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Olympic Winter Games 2014 Figure Skating Team Event

For the first time in history, a Figure Skating Team event will be included into the Olympic program. Up to ten ISU Members qualify a Team based on points earned by their best skaters at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2013 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, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2013 and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating season 2013/14. Following the ISU Grand Prix and Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final the 10 Teams qualified for the Figure Skating Team Event have been announced as follows:

Canada (6053 points), Russia (5459 points), USA (5274 points), Japan (4062 points), Italy (3707 points), France (3626 points), China (3609 points), Germany (3596 points) and Ukraine (1528 points), Great Britain (1261 points). Two Teams are on standby, namely Australia and Estonia.

The five top Teams after the Short Programs/Short Dance will proceed to the Free Skating/Free Dance. Teams may switch up to two members between Short Program/Short Dance and Free Skating/Free Dance. In general only skaters/couples already qualified for the individual events at the Olympic Winter Games will compete. However, in order to complete a team the NOCs, if necessary and applicable, can make one entry (for one discipline) according to the "Additional Athletes Quota". Each team must participate in at least three disciplines.

Further information is available on the ISU website www.isu.org

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