

# INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BOBSLEIGH AND TOBOGGANING (FIBT)

## BOBSLEIGH

### EVENTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Men's Bobsleigh</li> <li>▪ Women's Bobsleigh</li> </ul> | 2-man Bobsleigh Competition<br>4-man Bobsleigh Competition<br><br>2-man Bobsleigh Competition |
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### ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

**ATHLETES QUOTA**      **170 athletes**  
                                     130 Men  
                                     40 Women

### QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

#### GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The qualification process takes place via participation in the Federation's competition activity. Qualification is achieved by the 'pilots' results. Pilots gain a qualification slot for their NOC. Participation in the Olympic Winter Games is guaranteed for the best Bob teams. Representation of the host country and non-represented continents is also guaranteed, provided that athletes are ranked among the top 50 men or top 40 women in the FIBT Ranking.

The FIBT recognises five continents: Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania.

#### SYSTEM IN DETAIL FOR MEN'S BOBSLEIGH

During the 2013/2014 season, the best results of each Pilot are summed up by name for the FIBT Ranking, regardless of the race series in which results were scored:

- World Cup
- Europe Cup
- America Cup

The number of races scored is the same as the number of World Cup races that are carried out during the qualification period.

The NOC quotas for the Olympic Winter Games are based on the updated ranking. In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria apply for the FIBT ranking:

- a) First, the highest single points result obtained;
- b) Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.

The quotas are assigned to the NOCs. They can choose the pilots who may make use of this quota, provided that the pilots concerned have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT races on three different tracks, during the 2012/13 and/or 2013/14 competitions seasons. They must also have been ranked among the top 50 pilots of the FIBT ranking of the 2013/14 season by the deadline of 19 January 2014.

**The participation in the Olympic Winter Games is limited to:**

- 2-Man Bobsleigh: 30 crews including host nation and continental representation
- 4-Man Bobsleigh: 30 crews including host nation and continental representation

**Teams per NOC per event:**

- Max 3 NOCs with 3 crews
- Max 6 NOCs with 2 crews
- 5 NOCs with 1 crew

The athletes' quota per NOC is established according to the number of bob crews qualified, according to the following table

Number of crews qualified	2-Man	4-Man	Athletes quota
	1	0	2
	2	0	4
	3	0	6
	0	1	4
	0	2	8
	0	3	12
	1	1	4/5*
	2	1	5/6*
	3	1	6/7*
	1	2	8/9*
	2	2	8/9*
	3	2	9
	1	3	12/13*
	2	3	12/13*
	3	3	12/13*

\* only if the 2-Man pilot is different from the pilot in the 4-Man

N.B.: No spare athletes are allowed in the Olympic Village. If any athlete has an accident or becomes otherwise unable to race during the official training period, according to the IOC/Sochi 2014 OC/FIBT late athlete replacement policy he may be replaced by another athlete who is not part of the NOC's athlete quota.

**SYSTEM IN DETAIL FOR WOMEN'S BOBSLEIGH**

During the 2013/2014 season, the best results of each Pilot are summed up by name for the FIBT Ranking, regardless of the race series in which results were scored:

- World Cup
- Europe Cup
- America Cup

The number of races taken into account is the same as the number of World Cup races that are carried out during the qualification period.

The NOC quotas for the Olympic Winter Games are based on the updated ranking. In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria apply for the FIBT ranking:

- a) First, the highest single points result obtained;
- b) Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.

The quotas are assigned to the NOC. They may choose the pilots who may make use of this quota, provided that the pilots concerned have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT races on three different tracks during the 2012/2013 and/or 2013/2014 competition seasons. They

must have been ranked among the top 40 pilots of the FIBT ranking 2013/14 by the deadline of 19 January 2014.

**The participation in the Olympic Winter Games is limited to:**

- Women's Bobsleigh: 20 crews including host country and continental representation

**Teams per NOC:**

- Max 2 NOCs with 3 crews
- Max 4 NOCs with 2 crews
- 3 NOCs with 1 crew

The athletes' quota per NOC is established according to the number of bob crews qualified, according to the following table

Number of crews qualified:	<u>Women's Bob</u>	<u>Athletes quota</u>
	1 crew	2
	2 crews	4
	3 crews	6

N.B.: No spare athletes are allowed in the Olympic Village. If any athlete has an accident or becomes otherwise unable to race during the official training period, according to the IOC/Sochi 2014 OC/FIBT late athlete replacement policy he may be replaced by another athlete who is not part of the NOC's athlete quota.

**HOST NATION QUALIFICATION**

If the male and female pilots of the NOC of the nation organising the Olympic Winter Games fail to qualify via the qualification process set out above, the NOC will still have the right to take part in the Olympic competitions, with one 2-man bob team, one 4-man bob team and one women's bob team respectively, provided that the pilots of these teams have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT competitions, on three different tracks, during the 2012/2013 and/or 2013/2014 competition seasons and ranked among the top 50 men or top 40 women in the FIBT Ranking.

The chosen athletes will be based on the FIBT ranking of the 2013/14 season during the qualification period.

If no pilot can achieve these conditions, the host Nation will have no representative.

**CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATION**

Male and female pilots belonging to NOCs of non-represented continents may also take part in the Olympic Winter Games i.e. one 2-man bob team, one 4-man bob team and one women's bob team per continent.

The quotas are assigned to the NOCs. They can choose the pilots who may make use of this quota, provided that the pilots concerned have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT races on three different tracks, during the 2012/13 and/or 2013/14 competitions seasons. They must also have been ranked among the top 50 pilots of the FIBT ranking of the 2013/14 season by the deadline of 19 January 2014.

The chosen athletes will be based on the FIBT ranking of the 2013/14 season during the qualification period.

If no pilot can achieve these conditions, that continent will have no representative.

## REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

General Rules:

1. Exceeding the total amount of quota places for men is not allowed under any circumstances.
2. Exceeding the total amount of quota places for women is not allowed under any circumstances.
3. Reallocation of unused quota places:
  - a. Unfilled men's quota places cannot be reallocated to fill a quota place in another men's discipline or event, nor can such unfilled quota place be reallocated to fill any women's quota place
  - b. Unfilled women's quota places cannot be reallocated to fill a quota place in another women's discipline or event, nor can such unfilled quota place be reallocated to fill any men's quota place

If there are places still available for reallocation, only NOCs which do not already have a qualified team by the end of the qualification period will be considered.

- Among the potential candidates, only the highest ranked pilot in the FIBT ranking will enable his/her NOC to send a team to fill a reallocation position.
- In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria will be applied:
  - a) First, the highest single points result obtained;
  - b) Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.

The pilots concerned must have taken part and have been ranked in at least five international FIBT races on three different tracks, during the 2012/13 and/or 2013/14 competition seasons. They must also have been ranked among the top 50 men or top 40 women in the FIBT Ranking 2013/14 by the deadline of 19 January 2014 and provided the NOC's informed the FIBT of their request by the 22 January 2014.

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Athletes must comply with the following requirements:

- They must be 18 years of age on the opening date of the Olympic Winter Games;
- They must possess a valid International FIBT licence;
- They must be medically suitable for practising bobsleigh racing;
- They must possess appropriate and adequate insurance coverage against accidents and third-party civil liability.

## QUALIFYING TIMELINE

1 October 2013	Start of Qualification period
Qualifying events:	1 Oct. 2013 to 19 January 2014
19 January 2014	For qualifications via FIBT races
End of qualification period:	19 January 2014
20 January 2014	FIBT will inform the NFs, NOCs and Sochi 2014 of the places earned by qualified NOCs
22 January 2014	NOCs must inform the FIBT and Sochi 2014 that the earned places will be taken up

22 January 2014	Deadline for NOCs which want to be considered for reallocation spots to inform the FIBT of their request in writing.
23 – 24 January 2014	FIBT to notify NFs of the unused quota position (if any) attributed to an NOC within the framework of the reallocation process
24 January 2014	End of reallocation period
27 January 2014	Deadline for Sochi 2014 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by the NOCs