Canada shall have the right to participate in each event (Ladies, Men, Pairs and Ice Dancing), as skater number 30 in the Single events, as pair number 20 in the Pairs event and as couple number 24 in the Ice Dancing 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 Rule 400. A/B, paragraph 5).

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 11.01.2010 to 19.01.2010.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

22-29 March 2009	ISU World Figure Skating Championships – Los Angeles (USA)
15 September 2009	NOCs qualified through the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2009 confirm to ISU participation in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games
Autumn 2009 (tbd)	ISU Senior International Qualification Competition
30 October 2009	Confirmation by ISU regarding allocation of qualification places
11-19 January 2010	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

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NOC response to the ISU within this deadline will be considered as a refusal of the offered quota place

20 January 2010	Final allocation of quota places by the ISU
28 January 2010	End of re-allocation process
1 February 2010	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organizing Committee to receive entry forms by name submitted by the NOCs