

# INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BOBSLEIGH AND TOBOGGANING (FIBT)

## SKELETON

### EVENTS

- Men's Skeleton Competition
- Women's Skeleton Competition

### ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

<b>ATHLETES QUOTA</b>	<b>50 athletes</b>	
	30 Men	including host nation and continental representation
	20 Women	including host nation and continental representation

<b>NOC QUOTA</b>	<b>6 athletes</b>
	3 men
	3 women

### QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

#### GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Participation on the Olympic Winter Games is guaranteed for the best athletes. Representation of the host country and non-represented continents is also guaranteed, provided that athletes are ranked among the top 60 men or top 45 women in the FIBT Ranking.

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

The qualification process takes place via participation in the Federation's competition activity. Qualification is achieved by the athlete's results. They gain a qualification slot for their NOC.

The athlete quota is attributed to the NOC. They can choose with which athletes they wish to fill the places provided that the said athletes have taken part and were ranked, in the 2012/2013 and/or 2013/2014 competition seasons, in at least five international FIBT competitions on three different tracks by the deadline of 19 January 2014.

No spare athletes are allowed in the Olympic Village. If an athlete has an accident or becomes otherwise incapacitated during the official training period, the athlete could be replaced by another athlete who is not part of the NOC's athlete quota, according to the IOC/Sochi 2014 late athlete replacement policy.

During the 2013/2014 season, the best results of each athlete are totalled by name for the FIBT Ranking List, regardless of the race series in which results were scored.

- World Cup
- Intercontinental 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:

- First, the highest single point result obtained;
- Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.

#### **SYSTEM IN DETAIL FOR MEN'S SKELETON**

Participation in the Olympic Winter Games is limited to:

- 3 NOCs with 3 athletes
- 7 NOCs with 2 athletes
- 4 NOCs with 1 athlete

The chosen athletes must be ranked among the top 60 athletes of the FIBT ranking of the 2013/14 season during the qualification period.

#### **SYSTEM IN DETAIL FOR WOMEN'S SKELETON**

The participation in the Olympic Winter Games is limited to:

- 2 NOCs with 3 athletes
- 4 NOCs with 2 athletes
- 3 NOCs with 1 athlete

The chosen athletes must be ranked among the top 45 athletes of the 2013/14 FIBT ranking of the 2013/14 season during the qualification period.

#### **HOST NATION QUALIFICATION**

If the male and female competitors of the NOC of the nation organising the Olympic Winter Games fail to qualify, the NOC will still have the right to take part in the Olympic competitions, with one male and one female athlete respectively, provided that the athletes concerned 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 60 men or top 45 women in the FIBT Ranking List.

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

If no athlete can achieve this condition, the host Nation will have no representative.

#### **CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATION**

Male and female athletes belonging to NOCs of non-represented continents may also take part in the Olympic competitions, with one male and one female athlete respectively, provided that the athletes concerned 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 60 men or top 45 women in the FIBT Ranking List by the deadline of 19 January 2014.

The selection of the athlete will be based on the FIBT Ranking List of the 2013/14 season set up during the qualification period.

If no athlete can achieve these conditions, the 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

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

- Among the potential candidates for reallocation, only the highest ranked athlete in the FIBT ranking will enable his/her NOC to send an athlete 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 athletes concerned must have taken part and have been ranked in at least five international FIBT competitions on three different tracks, during the 2012/13 and/or 2013/14 competition seasons. They must also have been ranked among the top 60 men or top 45 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 skeleton 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<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2013 – 19 January 2014

19 January 2014                      For qualification via FIBT races

End of qualification period: 19 January 2014

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20 January 2014	FIBT will inform the NFs, NOCs and Sochi 2014 OC of the places earned by qualified NOCs
22 January 2014	NOCs must inform the FIBT and Sochi 2014 OC that the earned places will be taken up or not
22 January 2014	Deadline for NOCs which want to be considered for reallocation places 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