QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES – DOLOMITI VALTELLINA 2028

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

A. EVENTS	MEN (3)	WOMEN (3)	MIXED (1)
	500m	500m	Mixed Team Relay
	1000m	1000m	
	1500m	1500m	

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for discipline			Total
QUOTA	34	34	68
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	2	2	4
TOTAL	36	36	72
B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee			
QUOTA PER NOC	2	2	4
INDIVIDUAL EVENT-SPECIFIC QUOTA	2	2	

Eight quota places are allocated for the Mixed Team Relay; each team consists of four athletes, with one team of two male and two female athletes per NOC.

B.3. Type of allocation of quota places

The quota places are allocated to the NOC. 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. For all entered athletes, the NOC shall include in the entries confirmation that the athlete has competed in at least one National Championships or in an ISU-sanctioned International Competition during the last 16 months prior to the sport entries deadline for Dolomiti Valtellina 2028. On request, evidence of such participation must be submitted to the ISU by the NOC concerned.

The personal best time skated for each distance along with proof of such time must be sent to the ISU and Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 IOC Sport Entries.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Number of quota places	Qualification events

MEN/WOMEN

D.1. **Individual Quota Qualification**

Men: 34
Women: 34

D.1.1 The allocation of quota places will be based on the ISU Overall Special Classification per gender that is created from the results of the 2027 ISU Short Track Junior World Championships. A maximum of two results from each NOC/NF (not including the host country – please refer to **D.3 Host Country Places**) in the respective individual distances (500m, 1000m, 1500m) will be awarded points. The awarding of points is based on the athlete ranking as detailed in the table below:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	10000	24	299	47	27
2	8500	25	269	48	24
3	7225	26	242	49	21
4	6141	27	218	50	19
5	5220	28	196	51	18
6	4437	29	177	52	17
7	3771	30	159	53	16
8	3206	31	143	54	15
9	2725	32	129	55	14
10	2316	33	116	56	13
11	1969	34	104	57	12
12	1673	35	94	58	11
13	1422	36	84	59	10
14	1209	37	76	60	9
15	1028	38	68	61	8
16	874	39	62	62	7
17	743	40	55	63	6
18	631	41	50	64	5
19	536	42	45	65	4
20	456	43	40	66	3
21	410	44	36	67	2
22	369	45	33	68*	1
23	332	46	29		

** Athletes ranked 68th and beyond in the distance classification will also receive 1 point*

D 1.2. The sum of points collected by each NOC/NF's best ranked athlete on each individual distance will provide the total points for the best athlete in the Overall Special Classification. The sum of points collected by each NOC/NF's second best athlete on each individual distance will provide the total points for the second best athlete in the Overall Special Classification.

D 1.3. An NOC/NF which appears twice in the Top 34 of the Overall Special Classification will obtain two quota places unless D.2.3 prevails (see D.1.5).

D 1.4.	An NOC/NF which appears once in the Top 34 of the Overall Special Classification will obtain one quota place, unless D.2.3 prevails (see D.1.5).
D 1.5.	If there is a tie for the 34th place, the NOC/NF with the highest ranked athlete in either the 500m, 1000m or 1500m will receive the quota place. If there is still a tie, the NOC/NF with the second highest ranked athlete in either the 500m, 1000m or 1500m will receive the quota place. If a tie persists, the NOC/NF with the athlete with the best time in the 500m distance will receive a quota place. If a quota place is required to complete a Mixed Team Relay (see D.2.3), the quota place to an NOC not qualified for the Mixed Team Relay Event will be removed from the top 34 starting with the last position. If more than one Mixed Team Relay needs a quota place, the process will be repeated.
D 1.6.	All entered athletes may participate in all the individual events.

D 2. Mixed Team Relay

D 2.1.	Eight teams, including the host country, will participate in the Mixed Team Relay event. NOCs that have been allocated two quota places per gender will qualify for the Mixed Team Relay event in the order of their Classification in the Mixed Team Relay Event at the 2027 ISU Short Track Junior World Championships. If there is a tie in the Final Mixed Team Relay Classification, the Mixed Team with the fastest time skated in any round will be ranked ahead. Only athletes who are already qualified for the individual events are eligible to participate in the Mixed Team Relay Event.
D 2.2.	If fewer than eight NOCs have qualified two quota places per gender on the basis of the criteria in D.1, and an NOC that does not have a ranking in the Mixed Team Relay Classification has qualified two quota places in both genders, that NOC's team can be added.
D 2.3.	If, after following D.2.1 and D.2.2, fewer than eight NOCs have qualified two Men and two Women in the top 34 Overall Special Classifications, a maximum of one (1) additional quota place per NOC will be given to complete a Mixed Team Relay for the highest ranked NOC (not yet qualified for the event) in order of their Classification in the Mixed Team Relay Event at the 2027 ISU Short Track Junior World Championships, until there are eight teams. In such case, this/these quota place(s) will replace the last quota place(s) in the relevant gender Overall Special Classification to an NOC that has not qualified a Mixed Team Relay.

D.3. HOST COUNTRY PLACES

D.3.1 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. Only athletes who are entered in the individual events are eligible to participate in the Mixed Team Relay Event. The selection of athletes is at the discretion of the host country, as long as the eligibility criteria as detailed in **C. Athlete Eligibility** are respected.

Should the host country qualify through **D. Qualification Pathway**, its host country quota places will be reallocated in accordance with **D.1.2**. (refer to **F.2 Reallocation of Unused Host Country Places**).

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS

Confirmation of quota places

E.1. Following 2027 ISU Short Track Junior World Championships, the ISU will publish the results on its website (https://isu-skating.com/).

Within three weeks of the conclusion of the 2027 ISU Short Track Junior World Championships, the ISU will announce the allocation of quota places through an ISU Communication. NOCs/NFs will then have two weeks to confirm to the ISU and Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Sport Entries Department.

Upon confirmation by the ISU of the quota places obtained by the NOCs/NFs, the subsequent "entries by name" to be made within the applicable deadlines are at the discretion of the respective NOCs, subject to the entered athletes being eligible according to ISU and IOC rules.

F. REALLOCATION

Reallocation of unused quota places

F.1. If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC/NF by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC/NF, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC/NF on the 2027 ISU Short Track Junior World Championships Overall Special Classification (in accordance with **D.1.2**).

If an NOC/NF withdraws from the Mixed Team Relay event, the next best ranked NOC/NF on the Mixed Team Relay in the Final Mixed Team Relay Classification reserve list will be allocated a team to enter the Mixed Team Relay event.

Reallocation of unused host country places
F.2 If the host country qualifies through **D. Qualification Pathway** or if it declines any of its quota places or if the host country's athletes are not eligible pursuant to **C. Athlete Eligibility**, then the quota places will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC/NF on the 2027 ISU Short Track Junior World Championships Overall Special Classification (in accordance with **D.1.2).** If the host country withdraws from the Mixed Team Relay event, the next best ranked NOC/NF on the Final Classification of the Mixed Team Relay will be allocated a team to enter in the Mixed Team Relay event.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	**1 July 2026 to 12 December 2027**	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 qualification period
	28 - 31 January 2027	2027 ISU Short Track Junior World Championships Astana, KAZ
	By 22 February 2027	The ISU to inform NOCs/ISU members of their allocated quota places and publish list of stand-by entries
Confirmation and reallocation	**By 8 March 2027**	NOCs/ISU Members to confirm use of allocated quota places to the ISU and Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Sport Entries Department
	15 March 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
	31 October 2027	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Accreditation deadline
	10 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/