



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – XXV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES – MILANO CORTINA 2026

INTERNATIONAL BOBSLEIGH AND SKELETON FEDERATION (IBSF)

BOBSLEIGH

A. EVENTS (4)

Men's events (2)	Women's events (2)
2-man Bobsleigh	Women's Monobob
4-man Bobsleigh	2-woman Bobsleigh

B. QUOTA PLACES

1. Total quota places for discipline :

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Total
Men	114	2	114
Women	56	2	56
Total	170	4	170

2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC) (per sport/discipline and/or per event):

	Max quota places per NOC
Men	Max 2 NOCs with 3 crews per event
	Max 7 NOCs with 2 crews per event
	8 NOCs with 1 crew per event
Total	112

Number of crews qualified per NOC		Athletes' quota per NOC
2-man	4-man	
1	0	2
2	0	4
0	1	4
0	2	8



Number of crews qualified per NOC		Athletes' quota per NOC
2-man	4-man	
0	3	12
1	1	4
2	1	5
3	1	6
1	2	8
2	2	8
3	2	9
1	3	12
2	3	12
3	3	12

		Max quota places per NOC
Women	2-woman Bobsleigh	Max 3 NOCs with 3 crews
		Max 5 NOCs with 2 crews
		6 NOCs with 1 crew
	Women's Monobob	Max 2 NOCs with 3 pilots
		Max 4 NOCs with 2 pilots
		11 NOCs with 1 pilot
Total		56

Number of crews qualified per NOC		Athletes' quota per NOC
2-woman	Monobob	
1	0	2
2	0	4
3	0	6
0	1	1
0	2	2
1	1	2
2	1	4
3	1	6
1	2	2
2	2	4
3	2	6
3	3	6

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 eligibility requirements.



C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including 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 those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of IBSF, may participate in the Olympic Games Milano Cortina 2026.

Age requirements

All athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 must fulfil the age requirements as stated in bylaw 8.4 Licenses of the IBSF International Bobsleigh Rules.

Additional IF eligibility criteria

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026, all athletes must be medically suitable for practising Bobsleigh racing as per the requirements set forth in bylaw 8.4 Licenses of the IBSF International Bobsleigh Rules and possess appropriate and adequate insurance coverage against accidents and third-party civil liability.

- All athletes must possess a valid IBSF International licence.
- Selected pilots must have been participating and ranked in a minimum of eight (8) IBSF races on at least three (3) different tracks by event in the period between 1 October 2024 and 18 January 2026. In addition, the pilot must have been ranked in at least five (5) of the eight (8) above mentioned races on a minimum of two (2) different tracks during the 2025/2026 season by event by 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time) and must have been ranked among the top 50 in the Men's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List or in the Top 40 in the Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List respectively in the Women's Monobob IBSF Ranking List of the season 2025/2026 by 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time).

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

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

Participation in 2-man competitions counts only for 2-man, while participation in 4-man competitions counts only for 4-man.

Participation in women's Monobob competitions counts only for women's Monobob, while participation in 2-woman competitions counts only for 2-woman.

QUOTA PLACES

Men/Women



Number of quota places	Qualification events
D.1: 4-man: 28 crews 2-man: 28 crews	<p>D.1.1 Men's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List</p> <p>The Men's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List will be made by combining the best results of each pilot in both the 2-man and 4-man events during the 2025/2026 season until the deadline of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time) in all races that he had participated in regardless of the race series below in which the results were scored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) World Cupb) Europe Cupc) North American Cupd) Asian Cup <p>The number of races taken into account for determining the Men's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List is the same as the number of World Cup races by event conducted during the 2025/26 season until the deadline of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time).</p> <p>In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria apply for the Men's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) First, the highest points obtained in a 2-man single race.b) Next, the highest points obtained at the last 2-man race before the qualification deadline.c) Next, the highest points obtained in a 4-man single race.d) Next, the highest points obtained at the last 4-man race before the qualification deadline. <p>(World Cup points are of higher priority than points obtained in the other race series)</p> <p>(points calculation for each event above can be found in Rule 11 Ranking List of the IBSF International Bobsleigh Rule)</p> <p>D.1.2 Allocation of quotas for 2-man and 4-man combined</p> <p>D.1.2.1 The quotas for the 2 NOCs with 3 crews will be allocated to the top 2 eligible NOCs with the third best pilot on the Men's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List (as described in D.1.1) as of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time);</p> <p>D.1.2.2 The quotas for the 7 NOCs with 2 crews will be allocated to the top 7 eligible NOCs with the second-best pilot on the Men's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List (as described in D.1.1) as of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time) which have not been allocated a quota place from D.1.2.1;</p> <p>D.1.2.3 The remaining 8 quota places in Men's Bobsleigh will be allocated to the top 8 eligible NOCs with the best ranked pilot on the Men's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List (as described in D.1.1) as of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time) which have not been allocated a quota place from D.1.2.1 and D.1.2.2.</p>



	<p>D.1.2.4 If the host country is not allocated a quota place from D.1.2.1, D.1.2.2 or D.1.2.3, the quota place of the NOC with the lowest ranked pilot on the Men's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List (as described in D.1.1) from D.1.2.3 will be allocated to the highest ranked pilot from the host country on the Men's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List (refer to Host Country Places).</p>
<p>D.2: Women's Monobob: 25 pilots 2-woman: 25 crews</p>	<p>D.2.1 Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List</p> <p>The Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List will be made by combining the best results of each pilot in both the 2-woman and Women's Monobob events during the 2025/2026 season until the deadline of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time) in all races that she had participated in regardless of the race series below in which the results were scored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Cup • Europe Cup • North American Cup • Asian Cup <p>The maximum number of races taken into account for determining the Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List is the same as the number of World Cup races by event that are carried out during the World Cup Season 2025/26 until the deadline of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time).</p> <p>In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria apply for the Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) First, the highest points obtained in a Women's Monobob single race. b) Next, the highest points obtained at the last Women's Monobob race before the qualification deadline. c) Next, the highest points obtained in a 2-woman single race. d) Next, the highest points obtained at the last 2-woman race before the qualification deadline. <p>(World Cup points are of higher priority than points obtained in the other race series)</p> <p>D.2.2 Allocation of quotas for 2-woman Bobsleigh</p> <p>D.2.2.1 The quotas for the 3 NOCs with 3 crews will be allocated to the top 3 eligible NOCs with the third best pilot in the Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List (as described in D.2.1);</p> <p>D.2.2.2 The quotas for the 5 NOCs with 2 crews will be allocated to the top 5 eligible NOCs with the second-best pilot in the Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking list (as described in D.2.1) which have not been allocated a quota place in D.2.2.1;</p> <p>D.2.2.3 The quotas for the 6 NOCs with 1 crew will be allocated to the top 6 eligible NOCs with the best pilot in the Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking list (as described in D.2.1) which have not been allocated a quota place in D.2.2.1 and D.2.2.2.</p> <p>D.2.2.4 If the host country is not allocated a quota place from D.2.2.1, D.2.2.2 or D.2.2.3, the quota place of the NOC with the lowest ranked pilot on the Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking list (as described in D.2.1) from D.2.2.3 will be allocated to the highest ranked pilot from the host country on</p>



	<p>the Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List (Refer to Host Country Places).</p> <p>D.2.3 Women's Monobob IBSF Ranking List</p> <p>During the 2025/2026 season until the deadline of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time), the best results of each pilot in all races that she participated in regardless of the races series in which the results were scored are totalled to form by name for the respective Women's Monobob IBSF Ranking List.</p> <p>The maximum number of races taken into account for determining the Monobob IBSF Ranking List will be the same as the number of World Cup races that are carried out during the World Cup Season 2025/26 by 18 January 2026.</p> <p>D.2.4 Allocation of quotas for Women's Monobob</p> <p>D.2.4.1 The quotas for the 2 NOCs with 3 pilots will be allocated to the best 2 eligible NOCs already qualified for the 2-woman bobsleigh event and determined by the third-best ranked pilots in the Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List (as described in D.2.1).</p> <p>D.2.4.2 The quotas for the 4 NOCs with 2 pilot will be allocated to the best 4 eligible NOCs already qualified for the 2-woman bobsleigh event which have not been allocated a quota place from D.2.4.1 as of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time).</p> <p>D.2.4.3 The quotas for 5 NOCs of the remaining 11 quota places with 1 pilot will be allocated to next best 5 eligible NOCs which have not been allocated a quota place from D.2.4.1 and D.2.4.2 as of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time).</p> <p>The remaining 6 quota places with 1 pilot in Women's Monobob will be allocated to the top 6 eligible NOCs with the highest ranked pilot on the IBSF Women's Monobob Ranking List (as described in D.2.3) as of 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time) which have not been allocated a quota place IBSF Ranking List from D.2.4.1, D.2.4.2 and D.2.4.3.</p> <p>D.2.4.4 If the host country is not allocated a quota place from D.2.4.1, D.2.4.2 or D.2.4.3, the quota place of the NOC with the lowest ranked pilot on the IBSF Women's Monobob Ranking List (as described in D.2.3) from D.2.4.3 will be allocated to the highest ranked pilot from the host country on the IBSF Women's Monobob Ranking List (Refer to Host Country Places).</p>
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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the male and female pilots of the Host Country do not qualify via the qualification process set out above, it will still have the right to take part in the following events with:

- one (1) 2-man Bobsleigh crew;
- one (1) 4-man Bobsleigh crew;
- one (1) 2-woman Bobsleigh crew;
- one (1) Women's Monobob.



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

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

On 18 January 2026, the IBSF will publish the results on its website (<http://www.ibsf.org>) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places on 19 January 2026. The NOCs will then have to confirm if they wish to use these quota places by 21 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time), as detailed in section **G. Qualification Timeline**.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country must confirm in writing to the IBSF by 21 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time) the use of its Host Country Places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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General rules:

1. Exceeding the total amount of quota places for 2-man and 4-man Bobsleigh is not allowed under any circumstances.
2. Exceeding the total amount of quota places for Women's Monobob and 2-woman 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 2-man Bobsleigh cannot be reallocated to the 4-man or 2-woman Bobsleigh cannot be reallocated to the Women's Monobob.

Unused quota places for NOCs can be exceptionally reallocated to an NOC which has not yet received a quota spot. In case this is not possible due to eligibility criteria, the unused quota spot will be assigned to the 1st NOC already qualified whereas the maximum number of 3 (three) teams per NOC may not be exceeded.

If there are places still available for reallocation, only eligible 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 respective 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 in the last race before the qualification deadline.

(World Cup points are of higher priority than points obtained in the other race series)

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked pilot on the respective IBSF Ranking List as of 18 January 2026.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
Qualification Period	
1 October 2024 – 18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time)	Period to reach athlete eligibility criteria as per section C
	Publication of the 2024/2025 IBSF Calendar that will determine the qualification events for the 2024/2025 season will be made by 15 August 2024.
	Publication of the 2025/2026 IBSF Calendar that will determine the qualification events for the 2025/2026 season will be made by 15 August 2025.
Accreditation deadline	
TBD*	Milano Cortina 2026 Accreditation deadline
Inform and confirm	
18 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time)	Publication of IBSF Ranking List
19 January 2026	IBSF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
21 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time)	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to IBSF (Within 48 hours of receiving the quota) Deadline for NOCs that want to be considered for reallocation places to inform the IBSF of their request in writing.
Reallocation	
22 – 25 January 2026 (23:59 Lausanne time)	IBSF to reallocate all unused quota places and NOCs to confirm within 24 hours
Sport Entries deadline	
26 January 2026	Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries deadline
Delegation Registration Meetings	
TBD*	Milano Cortina 2026 Delegation Registration Meetings
6 – 22 February 2026	Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026

* To Be Determined



H. AP ATHLETES

AP ATHLETES

Ap 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'. Ap alternate athletes can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the 'IOC/Milano Cortina 2026 Late Athlete Replacement policy'.

In Bobsleigh competitions, "Ap" 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 the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy is applicable and will be implemented (to be released March 2025). It is possible to apply for a replacement of the members of the crew – except for the pilot – with the approval of the Jury and the IOC.

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

Quota:

2-man and 4-man Bobsleigh

Number of crews qualified per NOC		Athletes' quota per NOC	Ap 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	1
2	1	5	1
3	1	6	2
1	2	8	1



Number of crews qualified per NOC		Athletes' quota per NOC	Ap alternate athletes' quota
Two-man Bobsleigh	Four-man Bobsleigh		
2	2	8	1
3	2	9	2
1	3	12	2
2	3	12	2
3	3	12	2

Women's Monobob and 2-woman Bobsleigh

Number of crews qualified per NOC		Athletes' quota per NOC	Ap alternate athletes' quota
2-woman Bobsleigh	Monobob		
1	0	2	1
2	0	4	1
3	0	6	2
0	1	1	0
0	2	2	0
1	1	2	1
2	1	4	1
3	1	6	2
1	2	2	1
2	2	4	1
3	2	6	2
3	3	6	2