



INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION

Ice Hockey

A. EVENTS (2)

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

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Ice Hockey:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	275 (11 teams)	25 (1 team)	300 (12 teams)
Women	161 (7 teams)	23 (1 team)	184 (8 teams)
Total	436 (18 teams)	48 (2 teams)	484 (20 teams)

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	25 (1 team)
Women	23 (1 team)
Total	48 (2 teams)

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 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 male athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 must fulfil the age requirements as stated in bylaw [700.1. \(IIHF World Senior Men's Program\) of the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.](#)

All female athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 must fulfil the age requirements as stated in bylaw [900.1 \(IIHF World Senior Women's Program\) of the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.](#)



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Additional IF Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 must fulfil the requirements of [Bylaw 406. Player Eligibility Rules for Participation in IIHF Championships and Olympic Competitions of the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws](#).

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

MEN

The IIHF World Ranking System will determine the seeding for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 Men's event and all qualifications of this competition.

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<u>D.1:</u> Men: 200 (8 teams)	D.1 2015 IIHF World Ranking – Direct entry The top eight (8) men's teams from the 2015 IIHF Men's World Ranking, (determined immediately following completion of the 2015 IIHF World Championship), will be automatically qualified for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 competition:
<u>D.2:</u> Men: 75 (3 teams)	<p>D.2 Qualification Tournaments The Qualification Tournaments will be seeded using the 2015 IIHF Men's World Ranking of entered nations. The top three (3) teams from the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 competition.</p> <p>D.2.1 Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 1 Tournaments (05.11.2015-08.11.2015)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 1 tournaments are for nations ranked 27 and lower. - The top two (2) teams qualify for the Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2 tournaments. <p>D.2.2 Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2 Tournaments (11-14.02.2016)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2 tournaments are for nations ranked between 18 through 26 plus the two (2) qualifiers from the Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 1 tournaments - The top three (3) teams qualify for the Final Olympic Qualification tournaments. <p>D.2.3 Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments (01-04.09.2016)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments are for nations ranked 9 through 17 plus three (3) qualifiers from the Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2 tournaments..



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WOMEN

The IIHF World Ranking System will determine the seeding for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 Women's event and all qualifications of this competition.

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<p><u>D.3:</u> Women: 115 (5 teams)</p>	<p>D.3 2016 IIHF World Ranking – Direct entry The top five (5) women's teams from the 2016 IIHF Women's World Ranking, (determined immediately following completion of the 2016 IIHF Women's World Championship), will be automatically qualified for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 competition.</p>
<p><u>D.4:</u> Women: 46 (2 teams)</p>	<p>D.4 Qualification Tournaments The Qualification Tournaments will be seeded using the 2016 IIHF Women's World Ranking of entered nations. The top two (2) teams from the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 competition.</p> <p>D.4.1 Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 1 Tournaments (October 2016 [TBD])</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 1 tournament as for nations ranked 26 and lower who have expressed interest to participate. - The top team will qualify for the Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2 tournaments. <p>D.4.2 Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2 Tournaments (03-06.11.2016)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2 tournaments are for nations ranked 18 through 25 plus the qualifier from the Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 1 tournaments. If there are nations who decline to participate, the next best-ranked nation(s) will be promoted from D.4.1 to fill the empty slot. This process will be repeated until all 8 slots are filled. - The top two (2) teams qualify for the Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 3 tournaments. <p>D.4.3 Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 3 Tournaments (15-18.11.2016)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 3 tournaments are for nations ranked between 12 and 17 plus the two (2) qualifiers from the Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2 tournaments. - The top two (2) teams qualify for the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament. <p>D.4.4 Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments (09-12.02.2017)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments are for nations ranked 6 through 11 plus two (2) qualifiers from the Olympic Preliminary Qualification Round 3. tournaments.



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES (WHERE APPLICABLE)

The Republic of Korea, as the host nation has been granted automatic entry for one (1) men's team and one (1) women's team and will be positioned in the Men and Women event accordingly.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following the final qualification event of the men's and women's team tournament, the IIHF will publish the results on its website (<http://www.iihf.com/>) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places within two (2) weeks of the date on which the quota place was confirmed. The NOCs will then have fourteen (14) days / two (2) weeks to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph F. **Qualification Timeline.**

F. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification, information and confirmation	15 April 2015	Member National Associations wishing to enter the 2018 Olympic Winter Games Men's Competition must submit their completed and signed Team Entry Form Application to the IIHF Office
	1 – 17 May 2015	2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship
	5 – 8 November 2015	Men's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 1 Tournaments
	11 – 14 February 2016	Men's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2 Tournaments
	28 March – 4 April 2016	2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship
	15 April 2016	Member National Associations wishing to enter the 2018 Olympic Winter Games Women's Competition must submit their completed and signed Team Entry Form Application to the IIHF Office
	1 – 4 September 2016	Men's Olympic Final Qualification Tournaments
	9 September 2016	Publication of Qualified Men Teams and deadline for NOCs (Men's teams) to confirm use of quota places
	October 2016 (TBD)	Women's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 1 Tournaments
	3 – 6 November 2016	Women's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2 Tournaments
	15 – 18 December 2016	Women's Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 3 Tournaments
	9 – 12 February 2017	Women's Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments



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	17 February 2017	Publication of Qualified Women Teams deadline for NOCs (Women's teams) to confirm use of quota places
	May 2017 (TBD)	Meeting with all qualified NOCs and NFs representatives during the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, Cologne, Germany
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

G. P TRAINING PARTNERS

P training partners are non-competing athletes and are not included within the athlete's quota as described in Paragraph **B. Athletes Quota**. More detailed information about access rights and entitlements can be found in the '*Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Detailed Specification*'. P training partners can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the '*IOC/PyeongChang 2018 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.

Eligibility:

P training partners must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Quota:

Each qualified men's team is entitled to a maximum of eight (8) P training partners.