

# Communication No. 2758

## XXV Olympic Winter Games 2026 Milano Cortina

### Entries Speed Skating

#### A) Provisional allocation of quota places for each event (distance entry quotas)

Following the conclusion of the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Competitions designated for qualification of event quota places for the XXV Olympic Winter Games 2026:

- Salt Lake City (USA) November 14-16, 2025
- Calgary (CAN) November 21-23, 2025
- Heerenveen (NED) December 5-7, 2025
- Hamar (NOR) December 12-14, 2025

and in line with ISU Special Regulations, Rule 209 and Qualification System for XXV Olympic Winter Games in Milano Cortina 2026 issued by IOC on July 1, 2024 (hereafter referred to as "Qualification System"), quota places (distance/event quotas) for the Speed Skating have been provisionally allocated as follows:

WOMEN - Entries		Entry Quotas Individual events												Team Pursuit	
NOC / ISU Member	Maximum NOC Quota	500m		1000m		1500m		3000m		5000m		Mass Start			
		Q	R	Q	R	Q	R	Q	R	Q	R	Q	R	Q	R
AIN**	3							2		1		1			
ARG			R4												
AUT	5	1		1	R4	1	R2	1			R3	1	R7		
BEL	7		R1	1	R3	1	R5	1		1		2		1	
CAN	8	3		3		3		3		2		2		1	
CHN	8	3		3		3		1	R2 R4	1	R6	2		1	
CZE	4		R2	1		2		1	R7	1			R3		R2
DEN	3	1		1		1									
FRA	1							1			R1		R1 R6		
GBR	2		R3	1		1									
GER	8	1	R5 R8	1	R2	1		1	R3	1	R7	2		1	
HUN													R4		
ITA	6	1	R7	1*	R8	1		1	R5	1	R5	1	R5		
JPN	7	3		3		3		1	R6 R8		R4	2		1	
KAZ	8	2		2	R1*	2	R7	2		1		1		1	
KOR	5	3		2	R7	1	R3 R4					2			
NED	9	3		3		3		3		2		2		1	
NOR	5	1				1	R1	1		1		1			R4
POL	5	3		2	R6	1	R6						R2		R1

POR	1											1			
SUI	5			1		1		1				2			R3
TPE	1	1													
USA	6	2	R6	2	R5	2			R1		R2 R8	2		1	
<b>Total (goal)</b>	<b>107 (82)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>

\*Allotted to Italy, as Host country, due to their best placed athlete in the SOQC was ranked in a reserve quota position.

\*\* See ISU Communication 2680.

Q = quota

R = Reserve quota position

<b>MEN – Entries</b>		<b>Entry Quotas Individual events</b>													
<b>NOC / ISU Member</b>	<b>Maximum NOC Quota</b>	<b>500m</b>		<b>1000m</b>		<b>1500m</b>		<b>5000m</b>		<b>10000m</b>		<b>Mass Start</b>		<b>Team Pursuit</b>	
		<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>
AUT	5		R3	1		2		1				1	R6		
BEL	6			1		1	R7	1		1		2			
CAN	7	3		2	R4	2		1		1	R5	2			R4
CHN	7	3		2	R6	3		1	R7 R8		R3 R8	2		1	
CZE	4					1		1		1		1			
DEN	2								R3		R1	2			
ESP	2	1	R8	1											
EST	2	1		1			R1								
FRA	6				R3	1		1	R5	1	R6	2		1	
GBR					R1										
GER	7		R2 R7	3		3		3			R2 R7	2		1	
HUN	2			1		1							R1		
ITA	8	1*	R6	1	R5 R8	1	R6	3		2		1	R5	1	
JPN	7	3		3		3		1			R4	1	R7	1	
KAZ	1	1	R4* R5		R2								R3		
KOR	4	3		2	R7		R3 R5					2			R2
NED	9	3		3		3		3		2		2		1	
NOR	8	3		1		3		3		2		1	R4	1	
NZL									R4						
POL	6	3		3		1	R4		R1	1			R2		R1
SUI	1						R2		R2			1			R3
TPE			R1												
USA	8	3		3		3		1	R6	1		2		1	
<b>Total (Goal)</b>	<b>102 (82)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>

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Q = quota provisionally allotted

R = Reserve quota position

The detailed basis for the provisional allocation of event quota places is the **Special Olympic Qualification Classification (SOQC)** for each event, which has been published by ISU on **December 19, 2025** on the ISU website, [FINAL SOQC OWG2026](#).

#### **B) Maximum NOC quota and NOC selection of athletes**

The numbers in the column "Maximum NOC quota" in the above tables refers to the *highest possible number of entries* available to the NOC concerned, based on the provisionally allocated event quotas, according to paragraph B.2 of the Qualification System. However, the numbers cannot be considered as an *allocation* of entry quotas for the respective NOCs. The maximum number of Speed Skating entries for Olympic Winter Games 2026 allowed by the IOC is **164**, and this number is significantly lower than the total of maximum NOC quotas indicated in the tables. Each NOC is therefore encouraged and requested to consider carefully their selection of athletes so that the IOC quota of 164 Speed Skaters can be utilized in a fair and optimal way. Please note that provisionally allotted quotas will be withdrawn in accordance with the Qualification System, paragraph D.2.2 if the overall IOC quota of 164 Skaters will be exceeded.

The NOC selection of athletes for the Olympic Winter Games 2026 will be restricted by the provisional event quotas indicated in the above tables and by the qualifying time requirements specified for each event in ISU Communication No. 2722. Due to restriction on the overall number of athletes, all **entered athlete must be designated to compete in at least one event**.

#### **C) Confirmation or rejection of event quota places and on use of the NOC quota.**

ISU Members/NOCs listed in the tables above must inform the ISU Office if they intend to use all provisionally allocated event quota places, and to indicate which quota places - if any - that will not be used. This information on confirmed or rejected event quota places must be submitted by the ISU Member/NOC to the ISU Office *as soon as possible* and **not later than January 18, 2026**. By the same deadline the ISU office must be informed of the *total number of athletes* that the NOC intends to enter for the Speed Skating events at Milano Cortina 2026.

#### **F) Reallocation of unused Quotas**

Rejected event quotas may be reallocated on the condition that this can be done within the maximum IOC quota of 164 athletes. The process of reallocation will not start before January 19, 2026 and will be implemented in accordance with the Qualification System, paragraph F.

The ISU Office will be available to inform ISU Members concerned on further details in the process of confirmation, rejection and potential reallocation or withdrawal of quota places.

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