

Winter Olympic Sports

Figure Skating



Figure skating has four events. They are the mens' event, ladies' event, pairs' event, and the ice dancing event. I skate in the mens' event. While I do my short and long program, I wear a fancy costume.

My skates are specially made with strong boots and sharp steel blades that have toe picks. I use the toe picks on my skates to dig into the ice to push me up high into the air so I can turn while I jump.

Judges give me points for the spins, jumps, and footwork that I do in each of my programs. They also judge the way I skate to the music. If I fall during a jump or while I am doing a move, I lose points. As a figure skater, I have won many medals, but the one I want the most is an Olympic gold.

Complete each sentence with words from the story.

1. In a figure _____ competition, there are _____ main events.
2. Figure skates have strong _____, sharp _____ with _____.
3. People called _____ give skaters _____ for the way they skated.
4. Figure skaters must have _____, _____, and _____ in their programs.
5. If a figure skater _____, during his/her _____, points are taken away from his/her score.
6. Two skaters compete together in the _____ event and the _____ event.



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1. skating, four 2. boots, blades, picks 3. judges, points 4. spins, jumps, footwork
5. falls, program 6. pairs, ice dancing

