



INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Speed Skating

A. EVENTS (7)

Men's Events(3)	Ladies Events(3)	Mixed NOC / Gender Event(1)
500 m 1500 m Mass Start	500 m 1500 m Mass Start	Mixed NOC Team Sprint

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Speed Skating:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	28	<i>Included in total qualification places (1 M and 1 W)</i>	28
Ladies	28		28
Total	56		56

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	2
Ladies	2
Total	4

3. Event Specific Quota:

Maximum of two (2) men and two (2) ladies per distance/event.

Maximum of 14 Mixed NOC Team Sprint teams composed of two (2) men and two (2) ladies from different NOCs. No substitutes are allowed.

4. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Winter Youth Olympic Games.

Age Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the 2016 Lillehammer Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must be born between 01 January 1998 and 31 December 2000.

Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the 2016 Lillehammer Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must have achieved the qualifying time standards established by the ISU during the period between **1 July 2015 and 1 December 2015** as described in **G. Qualification Timeline**.



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN / LADIES'

D.1 – D.3 Individual Qualification

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<p><u>D.1</u> Men: 12 Ladies:12</p> <p><u>D.2 – D.2.4</u> Men: 22 Ladies': 22</p> <p>56 Total Athletes</p>	<p>Quotas are allocated and distributed according to the following principles:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry quotas are allotted based on results from the 2015 ISU World Junior Championships and designated ISU Junior World Cup competitions during the 2015/2016 season. • An allotted quota place applies for one athlete, and this athlete will be eligible to compete in all individual distances.
	<p>D.1 NOCs represented among the top six (6), per gender, in the single distances, 500 meters and/or 1500 meters, in the final results of the 2015 ISU Junior World Championships are entitled to one (1) quota place.</p>
	<p>D.1.1 If more than one (1) skater from the same NOC in D.1 is represented in the top six (6) in any of the distances mentioned an additional quota place, up to the maximum of two (2) skaters per gender, will be allocated.</p>
	<p>D.2 Any remaining quota places after quota allocation by way of D.1 – D.1.1, will be allocated based on the results from two (2) designated ISU Junior World Cup Competitions to be held during the Youth Olympic Games season in accordance with the ISU Junior World Cup ranking for the respective distances.</p>
	<p>D.2.1 NOCs that already qualified two (2) quota places per gender through the ISU Junior World Championships 2015 cannot be allocated an additional quota place.</p>
	<p>D.2.2 For the NOCs which qualified one (1) quota place per gender in D.1, the highest ranked NOC in the ISU Junior World Cup will be disregarded in allocation of the additional quota places.</p>
	<p>D.2.3 The remaining quota places will be allocated based on the following sequence, with the additional condition that if the same athlete is represented in the Junior World Cup rankings in more than one of the distances considered, only the highest distance rank of this skater will be considered for the allocation of quota place to the respective NOC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First place rank in 500m allocated first 2. First place rank in 1500m 3. Second place rank in 500m 4. Second place rank in 1500m 5. etc...
	<p>D.2.4 The distribution of quota place as in D.2.3 will continue until the total number of Skaters per category (Ladies'/Men) has reached the total quota of 28 athletes per gender.</p>
	<p>D.3 Any quota place achieved, by way of D1 or D2, can be used for all the individual distances (i.e. 500 meters, 1500 meters and mass start events).</p>



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D.4 Mixed NOC Team Sprint Qualification

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D.4	The composition of the Mixed NOC Team Sprint teams will be conducted after the completion of the individual Speed Skating events. All entered skaters may compete in the Mixed NOC Team Sprint event.																																																																						
D.4.1	The overall distance is 4 laps, the first Skater of the team leading the first lap before leaving the race, the second Skater of the team leading the second lap before leaving the race, the third Skater of the team leading the third lap before leaving the race and the fourth Skater finishing the race for the team.																																																																						
D.4.2	<p>The composition of teams will be constructed by the ISU via a predetermined methodology to distribute the 56 Skaters among the 14 teams as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lady Skaters will be placed by means of the Skaters' ranking in the overall result of the 500 meter distance, to teams in numerical order (1 – 14), then by reverse numerical order (14 – 1). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first (1st) ranked Lady Skater will be placed on team number one (1), the Lady Skater ranked in second (2nd) will be placed on team number two (2) etc., thereby distributing the top 14 Lady Skaters in numerical order amongst 14 numbered teams from team number one (1) to team number 14. • The Lady Skaters ranked 15th – 28th will be placed on teams in reverse numerical order, with the 15th ranked Lady on team 14, the 16th ranked Lady on team 13 etc. • The Male Skaters will be placed by means of the Skaters ranking in the overall result of the 1500 meter distance to teams in reverse numerical order (14 – 1), then in numerical order (1-14). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first (1st) ranked Male Skater will be placed on team number 14, the Male Skater ranked in second (2nd) will be placed on team number 13 etc., thereby distributing the top 14 Male Skaters in reverse numerical order amongst the 14 numbered teams from team number 14 to team number one (1). • The Male Skaters ranked 15th – 28th will be placed on teams, in numerical order, with the 15th Male on team one (1), 16th ranked Male on team two (2), etc. • <u>Example:</u> 																																																																						
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D.4.3	The sequence of skating within each team of the Mixed Team Sprint event is open and shall be decided by the coaches composing the team.																																																																						
D.4.4	<p><u>Racing rules:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Skater in the team must be assigned a position, No. 1, 2, 3 or 4. • Skaters of the single teams may wear their own national racing uniform. Skaters wear different coloured armbands for easy identification as follows: Skater No. 1 in the team: No armband, Skater No. 2: White armband, Skater No. 3: Red arm-band, Skater No. 4: Green armband. Skater No. 4 should wear transponders to facilitate the timekeeping. • The start procedure is the same as for Team Pursuit. For disqualification see ISU Rule 261, paragraph 3. For allowance of a fresh start see ISU Rule 262, paragraph 2. • The first lap is skated with the Skater assigned as No. 1 leading the team, with Skater No. 2, Skater No. 3 and Skater No. 4 following. After one lap, Skater No. 1 has to <i>leave to the outside part of the track before leaving to the warm-up lane</i>. After Skater No. 1 has left the team, Skater No. 2 has to lead the team until the second full lap is completed. After this lap, Skater No. 2 leaves the race in the same manner as Skater No. 1. Skater No. 3 has to lead the team until the third full lap is completed. After this lap, Skater No. 3 leaves the race in the same manner as Skater No. 2. Skater No. 4 skates the last lap alone and finishes the race for the team. 																																																																						
D.4.5	If one team member is unable to start due to illness or injury the whole team has to be withdrawn from the respective Mixed NOC Team Sprint event.																																																																						



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is entitled to a quota of one (1) Man and one (1) Lady per event. The selection of athletes is at the discretion of the Host Country while respecting the eligibility criteria as detailed in **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

This entry will not increase the total number of participants. If the Host Country is not qualified through an allocated quota place by way of the ordinary qualification procedure as mentioned in **D. Qualification Pathway**, the allotted quota place for the Host Country will instead substitute the last qualified quota place for the YOG.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

After the conclusion of the qualifying process, the ISU will announce allocated quota places and NOCs will then have three (3) days to confirm and /or reject their use of these quota places to the ISU Secretariat as detailed in **G. Qualification Timeline**.

Use of allocated quota places

Upon confirmation by the ISU of the quota places earned by the ISU Members/NOCs, the subsequent "entries by name" to be made within the applicable deadlines are at the discretion of the respective ISU Members/NOCs.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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Any allocated quota places that are returned/not confirmed by the respective NOC will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC according to D.2.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host Country declines allocated Host Country place(s), then the place(s) will be reallocated to the NOC that has qualified the last allocated quota place in **D. Qualification Pathway**.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	20- 22 February 2015	ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships, Warsaw, Poland
	1 July 2015	ISU to announce qualifying times
	1 July 2015 to 29 November 2015	Period to achieve qualifying times
	Announced by 15 July 2015	ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating (place and date TBD*)
Inform and Confirm	By 7 December 2015	ISU to inform NOCs/ISU Members of their allocated quota places
	By 11 December 2015	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to ISU Secretariat
Reallocation	14 December 2015	ISU to reallocate unused quota places
	15 December 2015	NOCs to confirm use of unused quota places
	16-17 December 2015	Final reallocation by ISU and confirmation by NOCs of all unused



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		quota places
Sport Entries Deadline	18 January 2016	ISU YOG 2016 Sport Entries deadline
YOG	12 – 21 February 2016	Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

*To Be Determined