



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE XXIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES PYEONGCHANG 2018

**INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION**

**Speed Skating**

**A. EVENTS (14)**

Men's Events (7)	Women's Events (7)
Men's 500m	Ladies' 500m
Men's 1000m	Ladies' 1000m
Men's 1500m	Ladies' 1500m
Men's 5000m	Ladies' 3000m
Men's 10000m	Ladies' 5000m
Men's Mass Start	Ladies' Mass Start
Men's Team Pursuit	Ladies' Team Pursuit

**B. ATHLETES QUOTA**

**1. Total Quota for Speed Skating:**

	Qualification Places*	Host Country Places	Total
Men	100*	See paragraph D. "Host Country Places"	100*
Women	80*	See paragraph D. "Host Country Places"	80*
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	See paragraph D. "Host Country Places"	<b>180</b>

*\*The numbers of Qualification Places listed above indicate the maximum number of athletes that will be admitted for Speed Skating. The total quota set by IOC is 180 athletes. If for either women or men the respective IOC Quota target number is not reached according to the Qualifying System herewith described, the respective unused number of quota places will be credited and added to the quota of the other gender.*

*The basis for the unequal allocation between men and women is the actual entries in previous Olympic Winter Games and the basic understanding that, considering the depth of international Speed Skating in men versus women, the most competitive skaters should participate.*



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### Maximum Event/Distance Specific Quota

	Maximum Quota
Men's 500m	36
Men's 1000m	36
Men's 1500m	36
Men's 5000m	24
Men's 10000m	12
Men's Mass Start	24
Men's Team Pursuit	8 teams

	Maximum Quota
Ladies' 500m	32
Ladies' 1000m	32
Ladies' 1500m	32
Ladies' 3000m	24
Ladies' 5000m	12
Ladies' Mass Start	24
Ladies' Team Pursuit	8 teams

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

The overall quota per NOC/NF will be restricted, depending on the allocated NOC/NF event quota places, as follows:

- Maximum 10 for women and 10 for men for NOCs/NFs that have been allocated quota places for all events/distances, including the Mass start and Team Pursuit events.
- Maximum 8 for women and 8 for men for other NOCs/NFs.
- The total number of entered skaters (for women and men, respectively) cannot exceed the total number of allocated quota places in the individual events/distances for the NOC/NF concerned.

### NOC Event Specific Quota

	Maximum Quota
Men's 500m	3
Men's 1000m	3
Men's 1500m	3
Men's 5000m	3
Men's 10000m	2
Men's Mass Start	2
Men's Team Pursuit	1 team

	Maximum Quota
Ladies' 500m	3
Ladies' 1000m	3
Ladies' 1500m	3
Ladies' 3000m	3
Ladies' 5000m	2
Ladies' Mass Start	2
Ladies' Team Pursuit	1 team

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

Quota places are allocated to the NOC as allocation of event quota places, and this allocation sets a limit for the overall number of NOC quota places.

Allocation of NOC/NF event quotas (qualification places for each event) according to Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQCs) are based on results from designated ISU World Cup Competitions season 2017/18 (for more details please refer to the respective ISU Rules and ISU Communications).

Qualification places are earned by the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) through their National ISU Members (NFs), based on the Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC) per event/distance resulting from the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions designated by the ISU to be held during



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the season 2017/18 prior to the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. As per ISU Regulations, only ISU Members are allowed to enter ISU sanctioned competitions, which include ISU World Cup Competitions.

There will be SOQCs for Men's and Ladies' Team Pursuit and for each of the individual events/distances (500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m and Mass start for the women's events; 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m and Mass start for the men's events).

### 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 be born before 1 July 2002.

#### Additional IF Requirements:

##### Achievement of Qualifying Times

To be eligible to be entered for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games within the quota places earned by the respective NOC/NF, skaters must have achieved ISU Qualifying Times in the period between 1 July 2017 and 14 January 2018. The applicable qualifying time standards and conditions for approval of achieved qualifying times will be announced in an ISU Communication, not later than 1 July 2017.

### D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

#### QUALIFICATION PLACES

Number of Quota Places	Qualification System
Men & Women: 180	<p><b>1) Definition of Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC)</b></p> <p>a) SOQC for each event will be calculated according to criteria based on the ISU rules for the ISU Speed Skating World Cup classification and the ISU rules for qualification for the ISU World Single Distances Championships, as published in the ISU Regulations and dedicated ISU Communications. Each SOQC will combine two (2) sets of rankings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) SOQC points ranking: A ranking according to the World Cup points earned on the occasion of the designated World Cup Competitions;</li> <li>ii) SOQC times ranking: A ranking based on the best times per skater achieved on the occasion of the designated World Cup Competitions.</li> </ul> <p>b) In case of a tie in the SOQC points ranking, the ISU World Cup ranking rules, as outlined in the ISU World Cup 2017/18 Communication, will be used to determine the higher ranked skater. If a tie still exists, the better ranked skater in the SOQC times ranking will determine the higher ranked skater.</p> <p>c) In case of a tie in the SOQC times ranking, the better ranked skater in the SOQC points</p>



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ranking will determine the higher ranked skater.

- d) For each event/distance the *highest ranked* SOQC positions will consist of a certain number of skaters/teams (for each NOC/NF, counting only skaters inside the maximum NOC/NF quota for the event/distance concerned) from the *SOQC points ranking* as follows for each event/distance:

500m, 1000m and 1500m (men and women)	20 skaters per gender
3000m (women), 5000m (men)	16 skaters per gender
5000m (women) and 10000m (men)	8 skaters per gender
Mass start (men and women)	24 skaters per gender
Team Pursuit (men and women)	6 teams per gender

- e) The remaining positions in the SOQC will be based on the *SOQC times ranking (for the Mass Start event, SOQC is determined solely on the basis of the SOQC points ranking)*
- f) For the long distances (3000m and 5000m for women, 5000m and 10000m for men) the *SOQC points ranking* will be based on the total of World Cup points achieved for both of the two distances, in accordance with ISU World Cup ranking rules. The *SOQC times ranking* will be based on times achieved during the World Cup competitions in the distance concerned only.

**2) Allocation of quota places to NOCs/NFs**

The NOC/NF quota places for each event/distance will be provisionally allocated according to the Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC) for the event/distance, based on results from designated ISU World Cup Competitions season 2017/18.

For each event, quota places for each NOC/NF will be allocated according to the position of skaters or team from the NOC/NF concerned in the SOQC for the event, respecting the following conditions and exceptions:

- a) When an NOC/NF has been allocated the maximum allowed NOC/NF event quota (three (3) per gender for 500m, 1000m and 1500m; three (3) for Ladies' 3000m & Men's 5000m and two (2) for Ladies' 5000m, Men's 10000m, Men's Mass start and Ladies' Mass Start), additional athletes from this NOC/NF will not be considered in the further allocation of quota places.
- b) Team Pursuit (*Event quota of 8 teams, 1 team per NOC/NF*):  
The Host NOC/NF has the right to enter a team for each of the Team Pursuit events.
- c) If there is a tie in the SOQC determining the last quota place for an event/distance, this position will be decided by a random draw, done by the ISU Director General in the ISU Secretariat not later than 27 December 2017 in the presence of an independent auditor.
- d) When the maximum total of quota places for an event/distance (as specified above) has been reached, the next SOQC positions per event/distance will constitute a reserve list of quota places. For the individual events/distances the reserve list consists of six (6) reserve quota places. For the Team Pursuit events the reserve list consists of three (3) reserve quota places.



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### HOST COUNTRY PLACES (WHERE APPLICABLE)

The host NOC/NF will be subject to the same qualification procedure and rules for allocation of quota places as other NOCs/NFs, except for the Team Pursuit events where the host NOC/NF will have the right to enter a team, only subject to the general conditions for entry of skaters and teams. If the host NOC will exercise this right, the quota place allocated to the host NOC will replace the last qualified quota place.

### E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event the ISU will publish the results, as well as the current qualification ranking lists (SOQC), on its website [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org). ISU will publish a list of provisionally allocated quota places and inform the respective NOCs within two (2) weeks of the date on which the last qualification event was concluded. 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 **G. Qualification Timeline**.

### F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

#### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the deadline for confirmation of quota places, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated on the condition that the IOC quota for Speed Skating (180 skaters) will not be exceeded. The reallocation will be done according to the ranking order in the SOQC reserve list, but priority shall be given to NOCs/NFs that have not already been allocated a quota place for the event/distance concerned.

### G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	<b>1 July 2017 - 14 Jan 2018</b>	Period for achieving qualifying times. Qualifying times will be announced by ISU not later than 1 July 2017.
	<b>1 August 2017</b>	ISU announces qualifying competitions (World Cup Speed Skating Competitions) to determine the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC) and subsequently NOC/NF quota places.
Accreditation deadline	<b>9 October 2017</b>	PyeongChang 2018 Accreditation deadline (All potential athletes must be registered in the system)
Qualification	<b>1 November 2017 – 17 December 2017</b>	ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions determining the SOQC (*TBD)
Inform and confirm	<b>27 December 2017</b>	Publication of ISU Ranking List (SOQC)



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<b>Inform and confirm</b>	<b>27 December 2017</b>	ISU informs NOCs/NFs about provisionally allocated quota places based on the SOQC for the respective events/distances, and on the overall NOC/NF quota (total number of skaters that may be entered for each NOC/NF) based on the allocated quota places per event.
	<b>By 12 January 2018</b>	NOCs to inform ISU about confirmation and/or rejection of provisionally allocated quota places, both for event/distance and in total.
<b>Reallocation</b>	<b>15-19 January 2018</b>	ISU to inform relevant NOCs regarding the reallocation of quota places that will have to be confirmed by the NOC within 24 hours. Lack of a NOC response to the ISU within the deadline will be considered as declining the offered quota place.
	<b>By 22 January 2018</b>	ISU to inform NOCs with copy to NFs about adjustments (if necessary) in total event quota places (maximum number of participants per event/distance) and any reallocation or withdrawals of quota places.
	<b>24 January 2018</b>	End of re-allocation process.
<b>Delegation Registration Meetings</b>	<b>26 January – 8 February 2018</b>	PyeongChang 2018 Delegation Registration Meetings
<b>Sport Entries deadline</b>	<b>28 January 2018, 21:00 GMT</b> (29 January 2018, 06:00 Korean time GMT+9)	PyeongChang 2018 Sport Entries deadline
<b>Games Time</b>	<b>9 – 25 February 2018</b>	Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018