

INTERNATIONAL LUGE FEDERATION (FIL)

EVENTS

- Men's Singles - 4 competitions runs
- Women's Singles - 4 competitions runs
- Doubles - 2 competitions runs

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

ATHLETES QUOTA **110 athletes**
40 Men
30 Women
20 Doubles

NOC QUOTA **10 athletes**
3 Men
3 Women
2 Doubles

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Athletes will be ranked by World Cup points earned in the Olympic season up to December 31, 2009. NF/NOCs whose athletes have earned a ranking in the top 40 men, 30 women, and 20 doubles will be contacted by FIL (see detail under Qualifying Timeline) to confirm their intent to use their earned allocation.

Athletes must meet the FIL qualification criteria (see detail below). Olympic places are awarded to the NOC represented by these athletes; the NOC will select the athletes by name.

SYSTEM IN DETAIL

Athletes must have competed and earned World Cup points in a minimum of five (5) World Cup, Junior World Cup, or Nations Cup races during the pre-Olympic (2008-2009) and Olympic season (up until December 31, 2009) combined and have earned a combined minimum of five points from the World Cup or Junior World Cup or Nations Cup.

or

An athlete must have earned the following minimum World Cup points in the Olympic season in **one** World Cup or Junior World Cup race prior to December 31st, 2009:

- Men - 10 points (31st place)
- Women - 20 points (21st place)
- Doubles - 25 points (16th place)

In the case of equal World Cup points, a tie breaker system will be used.

If there is a tie in points earned by December 31, 2009, and thereby the number of qualified athletes exceeds the available spaces, the following will prioritize the athletes for ranking (tie breaker):

- a. Athlete who has the better race seed (at the time the space becomes available).
- b. If the seeds are equal, then the athlete who has the better placing in a single race in the Olympic season.
- c. If best placing is the same, the athlete who has the greater number of better placings during the Olympic season.(i.e. a 12th, 16th, and 18th placed athlete ranks higher than a 12th, 17th, and 18th placed athlete).

NOTE: This tie breaking system is ongoing from December 31, 2009 until January 25, 2010 when the NOCs need to confirm to FIL that the earned places will be taken up (as NOC enter or do not enter their athletes, new places could become available). However, the tie in points is based upon the original December 31, 2009) ranking list.

HOST NATION QUALIFICATION

The host nation is guaranteed one position each in men's singles, women's singles, and doubles if those athletes have reached the minimum qualification standards of the FIL. If the minimum standards have not been met by these athletes, a special request can be made by the host nation to the FIL whereby a review will be conducted to ensure the safety of all athletes involved before admission is granted.

The host nation places will fall under the overall athletes' quota.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

As positions become available, the FIL office will refer to the ranking list of December 31, 2009. First priority for unused quota positions will go to qualified athletes who have met FIL minimum qualification standards from non-represented countries. Review will be conducted to ensure the safety of all athletes involved before admission is granted. Once a country is represented in at least one discipline (men's singles, women's singles, or doubles) then the remaining unused positions will be allocated to the next ranked qualified athletes in each discipline.

QUALIFYING TIMELINE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Qualifying events (dates & places)</i>
1 November 2008	Start of the Qualification period
31 December 2009	End of qualification period.
4 January 2010	FIL office will contact and confirm to each NF and NOC the number of allocated starting positions and their respective events (men, women, doubles) that are available to that particular NF/NOC
18 January 2010	NOCs must inform the IF and VANOC exactly how many of their earned places and in which specific discipline they will be entering athletes and submit to FIL the list by name of selected athletes
19 - 25 January 2010	FIL will contact NFs and NOCs and confirm reallocation of the places not taken up by NOCs on 18 th January (see Reallocation of Unused Quota Positions).
26 January 2010	End of reallocation period
1 February 2010	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by the NOCs