



INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION

Ice Hockey

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Events (1)	Women's Events (1)
Men	Women

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Ice Hockey:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	275 (11 teams)	25 (1 team)	300 (12 teams)
Women	161 (7 teams)	23 (1 team)	184 (8 teams)
Total	436 (18 teams)	48 (2 teams)	484 (20 teams)

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	25 (1 team)
Women	23 (1 team)
Total	48 (2 teams)

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to 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).

Age Requirements:

All male athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 must fulfil the age requirements as stated in bylaw [700.1. \(IIHF World Senior Men's Program\) of the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.](#)

All female athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 must fulfil the age requirements as stated in bylaw [900.1 \(IIHF World Senior Women's Program\) of the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.](#)



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Additional IF Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 must fulfil the requirements of [Bylaw 406. Player Eligibility Rules for Participation in IIHF Championships and Olympic Competitions of the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.](#)

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

MEN

The IIHF World Ranking System will determine the seeding for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 Men event and all qualifications of this competition.

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<u>D.1:</u> Men: 200 (8 teams)	D.1 2015 IIHF World Ranking – Direct entry The top eight (8) men's teams from the 2015 IIHF World Ranking, (determined immediately following completion of the 2015 IIHF World Championship), will be automatically qualified for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 competition:
<u>D.2:</u> Men: 75 (3 teams)	D.2 Preliminary Qualification, Pre-Qualification and the Final Qualification Tournaments The Preliminary Qualification, Pre-Qualification and the Final Qualification Tournaments will be seeded using the 2015 IIHF World Ranking of entered nations. The top three (3) teams from the Final Qualification Tournament will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 competition. D.2.1 Preliminary Qualification Tournament (10.10.2015-08.11.2015) – Preliminary Qualification Tournament is for nations ranked 27 and lower. – The top two (2) teams qualify for the Pre-Qualification Tournament. D.2.2 Pre-Qualification Tournament (11-14.02.2016) – Pre-Qualification Tournament is for nations ranked between 18 and 26 plus two (2) qualifiers from the Preliminary Qualification Tournaments. – The top three (3) teams qualify for the Final Qualification Tournaments. D.2.3 Final Qualification Tournament (01-04.09.2016): – Final Qualification Tournament is for nations ranked 9 through 17 plus three (3) qualifiers from the Pre-Qualification Tournament.

WOMEN

The IIHF World Ranking System will determine the seeding for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 Women event and all qualifications of this competition.



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Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
D.3: Women: 115 (5 teams)	D.3 2016 IIHF World Ranking – Direct entry The top five (5) women’s teams from the 2016 IIHF Women’s World Ranking, (determined immediately following completion of the 2016 IIHF Women’s World Championship), will be automatically qualified for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 competition.
D.4: Women: 46 (2 teams)	D.4 Preliminary Qualification, Pre-Qualification and the Final Qualification Tournaments The Preliminary Qualification, Pre-Qualification and the Final Qualification Tournament will be seeded using the 2015 IIHF World Ranking of entered nations. The top two (2) teams from the Final Qualification Tournament will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 competition. D.4.1 Preliminary Qualification Tournament (25-28.08.2016) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Preliminary Qualification Tournament is for nations ranked 18 and lower. – The top two (2) teams qualify for the Pre-Qualification Tournament. D.4.2 Pre-Qualification Tournament (03-06.11.2016) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Pre-Qualification Tournament is for nations ranked between 12 and 17 plus two (2) qualifiers from the Preliminary Qualification Tournament. – The top two (2) teams qualify for the Final Qualification Tournament. D.4.3 Final Qualification Tournament (09-12.02.2017): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Final Qualification Tournament is for nations ranked 6 through 11 plus two (2) qualifiers from the Pre-Qualification Tournament.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES (WHERE APPLICABLE)

The Republic of Korea, as the host nation has been granted automatic entry for one (1) men’s team and one (1) women’s team and will be positioned in the Men and Women event accordingly.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following the final qualification event of the men’s and women’s team tournament, the IIHF will publish the results on its website (<http://www.iihf.com/>) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places within two (2) weeks of the date on which the quota place was confirmed. The NOCs will then have fourteen (14) days / two (2) weeks to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **F. Qualification Timeline**.



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F. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification, information and confirmation	15 April 2015	Member National Associations wishing to enter the 2018 Olympic Winter Games Men's Competition must submit their completed and signed Team Entry Form Application to the IIHF Office
	1 – 17 May 2015	2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship
	5 – 8 November 2015	Men's Preliminary Qualification Tournaments
	11 – 14 February 2016	Men's Pre-Qualification Tournaments
	15 April 2016	Member National Associations wishing to enter the 2018 Olympic Winter Games Women's Competition must submit their completed and signed Team Entry Form Application to the IIHF Office
	6 – 22 May 2016	2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship
	25 – 26 August 2016	Women's Preliminary Qualification Tournaments
	1 – 4 September 2016	Men's Final Qualification Tournaments
	9 September 2016	Publication of Qualified Men Teams and deadline for NOCs (Men's teams) to confirm use of quota places
	3 – 6 November 2016	Women's Pre-Qualification Tournaments
	9 – 12 February 2017	Women's Final Qualification Tournaments
	17 February 2017	Publication of Qualified Women Teams deadline for NOCs (Women's teams) to confirm use of quota places
	May 2017	Meeting with all qualified NOCs and NFs representatives during the 2017 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, Cologne, Germany
Delegation Registration Meetings	26 January – 8 February 2018	PyeongChang 2018 Delegation Registration Meetings
Sport Entries deadline	29 January 2018 (06:00 Korean Time)	PyeongChang 2018 Sport Entries deadline
Games Time	9 – 25 February 2018	Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018

G. P TRAINING PARTNERS

P training partners are non-competing athletes and are not included within the athlete's quota as described in Paragraph **B. Athletes Quota**. More detailed information about access rights and entitlements can be found in the '*Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Detailed Specification*'. P training partners can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the '*IOC/PyeongChang 2018 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.



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Eligibility:

P training partners must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Quota:

Each qualified men's team is entitled to a maximum of eight (8) P training partners.