

INTERNATIONAL BIATHLON UNION (IBU)

EVENTS

- **Men**
 - 20 km Individual
 - 10 km Sprint
 - 12.5 km Pursuit
 - 15 km Mass Start
 - 4 x 7.5 km Relay

- **Women**
 - 15 km Individual
 - 7.5 km Sprint
 - 10 km Pursuit
 - 12.5 Mass Start
 - 4 x 6 km Relay

- **Women/Men** Mixed Relay (2x 6 km women, 2x 7.5 km men)

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

ATHLETES QUOTA **220 athletes**
 113 Men
 107 Women

NOC QUOTA The registration and start quota is based on the NF's ranking in terms of Nations Cup points achieved at the two preceding World Championships events, scoring the top three athletes from each NF in the Individual, Sprint, and Relay competitions (from IBU Event & Comp Rules 13.3). This ranking list is hereafter referenced as the NOC Quota Ranking List.

	Register	Start	Total
	qualified place	per event	
MEN			
Place 1-5	max. 6	4	30
Place 6-20	max. 5	4	75
Place 21-28	max. 1	1	8
TOTAL			113
Place 29-*	max.1	1	on reallocation only
WOMEN			
Place 1-5	max. 6	4	30
Place 6-15	max. 5	4	50
Place 16-20	max. 4	4	20
Place 21-27	max. 1	1	7
TOTAL			107
Place 28-*	max. 1	1	on reallocation only

* In the event that an NOC does not fill its Olympic athlete quota, the respective competition position will be assigned by reallocation to places 29 (men) or 28 (women) and the following until the total quota is reached.

Maximum number of participants in each competition

- Individual competitions
Maximum 88 male and 87 female
- Sprint competitions
Maximum 88 male and 87 female
- Pursuit competitions
Maximum 60 male and 60 female athletes
- Mass Start competitions
Maximum 30 male and 30 female athletes
- Relay and Mixed Relay – all NOCs who have registered sufficient athletes to enter a relay or mixed relay team will be allowed to compete.

RULES

The current IBU rules will be applied to the Olympic Winter Games except where otherwise noted.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Only the world's best athletes who are able to race tracks complying with International Biathlon Union (IBU) technical standards and who are able to use the rifles in accordance with safety rules shall take part in the Olympic Winter Games.

SYSTEM IN DETAIL

To gain the right to participate in OWG events, a competitor must fulfill one of the following criteria during the 2012/2013 or 2013/2014 season:

- a. Two results at IBU Cup, OECH (Open European Championships) , WCH or WC in the Sprint or Individual that is max. 20% behind the average time of the top three competitors,
or
- b. Two placings in the top half at the JWCH (not Youth), or
- c. One result from each of the criteria a. and b. above.

All members of relay / mixed relay teams must also have met this individual qualification requirement,

QUALIFYING TIMELINE

Between 16 November 2012 and the last Biathlon World Cup before the 2014 Olympic Winter Games, ending 19 January 2014.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Qualifying events</i>
SEASON 2012-2013	
16 – 18 Nov. 2012	IBU Cup 1, Beitostolen (NOR)
22 – 24 Nov. 2012	IBU Cup 2, Idre (SWE)
26 Nov. -02 Dec 2012	E.ON IBU World Cup 1, Östersund (SWE)
06.-09. Dec. 2012	E.ON IBU World Cup 2, Hochfilzen (AUT)
07. – 09. Dec. 2012	IBU Cup 3, Martell (ITA)
12.-16 Dec. 2012	E.ON IBU World Cup 3, Pokljuka (SLO)
14. – 16. Dec. 2012	IBU Cup 4, Forni Avoltri (ITA)
02.-06. Jan. 2013	E.ON IBU World Cup 4, Oberhof (GER)
04. – 06. Jan. 2013	IBU Cup 5, Otepää (EST)
08.-13. Jan. 2013	E.ON IBU World Cup 5, Ruhpolding (GER)
10. – 12. Jan. 2013	IBU Cup 6, Ostrov (RUS)
16.-20. Jan. 2013	E.ON IBU World Cup 6, Antholz (ITA)
23 Jan. - 02 Feb. 2013	IBU Junior World Championships, Obertilliach (AUT)
08. – 10. Feb. 2013	IBU Cup 7, Brezno-Osrbie (SVK)
06.-17. Feb. 2013	IBU World Championships, Nove Mesto NM (CZE)
18. – 26. Feb. 2013	IBU Open European Championships, Bansko (BUL)
27. Feb.-03. March 2013	E.ON IBU World Cup 7, Oslo (NOR)
04-10 March 2013	E.ON IBU World Cup 8, Sochi (RUS)
11-17 March 2013	E.ON IBU World Cup 9, Khanty Mansiysk (RUS)
SEASON 2013-2014	
Nov. 2013	IBU Cup 1
02-08 Dec. 2013	E.ON IBU World Cup 1, Annecy Le Grand Bornand (FRA)
09-15 Dec. 2013	E.ON IBU World Cup 2, Hochfilzen (AUT)
Nov. / Dec 2013	IBU Cup 2
16-22 Dec. 2013	E.ON IBU World Cup 3, Pokljuka (SLO)
Dec. 2013	IBU Cup 3
06-12 Jan. 2014	E.ON IBU World Cup 4, Oberhof (GER)
Dec 2013/ Jan. 2014	IBU Cup 4
13 - 19 Jan. 2014	E.ON IBU World Cup 5, Ruhpolding (GER)

19 January 2014	End of qualification period
20 January 2014	Final deadline for IBU to inform all NOCs regarding qualified athletes
21 January 2014	Deadline for NOCs ranked beyond 28 for men and 27 for women to request from IBU the participation of 1 man and 1 woman via reallocation
22 January 2014	NOCs to confirm to IBU use of their quota places
23-24 January 2014	IBU to inform relevant NOCs regarding reallocation of quota places and qualified athletes
24 January 2014	End of re-allocation process
27 January 2014	Sochi 2014 deadline to receive entry forms submitted by the NOCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

The IBU will inform the National Federations and respective NOCs regarding the qualified athletes by 20 January 2014.

The IBU Member Federations are kindly requested to co-ordinate with their National Olympic Committees and to inform IBU regarding the use of their quota places not later than 22 January 2014.

The entry with the notice of which biathletes are being entered to start in the Olympic Winter Games should be submitted to Sochi 2014 on 27 January 2014 at the latest. The number of the entered biathletes must not exceed the allowed number of biathletes following the admitted quota for the NOC concerned.

A replacement of the entered biathletes by an NOC in case of injury or force majeure is possible until the Technical Meeting before the start of the first biathlon competition based on the admitted quota for the NOC concerned and in line with the IOC/Sochi 2014 Late Replacement Policy. In such a case, the replaced athlete will have to return his/her accreditation before the replacement athlete can be accredited.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

If some NOCs do not fill their quota, free quota places can be given to NOCs with qualified athletes ranked over the limits stated above (see the phrase marked with * above).

IBU Member Federations which are not placed within the first 28 for men and 27 for women in the NOC Quota Ranking List are advised to approach their NOC for provisional entering of one male and one female biathlete for the reallocation process by 21 Jan 2014.

The IBU will assign, based on open quota spaces, one quota space each, to the NOCs from rank 28 onward for the men and rank 27 onward for the women on the NOC Quota Ranking List as soon as possible. These athletes must have reached the IBU technical standards for participation at the Olympic Winter Games 2014 (see detailed Qualification System).