



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR XXIV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES, BEIJING 2022

INTERNATIONAL BIATHLON UNION (IBU)

Biathlon

A. EVENTS (11)

Men's Events (5)	Women's Events (5)	Mixed Events (1)
Men's 10km Sprint	Women's 7.5km Sprint	2x6km Women + 2x 6km Men Mixed Relay
Men's 20km Individual	Women's 15km Individual	
Men's 12.5km Pursuit	Women's 10km Pursuit	
Men's 15km Mass Start	Women's 12.5km Mass Start	
Men's 4x7.5km Relay	Women's 4x6km Relay	

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

B.1 Total Quota for Sport / Discipline:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	103	2	105
Women	103	2	105
Total	206	4	210

B.2 Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC per gender:

NOC Rank	Quota per NOC	Total Quota	Start Quota per NOC	Total Start
1 to 3	6	18	4*	12
4 to 10	5	35	4*	28
11 to 20	4	40	4	40
IBU QP List	max. 2	12**	max. 2	12
		105		92

*a higher number of starters (max. 5/6) in the mass start competition is possible according to IBU ECR Art. 13.4.1 - <https://www.biathlonworld.com/downloads/>

** May include Host Country Quota if necessary



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B.3 Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place/s is/are allocated to the NOC. The selection of athletes for its allocated quota places is at the discretion of the NOC.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games. This includes Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of Competitors).

C.1 Additional IF Requirements:

C.1.1 Qualification Criteria Olympic Winter Games (OWG)

(ref: IBU Event & Competition Rules Art. 1.4.3.1 - <https://www.biathlonworld.com/downloads/>)

To gain the right to participate in Olympic Winter Games (OWG) events, an athlete must have 180 IBU qualifying points or less as of 16 January 2022 (after the World Cup 6 in Ruhpolding/GER) or fulfil one of the following criteria during the current (2021/2022) or previous (2020/2021) season:

- a. Compete in two (2) competitions earning 150 IBU Qualifying Points or less at the IBU Cup, Open European Championships (OECH), World Championships (WCH) and/or World Cup (WC) in the Sprint or Individual events, or
- b. Two (2) finishes in the top half of the Junior World Championships (JWCH) - not Youth - or
- c. One (1) result from each of the criteria a. and b. above.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

For clarification the term “competition” means a single race (e.g. Sprint), “event” refers to a cluster of competitions held at one site during a contiguous period of days (e.g. WC).

OWG NOC QUOTA LIST

The “OWG NOC Quota List” is made up by the best 12 single results (Nations Cup points system, WC and WCH competition results) of the 2020/21* and 2021/22 season and is the basis for the NOC quota allocation through D.1, D.2 and D.3.

Each National Federation (NF) will retain at least the same WC/WCH-Start-Quota (IBU ECR 12.6.1.1 & 15.6.1) as determined from the 2019/20 season World Cup Nations Cup Score throughout the whole Olympic Qualification Period (All WC/WCH from 28 November 2020 - 16 January 2022).

The best 12 results consist of:

- Six (6) Sprint competitions
- One (1) Individual competition
- Three (3) Relay competitions
- One (1) Single Mixed Relay competition
- One (1) Mixed Relay competition

If there is an equal number of points between any athletes on the list on 16 January 2022, the best placed athlete will be the one who won more first places, and if there is still a tie, who won the most second places, etc. If, after following this procedure, the tie cannot be broken, a tie will be declared in accordance to IBU ECR Art. 15.8.5.



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QUALIFICATION PLACES

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
D.1: Men: 18 Women: 18	D.1. NOCs ranked 1 to 3 in the OWG NOC Quota List NOCs ranked 1 to 3 in the respective gender's OWG NOC Quota will receive six (6) quota places.
D.2: Men: 35 Women: 35	D.2. NOCs ranked 4 to 10 in the OWG NOC Quota List NOCs ranked 4 to 10 in the respective gender's OWG NOC Quota List will receive five (5) quota places.
D.3: Men: 40 Women: 40	D.3. NOCs ranked 11 to 20 in the OWG NOC Quota List NOCs ranked 11 to 20 in the respective gender's OWG NOC Quota List will receive four (4) quota places.
D.4: Men: 12 Women: 12	D.4. IBU Qualifying Points List (ref: IBU Event & Competition Rules Art. 1.4.3.4 & 1.4.3.5 https://www.biathlonworld.com/downloads/) Only NOCs which have not been allocated quota places through D.1, D.2 or D.3 will be eligible to be allocated up to a maximum of (2) quota places. The NOCs of the top ranked athletes from the respective gender's IBU qualifying points list as of 16 January 2022 (after WC 6 in Ruhpolding/GER) will earn quota places for their respective NOCs up to a maximum of two (2) quota places per NOC.

* Taking into account the possibility of changes in participation due to COVID-19 related issues, the IBU Event Task Force (ETF) may decide to exclude Nations Cup points and/or IBU Qualifying Points from a competition, for purposes of Olympic Quota determination, when six (6) or more NFs of the top 20 ranked nations, of the respective gender from the 2019/20 World Cup Nations Cup Score, are not competing. The ETF may also consider other factors in participation such as under-utilized quotas or other abnormalities that make the scoring very inconsistent with normal performance data for many NFs. This exception only applies to events taking place during the 2020/21 season.

Decision principles:

1. If not announced differently every competition pointed out in this document will count;
2. If after the final event registration/accreditation on-site the situation is obvious (six (6) or more NFs from top 20 Nations Cup Score 2019/20 not attending) – the decision if the competition will **not** count will be made and announced before the event's first competition;
3. If an abnormal situation occurs at a competition (e.g. an usually high number of athletes that have not started or not finished) the decision if the competition will **not** count will be made and announced latest on the day after the respective competition.

Affiliation of two (2) or more IBU National Federations to the same NOC

In the case where two (2) or more IBU National Federations (NFs) are affiliated to the same NOC the following rules for quota allocation will apply:



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For the OWG NOC Quota List ranking purposes only the best ranking NF will be taken into consideration for the allocation of quotas to the affiliated NOC for D.1, D.2 or D.3.

For IBU Qualifying Points List ranking purposes, the top athletes from the affiliated NFs of the NOC will be taken into consideration for the allocation of quotas to the corresponding NOC for D.4.

If the NOC which is affiliated to two (2) or more NFs earn quotas in D.1, D.2, D.3 or D.4, the selection of the athletes occupying the quotas are at the discretion of the NOC and the selected athletes will participate at the Olympic Winter Games as part of that NOC's delegation.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Individual Competitions

If the Host Country has not been allocated any quota places through D.1, D.2, D.3 or D.4 or has only been allocated one (1) quota place through D.4 and it has eligible athletes according to Section C, it will receive up to a maximum of two (2) quota places per gender issued through D.4 to start in individual competitions. In such cases, up to a maximum of two (2) quota places will be deducted from the overall quota of 12 allocated in D.4.

Mixed Relay Competition

The Host Country is eligible to start in the Mixed Relay Competition provided they have sufficient athletes meeting the Athlete Eligibility requirements listed in C above.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, IBU will publish the results on its website <http://biathlonresults.com>.

The final OWG NOC Quota List will be published on 16 January 2022.

For all NOCs earning quotas through the D.1, D.2, or D.3 above, IBU will inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places by 17 January 2022. The NOCs will then have until 19 January 2022 to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

The final IBU Qualifying Points List will be published on 16 January 2022 after the World Cup 6 in Ruhpolding/GER.

For all NOCs earning quotas through the D.4 above, IBU will inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota place(s) on 17 January 2022. The NOCs will then have until 19 January 2022 to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED NOC QUOTA PLACES

IBU will inform the respective NOCs of their reallocated quota place(s) on 20 January 2022.

If any allocated quota place(s) is/are not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline on 21 January 2022 or is/are declined by the NOC, the quota place(s) will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete according to D.4. The quota place may be reallocated to NOCs that have earned only one (1) quota in that gender or to a NOC that does not yet have a quota.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated according to D.4.



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	Season 2020/21	
	28 Nov – 29 Nov 2020	WC Biathlon, Kontiolahti/FIN
	30 Nov – 06 Dec 2020	WC Biathlon, Kontiolahti/FIN
	07 – 13 Dec 2020	WC Biathlon, Hochfilzen/AUT
	14 – 20 Dec 2020	WC Biathlon, Hochfilzen/AUT
	04 – 10 Jan 2021	WC Biathlon, Oberhof/GER
	11 – 17 Jan 2021	IBU Cup Biathlon, Arber/GER
	11 – 17 Jan 2021	WC Biathlon, Oberhof/GER
	18 – 23 Jan 2021	IBU Cup Biathlon, Arber/GER
	18 – 24 Jan 2021	WC Biathlon, Antholz/ITA
	25 – 31 Jan 2021	OECH, Duszniki Zdroj/POL
	10 – 14 Feb 2021	IBU Cup Biathlon, Brezno-Osrbie/SVK
	15 – 21 Feb 2021	IBU Cup Biathlon, Brezno-Osrbie/SVK
	09 – 21 Feb 2021	IBU WCH 2021, Pokljuka/SLO
	23 Feb – 01 Mar 2021	WC Biathlon, Beijing/CHN (tbc)
	27 Feb – 07 Mar 2021	YJWCH, Obertilliach/AUT
	08 – 14 Mar 2021	IBU Cup Biathlon, Ridnaun/ITA
	08 – 14 Mar 2021	WC Biathlon, Nove Mesto na Morave/CZE (tbc*)
	16 – 21 Mar 2021	WC Biathlon, Oslo/NOR (tbc*)
	Season 2021/22	
	22 – 28 Nov 2021	IBU Cup Biathlon, Idre/SWE
	26 – 28 Nov 2021	WC Biathlon, Kontiolahti/FIN
	29 Nov – 05 Dec 2021	WC Biathlon, Östersund/SWE
	29 Nov – 05 Dec 2021	IBU Cup Biathlon, Sjusjoen/NOR
	06 – 12 Dec 2021	WC Biathlon, Hochfilzen/AUT
	13 – 19 Dec 2021	WC Biathlon, Annecy LGB/FRA
	13 – 19 Dec 2021	IBU Cup Biathlon, Obertilliach/AUT
03 – 09 Jan 2022	WC Biathlon, Oberhof/GER	
03 – 09 Jan 2022	IBU Cup Biathlon, Duszniki Zdroj/POL	
10 – 15 Jan 2022	IBU Cup Biathlon, Brezno-Osrbie/SVK	
10 – 16 Jan 2022	WC Biathlon, Ruhpolding/GER	
Accreditation deadline	15 October 2021	Beijing 2022 Accreditation deadline
Inform and Confirm	16 January 2022	Publication of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) OWG NOC Quota List determined by the best 12 single results (Nations Cup points system) of the 2020/21 and 2021/22 season b) IBU Qualifying Points List
	17 January 2022	IBU to inform NOCs/NFs earning quota places from D.1, D.2, D.3 and D.4 of their allocated quota places
	19 January 2022	Deadline for NOCs earning quota places from D.1, D.2, D.3 and D4 to confirm use of allocated quota places to IBU



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Period	Date	Milestone
Reallocation	20 January 2022	IBU to inform relevant NOCs/NFs regarding reallocation of quota places
	21 January 2022	NOCs offered a reallocation quota to confirm to IBU use of their quota places
	22 January 2022	End of reallocation process
Sport Entries deadline	24 January 2022	Beijing 2022 Sport Entries deadline
Games Time	4 – 20 February 2022	Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games

*Event venue will be confirmed until the end of November 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic

**To Be Determined