



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE XXIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES PYEONGCHANG 2018

**INTERNATIONAL BOBSLEIGH AND SKELETON FEDERATION**

**Bobsleigh**

**A. EVENTS (3)**

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

**B. ATHLETES QUOTA**

1. Total Quota for Bobsleigh:

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

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

**Two-man and Four-man**

- 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*



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\*only if one Two-man pilot is different from the pilot in the Four-man

### **Women's Bobsleigh**

- 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 in the Two-man and Four-man or Top 40 in the Women's Bobsleigh 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 competitions counts only for Two-man, while participation in Four-man competitions counts only for Four-man.



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**QUALIFICATION PLACES**

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<p><u>D.1:</u> Two-man h: 26 crews  Four-man: 26 crews  Women's Bobsleigh: 16 crews</p>	<p><b>D.1 IBSF Ranking List</b> 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"> <li>a) World Cup</li> <li>b) Europe Cup</li> <li>c) North American</li> </ul> <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 Lists 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"> <li>a) First, the highest points obtained in a single race;</li> <li>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)</li> </ul> <p><b>Allocation of quotas for Two-man and Four-man</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Allocation of quotas for Women's Bobsleigh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<p><u>D.2:</u> Two-man: 3 crews  Four-man: 3 crews  Women's Bobsleigh: 3 crews</p>	<p><b>D.2 Continental Representation</b> 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>

**HOST COUNTRY PLACES**



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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 crew
- one (1) Four-man 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 Two-man and Four-man events is not allowed under any circumstances.
2. Exceeding the total amount of quota places for Women's Bobsleigh is not allowed under any circumstances.
3. Unused quota places in an event cannot be reallocated to another event. For example, unused quota places in the Two-man cannot be reallocated to the Four-man event or Women's Bobsleigh.

If there are places still available for reallocation, only NOCs which do not already have a qualified team 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 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	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



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### 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.

#### Eligibility:

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

#### Quota:

#### Two-man and Four-man

Number of crews qualified		Athletes quota	P alternate athletes quota
Two-man	Four-man		
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's Bobsleigh

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