QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES – DOLOMITI VALTELLINA 2028

INTERNATIONAL BOBSLEIGH AND SKELETON FEDERATION

SKELETON

A. EVENTS	MEN (1)	WOMEN (1)
	Men's Individual	Women's Individual

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Skeleton			Total
QUOTA	19	19	38
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	1	1	2
TOTAL	20	20	40
B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee			
TOTAL	3	3	6
B.3. Type of allocation of quota places			

The quota place(s) is/are allocated to the NOC.

C. ATHLETHE 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 Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation (IBSF), may participate in the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Youth Olympic Games.

Age Requirements

C.1. To be eligible to participate in the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2013, as validated by the passport used for accreditation registration.

Additional IF Requirements

C.2. To be eligible to participate in the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Winter Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must have participated in a minimum of six IBSF youth qualification races on three different tracks during the qualification period between 1 December 2026 and TBD December 2027. The athletes must also have been ranked in at least one of the six above mentioned races during the 2026/27 season. Furthermore, all athletes must have participated in at least one of the qualifying event races at the Youth Olympic Games 2028 track in Cortina d'Ampezzo.

Athletes must also comply with the following requirements:

- They must possess a valid international IBSF license.
- They must be medically suitable for practising skeleton racing.
- They must possess appropriate and adequate insurance coverage against accidents and third-party civil liability.

Medical Requirements

C.3. To be eligible to participate in the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must satisfy the medical requirements according to IBSF Rules (Downloads & Resources → see Sports/International Rules) and especially Art. 8.4. By issuing an IBSF International License the National Federation certifies that the athlete is suitable for practicing skeleton racing, is covered by insurance against accidents deriving from the practice of skeleton racing, including civil damages to third parties, for transport by ambulance, medical treatment and hospital treatment and has undergone a medical certification to attest to their suitability to practise skeleton.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

	Number of quota places	Qualification events
MEN/WOMEN	**D.1.** Men: 19 Women: 19	**D.1.1.** The allocation of quota places is based on the IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking list. The IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking list per gender is created based on the points accumulated by each athlete on the IBSF Youth Ranking during the 2026/27 and 2027/28 season. The events for qualification include a minimum of 10 races on a minimum of three different tracks. The six best results achieved by athletes will be taken into consideration for the allocation of quota places. The qualification events utilise the IBSF Youth Point System as described in the IBSF International Skeleton Rules Art. 11 (Downloads & Resources → see Sports/International Rules). **D.1.2.** NOCs are entitled to one quota allocation for their top ranked athlete according to the IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking list per gender published on **TBD December 2027** until the maximum of 19 quotas per gender is filled. **D.1.3.** In the event that there are remaining quota places, then the second best ranked athlete in the IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking list will earn one additional quota for their NOC in the respective gender until the total quota of 19 men and 19 women is filled. In the event that there are still remaining quota places thereafter, then the third best ranked athlete in the IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking list will earn one additional quota place for their NOC in the respective gender until the total quota of 19 men and 19 women is filled. **D.1.4.** The Men's and Women's IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking list that will be published on TBD December 2027 on the IBSF Website (Downloads & Resources → see Sports/Winter Youth Olympics Dolomiti Valtellina 2028), contains the highest ranked male and female youth athletes. The IBSF will publish the latest IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking list for information when available. In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria will be applied: 1) First, the highest single points result obtained. 2) Next, the highest single points obtained during the immediately preceding race. 3) In case of a tie according to item 2 (only possible if the pilot has an ex-aequo placement in the corresponding race), the procedure described in item 2 must be repeated, taking into account the next immediately preceding race.
	D.2. Men: 1 Women: 1	**HOST COUNTRY PLACES** **D.2.1.** The host country is guaranteed a quota of one male and one female athlete. The selection of athletes is at the discretion of the host NOC and subject to the athletes fulfilling the eligibility criteria as detailed in C. Athlete Eligibility.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS

Confirmation of quota places

E.1. Following each qualification event, the IBSF will publish the results on its website (http://www.ibsf.org/en/races-results).

The IBSF will publish the IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking list on TBD December 2027 and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places on TBD December 2027. NOCs will then have to confirm their use of these quota places, as detailed in paragraph G. Qualification Timeline by TBD December 2027.

F. REALLOCATION

Reallocation of unused quota places

F.1. If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the relevant deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated amongst the NOCs which have not qualified an athlete in the respective event. The reallocation will be determined by IBSF based on the NOCs not qualified with the highest ranked athlete in the IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking list while respecting the eligibility criteria as detailed in section **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

In the event that there are remaining quota places thereafter, quota places will be reallocated according to **D.1.3**.

Under no circumstance is the following allowed:

- Exceeding the total amount of quota places for men.
- Exceeding the total amount of quota places for women.

Reallocation of unused quota places:

- Unfilled men's quota places cannot be reallocated to fill a quota place in another men's discipline, nor can such unfilled quota place be reallocated to fill any women's quota place.
- Unfilled women's quota places cannot be reallocated to fill a quota place in another women's discipline, nor can such unfilled quota place be reallocated to fill any men's quota place.

In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria will be applied:

- First, the highest single points result obtained.
- Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.
- In case of a tie according to item 2 (only possible if the pilot has an ex-aequo placement in the corresponding race), the procedure described in item 2 must be repeated, taking into account the next immediately preceding race.

Reallocation of unused host country places
F.2 If the host country declines any of its quota places or if the host country's athletes are not eligible pursuant to C., then these quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC according to F.1. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	**TBC**	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 qualification period
	TBC	IBSF Youth Series. (The detailed schedule of the events in the IBSF Youth Series for the 2026/27 season will be published by 1 August 2026 and for the 2027/28 season by 1 August 2027)
	TBC	Publication of IBSF Youth Olympics Ranking list
Confirmation and reallocation	**TBC**	The IBSF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	TBC	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to The IBSF and Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Sport Entries department
	TBC	The IBSF to reallocate unused quota places
	TBC	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to the IBSF
	TBC	The IBSF to reallocate all unused quota places
	TBC	End of reallocation period
Sport Entries deadline	**TBC**	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Sport Entries deadline
Games Time	**TBC**	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Winter Youth Olympic Games