



NATIONS' CUP AND ADULT GOLD CUP SELECTION PROCEDURES

This document provides:

1. The minimum eligibility requirements for a team to be considered for nomination to Nations' Cup and Adult Gold Cup
2. The process for selections of teams to represent the U.S. at Nations' Cup and Adult Gold Cup

Eligibility

1. Age:

All teams selected for Nations' Cup and Adult Gold Cup must adhere to the applicable age rules.

2. Membership:

Members of teams selected must be current members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating at the time of their selection.

Selection

U.S. Figure Skating can qualify up to a maximum of three (3) Senior, three (3) Junior, and three (3) Novice teams to Nations' Cup and Adult Gold Cup. *This number may be adjusted by the Nations' Cup and Adult Gold Cup organizers and provided to the Selections Committee prior to selections.*

Members of the Selections Committee are as follows:

- Robert Horen, Chair
- John Cole
- Lauren Whittaker
- Gerald Miele
- Richard Perez

The Nations' Cup and Adult Gold Cup Selections Committee will formally meet as soon as practical, after the conclusion of the competition at the U.S. National Theatre On Ice competition, to determine the respective nominees and selections to the Nations' Cup and Adult Gold Cup and substitute teams in ranked order.

Any member of the Selections Committee that has a conflict of interest (including, but not limited to, an athlete or a coach or a family member of an athlete on a team being considered for a nomination) must declare a conflict of interest, recuse themselves and not influence others regarding the discussions, meetings and voting.

To field the most competitive teams, the Selections Committee will take into consideration the performances and results from the events outlined below in priority order to determine the teams who will have the best chance for success at the Nations' Cup and Adult Gold Cup to win the maximum number of medals.

Teams will be determined as follows:

A pool of teams to be considered for selection to Nations' Cup and Adult Gold Cup will first be created. To create the pool, the Selections Committee will take into consideration placement, performance execution, and the competitive field of the events listed below in priority order. The events have been stratified into tiers from the highest value event(s) in Tier 1. Events within each tier shall be evaluated at equal weight.

Tier 1

- 2018 U.S. National Theatre On Ice Competition



Tier 2

- 2017 Nations' Cup and Adult Gold Cup
- 2017 U.S. National Theatre On Ice Competition

The names of the top five teams in the Senior, Junior, and Novice, and Adult divisions at the most recent U.S. National Theatre On Ice Competition will be automatically placed into the selection pool, if eligible. Discussion on, and the selection of the pool of teams identified by the Selection Committee, will be limited to the competitions and considerations listed above.

The Selection Committee may add additional teams to the pool by reviewing the events above in priority order and any extenuating circumstances.

Following the conclusion of the final event at the 2018 National Theatre On Ice competition, the Selections Committee will meet on site and select the teams to be sent to Nations' Cup and Adult Gold Cup from the pool.

Announcements of Selection

Following the Selections Committee meeting, coaches and managers for the selected teams will be notified via email by the end of week following the 2018 National Theatre On Ice competition. Following notification of selected teams, a full list of teams will be posted on U.S. Figure Skating's website on the Theatre On Ice webpage.

Removal of Teams

U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction over selected teams. A team which is selected to the Nations' Cup and Adult Gold Cup may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by U.S. Figure Skating:

- Voluntary withdrawal. The team must submit a written letter to the Chair of Theatrical Skating.
- The team fails to comply with U.S. Figure Skating's Code of Ethics and/or Code of Conduct.

If, after selection, there is a coaching change, or a significant change (40% or greater) in the team members, the team must notify the Chair of the Theatrical Skating Committee. The Chair will determine if a re-evaluation of the team is required, and if necessary that a substitute team be assigned.

Alternate Teams

The Selections Committee will select up to two alternate teams per level and rank them during the Selections Committee meeting. Alternate teams will be notified of their status at the same time as selected teams and will also be posted on U.S. Figure Skating's website on the Theatre On Ice webpage. In the event that a selected team is unable or unwilling to compete, the alternate teams will be contacted in the order they are ranked.