



INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION

Ice Hockey

A. EVENTS (4)

Men's Events (2)	Women's Events (2)
5-Team Tournament Individual Skills Challenge	5-Team Tournament Individual Skills Challenge

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Ice Hockey:

	Qualification Places		Host Country Places	Total
	Team	Skills Challenge		
Men	68 (4 teams)	15	17 (1 team including 1 Skills Challenge Athlete*)	100
Women	68 (4 teams)	15	17 (1 team including 1 Skills Challenge Athlete*)	100
Total	136	30	34	200

*See section D. Qualification Pathway > Host Country Places for further explanation

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC (except Host Country):

	Quota per NOC
Men's OR Women's 5-Team Tournament	17
Men	1
Women	1
Total	19

3. Event Specific Quota:

Maximum of one (1) men's or one (1) women's team per NOC consisting of 17 athletes (except host country)
Maximum of one (1) athlete per gender per NOC for the Individual Skills Challenge

4. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC for the 5-team Tournament.
The quota place is allocated to the athlete by name for the Individual Skills Challenge.

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.



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Age Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Ice Hockey events of the 2016 Lillehammer Winter Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must be born between 01 January 2000 and 31 December 2001.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN / WOMEN

D1 5-Team Tournament Qualification

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<u>D1.2</u> 68 male (4 teams) 68 female (4 teams) 136 total athletes	<p>D1.1 The Ice Hockey 5-Team Tournament will consist of five (5) teams of 17 athletes (15 players and two goalies) per gender. The Host Country will automatically qualify one (1) male team and one (1) female team as explained in D. Host Country Places.</p> <p>D1.2 The top eight (8) NOCs in the IIHF Youth Ranking based on the U18 World Championships in the 2014 and 2015 season will qualify one team, either men or women. The top NOCs in ranking order will receive first priority on which gender they choose to represent them in the 5-Team Tournament.</p> <p>D1.3 The IIHF Youth Ranking published on 25 April, 2015 on the IIHF website, www.iihf.com, contains the best ranked youth NOCs from the 2014 and 2015 U18 World Championships. The YOG 2016 qualification period is March 23 – 1 October 2015. IIHF will publish the latest youth ranking as they become available.</p>

D2 Individual Skills Challenge Qualification

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<u>D2.2</u> 15 male 15 female 30 total athletes	<p>D2 15 athletes of each gender will qualify through a 2-stage process:</p> <p>D2.1 The first stage will be carried out nationally with every participating National Association hosting a Skills Challenge. The first (1st) ranked male and female athletes from their respective National Skills Competitions qualify to participate in the Global Skills Challenge Summit to be held by 31 July 2015.</p> <p>D2.2 The top 15 male and 15 female athletes from the Global Skills Challenge Summit will be allocated a quota place for the 2016 Lillehammer YOG by name, with a maximum of two (2) athletes; one (1) male and one (1) female per eligible NOC.</p> <p>D2.3 The IIHF Skills Challenge Youth Ranking published 3 August 2015 on the IIHF website, www.iihf.com contains the best ranked youth athletes from the Global Skills Summit. IIHF will publish the most up to date youth ranking as it becomes available.</p>



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

5-Team Tournament: The Host Country is entitled to one (1) male team and one (1) female team of 15 players and two (2) goaltenders (34 total athletes). The selection of athletes is at the discretion of the Host NOC while respecting the eligibility criteria in section **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Individual Skills Challenge: The Host Country is entitled one (1) male and one (1) female athlete for the Individual Skill Challenge event. The selection of these athletes is at the discretion of the Host NOC where the one (1) male and one (1) female must be of the athletes representing the Host Country in the 5-Team Tournament.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

5-Team Tournament: Following the creation of the IIHF Youth Men's and Women's 2014/2015 U18 World Championship Ranking on **30 April, 2015** the IIHF will publish the ranking on its website www.iihf.com. The NOCs then must confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in **G. Qualification Timeline**.

Individual Skills Challenge: Following the confirmation by the NOC's of hosting a National Skills Challenge competition, the IIHF will publish a list of participating NOCs on its website, www.iihf.com, by **1 October 2014**. A publication will also be made of the athletes qualifying by name from the Global Skills Challenge, as detailed in **G. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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Any allocated quota place not confirmed by the respective NOC will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC in the IIHF Youth Men's and Women's 2014/2015 U18 World Championship Ranking as of **30 April 2015** for the 5-Team Tournament or to the next best ranked athlete from the Global Skills Challenge Summit determined by IIHF by **3 August 2015**.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host Country declines its Host Country place or if the Host Country is ranked in the top eight (8) NOCs in the IIHF Combined Men's and Women's World Ranking posted on **30 April 2015** then the next ranked NOC for the 5-Team Tournament will qualify or to the next best ranked athlete from the Global Skills Challenge Summit.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	May 2013	IIHF will inform the Members Associations about the process of hosting the 2016 YOG Ice Hockey events
	23 – 30 March 2014	2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship, Budapest, Hungary
	17 – 27 April 2014	2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Men's World Championship, Lappeenranta and Imatra, Finland
	May 2014	Deadline for NOC's with Member National Associations hosting an International Skills Challenge event to confirm participation. All participating NOC's and Member National Associations will be supplied with the Skill Challenge tool kits
	By 1 October 2014	IIHF to publish list of registered nations intending to participate in



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		the Skills Challenge Program
	5 – 12 January 2015	2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship, Buffalo, United States
	16 – 26 April 2015	2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Men's World Championship, Zug and Lucerne, Switzerland
	30 April 2015	Publication of final IIHF NOC Youth Ranking for the 5-Team Tournament referred to D1.3
	By 7 May 2015	NOC's and Member National Associations conduct national Skill Challenge to qualify their participants for the Global Skills Challenge
	By 31 July 2015	Global Skills Challenge Summit Qualification event
Confirm and Inform	By 3 August 2015	Publication of final IIHF Global Skills Summit ranking as referred to in D2.3
	By 16 November 2015	IIHF to inform NOCs/IFs of their allocated quota places
	By 20 November 2015	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to IIHF
Reallocation	By 23 November 2015	IIHF to reallocate unused quota places
	By 25 November 2015	NOCs to confirm use of reallocated quota places
	By 27 November 2015	Final reallocation of all unused quota places
	1 December 2015	Final period for NOCs to confirm if they will use the reallocated quota places
Sports Entries	18 January 2016	IIHF Lillehammer 2016 Sport Entries deadline
YOG	12 – 21 February 2016	Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games