QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES – DOLOMITI VALTELLINA 2028

International Ski Mountaineering Federation (ISMF)

SKI MOUNTAINEERING

A: EVENTS	MEN (2)	WOMEN (2)	MIXED (1)
	Men's Sprint Men's Individual	Women's Sprint Women's Individual	Mixed Relay

B: QUOTA PLACES

1. Total quota places for discipline			Total
QUOTA	23	23	**46**
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	1	1	**2**
TOTAL	**24**	**24**	**48**
2. Maximum number of athletes per *National Olympic Committee			
QUOTA per NOC*	3	3	**6**
3. Maximum number of athletes per event			
Sprint	24	24	**48**
Individual	24	24	**48**
Mixed Relay	**Refer to C.3**		
4. Type of allocation of quota places			
Quota places are allocated to the NOCs and are gender specific. The selection of athletes for anallocated quota place 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, 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 Manipulation of Competitions). Only athletes who 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 ISMF, may participate in the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Winter Youth Olympic Games.

Age requirements	
C.1.	Athletes must have been born on or between 30 January 2010 and 31 December 2011.
Medical requirements	
C.2.	Athletes must satisfy the medical requirements in accordance with Article D-24 (ISMF Licences and Documents) of the ISMF Rules & Guidelines and comply with the ISMF Anti-Doping Rules.
Event participation	
C.3.	Athletes may participate in the sprint, individual and mixed relay events, subject to the event entry requirements set out below. **Mixed Relay** **Qualification:** There is no limitation on the number of teams an NOC can enter in the qualifications. **Final:** A maximum of one team per NOC may qualify for the final. *(A mixed relay team consists of one man and one woman from the same NOC.)* **Individual** NOCs entering athletes in the individual event are responsible for ensuring that their athletes possess the technical abilities, physical capacity and mountain safety competencies required to participate safely in the discipline.
Additional IF requirements	
C.4.	Athletes must hold a valid ISMF Elite license.

D: QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Number of quota places	Qualification events
D.1 1 man + 1 Woman **= 2 quota places**	**<u>Host Nation Quota</u>** The host nation will be allocated one quota place per gender. Athletes must satisfy the athlete eligibility requirements as set out in Section C.
D.2 Up to 4 men + 4 women **= up to 8 quota places** *Running total: up to 10 quota places*	**<u>Continental Quota</u>** For each continent not represented by the host country, one quota place per gender will be allocated to the highest-ranked eligible NOC from that continent based on the results of the mixed relay competition at the 2027 ISMF Youth World Championships. Quota places will only be allocated to NOCs with at least one eligible athlete of each gender meeting the requirements set out in Section C. Any unused continental quota places will be reallocated according to D.3. *The continents are defined as Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania. To be eligible for a continental representation quota, the continent must have at least one ISMF Full Member National Federation at the start of the qualification period.*
D.3 Remaining quota places required to reach 12 men and 12 women *Running total: 12 men, 12 women, 24 total quota places*	**<u>ISMF Youth World Championships 2027 - Mixed Relay</u>** One quota place per gender will be allocated to NOCs that have not already been allocated a quota place under D.1 or D.2 from the highest-ranked teams in the mixed relay competition at the 2027 ISMF Youth World Championships downwards until a total of 12 NOCs have each been allocated one quota place per gender through D.1, D.2 and D.3.

Additional Quota Allocation

The following provisions apply to quota allocations under D.4 to D.7.

NOCs may continue to be allocated quota places under D.4 to D.7 up to the maximum quota allocation specified in Section B.2.

Where an athlete would otherwise obtain a quota place for an NOC that has already reached the maximum quota allocation specified in Section B.2, the quota place will be allocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete.

Number of quota places	Qualification events

D.4 3 men + 3 women **= 6 quota places** *Running total: 30 quota places*	**ISMF Youth World Championships 2027 - Sprint** The three highest-ranked male athletes and the three highest-ranked female athletes in the U18 sprint competition at the 2027 ISMF Youth World Championships will each be allocated one quota place for their NOC.
D.5 3 men + 3 women **= 6 quota places** *Running total: 36 quota places*	**ISMF Youth World Championships 2027 – Individual** The three highest-ranked male athletes and the three highest-ranked female athletes in the U18 Individual competition at the 2027 ISMF Youth World Championships will each be allocated one quota place for their NOC.
D.6 3 men + 3 women **= 6 quota places** *Running total: 21 men, 21 women, 42 total quota places*	**Winter Youth Olympic Sprint Ranking List** Three quota places per gender will be allocated to the NOCs of the highest-ranked eligible athletes on the Winter Youth Olympic Sprint Ranking List. Athletes whose performances have already resulted in the allocation of a quota place for their NOC under D.4 or D.5 shall not be considered for quota allocation under D.6. *The **Winter Youth Olympic Sprint Ranking List** is calculated in accordance with Section H – Ranking Rules and Section K – Rules for Multisport Events of the ISMF Rules & Guidelines.*
D.7 3 men + 3 women = **6 quota places** *Running total: 24 men, 24 women, 48 total quota places*	**Winter Youth Olympic Individual Ranking List** Three quota places per gender will be allocated to the NOCs of the highest-ranked eligible athletes on the Winter Youth Olympic Individual Ranking List. Athletes whose performances have already resulted in the allocation of a quota place for their NOC under D.4, D.5 or D.6 shall not be considered for quota allocation under D.7. *The **Winter Youth Olympic Individual Ranking List** is calculated in accordance with Section H – Ranking Rules and Section K – Rules for Multisport Events of the ISMF Rules & Guidelines.*

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

E.1. Confirmation of quota places

The ISMF will publish the results of the relevant qualification events within two days after the completion of the relevant events on its website (http://www.ismf-ski.org/).

The ISMF will confirm in writing to the NOCs within one week after the last day of each event, or ranking, the quota places they have been allocated. The NOCs will then have one week (but no fewer than five working days) to reply to the ISMF if they wish to accept these quota places, as detailed in section **G. Qualification Timeline.**

E.2. Confirmation of host country quota places

The host country must confirm in writing to the ISMF by [date] whether it intends to use its host country quota places.

The host country quota places must be accepted or declined in their entirety. Partial acceptance of the host country quota places is not permitted.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

F.1. Reallocation of unused quota places

If a quota place allocated under D.2 to D.7 is not confirmed by the NOC by the quota place confirmation deadline ([date]) or is declined by the NOC, the quota place shall be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete whose NOC has not reached the maximum quota allocation specified in Section B.2.

Reallocated quota places shall be allocated alternately using the *Winter Youth Olympic Individual Ranking List* and the *Winter Youth Olympic Sprint Ranking List*, beginning with the *Winter Youth Olympic Individual Ranking List*.

For example, if four quota places require reallocation, the first and third quota places shall be allocated according to the Winter Youth Olympic Individual Ranking List, and the second and fourth quota places shall be allocated according to the Winter Youth Olympic Sprint Ranking List.

Reallocation of quota places is gender specific.

F.2. Reallocation of unused host country quota places

If the host country does not confirm the use of its host country quota places (D.1) by the quota place confirmation deadline ([date]), or declines its host country quota places, both quota places shall be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible NOC from the same continent as the host country based on the results of the mixed relay competition at the 2027 ISMF Youth World Championships, that has not already been allocated quota places under D.2 or D.3.

G: QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone

Qualification	**1 November 2026 – 12 December 2027**	ISMF Youth World Cup events - sprint races and individual races ISMF Youth World Championships 2027 - sprint race, individual race and mixed relay race
Inform and confirm	**15 December 2027**	Publication of Winter Youth Olympic Sprint Ranking List and Winter Youth Olympic Individual Ranking List and Athlete Eligibility List (section C).
	16 December 2027	The ISMF to confirm in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained through publication on the ISMF website and to provide the login details to the ISMF online system for confirmation of quota places.
	__ January 2028	The NOCs to confirm to the ISMF the use of the allocated quota places.
Period	**Date**	**Milestone**
Accreditation deadline	**__ January 2028**	Accreditation deadline
Reallocation	**__-__ January 2028**	The ISMF to reallocate all unused quota places and NOCs to confirm within 24 hours.
Sport Entries deadline	**__ January 2028**	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Sport Entries deadline
Games Time	**15 – 29 January 2028**	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Winter Youth Olympic Games

USEFUL LINKS

Qualification	http://www.ismf-ski.org/
Games time	http://www.ismf-ski.org/