

Russia Applies for Worlds

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Russia has applied to host this year's figure skating world championships, which were to be held in Tokyo this week but were canceled in the wake of the recent earthquake.

The Russian figure skating federation says it sent a proposal to the International Skating Union to hold the event. Five other countries are also bidding.

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin spoke in favor of the bid, saying, "This is not a very expensive event and we are capable of taking care of all the expenses."

Russia held the worlds in 2005 at the Luzhniki sports complex. But the most likely venue for the championships this time would be the Megasport arena.

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