QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
YOUTH OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES – DOLOMITI VALTELLINA 2028

INTERNATIONAL BIATHLON UNION (IBU)

BIATHLON

A. EVENTS	MEN (2)	WOMEN (2)	MIXED (1)
	7.5km Sprint 12.5km Individual	6km Sprint 10km Individual	Mixed Relay 4x6km (W+M)

All qualified athletes may enter in both individual events in the respective gender. An NOC may enter a maximum of one team – composed of two males and two females – in the mixed relay event (Refer to **D.2**).

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for biathlon			Total
QUOTA	76 (Athletes)	76 (Athletes)	152
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	4 (Athletes)	4 (Athletes)	8
TOTAL	80	80	160
B.2. Maximum number of athletes per *National Olympic Committee			
QUOTA per NOC* (Max. 1 Mixed Relay)	4	4	
B.3. Type of allocation of quota places			

The quota places are allocated to the NOCs, based on the Nations Cup Score of the IBU Junior World Championships 2027. The score will be published in the IBU Datacentre.

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NOC rank	Allocated quota per NOC (for each gender)	Total quota	Start quota per NOC (for each gender)	Total start
1-10	4	40	4	40
11-20	3	30	3	30
21-25	2	10	2	10
		80		**80**

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 Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Youth Olympic Winter Games.

Age Requirements

C.1. To be eligible to participate in the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Youth Olympic Games, athletes must belong to the U17 age category in accordance with Article 1.3 of the IBU Event and Competition Rules (=athletes born in 2011 and 2012)

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Number of quota places	Qualification events
D.1 Men: 80 Women: 80	**Season 2026/2027 – JWCH Nation Cup Score** NOCs ranked 1 to 25 in the respective gender's Junior Nation Cup Score at the JWCH 2027, will obtain the respective quota places as per table B.3. for their respective NOC.
D.2. **Mixed Relay**	Participation in the mixed relay events will be limited to a maximum of 25 relay teams per event. The participation in the mixed relay event will be granted to NOCs which have earned both male and female quotas through D.1, and they will be able to enter one team for the mixed relay event.

E. Confirmation Process

Confirmation of quota places

E.1. The IBU will inform all NOCs of their allocated quota places by 31 March 2027. The NOCs will then have until 19 December 2027 to confirm the acceptance of the allocated quota places.

Confirmation of host country quota places

E.2. The host country must confirm to the IBU by 19 December 2027 whether it intends to use its host country quota places.

F. Reallocation

Reallocation of unused quota places

F.1. If an allocated quota place according to D.1 is not confirmed by the NOC by 19 December 2027, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next NOC ranked in Nation Cup Score at the JWCH 2027 that does not already have a quota place.

Reallocation of unused host country quota places

F.2. If the host country does not confirm the use of its host country quota places, the quota place will be reallocated to the next NOC ranked in Nation Cup Score at the JWCH 2027 that does not already have a quota place.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	Season 2026/2027	Qualification period
	23-28 February 2027	Junior World Championships, Jakuszyce (POL)
Accreditation deadline	TBD	DoVa 2028 accreditation deadline
Inform and confirmation	31 March 2027	The IBU informs the NOCs in writing about the quota allocation obtained through D.1
	19 December 2027	NOCs confirm to the IBU the use of the obtained quota places according to D.1

Reallocation	**20 December 2027**	The IBU to reallocate all unused quota places – confirmation by NOCs required within 48 hours
	22 December 2027	NOCs confirm reallocated quota places to the IBU
Sport Entries deadline	**TBD**	Do Va 2028 Sport Entries deadline
Games Time	**TBD**	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Winter Youth Olympic Games

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