

Operation Gold Qualifying Events for USS

The Operation Gold qualifying event for US Speedskating is the Winter Olympic Games during an Olympic Year. During non-Olympic Games years, the Short Track World Championships and Long Track World Single Distance Championships are the Operation Gold qualifying events.

In an Olympic Games year, teams and individuals must place in the top-three at the Olympic Games to qualify for Operation Gold Awards; multiple Operation Gold Awards can be received if an athlete has multiple top-three finishes at the Olympic Games.

During non-Olympic Games years, Operation Gold Awards are limited to one award per athlete in a program year; athletes who qualify for more than one award automatically receive the higher award. Individuals must finish in one of the top-eight places, while teams must finish in one of the top-six places at the qualifying event in order to receive Operation Gold in a non-Olympic Games year.

For purposes of Operation Gold, a team is defined as three or more athletes.

Olympic Sport Payment Schedule

Place	1st Year of Quad	2nd Year of Quad	3rd Year of Quad	Olympic Games Year
1 st	\$6,250	\$6,250	\$7,500	\$37,500
2 nd	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,250	\$22,500
3 rd	\$4,375	\$4,375	\$5,000	\$15,000
4 th	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$4,375	
5 th	\$3,125	\$3,125	\$3,750	
6 th	\$3,125	\$3,125	\$3,750	
7 th	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	
8 th	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	