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## **US Speedskating Announces Rosters for Apolo Ohno Invitational** *Three Olympians to Represent Team USA in Friday's Invitational*

**KEARNS, Utah** – US Speedskating announced today the eight-member teams from the four countries – USA, Canada, China and France – that will skate at the Apolo Ohno Invitational this Friday, Nov. 13 at the Utah Olympic Oval.

Highlighting the field for the U.S. team are three-time Olympic medalist **J.R. Celski** (Federal Way, Wash.), 2014 Olympic silver medalist **Chris Creveling** (Kitnersville, Pa.) and 2014 Olympian **Jessica Smith-Kooreman** (Melvindale, Mich.). Overall, the rosters are made up of 10 Olympians who have combined to win nine Olympic medals.

Olympic silver medalist **Valerie Maltais** and 2014 Olympic bronze medalist **Charlie Cournoyer** will headline Team Canada. 2014 Olympians **Veronique Pierron** and **Sebastien Lepape** captain Team France. World Record holder in the women's 500m and 2014 Olympic silver medalist, **Kexin Fan**, will lead Team China.

One year ago, on Nov. 9, 2014 at the Utah Olympic Oval, Fan and Smith-Kooreman set the World and American record, respectively.

Media interested in covering the event, please submit a [credential request form](#). Full rosters are listed below:

### **USA**

Lexi Burkholder (Pittsburgh, Pa.)  
Keith Carroll Jr. (Honey Brook, Pa.)  
J.R. Celski (Federal Way, Wash.)  
Chris Creveling (Kitnersville, Pa.)  
Katy Ralston (Saratoga, N.Y.)  
Kristen Santos (Fairfield, Conn.)  
Jessica Smith-Kooreman (Melvindale, Mich.)  
Aaron Tran (Federal Way, Wash.)

### **Canada**

Charle Cournoyer  
Pascal Dion  
Patrick Duffy  
Alexander Fathoullin  
Jamie Macdonald  
Valerie Maltais  
Keri Morrison  
Courtney Shmyr

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## **China**

Kexin Fan  
Yu Tong Tao  
Jia Ying Tao  
Yi Zhe Zhong  
Da Jing Wu  
Tian Yu Han  
Jing Nan Shi  
Guang Chen

## **France**

Veronique Pierron  
Tiffany Huot Marchand  
Louise Milesi  
Aurelie Monvoisin  
Sebastien Lepape  
Vincent Jeanne  
Tristan Navarro  
Yoann Martinez

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## **About US Speedskating**

From Pond to Podium, we are US Speedskating. We grow and nurture a sport where all ages can experience the thrill of speed and the camaraderie of the skating community. US Speedskating is responsible for the development of speed skating from grassroots to the highest elite racing programs. US Speedskating is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union as the governing body for the sport of speed skating in the United States. The Organization has won 86 Olympic medals to-date, making it one of the most successful sports in U.S. Olympic history. US Speedskating is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), on [Facebook](#) and at [www.usspeedskating.org](http://www.usspeedskating.org).