



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE XXIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES PYEONGCHANG 2018

INTERNATIONAL BOBSLEIGH AND SKELETON FEDERATION

Skeleton

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Events (1)	Women's Events (1)
Men	Women

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Skeleton:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	29	1	30
Women	19	1	20
Total	48	2	50

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

Men

- 3 NOCs with 3 athletes
- 6 NOCs with 2 athletes
- 5 NOCs with 1 athlete

Women

- 2 NOCs with 3 athletes
- 4 NOCs with 2 athletes
- 2 NOCs with 1 athlete

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The athlete quotas are attributed to the NOCs. They can choose with which athletes they wish to fill the places.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games. This includes Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of competitors).

Age Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 must fulfil the age requirements as stated in bylaw [8.4 Licenses of the IBSF International Skeleton Rules](#).



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Medical Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018, all athletes must be medically suitable for practising Skeleton racing and possess appropriate and adequate insurance coverage against accidents and third-party civil liability.

Additional IF Requirements:

- All athletes must possess a valid IBSF International licence;
- The chosen athletes must be ranked among the top 60 men or top 45 women of the IBSF Ranking List of the 2017/18 season during the qualification period as of 14 January 2018.
- Athletes must have been participating and ranked in a minimum of five (5) IBSF races on at least three (3) different tracks in the period between 1 October 2016 and 14 January 2018. In addition, the athlete must have been ranked in at least three (3) of the five (5) above mentioned races on a minimum of two (2) different tracks during the ranking period 2017/2018 as of 14 January 2018.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The IBSF recognises five continents: Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania.

QUALIFICATION PLACES

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<p>D.1: Men: 26 Women: 16</p>	<p>D.1 IBSF Ranking During the 2017/2018 season until the deadline of 14 January 2018, the best results of each athlete are totalled by name for the IBSF Ranking List, regardless of the race series below in which the results were scored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – World Cup – Intercontinental Cup – Europe Cup – North American Cup <p>The maximum number of races taken into account for determining the IBSF Ranking List is the same as the number of World Cup races that are carried out during the qualification period as defined in Section G.</p> <p>The NOC quotas for the Olympic Winter Games are based on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018. In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria apply for the IBSF Ranking List:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) First, the highest points obtained in a single race; b) Next, the highest points obtained at the last race before the qualification deadline. (World Cup points are of higher priority than points obtained in the other race series) <p>Allocation of quotas for Men's Skeleton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quotas for the 3 NOCs with 3 athletes are determined by the NOC's third best athlete on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018. • The quotas for the 6 NOCs with 2 athletes are determined by the NOC's second best athlete on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018. • The remaining 5 quota positions go to the 5 best NOCs whose best ranked athlete on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018 has not yet been considered.



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	<p>Allocation of quotas for Women's Skeleton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quotas for the 2 NOCs with 3 athletes are determined by the NOC's third best athlete on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018. • The quotas for the 4 NOCs with 2 athletes are determined by the NOC's second best athlete on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018. • The remaining 2 quota positions go to the 2 best NOCs whose best ranked athlete on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018 has not yet been considered.
<p>D.2: Men: 3 Women: 3</p>	<p>D.2 Continental Representation</p> <p>Once the host Nation Representation has been fulfilled, athletes belonging to NOCs of non-represented continents may also take part in the Olympic competitions. The quota allocation will be made based on the IBSF Ranking List per event of the 2017/2018 season during the qualification period.</p> <p>If no athlete can achieve these conditions, the continent will have no representative.</p>

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the male and female competitors of the NOC of the nation organising the Olympic Winter Games fail to qualify via the qualification process set out above, the NOC will still have the right to take part in the Olympic competitions with (1) one male and one (1) female athlete respectively,

The chosen athlete(s) must be ranked on the IBSF Ranking List of the 2017/18 season. If no athlete can achieve this condition, the host Nation will have no representative.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

On 14 January 2018, the IBSF will publish the results on its website (<http://www.ibsf.org>) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have to confirm if they wish to use these quota places by 16 January 2018, as detailed in section **G. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

General rules:

1. Exceeding the total amount of quota places for men is not allowed under any circumstances.
2. Exceeding the total amount of quota places for women is not allowed under any circumstances.
3. Reallocation of unused quota places:
 - a. Unfilled men's quota places cannot be reallocated to fill any women's quota place
 - b. Unfilled women's quota places cannot be reallocated to fill any men's quota place

If there are places still available for reallocation, only NOCs which do not already have a qualified athlete by the end of the qualification period will be considered.

Among the potential candidates for reallocation, only the highest ranked athlete in the IBSF Ranking List will enable his/her NOC to send an athlete to fill a reallocation position.



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

- a) First, the highest points obtained in a single race;
 - b) Next, the highest points obtained at the last race before the qualification deadline.
- (World Cup points are of higher priority than points obtained in the other race series)

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated to the next ranked athlete on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 October 2016 – 14 January 2018	Qualification period
Accreditation Deadline	9 October 2017	PyeongChang 2018 Accreditation deadline (All potential athletes must be registered in the system)
Inform and confirm	14 January 2018	Publication of IBSF Ranking List
		IBSF to inform NFs/NOCs of their allocated quota places
	16 January 2018	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to IBSF and PyeongChang 2018
		Deadline for NOCs that want to be considered for reallocation places to inform the IBSF of their request in writing
Reallocation	17 – 18 January 2018	IBSF to notify NOCs/NFs that wanted to be considered for reallocation of unused quota places (if any)
	19 January 2018	NOCs to confirm use of reallocated quota places to IBSF and PyeongChang 2018
Delegation Registration Meetings	26 January – 8 February 2018	PyeongChang 2018 Delegation Registration Meetings
Sport Entries deadline	28 January 2018, 21:00 GMT (29 January 2018, 06:00 Korean time GMT+9)	PyeongChang 2018 Sport Entries deadline
Games Time	9 – 25 February 2018	Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018