



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – XXV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES – MILANO CORTINA 2026

INTERNATIONAL BOBSLEIGH AND SKELETON FEDERATION (IBSF)

SKELETON

A. EVENTS (3)

Men's events (1)	Women's events (1)	Mixed events (1)
Men's Skeleton	Women's Skeleton	Skeleton Mixed Team

B. QUOTA PLACES

1. Total quota places for discipline :

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Total
Men	25	1	25
Women	25	1	25
Total	50	2	50

2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC) (per sport/discipline and/or per event):

	Maximum quota places per NOC
Men	2 NOCs with 3 athletes
	6 NOCs with 2 athletes
	7 NOCs with 1 athlete
Women	2 NOCs with 3 athletes
	4 NOCs with 2 athletes
	11 NOCs with 1 athlete
Mixed Team	Max. 6 NOCs with 2 Teams (Man and Woman) within the quotas above.
	8 NOCs with 1 Team (Man and Woman) within the quotas above.
Total	50



3. Maximum number of athletes per event (where applicable)

	Max. number of athletes per event
Men's event name	25
Women's event name	25
Total	50

4. Type of allocation of quota places:

The quota place/s is/are allocated to the NOC. The selection of athletes for its allocated quota places is at the discretion of the NOC subject to eligibility requirements.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).

Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of IBSF, may participate in the Olympic Games Milano Cortina 2026.

C.1 Age Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 must fulfil the age requirements as stated as stated in bylaw [8.4 Licenses of the IBSF International Skeleton Rules](#).

C.2 Medical Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026, all athletes must be medically suitable for practising Skeleton racing and possess appropriate and adequate insurance coverage against accidents and third-party civil liability.

C.3 Additional IF Requirements:

- All athletes must possess a valid IBSF International licence.
- The chosen athletes must be ranked among the top 70 men or top 55 women of the IBSF Ranking List of the 2025/2026 season by **18 January 2026** (23:59 Lausanne time).
- Athletes must have been participating and ranked in a minimum of eight (8) IBSF races on at least three (3) different tracks in the period between of 1 October 2024 and 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time). In addition, the athlete must have been ranked in at least five (5) of the eight (8) above mentioned races on a minimum of two (2) different tracks during the ranking period 2025/2026 by 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time).



D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The qualification process takes place via participation in the Federation’s competition activity. Qualification is achieved by the ‘athletes’ results. Athletes gain a qualification slot for their NOC.

QUOTA PLACES

Men/Women/Mixed Team

Number of quota places	Qualification events
<p><u>D.1:</u> Men: 25 Women: 25 Mixed Team: 20</p>	<p>D.1.1 Men and Women IBSF Ranking List During the 2025/2026 season until the deadline of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time), the best results of each athlete in all races that he/she had participated in regardless of the race series below in which the results were scored are totalled to form the respective IBSF Ranking List per event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) World Cup b) Europe Cup c) North American Cup d) Asian Cup <p>The maximum number of races taken into account for determining the IBSF Ranking List per event is the same as the number of World Cup races that are carried out during the World Cup season 2025/26 by 18th of January 2026. The NOC quotas for the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 are based on the IBSF Ranking List as of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time). In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria will apply for the IBSF Ranking List to break the tie:</p> <ul 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. c) Next, the highest points obtained at the second to last race before the qualification deadline and so on. <p>(World Cup points are of higher priority than points obtained in the other race series)</p> <p>D.1.2 Allocation of quotas for Men’s Skeleton</p> <p>D.1.2.1 The quotas for the 2 NOCs with 3 athletes will be allocated to the top 2 NOCs with the third best athlete on the Men IBSF Ranking List (as described in D.1.1) as of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time);</p>



	<p>D.1.2.2 The quotas for the 6 NOCs with 2 athletes will be allocated to the top 6 NOCs with the second-best athlete on the Men IBSF Ranking List (as described in D.1.1) as of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time) which have not been allocated a quota place from D.1.2.1;</p> <p>D.1.2.3 The remaining 7 quota positions will be allocated to the 7 best eligible NOCs with the best ranked athlete on the Men IBSF Ranking List (as described in D.1.1) as of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time) which have not been allocated a quota place from D.1.2.1 and D.1.2.2.</p> <p>D.1.3 Allocation of quotas for Women's Skeleton</p> <p>D.1.3.1 The quotas for the 2 NOCs with 3 athletes will be allocated to the top 2 eligible NOCs with the third best athlete on the Women IBSF Ranking List (as described in D.1.1) as of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time);</p> <p>D.1.3.2 The quotas for the 4 NOCs with 2 athletes will be allocated to the top 4 NOCs with the second-best athlete on the Women IBSF Ranking List (as described in D.1.1) as of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time) which have not been allocated a quota place from D.1.3.1;</p> <p>D.1.3.3 The remaining 11 quota positions will be allocated to the 11 best NOCs with the best ranked athlete on the Women's IBSF Ranking List (as described in D.1.1) as of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time) which have not been allocated a quota place from D.1.3.1 and D.1.3.2.</p> <p>D.1.4 Allocation of quotas for Skeleton Mixed Team</p> <p>D.1.4.1. Only Nations with quota places for Men and Women as described in D.1.2 and D.1.3 will be allocated a quota place for the Skeleton Mixed Team Competition.</p>
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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the men skeleton athlete and the women skeleton athlete of the Host Country do not qualify via the qualification process set out above, the Host Country will be allocated one quota place in the following events:

- one (1) Men's Skeleton
- one (1) Women's Skeleton

Only athletes meeting the eligibility requirements defined in Section C. can be entered. If no athlete can fulfil these requirements, the Host Country quota will be re-allocated in accordance with par. F. . The chosen athlete(s) must be ranked on the IBSF Ranking List of the 2025/2026 season. If no athlete can achieve this condition, the Host Country will have no representative.



E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

On 18 January 2026, the IBSF will publish the results on its website (<http://www.ibsf.org>) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places on 19 January 2026. The NOCs will then have to confirm if they wish to use these quota places by 20 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time), as detailed in section **G. Qualification Timeline**.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country must confirm in writing to the IBSF by 19 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time) the use of its Host Country Places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED 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) Unused men's quota places cannot be reallocated to fill any women's quota place.
 - b) Unused women's quota places cannot be reallocated to fill any men's quota place.

If there are quota places still available for reallocation, they will be reallocated to the eligible NOC with the next best ranked athlete on the respective IBSF Ranking List which did not earn a quota place in **D.1.2** or **D.1.3**.

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

- 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 QUOTA PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated to the NOC with the next best ranked athlete on the respective IBSF Ranking List which did not earn a quota place in **D.1.2** or **D.1.3**.



G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
Qualification	
1 October 2024 – 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time)	Period to achieve eligibility criteria
	Publication of the 2024/2025 IBSF Calendar that will determine the qualification events for the 2024/2025 season will be made by 15 August 2024.
	Publication of the 2025/2026 IBSF Calendar that will determine the qualification events for the 2025/2026 season will be made by 15 August 2025.
Inform and confirm	
18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time)	Publication of IBSF Ranking List
19 January 2026	IBSF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
21 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time)	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to IF (Within 48 hours of receiving the quota)
Reallocation	
22 – 25 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time)	IBSF to reallocate all unused quota places and NOCs to confirm within 24 hours
26 January 2026	Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries deadline
Delegation Registration Meetings	
TBD*	Milano Cortina 2026 Delegation Registration Meetings
6 – 22 February 2026	Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026

* To Be Determined