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Obituary

Chris Reed (JPN)

It is with profound regret and sorrow that the ISU learned of the death of Ice Dancer, Mr. Chris Reed who passed away on March 14th, 2020 at the age of 30.

Reed came from a Japanese-American family and was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA, on July 7, 1989. He started skating as a child and teamed up with his sister Cathy Reed in 2001. Later, their younger sister Allison followed them into the sport.

In 2006, Cathy Reed and Chris Reed won the U.S. Novice Ice Dance title but then decided to represent Japan, their mother's home country, in international competition

Reed / Reed won the national Ice Dance title in Japan seven times and competed in two Olympic Games in 2010 and 2014 as well as in eight consecutive ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2008 to 2015 plus in numerous ISU Grand Prix events and three ISU Four Continents Championships.

Cathy Reed announced her retirement in 2015 while Chris Reed continued his career with Kana Muramoto, a former Japanese single skater.

[Muramoto/Reed](#) captured the national title three times, competed at three ISU World Figure Skating Championships and the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. At the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2018, they claimed the bronze medal, becoming the first Asian Ice Dancers to earn an ISU Championships medal.

Following the 2017/18 Olympic season Muramoto & Reed ended their Ice Dance partnership and he announced his retirement from competitive skating end of 2019. His goal was to stay involved in the sport as a coach and help develop Ice Dance in Japan.

The ISU pays tribute to Chris Reed and will remember him with affection.