



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR XXIV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES, BEIJING 2022

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Short Track Speed Skating

A. EVENTS (9)

Men's Events (4)	Women's Events (4)	Mixed Events (1)
Men's 500m Men's 1000m Men's 1500m Men's 5000m Relay	Women's 500m Women's 1000m Women's 1500m Women's 3000m Relay	Mixed Team Relay 2000m

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

B.1 Total Quota for Sport / Discipline:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	52	4	56
Women	52	4	56
Total	104	8	112

B.1.1 Maximum Event/Distance Specific Quota

	Maximum Quota		Maximum Quota
Men's 500m	32	Women's 500m	32
Men's 1000m	32	Women's 1000m	32
Men's 1500m	36	Women's 1500m	36
Men's 5000m Relay	8 teams	Women's 3000m Relay	8 teams
Mixed Team Relay 2000m (12 teams)			

B.2 Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	5 (with Relay Team) 3 (without Relay Team)	3 in individual events 1 team in Relay event
Women	5 (with Relay Team) 3 (without Relay Team)	3 in individual events 1 team in Relay event
Team	1 team in Mixed Team Relay	
Total	10 (with Relay Teams) 6 (without Relay Team)	



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B.3 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 the eligibility requirements

Quota places per gender are earned by the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) based on the results achieved by the National ISU Members (NFs) from the four (4) Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC) per gender and from the Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC) of the Mixed Team Relay.

Each SOQC is based on three (3) best results out of four (4) results over the respective distance achieved at the four (4) ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions designated by the ISU that will be held between September and December 2021 (for more details please refer to the respective ISU Rules and ISU Communications that will be published on the ISU website, www.isu.org).

The four (4) SOQC for men will be for the Men's 500m, Men's 1000m, Men's 1500m and Men's 5000m Relay.

The four (4) SOQC for women will be for Women's 500m, Women's 1000m Women's 1500m and Women's' 3000m Relay.

There will be one (1) SOQC for the Mixed Team Relay.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force included 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 these athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

C.1 Age Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 must be born before 01 of July 2006.

C.2 Additional IF Requirements:

As per ISU Regulations, only NFs (ISU Members) are allowed to enter ISU sanctioned competitions, which include ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions.



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Process
<u>D.1</u>	<p>D.1. Quota places allocated to NOCs with qualified Relay teams</p> <p>The eight (8) highest ranked NFs/NOCs in the SOQC for Relays in the respective gender qualify a team to participate in the Relay event. If the host country is not ranked in the top eight (8) of the Relay SOQC per gender, the respective Relay Team of the host country will replace the NOC/NF ranked 8th.</p> <p>NOCs/NFs qualified for the Relay events are allocated four (4) quota places per Gender.</p>
<u>D.2:</u>	<p>D.2. Quota places allocated based on qualified starting places in Individual distances</p> <p>D.2.1 Starting places in individual distances:</p> <p>Starting places will be assigned for each of the individual distances to the NOCs/NFs in the order of the respective SOQC:</p> <p>NOCs/NFs having skaters ranked first over the distances of 500, 1000 and 1500 meters get one (1) starting place in the respective distance. Following that, the NOCs/NFs having skaters ranked 2nd get one (1) starting place, etc, respecting the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The maximum number of starting places per NOC/NF is three (3) skaters per distance;• The number of starting places in the respective distances stays within the event specific quota for that distance as per B.1.1. above; i.e. the maximum number of skaters over 500m and 1000m will be 32, and the maximum number of Skaters over 1500m will be 36. <p>Starting places per individual distance will be assigned, one by one for each distance, in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Men's 500m• Women's 500m• Women's 1000m• Men's 1000m• Men's 1500m• Women's 1500m <p>For each assignment of a starting place for an individual distance as described above, the NOC concerned will be allocated one (1) quota place according to the following procedure and criteria:</p>



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	<p>D.2.2 A fifth (5th) quota place will be allocated to NOCs/NFs that are qualified for a Relay event as per D.1 as soon as the NOC/NF have been assigned a total of eight (8) starting places for the individual distances for the same gender.</p> <p>D.2.3 NOCs/NFs not qualified for a Relay event will be allocated quota places for the respective gender according to their starting places assigned for the individual distances for that gender. The allocated number of quota places cannot exceed the highest number of starting places in any of the individual distances for the gender concerned.</p> <p>D.2.4 The total number of allocated quota places cannot exceed the IOC maximum quota as stated in B.1. above. If this maximum quota is reached, and further assignment of starting places would result in the allocation of an additional quota place, further assignment of starting places will be discontinued and only be considered in accordance with D.4. below.</p> <p>D.2.5 In the case that the IOC maximum quota of 112 athletes has not been reached after assignment of the maximum number of starting places for all individual distances, additional quota places may be allocated according to the procedure and criteria described in D.3. below.</p> <p>D.2.6 If the Host Country is not ranked to be allocated a starting place in the individual distances, it will be assigned the last starting place of the respective individual distances (Refer to the Host Country Places Section).</p>
<u>D.3</u>	<p>D.3. Quota places allocated based on qualified starting places in Mixed Team Relay</p> <p>D.3.1. Starting places for Mixed Team Relay</p> <p>A maximum of 12 Teams will participate in the Mixed Team Relay event.</p> <p>NOCs/NFs who have been allocated a minimum of two (2) quota places per gender will qualify for the Mixed Team Relay event in the order of the SOQC.</p> <p>The skaters competing in the Mixed Team Relay must be among the skaters entered for the OWG via the quotas from the individual distances or the Relays.</p> <p>D.3.2 In the case that less than twelve (12) NOCs have qualified a minimum of two (2) quota places per gender on the basis of the criteria in D.2, and if there are still quota places available after completing the quota allocation process, a maximum of one (1) additional quota place per NOC will be given to complete a mixed gender team for the best placed NOC (not yet qualified for the event) from the Mixed Team Relay SOQC to reach 12 teams for this event.</p>
<u>D.4</u>	<p>D.4 Allocation of remaining quota places</p> <p>D.4.1 In the case that the maximum quota for the sport (112 athletes) has not been reached after quota places have been allocated in accordance with D.2 and D.3.2, one (1) additional quota place will be allocated to NOCs qualified for a Relay event</p>



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	<p>that have been assigned seven (7) starting places in the individual distances for the same gender, so that they may enter five (5) Skaters for that gender.</p> <p>If necessary, in order not to exceed the total maximum quota of 112 athletes, the preference for an additional quota place would then be for the NOC(s) with the higher ranked team(s) in the SOQC for the Relay event. In case of a tie in the SOQC Relay ranking between genders, the preference for the additional quota place would be given to the NOC of the Relay team with the highest number of points in the SOQC. If a tie persists, the preference will be for the NOC with the best Ranking achieved in the Relay events at any of the ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions counting for the SOQC.</p> <p>D.4.2 If there would still be quota places available after completing the procedure described in D.4.1 above, and there would still be NOCs qualified for a Relay event with only four (4) quota places allocated for the same gender, such NOCs will be allocated a fifth (5th) quota place, with preference for the NOCs with the highest total number of assigned starting places in the individual distances for the gender concerned. In case of a tie, the same order of preference will apply as described in D.4.1.</p>
D.5	<p>D.5 Further allocation of event starting places (within allocated quotas)</p> <p>D.5.1 If the entered athletes (by name) will not fill up the maximum number of starting places for the distance (32 for the 500 and the 1000 meters and 36 for the 1500 meters), then NOCs/NFs that have not already been assigned the maximum of three (3) starting places and who have available skaters within their allocated quota, will be allowed to enter such skater(s) in the respective distance(s), in accordance with the order of the respective SOQC.</p> <p>D.5.2 In the case that the number of starting places per distance cannot be filled (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) after applying the procedure in D.5.1 (and having reached the end of the applicable SOQC), then NOCs which have qualified for a Relay will be allowed to enter additional skaters in the respective distance(s) up to the maximum of three (3) skaters per distance.</p> <p>In the case of a tie, preference will be given for the NOC with the highest SOQC Relay ranking for the respective gender. If there are starting places that are still vacant, they may be filled by skater(s) from NOCs qualified for the Mixed Gender Relay, in accordance with the SOQC Mixed Team Relay rankings.</p>

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If not qualified through the qualifying procedure, the host NOC/NF will be entitled to:

- One (1) starting place in each individual event/distance for both Women and Men

If not qualified through the qualifying procedure, the host NOC/NF will be entitled to enter:

- a Mixed Team Relay team of two (2) women and two (2) men.
- a Relay Team of four (4) women
- a Relay Team of four (4) men.



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All other criteria regarding quotas listed in **D.1** through **D.4** also apply for the host country. The athlete(s) selected to fill the host country quota places must meet the athlete eligibility requirements as defined in **Section C**.

If the host NOC/NF forfeits its right to participate in the Relay event(s) and/or Mixed Team Relay, the host NOC/NF may nevertheless enter one (1) skater in each of the individual distances.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following the completion of the four (4) ISU designated ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions and based on the respective SOQC the ISU will inform NOCs/NFs by 13 December 2021 of their respective total number of quota places and the number of skaters each NOC/NF can enter per individual distance. NOCs will be requested to confirm to the ISU the use of quota places by 14 January 2022.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

Between 17 and 21 January 2022, the ISU will redistribute unused quota places to NOCs/NFs based on the applicable SOQCs. NOCs will be requested to confirm within 24 hours whether they accept the offered reallocation of quota places, but at the latest on 21 January 2022.

A reallocation of unused quota place that results in an NOC/NF receiving at least two (2) skaters per gender **will not** affect the already assigned Mixed Team Relay starting places as described in **D.3**.

Unused Relay quota places will be reallocated to the NOC with the next placed Team of the Relay SOQC. This reallocation **will not** result in the effected NOC/NF being allocated a fifth (5th) quota place for that gender regardless of the number of assigned quota places in the individual events as described in **D.2.2** and **D.4**.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 August 2021	ISU announces qualifying competitions (ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions) determining the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC).
	15 September 2021 – 5 December 2021	ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Competitions determining the SOQCs. World Cup 1 (TBD*) World Cup 2 (TBD*) World Cup 3 (TBD*) World Cup 4 (TBD*)
Accreditation deadline	TBD*	Beijing 2022 Accreditation deadline
Inform and confirm	13 December 2021	Publication of SOQC
	13 December 2021	ISU to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	14 January 2022	NOCs to inform ISU about confirmation and/or rejection of quota places, both per event/distance and in total.
Reallocation	17 – 21 January 2022	ISU to inform 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 a refusal of the offered quota place.



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Period	Date	Milestone
	22 January 2022	End of reallocation process
Sport Entries deadline	24 January 2022	Beijing 2022 Sport Entries deadline
Delegation Registration Meetings	TBD*	Beijing 2022 Delegation Registration Meetings
Games Time	4 – 20 February 2022	Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022

*To Be Determined