

Who to watch in the 2018 Winter Olympics



Mikaela Shiffrin is a favorite for the women in alpine skiing. Photo Copyright 2017 Carolyn E. Wright

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From a 17-year-old snowboarding star to a gold-medal-hungry women's ice hockey team, Team USA's athletes competing in the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang, South Korea, are looking to make a mark.

The official roster for Team USA will not be finalized until weeks before the 2018 Winter Olympics start Feb. 9, but the first competitors in the 15 Winter Olympic sports have already

been chosen – and they each bring a unique story to the games.

Maame Biney is a 17-year-old who already made history as the first black woman to qualify for Team USA's short track speedskating team. Making his return in 2018, Gus Kenworthy is a freestyle skiing star who could become the first openly gay male athlete to compete at a Winter Games. And Chloe Kim is a 17-year-old snowboarding phenom who is the favorite to win gold in the sport for Team USA.

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