



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM - 2<sup>ND</sup> WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES - LILLEHAMMER 2016

## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BOBSLEIGH AND SKELETON

### Skeleton

#### A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Event (1)	Women's Event (1)
Individual Competition	Individual Competition

#### B. ATHLETES QUOTA

##### 1. Total Quota for Skeleton:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	19	1	20
Women	19	1	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>

##### 2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	4
Women	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

##### 3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

#### C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Winter Youth Olympic Games.

##### Age Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must be born between 01 January 1998 and 31 December 2001.

##### Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must have participated and classified in a minimum of three (3) IBSF youth qualification races on two (2) different tracks during the qualification period, of which, athletes must compete at the Lillehammer track qualifying event.

Athletes must also comply with the following requirements:

- They must possess a valid international IBSF license
- They must be medically suitable for practicing skeleton racing
- They must possess appropriate and adequate insurance coverage against accidents and third party civil liability



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**D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY**

**QUALIFICATION PLACES**

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

**MEN / WOMEN**

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<p><u>D.2 – D.5</u> 19 men 19 women</p> <p>(38 total athletes)</p>	<p>D.1 The allocation of quota places is based on the IBSF Youth Ranking where athletes receive points from participating in a total of three (3) qualifying events in the two (2) qualifying continental series events as stated below and the Lillehammer track qualifying event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•North America series</li> <li>•Europa series</li> </ul> <p>The events for qualification include six (6) races on three (3) tracks where the top four (4) of the six (6) results count towards qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lillehammer Double Race (one race mandatory for all participants)</li> <li>• Igls Double Race</li> <li>• Lake Placid Double Race</li> </ul> <p>The qualification events utilize the scoring of the Skeleton InterContinental Cups (ICC) point system.</p> <p>D.2 The top NOCs according to the current IBSF Youth Ranking list are entitled to one quota slot allocation up to the maximum of 20 athletes per gender, including the host country. The IBSF Youth Ranking lists are divided to male and female.</p> <p>D.3 If there are any remaining quota places, not filled through D.2, a second spot will be allocated to the NOC with the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) best ranked athlete until all quota places are filled.</p> <p>D.4 If there are any remaining quota places not filled through D.2 and D.3, a third spot will be allocated to the NOC with the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) best ranked athlete until all quota places are filled.</p> <p>D.5 If there are any remaining quota places not filled through D.2, D.3 and D.4, a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) spot will be allocated to the NOC with the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) best ranked athlete until all quota places are filled.</p> <p>D.6 The IBSF Youth Ranking list, published per gender on <b>10 January 2016</b> on the IBSF website <a href="http://www.ibsf.org">http://www.ibsf.org</a>, contains the highest ranked youth male and female athletes. IBSF will publish the latest IBSF Youth Ranking for information when available.</p>

**HOST COUNTRY PLACES**

If the Host Country do not qualify as described in **D. Qualification Pathway**, the Host NOC is still entitled to enter one (1) male and one (1) female in the individual competition. The selection of athletes is at the discretion of the Host NOC subject to the athlete fulfilling the eligibility criteria as detailed in **C. Athlete Eligibility**.



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### E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, IBSF will publish the results on its website, [www.ibsf.org](http://www.ibsf.org). IBSF shall inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

### F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

Any allocated quota places that are not confirmed by the respective NOC will be reallocated amongst the NOCs which have not qualified a male and/or female skeleton athlete. The reallocation will be determined by IBSF based on the NOC with the highest ranked athlete in the IBSF Ranking while respecting the eligibility criteria, as detailed in section **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Under no circumstance is the following allowed:

- Exceeding the total amount of quota places for men
- Exceeding the total amount of quota places for women

Reallocation of unused quota places:

- Unfilled men's quota places cannot be reallocated to fill a quota place in another men's discipline or event, nor can such unfilled quota place be reallocated to fill any women's quota place.
- Unfilled women's quota places cannot be reallocated to fill a quota place in another women's discipline or event, nor can such unfilled quota place be reallocated to fill any men's quota place.

Among the potential candidates, only the highest ranked athlete in the IBSF Youth Ranking will enable his/her NOC to fill a reallocation position. The athlete concerned must have taken part and have been ranked in at least three international IBSF races according to D1.

In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria will be applied:

- First, the highest single points result obtained;
- Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.

### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Any allocated quota places that are not confirmed by the Host Country will be reallocated by IBSF based on the NOC with the highest ranked athlete in the IBSF Youth Ranking while respecting the eligibility criteria as detailed in section **C. Athlete Eligibility** and within the framework of the reallocation process mentioned in section **F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places**.

### G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 October 2015 to 10 January 2016	IBSF Skeleton Lillehammer 2016 YOG qualification period
	12 – 25 October 2015	Omega Youth Series, Lake Placid, United States
	29 November – 5 December 2015	Omega Youth Series, Igls, Austria
	7 – 17 December 2015	Omega Youth Series, Lillehammer, Norway
	10 January 2016	Publication of the IBSF Youth Ranking list referred to in D.6
Inform and Confirm	11 January 2016	IBSF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	By 13 January 2016	NOCs to confirm use of quota places to IBSF and Lillehammer 2016 Sports Entries
	13 January 2016	IBSF to notify NOCs/NFs of any unused quota places (if applicable)



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Reallocation	By 14 January 2016	NOCs wanting to be considered for reallocation to inform the IBSF in writing
	15 January 2016	IBSF to reallocate unused quota places
	By 16 January 2016	NOCs to confirm use of unused quota places
	16 January 2016	End of reallocation period
Sport Entries Deadline	18 January 2016	IBSF Lillehammer 2016 Sport Entries deadline
YOG	12 – 21 February 2016	Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games