QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES – DOLOMITI VALTELLINA 2028

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

SPEED SKATING

A. EVENTS	MEN (3)	WOMEN (3)	MIXED (1)
	500m 1500m Mass Start	500m 1500m Mass Start	Mixed Relay

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for discipline			Total
QUOTA	36	36	72
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA *	2*	2*	4*
TOTAL	36	36	72

* Please refer to D.4 Host County Quotas for more details.

B.2. Maximum event/distance specific quota			
500M	36	36	
1500M	36	36	
MASS START	36	36	

MIXED RELAY			12 teams
B.3. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee			
QUOTA PER NOC	2	2	1 team event
INDIVIDUAL EVENT-SPECIFIC QUOTA	2	2	

An NOC may enter a maximum of one team in the mixed relay composed of one male athlete and one female athlete.

B.4. Type of allocation of quota places

The quota places are allocated to the NOC per event and in total as 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 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.

Age Requirements

C.1. To be eligible to participate in the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Winter Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2012, 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 achieved the qualifying time standards, as established and announced by the ISU on 1 July 2027, during the period between 1 July 2026 and 12 December 2027, as described in **G. Qualification Timeline.**

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Number of quota places	Qualification events
MEN/WOMEN	
D.1. D.2 Men: 34 Women: 34	**QUOTA PLACES ALLOCATED BY NOC**
D.1.	**2027 ISU Speed Skating Junior World Championships**
D.1.1	NOCs/NFs represented among the top six athletes, per gender, in single distances, 500m and/or 1500m, in the final results of the 2027 ISU Speed Skating Junior World Championships, are entitled to one quota place.
D 1.2.	If more than one athlete from the same NOC/NF in **D.1.1** is represented in the top six in the 500m and/or 1500m in the respective gender, an additional quota place will be allocated to that NOC/NF, up to the maximum of two quota places per gender per NOC/NF.
D 2.	**ISU Speed Skating Junior World Cup Ranking**
D 2.1.	Any remaining quota places not allocated in **D.1.1** and **D.1.2**, will be allocated based on the results from two designated ISU Speed Skating Junior World Cup Competitions to be held during the 2027/2028 season in accordance with the ISU Junior World Cup ranking for the respective distances. For the NOCs/NFs which qualified one or two quota places for a gender in accordance with **D.1**, the one or two highest ranked NOC/NF athletes in the ISU Speed Skating Junior World Cup ranking will be disregarded in the allocation of additional quota places in accordance with **D.2.1**. Quota places will be allocated based on the following sequence, with the additional condition that if the same athlete is represented in the Speed Skating Junior World Cup rankings in more than one of the distances considered, the athlete's higher rank in either the 500m or 1500m will be considered for the allocation of a quota place to the respective NOC/NF: 1. Highest place rank in 500m allocated first 2. Highest place rank in 1500m 3. Second highest place rank in 500m 4. Second highest place rank in 1500m 5. And so on...
D 2.2.	The distribution of the quota places for each gender according to **D.2** will continue until the total quota of 36 men and 36 women has been filled.

D.2.3 If the maximum gender quotas of 36 is reached before 36 places in 500m and/or 1500m have been allocated, then NOC without full quotas (2) in a specific distance will be allotted an entry to that distance in order to fill up to 36 competitors in each distance, in accordance with the qualification ranking. Such an additional distance quota place will be allotted only if it can be filled within their total allocated NOC quota.

In the event of cancellation or postponement of the 2027 ISU Speed Skating Junior World Championships and/or the ISU Speed Skating Junior World Cup 2027/28, the ISU will be committed to finding an alternative basis for the qualification process with the approval and consent of the IOC

D.3. Mixed Relay

D.3.1 A maximum of 12 NOCs/NFs, including the host country, will participate in the mixed relay event. Each team shall consist of one female and one male athlete from the same NOC/NF. Only athletes who are already qualified for the individual events are eligible to participate in the Mixed Relay.

D.3.2 The qualification of the teams in the Mixed Relay event will be based on results in the 500m individual events at the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Winter YOG. Further details on the qualification criteria for the Mixed Relay event will be given in the ISU Communication issued by 1 July 2027, announcing the detailed competition format for the Mixed Relay event.

D.4. HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country is allocated a quota of two men and two women. The host country is eligible to participate in the Mixed Team Relay event. These quota places are included within the total quota specified in **B.1. Total quota places** for Speed Skating. Only athletes who are entered in the individual events are eligible to participate in the Mixed Team Relay event. Should the host country not qualify two quota places through **D. Qualification Pathway** in any of the gender individual events, it will be allocated the remaining (one or two) of the 36 qualification places per gender. The selection of athletes is at the discretion of the host country, which must also respect the eligibility criteria as detailed in **C. Athlete Eligibility.**

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS

Confirmation of quota places

E.1. Following each qualification event, the ISU will publish the results on its website (https://isu-skating.com/).

Within one week of the conclusion of each qualifying event, 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 IOC Sport Entries as detailed in **G. Qualification Timeline.**

F. REALLOCATION

Reallocation of unused quota places

F.1. 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/NF which has not yet reached the maximum quota per gender according to **D.2**.

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. Athlete Eligibility**, then these quota places will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC according to **F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places.**

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 July 2026 to 12 December 2027	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 qualification period
	1 July 2027	The ISU to issue Racing Rules Requirements and Safety Measures for the Winter YOG 2028
	1 July 2027	The ISU to announce qualifying times
	1 July 2026 to 12 December 2027	Period to achieve qualifying times

	12-14 February 2027	ISU Speed Skating Junior World Championships, Baselga di Piné (ITA)
	November 2027	ISU Speed Skating Junior World Cup, TBD*
	December 2027	ISU Speed Skating Junior World Cup, TBD*
Confirmation and reallocation	**By 21 February 2027**	The ISU to inform NOCs/ISU Members that have earned quotas from the ISU Speed Skating Junior World Championships of their allocated quota places
	By 10 December 2027	The ISU to inform NOCs/ISU Members that have earned quotas from the ISU Speed Skating Junior World Cup of their allocated quota places
	By 17 December 2027	NOCs/ISU Members to confirm use of allocated quota places from the ISU Speed Skating Junior World Cup to the ISU and Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Sport Entries Department
	By 20 December 2027	The ISU to reallocate unused quota places
	Within 24 hours of quota notification	NOCs/ISU Members to confirm use of reallocated quota places to the ISU
	24 December 2027	The ISU to have reallocated all unused quota places
Sport Entries deadline	**TBD**	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Sport Entries deadline
Games Time	**TBD**	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Winter Youth Olympic Games

USEFUL LINKS

Qualification	https://isu-skating.com/