Russian Ski Jumper Hospitalized After Crash

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Russian ski jumper Mikhail Maksimochkin was rushed to hospital after crashing during training for the Olympic large hill event, a news report has said.

Maksimochkin fell on his chest and managed to avoid serious injuries during the accident on Wednesday, Russia's skiing coach Alexander Arefyev said, RIA Novosti reported.

"He did not hurt his arms or legs, we carried him off just to be safe," Arefyev said.

While Maksimochkin is likely to be discharged from the hospital on Thursday, he will no longer participate in the Sochi Olympics, Russian ski jumping federation head Alexander Uvarov said, AFP reported.

The 20-year-old ski jumper has suffered "some damage to his rib cage" and will go home

to recuperate, Uvarov said.

After the accident, Maksimochkin attempted to stand up, but collapsed on the icy landing area, The Associated Press reported.

Paramedics rushed to the slope to immobilize Maksimochkin's neck with a brace, and then carried him to an ambulance on a stretcher.

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