



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE XXIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES PYEONGCHANG 2018

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Short Track Speed Skating

A. EVENTS (8)

Men's Events (4)	Women's Events (4)
Men's 500m	Ladies' 500m
Men's 1000m	Ladies' 1000m
Men's 1500m	Ladies' 1500m
Men's 5000m Relay	Ladies' 3000m Relay

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

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

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	55	5	60
Women	55	5	60
Total	110	10	120

Maximum Event/Distance Specific Quota

	Maximum Quota
Men's 500m	32
Men's 1000m	32
Men's 1500m	36
Men's 5000m Relay	8 teams
Ladies' 500m	32
Ladies' 1000m	32
Ladies' 1500m	36
Ladies' 3000m Relay	8 teams

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



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

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

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).

The 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 Competitions designated by the ISU that will be held between September and December 2017 will be taken into consideration for the purpose of establishing the SOQC (for more details please refer to the respective ISU Rules and ISU Communications).

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 Ladies' 500m, Ladies' 1000m, Ladies' 1500m and Ladies' 3000m Relay.

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:

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.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<u>D.1</u> Men: 40 Women: 40	D.1 Relay NOCs/NFs qualified for the Relay events may enter a maximum of five (5) skaters in total. The skaters competing in the individual events must be among the skaters in the Relay team.



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	<p>The NFs/NOCs with the top eight (8) placed Relay teams in the SOQC for Relays in the respective gender qualify for participation in the Olympic Winter Games Relay events. If the host NOC/NF of the Olympic Winter Games is not amongst those qualified on the basis of the Relay SOQC, the respective Relay Team of the host NOC/NF will replace the NOC/NF ranked 8th in the SOQC for the Relay.</p>
<p><u>D.2</u> Men: 20 Women: 20</p>	<p>D.2 Individual distances</p> <p>For the individual distances, taking into account the above-mentioned ramification from the Relay qualification, which for the IOC quota (total quota of 120) will have priority, the quota places are assigned to NOCs/NFs in the order of the respective SOQC. All NOCs/NFs having skaters ranked first over the distances of 500, 1000 and 1500 meters get one starting place in the respective distance. Following that the NOCs/NFs having skaters ranked 2nd get one starting place, etc, until the following criteria are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) The number of quota places per NOC/NF has reached the maximum of three (3) skaters per distance;ii) The number of skaters in the respective distances has reached the maximum number of skaters for that distance; i.e. the maximum number of skaters over 500m and 1000m will be 32. The maximum number of Skaters over 1500m will be 36.iii) The total number of skaters has reached the maximum number of skaters (120 skaters as per IOC quota stated above).iv) If the number of skaters per distance has not reached the maximum number of skaters (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) on one (1) or more distances, and the simultaneous process cannot be continued without exceeding the IOC quota, then skaters will be added on a one-by-one basis until the IOC quota has been reached. The next available skater(s) already within the quota with the highest rank in the respective distance SOQC will be added to the number of skaters in the respective distance. In the case of a tie, the shortest distance will prevail.v) If according to sub-paragraphs i), ii), iii) and iv) above the number of actually entered skaters by name has not reached the maximum per distance (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters), then the NOCs/NFs having skaters entered as per sub-paragraphs i), ii), iii) and iv) above will be allowed to enter the same skaters in the respective distance(s) in the order of the respective SOQC, up to the maximum of three (3) skaters per distance. Consequently, this will not affect the total number of entered skaters and the IOC quota remains respected.vi) In the exceptional case that the number of skaters per distance cannot be filled (32 for 500 and 1000 meters and 36 for 1500 meters) after applying the procedures in the sub-paragraphs i) ii) iii) iv) and v) above, then the NOCs/NFs which have qualified for the Relay but who have no individual skaters will be allowed to enter skaters in the respective distance(s). In the case of a tie, the Relay team with the highest rank will prevail. Consequently this will also not affect the total number of entered skaters and the IOC quota remains respected.



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES (WHERE APPLICABLE)

If not qualified through the qualifying procedure, the host NOC/NF will be entitled to enter 10 Skaters (5 men and 5 women) in all events together, as follows:

- Ladies' 3000m Relay and Men's 5000m Relay
- One (1) skater in each individual event/distance for both Ladies and Men

If the host NOC/NF forfeits its right to participate in the Relay event(s), 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 World Cup Competitions and based on the respective SOQC the ISU will inform NOCs/NFs by 10 December 2017, 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 10 January 2018.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

Between 10 and 17 January 2018, the ISU will redistribute unused quota places to NOCs/NFs based on the SOQC per distance. NOCs will be requested to confirm within 24 hours whether they accept the offered reallocation of quota places, but at the latest on 22 January 2018.

Unused Relay quota places will be replaced with the next best placed Team, based on the results of the Relay SOQC.



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 August 2017	ISU announces qualifying competitions (ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions) determining the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC)
Accreditation deadline	9 October 2017	PyeongChang 2018 Accreditation deadline (All potential athletes must be registered in the system)
Qualification	1 September 2017 – 3 December 2017	ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions determining the SOQC. World Cup 1 (TBD*) World Cup 2 (TBD*) World Cup 3 (TBD*) World Cup 4 (TBD*)
Inform and confirm	5 December 2017	Publication of SOQC
	10 December 2017	ISU to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	10 January 2018	NOCs to inform ISU about confirmation and/or rejection of quota places provisionally allocated, both for event/distance and in total. *All confirmed provisionally allocated quota places by NOCs are considered final.
Reallocation	10 - 17 January 2018	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.
	22 January 2018	End of re-allocation process
Delegation Registration Meetings	26 January – 8 February 2018	PyeongChang 2018 Delegation Registration Meetings
Sport Entries deadline	29 January 2018 (06:00 Korean Time)	PyeongChang 2018 Sport Entries deadline
Games Time	9 – 25 February 2018	Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018

*To Be Determined