QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES – DOLOMITI VALTELLINA 2028

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

A. EVENTS	WOMEN TEAM (1)
	Synchro9

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for discipline		Total athletes
QUOTA – 5 teams of 10 athletes	50	50
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA (1 team of 10 athletes)	10	10
TOTAL	60	60
B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee		
QUOTA PER NOC	1 Team (10 athletes)	10

An NOC may enter a maximum of one Synchro9 team, formed exclusively of women athletes.

B.3. Type of allocation of quota places

The quota place is allocated to the NOC. The selection of athletes for its allocated quota place is at the discretion of the NOC, subject to the athletes meeting the eligibility requirements in **C. Athlete Eligibility.**

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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 the 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 the International Skating Union (ISU), may participate in the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Youth Olympic Games.

C.1. Age Requirements

To be eligible to participate in the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Winter Youth Olympic Games, all female athletes must have been born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2013, as validated by the passport used for accreditation registration.

C.2. Additional IF Requirements

Synchro9 teams must be composed of women athletes only.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Number of quota places	Qualification events
D.1 **6 Teams**	**2027/28 ISU Synchro9 YOG Qualifying Competitions** The top six best ranked NOCs according to the YOG Synchro9 qualifying competitions ranking will be allocated one quota place. Three qualifying competitions will be held between 1 September and 7 November 2027. The ISU will publish the list of designated qualifying competitions and their respective locations by August 1, 2027. Following the completion of the 3rd qualifying competition, a ranking will be published based on the results obtained at these qualifying competitions, with the **[2] best results** per NOC counting towards the final ranking.

WOMEN		Based on this final ranking after the 3 Qualifying Competitions, the 10 best ranked NOCs will qualify for the Qualifying Final held in November 2027. The 6 best NOCs of the Qualifying Final will qualify for YOG. Should the host country NOC not rank among the top six, the five best ranked NOCs will each be allocated one quota place, and one additional quota place will be reserved for the host country, making a total of six quota places. For the host country quota place allocation, refer to **D.2. Host Country Places**.
	D.2	**HOST COUNTRY PLACES** The host country is allocated a quota of one Synchro9 team. Should the host country not qualify through **D.1 above**, then it will be allocated the last qualification place. The selection of athletes is at the discretion of the host country, which must respect the eligibility criteria as detailed in **C. Athlete Eligibility.**

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS

E.1. Confirmation of quota places

Following each qualification event, the ISU will publish the results on its website (https://isu-skating.com/).

Within one week of the conclusion of the qualifying events, as described above in **D. Qualification Pathway**, the ISU will announce the allocation of quota places through an ISU communication and NOCs will then have two weeks to confirm their use of these quota places to the ISU and Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Sport Entries as detailed in **G. Qualification Timeline.**

F. REALLOCATION

F.1. Reallocation of unused quota places

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC that is not yet qualified from the 2027/28 ISU YOG Synchro9 qualifying Final standby list.

The standby list will be published in an ISU communication not later than 3 December 2027 after the completion of the ISU YOG Synchro9 qualifying competitions and Qualifying Final.

F.2. Reallocation of unused host country places

If the host country qualifies through **D. Qualification Pathway** or if it declines its quota place or if the host country's athletes are not eligible pursuant to **C. Athlete Eligibility,** then any quota places will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC according to the F. **Reallocation of Unused Quota Places.**

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	**1 January 2026 to 8 December 2027**	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 qualification period
	1 September – 28 November 2027	2027/28 ISU YOG Synchro9 Qualifying Competitions and Qualifying Final
Confirmation and reallocation	**By 3 December 2027**	Publication of the ISU YOG Synchro9 Qualifying Competitions and Qualifying Final Rankings The ISU to inform NOCs/ISU Members of their allocated quota places and publish list of stand-by entries
	13 December 2027	NOCs qualified through the ISU YOG Synchro9 Qualifying Competitions Ranking (**D.1, D.2**) to confirm use of allocated quota places to the ISU and Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Sport Entries Department NOCs on standby list to confirm interest in participation to the ISU and Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Sport Entries department.
	20 December 2027	The ISU to reallocate all unused quota places
	Within 24 hours of quota notification	NOCs/ISU Members to confirm use of allocated quota places to the ISU
	TBD	End of reallocation period
Sport Entries deadline	**10 January 2028**	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Sport Entries deadline
Games Time	**21 – 29 January 2028**	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Winter Youth Olympic Games

USEFUL LINKS

Qualification	https://isu-skating.com/