



## INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

### Speed Skating

#### A. EVENTS (14)

Men's Events (7)	Women's Events (7)
Men's 500m	Women's 500m
Men's 1000m	Women's 1000m
Men's 1500m	Women's 1500m
Men's 5000m	Women's 3000m
Men's 10000m	Women's 5000m
Men's Mass Start	Women's Mass Start
Men's Team Pursuit	Women's Team Pursuit

#### B. ATHLETES QUOTA

##### B.1 Total Quota for Sport / Discipline:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
<b>Men</b>	83	See paragraph D. "Host Country Places"	83
<b>Women</b>	83	See paragraph D. "Host Country Places"	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>166</b>	See paragraph D. "Host Country Places"	<b>166</b>

##### B.1.1 Maximum Event/Distance Specific Quota

	Maximum Quota		Maximum Quota
Men's 500m	30	Women's 500m	30
Men's 1000m	30	Women's 1000m	30
Men's 1500m	30	Women's 1500m	30
Men's 5000m	20	Women's 3000m	20
Men's 10000m	12	Women's 5000m	12
Men's Mass Start	24*	Women's Mass Start	24*
Men's Team Pursuit	8 teams	Women's Team Pursuit	8 teams

\*Additional competitors, up to a maximum total number of 30 competitors may be added during Games time. Refer to D.2.2.



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### B.2 Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

For each gender, the overall quota per NOC will be restricted depending on the allocated NOC event quota places, as follows:

- Maximum 9 athletes for NOCs that have qualified for the Team Pursuit event and have also been allocated the maximum quota for all individual events for the respective gender.
- Maximum 8 athletes for NOCs that have qualified for the Team Pursuit event and have also been allocated one (1) or more quota places for all individual events for the respective gender.
- Maximum 7 athletes for other NOCs for the respective gender.

The total number of entered athletes per gender cannot exceed the highest number of quota places allocated to the NOC for one (1) of the events, plus the number of other events for which the NOC has been allocated at least one (1) quota place taking into consideration the above conditions.

As an example:

An NOC is allocated the following event quota places:

- Men's 500m – 3 start positions
- Men's 1000m – 2 start positions
- Men's 1500m – 1 start position
- Men's 5000m – 1 start position
- Men's 10000m – 1 start position
- Men's Mass Start – 1 start position

The highest number of event quota places is 3 (in Men's 500m) plus 5 other events having at least 1 athlete (1000m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m and Mass Start). This brings the total to 8. Thus for quota allocation purposes:

- If the NOC also qualifies in the Men's team pursuit, the NOC can be allocated up to 8 Men quota places.
- If the NOC does not qualify in the Men's team pursuit, the NOC can be allocated up to 7 Men quota places.

### B.2.2 NOC Event Specific Quota

	Maximum Quota*		Maximum Quota*
Men's 500m	3*	Women's 500m	3*
Men's 1000m	3*	Women's 1000m	3*
Men's 1500m	3*	Women's 1500m	3*
Men's 5000m	3*	Women's 3000m	3*
Men's 10000m	2	Women's 5000m	2
Men's Mass Start	2	Women's Mass Start	2
Men's Team Pursuit	1 team	Women's Team Pursuit	1 team

\*Further criteria for maximum quotas are described in Section D.2.

### B.3 Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

Quota places are allocated to the NOC as allocation of event quota places, and this allocation sets a limit for the overall number of NOC quota places. The selection of athletes for its allocated quota places is at the discretion of the NOC subject to the eligibility requirements.



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### C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force included 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 these athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

#### C.1 Age Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 must be born before 1 July 2006.

#### C.2 Additional IF Requirements:

##### C.2.1 Achievement of Qualifying Times

To be eligible to be entered for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 within the quota places earned by the respective NOC, athletes must have achieved ISU Qualifying Times in the period between **1 July 2021** and **16 January 2022**. *The applicable qualifying time standards and conditions for approval of achieved qualifying times will be announced in an ISU Communication, not later than 1 July 2021. As per ISU Regulations, only athletes from NFs (ISU Members) are allowed to enter ISU sanctioned competitions, which include ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions.*

### D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Allocation of NOC event quotas (qualification places for each event) according to Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQCs) are based on results from designated ISU World Cup Competitions season 2021/2022 (for more details please refer to the respective ISU Rules and ISU Communications).

There will be SOQCs for Men's and Women's Team Pursuit and for each of the individual events/distances (500m, 1000m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m and Mass Start for the women's events; 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m and Mass Start for the men's events).

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<b>D.1 &amp; D.2:</b> <b>Men &amp; Women:</b> <b>166</b>	<p><b>D.1 Definition and purpose of Special Olympic Qualification Classification</b></p> <p>Quota places are earned by the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) through their National ISU Members (NFs), based on the SOQC per event/distance resulting from the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions designated by the ISU to be held during the season 2021/2022 prior to the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.</p> <p><b>D.1.1</b> SOQC for each event will be calculated according to criteria based on the ISU Rules for the ISU World Cup Speed Skating classification and the ISU Rules for qualification for the ISU World Speed Skating Championships, as published in the ISU Regulations and dedicated ISU Communications. Each SOQC will combine two (2) sets of rankings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>SOQC points ranking (SOQCP)</u>: A ranking according to the World Cup points earned on the occasion of the designated ISU World Cup Competitions;</li> <li><u>SOQC times ranking (SOQCT)</u>: A ranking based on the best times per athlete achieved on the occasion of the designated ISU World Cup Competitions.</li> </ol> <p><b>D.1.2</b> In case of a tie in the SOQCP, the ISU World Cup ranking rules, as outlined in the ISU World Cup 2021/2022 Communication, will be used to determine the higher ranked athlete. If a tie still exists, the better ranked athlete in the SOQCT will determine the higher ranked athlete.</p>



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	<p><b>D.1.3</b> In case of a tie in the SOQCT, the better ranked athlete in the SOQCP will determine the higher ranked athlete.</p> <p><b>D.1.4</b> For each event/distance the <i>highest ranked</i> SOQC positions will consist of a certain number of athletes/teams (for each NOC, counting only athletes inside the maximum NOC quota for the event/distance concerned) from the <i>SOQCP</i> as follows for each event/distance:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="509 604 1437 756"> <tbody> <tr> <td>500m, 1000m and 1500m (men and women)</td> <td>20 athletes per gender</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3000m (women), 5000m (men)</td> <td>14 athletes per gender</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5000m (women) and 10000m (men)</td> <td>8 athletes per gender</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mass Start (men and women)</td> <td>24 athletes per gender</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Team Pursuit (men and women)</td> <td>6 teams per gender</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>D.1.5</b> The remaining positions in the SOQC will be based on the <i>SOQCT</i> (except for the <i>Mass Start</i> event where the <i>SOQC</i> is determined solely on the basis of the <i>SOQCP</i>)</p> <p><b>D.1.6</b> For the long distances (3000m and 5000m for Women, 5000m and 10000m for Men) the <i>SOQCP</i> will be based on the total of World Cup points achieved for both of the two distances, in accordance with ISU World Cup ranking rules. The <i>SOQCT</i> will be based on times achieved during the ISU World Cup Competitions in the distance concerned only.</p>	500m, 1000m and 1500m (men and women)	20 athletes per gender	3000m (women), 5000m (men)	14 athletes per gender	5000m (women) and 10000m (men)	8 athletes per gender	Mass Start (men and women)	24 athletes per gender	Team Pursuit (men and women)	6 teams per gender
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	<p><b>D.2 Allocation of quota places to NOCs</b></p> <p>The NOC quota places for each event/distance will be provisionally allocated according to the Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC) for the event/distance, based on results from designated ISU World Cup Competitions season 2021/2022.</p> <p>For each event, quota places for each NOC will be allocated according to the position of athletes or team, up to the maximum event quota as detailed in B.2.2 from the NOC concerned in the SOQC for the event, respecting the following conditions and exceptions:</p> <p><b>D.2.1</b> A maximum event quota of three (3) athletes will only be provisionally allocated in the case that the NOC has three (3) athletes placed in the top 20 (500m, 1000m, 1500m) or top 14 (Women's 3000m &amp; Men's 5000m) in the respective event's SOQC.</p> <p><b>D.2.2</b> If the host country does not earn at least two (2) quota places in the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, Mass Start (Women and Men), 3000m Women and 5000m Men and at least one (1) quota place in the 5000m Women and 10000m Men in D.2.1 but it has athletes who are placed in the respective events/distances Reserve List (as per D.2.5), for each individual event concerned the host country will be allocated event quota places considering also athletes ranked in the Reserve list, up to a maximum of two (2) athletes in the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, Mass Start (Women and Men), 3000m Women and 5000m Men and one (1) quota place in the 5000m Women and 10000m Men. For each of the Team Pursuit events the host country will be allocated an event quota place also in the case that the host country is only ranked in a Reserve list position.</p> <p><b>D.2.3</b> If there is a tie in the SOQC determining the last quota place for an event/distance, this position will be decided by a random draw, done by the ISU Director General in the ISU Secretariat in the presence of an independent auditor.</p> <p><b>D.2.4 Withdrawal of provisionally allocated event quota places</b></p> <p>If the acknowledged provisionally allocated event quota places confirmed by NOCs indicate that the total maximum number of 166 quota places is exceeded, the maximum number of quota places for individual events/distances will be reduced by revoking the provisionally allocated quota from the lowest ranked athlete. Provisionally</p>										



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	<p>allocated quotas will be revoked from each of the following events/distances according to the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 500m,</li><li>• then 1000m</li><li>• then 1500m</li></ul> <p>This process will be repeated until the total quota of 166 for the sport is met and may result in the affected NOCs losing some provisionally allocated quota places for the event(s)/distance(s) concerned with possible effects on their overall quota.</p> <p><b>D.2.5 Reserve List</b></p> <p>When the maximum total of quota places for an event/distance (as specified above) has been reached, the next SOQC positions per event/distance will constitute a reserve list of quota places.</p> <p>For each of the individual events/distances the reserve list consists of eight (8) reserve quota places. For each of the Team Pursuit events the reserve list consists of three (3) reserve quota places.</p> <p>For NOCs having a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) ranked athlete placed between the positions of 21 and 30 in the 500m, 1000m, 1500m distances or between the positions of 15 and 20 for Women 3000m and Men 5000m, these athletes will be placed in the reserve list of quota places in accordance with the SOQC rank of the athlete.</p> <p><b>D.2.6</b> Additional competitors for the Mass Start event, up to a maximum of 30 competitors, may be entered during Games time. Additional starting positions will then be made available to athletes who have been entered and participated in at least one (1) distance/event. The allocation of these additional starting positions will be done according to the Reserve list for the Mass Start event (as per D.2.5), with priority to NOCs without an already entered athlete in the Mass Start event.</p>

### HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is subjected to the same qualification procedure for allocation of quota places as other NOCs as described in Section D. However, in accordance with D.2.2., if the host country has athletes (or a team for the Team Pursuit event) who are placed in the respective events/distances Reserve List (as per D.2.5), for each event concerned the host country will be allocated event quota places considering also athletes (teams) ranked in the Reserve list as follows:

- up to a maximum of two (2) athletes in the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, Mass Start (Women and Men), 3000m Women and 5000m Men
- one (1) quota place in the 5000m Women, 10000m Men and in the Team Pursuit event (Women and Men).

### E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, the ISU will publish the results, as well as the current qualification ranking lists (SOQC), on its website [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org).

ISU will publish a list of provisionally allocated quota places and inform the respective NOCs by 24 December 2021. The NOCs will then have until 16 January 2022 to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.



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**F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES**

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES**

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the deadline for confirmation of quota places, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated on the condition that the total quota per sport of 166 athletes is not exceeded. The reallocation will be done according to the ranking order in the respective SOQC Reserve List as per D.2.6. Priority shall be given to NOCs that have not already been allocated a quota place for the event/distance concerned.

**G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE**

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 July 2021 – 16 January 2022	Period to achieve qualifying times. Qualifying times will be announced by the ISU not later than 1 July 2021
	1 August 2021	ISU announces qualifying competitions (ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions) to determine the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC) and subsequently NOC quota places.
	1 November – 19 December 2021	ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions determining the OQC (TBD - Exact competitions and dates)
Accreditation deadline	<b>TBD*</b>	Beijing 2022 Accreditation deadline
Inform and confirm	24 December 2021	Publication of Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC) Lists
	24 December 2021	ISU informs NOCs about provisionally allocated quota places based on the SOQC for the respective events/distances, and on the overall NOC quota (total number of athletes that may be entered for each NOC) based on the allocated quota places per event.
	By 16 January 2022	NOCs to inform ISU about confirmation and/or rejection of provisionally allocated quota places, both for event/distance and in total.
Reallocation	17-21 January 2022	ISU to inform relevant 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 declining the offered quota place.
		The ISU will inform NOCs with copy to NFs about adjustments in total event quota places (maximum number of participants per event/distance) and related withdrawals of quota places if the total Sport Quotas of 166 athletes is exceeded.
	22 January 2022	End of re-allocation process.
Sport Entries deadline	24 January 2022	Beijing 2022 Sport Entries deadline
Delegation Registration Meetings	<b>TBD*</b>	Beijing 2022 Delegation Registration Meetings
Games Time	4 – 20 February 2022	Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022

\*To Be Determined