



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE XXIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES PYEONGCHANG 2018

INTERNATIONAL BOBSLEIGH AND SKELETON FEDERATION

Bobsleigh

A. EVENTS (3)

Men's Events (2)	Women's Events (1)
Two-man Bobsleigh Four-man Bobsleigh	Women's Bobsleigh

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Bobsleigh:

	Event	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total Athletes
Men	Two-man Bobsleigh	29 crews	1 crew	130
	Four-man Bobsleigh	29 crews	1 crew	
Women	Women's Bobsleigh	19 crews	1 crew	40
				170

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

Men

- Max 3 NOCs with 3 crews per event
- Max 6 NOCs with 2 crews per event
- 5 NOCs with 1 crew per event

Number of crews qualified per NOC		Athletes quota per NOC
Two-man	Four-man	
1	0	2
2	0	4
3	0	6
0	1	4
0	2	8
0	3	12
1	1	4/5*
2	1	5/6*
3	1	6/7*
1	2	8/9*
2	2	8/9*
3	2	9
1	3	12/13*
2	3	12/13*
3	3	12/13*

*only if one two-man pilot is different from the pilot in the four-man



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Women

- Max 2 NOCs with 3 crews
- Max 4 NOCs with 2 crews
- 2 NOCs with 1 crew

Number of crews qualified	Athletes quota
1 crew	2
2 crews	4
3 crews	6

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quotas are assigned to the NOCs. They can choose the pilots who may make use of this quota.

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 fulfil the age requirements as stated as stated in bylaw [8.4 Licenses of the IBSF International Bobsleigh Rules](#).

Medical Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games, all athletes must be medically suitable for practising Bobsleigh racing and possess appropriate and adequate insurance coverage against accidents and third-party civil liability

Additional IF Requirements:

- All athletes must possess a valid IBSF International licence;
- Selected pilots must have been participating and ranked in a minimum of 5 IBSF races on at least 3 different tracks in the period between 15 October 2016 and 14 January 2018. In addition the pilot must have been ranked in at least 3 of the 5 above mentioned races on a minimum of 2 different tracks during the 2017/2018 season by 14 January 2018 and must have been ranked among the top 50 men or Top 40 women in the IBSF Ranking List per event (IBSF Discipline Ranking List) of the season 2017/2018 by 14 January 2018.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The qualification process takes place via participation in the Federation's competition activity. Qualification is achieved by the 'pilots' results. Pilots gain a qualification slot for their NOC.

The IBSF recognises five continents: Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania.

Participation in two-man Bobsleigh competitions counts only for two-man Bobsleigh, while participation in four-man Bobsleigh competitions counts only for four-man Bobsleigh.



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QUALIFICATION PLACES

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<p>D.1: Two-man Bobsleigh: 26 crews</p> <p>Four-man Bobsleigh: 26 crews</p> <p>Women's Bobsleigh: 16 crews</p>	<p>D.1 IBSF Ranking During the 2017/2018 season until the deadline of 14 January 2018, the best results of each pilot are totalled by name for the IBSF Ranking List per event, regardless of the race series below in which the results were scored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) World Cup b) Europe Cup c) North American <p>The maximum number of races taken into account for determining the IBSF Ranking List is the same as the number of World Cup races that are carried out during the qualification period as defined in Section G.</p> <p>The NOC quotas for the Olympic Winter Games are based on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018. In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria apply for the IBSF Ranking List:</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. (World Cup points are of higher priority than points obtained in the other race series) <p>Allocation of quotas for Men</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quotas for the 3 NOCs with 3 crews are determined by the NOC's third best pilot on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018. • The quotas for the 6 NOCs with 2 crews are determined by the NOC's second best pilot on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018. • The remaining 5 quota positions go to the 5 best NOCs whose best ranked pilot on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018 has not yet been considered. <p>Allocation of quotas for Women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quotas for the 2 NOCs with 3 crews are determined by the NOC's best third pilot on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018. • The quotas for the 4 NOCs with 2 crews are determined by the NOC's second best pilot on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018. • The remaining 2 quota positions go to the 2 best NOCs whose best ranked pilot on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018 has not yet been considered.
<p>D.2: Two-man Bobsleigh: 3 crews</p> <p>Four-man Bobsleigh: 3 crews</p> <p>Women's Bobsleigh: 3 crews</p>	<p>D.2 Continental Representation Once the host Nation Representation has been fulfilled, pilots belonging to NOCs of non-represented continents may also take part in the Olympic competitions. The quota allocation will be made based on the IBSF Ranking List per event of the 2017/2018 season during the qualification period.</p> <p>If no athlete can achieve these conditions, the continent will have no representative.</p>



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the male and female pilots of the NOC of the nation organising the Olympic Winter Games fail to qualify via the qualification process set out above, the NOC will still have the right to take part in the following Olympic events:

- one (1) two-man Bobsleigh crew
- one (1) four-man Bobsleigh crew
- one (1) women's Bobsleigh crew

Only pilots and crew members meeting the eligibility defined in Section C can be entered. If no pilot can achieve these conditions, the host Nation will have no representative.

The chosen pilots must be ranked on the IBSF Ranking List of the 2017/18 season during the qualification period in order to participate.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

On 14 January 2018, the IBSF will publish the results on its website (<http://www.ibsf.org>) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have to confirm if they wish to use these quota places by 16 January 2018, as detailed in section **G. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF 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. Unfilled men's quota places cannot be reallocated to fill a quota place in another men's discipline or event, nor can such unfilled quota place be reallocated to fill any women's quota place
 - b. Unfilled women's quota places cannot be reallocated to fill any men's quota place

If there are places still available for reallocation, only NOCs which do not already have a qualified crew by the end of the qualification period will be considered.

Among the potential candidates for reallocation, only the highest ranked pilot in the IBSF Ranking List will enable his/her NOC to send a crew to fill a reallocation position.

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

- a) First, the highest points result 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)



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REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated to the next ranked pilot on the IBSF Ranking List as of 14 January 2018.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	15 October 2016 – 14 January 2018	Qualification period
Accreditation Deadline	9 October 2017	PyeongChang 2018 Accreditation deadline (All potential athletes must be registered in the system)
Inform and confirm	14 January 2018	Publication of IBSF Ranking List IBSF to inform NFs/NOCs of their allocated quota places
	16 January 2018	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to IBSF and PyeongChang 2018
		Deadline for NOCs that want to be considered for reallocation places to inform the IBSF of their request in writing
Reallocation	17 – 18 January 2018	IBSF to notify NOCs/NFs that wanted to be considered for reallocation of unused quota places (if any)
	19 January 2018	NOCs to confirm use of reallocated quota places to IBSF and PyeongChang 2018
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

H. P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P alternate athletes are non-competing athletes, and are not included within the athlete's quota as described in section **B. Athletes Quota**. More detailed information about access rights and entitlements can be found in the '*Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Detailed Specification*'. P alternate athletes can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the '*IOC/PyeongChang 2018 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.

In Bobsleigh competitions, "P" alternate athletes (according to the distribution table below) may be part of the crew as a substitute. In principle, the same crew must take part in each run. However, in the event of injury or illness, it is possible to change the members of the crew – except for the pilot – with the approval of the Jury.



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Eligibility:

P alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above section **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Quota:

MEN

Number of crews qualified		Athletes quota	P alternate athletes quota
Two-man Bobsleigh	Four-man Bobsleigh		
1	0	2	1
2	0	4	1
3	0	6	2
0	1	4	1
0	2	8	1
0	3	12	2
1	1	4/5*	1
2	1	5/6*	1
3	1	6/7*	2
1	2	8/9*	1
2	2	8/9*	1
3	2	9	2
1	3	12/13*	2
2	3	12/13*	2
3	3	12/13*	2

WOMEN

Number of crews qualified	Athletes quota	P alternate athletes quota
Women's Bobsleigh		
1 crew	2	1
2 crews	4	1
3 crews	6	2