

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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Qualifying Competitions and qualifying times for Speed Skating events at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games

The entry qualification system and rules for Olympic Speed Skating events are outlined in Rule 209 “Entries for Olympic Winter Games” in the 2016 ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules for Speed Skating.

In accordance with the above mentioned Rule 209 and information on qualification and entry processes issued by the International Olympic Committee for the 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (see pages 3 to 8 of this document), the International Skating Union (ISU) hereby announces the applicable qualifying competitions and qualifying times for Speed Skating events at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

1. Qualifying Competitions for determination of event entry quotas

1.1. The event entry quotas for the respective individual distances / events: for Ladies 500, 1000, 1500, 3000, 5000 meters and Mass start and for Men 500, 1000, 1500, 5000, 10 000 meters and Mass start will be determined by the Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC) based on results from the following ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions:

- ISU World Cup Heerenveen (NED) November 10-12, 2017
- ISU World Cup Stavanger (NOR) November 17-19, 2017
- ISU World Cup Calgary (CAN) December 1-3, 2017
- ISU World Cup Salt Lake City (USA) December 8-10, 2017

The ISU World Cup to be held in Stavanger (NOR) on November 17-19, 2017 will be the only qualifying competition counting for the 5000m Ladies and 10 000m Men Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC) *time ranking*. World Cup points gained in the 3000m Ladies and 5000m Men at the other above mentioned Competitions will count for the SOQC *points ranking* for 5000m Ladies and 10 000m Men, respectively.

Moreover, the results from the 5000m Ladies and the 10 000m Men at the World Cup Competition in Stavanger, NOR, on November 17-19, 2017 will also count for the SOQC *points ranking* for the 3000m Ladies and 5000m Men, respectively.

1.2. The event entry quotas for Team Pursuit, Ladies and Men will be determined by the Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC) based on results from the following ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions:

- ISU World Cup Heerenveen (NED) November 10-12, 2017
- ISU World Cup Calgary (CAN) December 1-3, 2017
- ISU World Cup Salt Lake City (USA) December 8-10, 2017

2. Qualifying times

Only Skaters having achieved the ISU Qualifying Times in accordance with the following procedure may be entered for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games:

	Ladies	Men
500 m	39,50	35,70
1000 m	1.18,00	1.10,50
1500 m	1.59,50	1.48,00
3000 m	4.12,00	n.a.
5000 m	7.20,00 or 4.08,00 (3000 m)	6.30,00
10 000 m	n.a.	13.30,00 or 6.25,00 (5000 m)
Mass Start*	2.10,00* in the 1500 m	1.57,50* in the 1500 m.

To be entered for an individual event/distance, a Skater must have achieved the Qualifying Time for the event/distance concerned. To be entered for the Team Pursuit event and mass start, a Skater must have reached the Qualifying Time for at least one of the individual events/distances.

However, an ISU Member may enter maximum one Skater (per gender) for Mass start who has not achieved any of the above qualifying times, but achieved the specified **Mass start*** qualifying time.

3. Conditions for recognition of achieved Qualifying Times (as per Rule 209, paragraph 2 h):

3.1. Skaters need to achieve Qualifying Times during the period *July 1, 2017 – January 14, 2018*.

3.2. Only the following competitions will be considered for achievement of Qualifying Times:

- ISU Championships;
- ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions (as listed in section 1 above);
- International Competitions open to all ISU Members, announced according to ISU Regulations, Rule 110, paragraph 2;
- National Championships organized by the ISU Members, including competitions officially declared by the ISU Member concerned as National Olympic Trials.

3.3. For National Championships/National Olympic Trials to be considered for achievement of Qualifying Times, the organizing ISU Member must announce to the ISU Secretariat *by October 1, 2017* (see Rule 104, paragraph 14.c) the program as well as the planned date and place for such competitions. A copy of the announcement for the competition must be sent to the ISU Secretariat not later than two weeks before the first competition day.

Moreover, ISU Regulations must be respected, in particular, but not limited to, the following conditions must be met in order for competitions to be recognized for achievement of Qualifying Times:

- Automatic timekeeping equipment must have been used at the competition;
- The Referees and Starters at the competition must be included in the lists of ISU recognized Speed Skating Referees and Starters for 2017/18, as published in the annual ISU Communication, or any amendments to this Communication;
- Anti-Doping tests in accordance with the valid ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures must be conducted at the competition.

4. Verification and approval of achieved Qualifying Times (as per Rule 209, paragraph 2 i):

The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee is responsible for the approval of achieved Qualifying Times. The ISU Members are responsible for submitting to the ISU verification of the best achieved Qualifying Time per event/distance for each Skater intending to participate in the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. The verification shall include the date and venue where the time has been achieved. Unless the time has been achieved at an ISU Championship or an ISU World Cup Competition, a copy of the list of results must also be enclosed. Furthermore, the verification must include a statement from the organizing ISU Member that all conditions for recognition of achieved Qualifying Times (as stated above) have been fulfilled. This information must reach the ISU Secretariat (by e-mail to prahin@isu.ch) *not later than January 14, 2018*.

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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*
Total	180	See paragraph D. "Host Country Places"	180

**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:

- a) 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.
- b) Maximum 8 for women and 8 for men for other NOCs/NFs.
- c) 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>1) Definition of Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC)</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"> i) SOQC points ranking: A ranking according to the World Cup points earned on the occasion of the designated World Cup Competitions; ii) SOQC times ranking: A ranking based on the best times per skater achieved on the occasion of the designated World Cup Competitions. <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. 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	1 July 2017 - 14 Jan 2018	Period for achieving qualifying times. Qualifying times will be announced by ISU not later than 1 July 2017.
	1 August 2017	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	9 October 2017	PyeongChang 2018 Accreditation deadline (All potential athletes must be registered in the system)
Qualification	1 November 2017 – 17 December 2017	ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions determining the SOQC (*TBD)
Inform and confirm	27 December 2017	Publication of ISU Ranking List (SOQC)



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Inform and confirm	27 December 2017	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.
	By 12 January 2018	NOCs to inform ISU about confirmation and/or rejection of provisionally allocated quota places, both for event/distance and in total.
Reallocation	15-19 January 2018	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.
	By 22 January 2018	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.
	24 January 2018	End of re-allocation process.
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