

South Korea in Official Complaint Over Sotnikova's Sochi Skating Gold

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South Korea has lodged a long-awaited complaint with the International Skating Union over the decision to overlook its star figure skater and award Sochi Olympic gold to Russia's Adelina Sotnikova.

South Korea's Kim Yu-Na skated more or less cleanly in the final round of the women's figure skating event back in February, but was denied top spot by Sotnikova, 17, who appeared to make an error while landing one of her jumps.

Despite the figure skating final taking place nearly two months ago, South Korea's skating union only last week submitted its official complaint, the country's Yonhap news agency reported Wednesday.

The complaint centers around the make-up of the judging panel, which included Alla Shekhovtsov, the wife of the general director of Russia's figure skating federation, and Ukraine's Yuri Balkov, who was previously suspended from judging for a year over a controversy at the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics.

The Russian figure skating federation is yet to receive formal notification of South Korea's complaint, its head Alexander Gorshkov said, R-Sport reported.

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