



Ice Chips 2026 Solo, Step Out, Feature and Highlight Guidelines

In the case of athletes who meet multiple criteria, the Ice Chips creative team will place the athlete into the highest tier.

Tier 1 - Solos

- 2026 U.S. Figure Skating Championships competitors
 - i. Senior (1-10)
 - ii. Junior (1-4)

Tier 2 - Step Outs

- Athletes who are:
 - i. Nationally ranked 1-10 at the conclusion of the 2025/26 National Qualifying Series
 - ii. Parade of Champions Medalists at the 2025 National Showcase
 - iii. Medalists (1-4) at Sectional Singles, U.S. Pairs Final, or U.S. Ice Dance Final

Tier 3 - Features

- Athletes who are:
 - i. Sectionally ranked 1-6 at the conclusion of the 2025/26 National Qualifying Series*
 - ii. 2025 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships Qualifying Competitors**
 - iii. 2025 Excel National Final Medalists (1-4)
 - iv. 2025 U.S. Collegiate Championships Medalists (1-4)

Tier 4 - Highlights

- Athletes who are:
 - i. Regionally ranked 1-4 at the conclusion of the 2025/26 National Qualifying Series

**Sectionally ranked 1-6 at the conclusion of the 2025/26 National Qualifying Series*

Athletes have a sectional ranking at the conclusion of the NQS. This is the ranking used to determine eligibility for features. The three final events ("Sectionals") are not part of NQS.

***U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships Qualifying Competitors*

Athletes who compete at their respective sectional championships and qualify for the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships qualify for Tier 3.

Tiers 2, 3, and 4 are a guarantee of acknowledgement of athlete accomplishment. These tiers do not have a specific time minimum or maximum and are at the discretion of the Ice Chips creative team.

The Club and the Ice Chips creative team are producing a live skating show with the explicit intent to entertain a live audience with high-quality entertainment worthy of the price of their ticket. Any athlete who qualifies into one of the above tiers is expected to perform to the best of their ability and in a manner representative of a professional skating show and The Skating Club of Boston.