

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

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

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

NOC QUOTA Based on the results in the Individual, Sprint, Pursuit and Mass Start competitions in the IBU points score at the 2008 Östersund and 2009 Pyeongchang World Championships, the national federations will be assigned the following number of entries for men and women:

	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 athletes

- Sprint competitions
Maximum 88 male and 87 female athletes
- Pursuit competitions
Maximum 60 male and 60 female athletes
- Mass Start competitions
Maximum 30 male and 30 female athletes
- Relay competitions
The best 20 NOCs each in the men's and women's relay respectively based on the IBU points scores in the 2008 and 2009 World Championships added together.

Only qualified individual athletes have the right to participate in the relay.

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 have the right to participate in the Olympic Winter Games Biathlon competition, an athlete must:

- Have attained a competition time in the Sprint or in the Individual not more than 20 percent behind the average of the top three result times at European Cup (IBU Cup) events (including European Championships) or a top half placing at the Junior World Championship (not including Youth World Championships) during the 2009/10 or 2008/09 seasons

Or

- Have participated at a World Cup or the World Championships in the seasons 2008/09 or 2009/10, whereby the athlete must twice have achieved a competition time in the Sprint or Individual not more than 20 percent (men) or not more than 20 percent in the Sprint or 25 percent in the Individual (women) behind the average of the top three result times at World Cup events (including World Championships)

All members of relay teams must also have met this individual qualification requirement.

QUALIFYING TIMELINE

Between the Olympic Winter Games 2006 (included) and the last Biathlon World Cup before the Olympic Winter Games 2010 - 24 January 2010.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Qualifying events (dates & places)</i>
24 January 2010	End of qualification period - World Cup, Antholz (ITA)
24 January 2010	Final deadline for IBU to inform all NOCs regarding qualified athletes

24 January 2010	Deadline for NOCs ranked beyond 28 for men and 27 for women to request from IBU the participation of 1 man and 1 woman
25 January 2010	NOCs to confirm to IBU use of their quota places
28 January 2010	IBU to inform relevant NOCs regarding reallocation of quota places and qualified athletes
1 February 2010	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee 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 24 January 2010.

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 25 January 2010. IBU Member Federations which are not placed within the first 28 for men and 27 for women in the Individual, Sprint, Pursuit and Mass Start competitions in the IBU points score at the 2008 Östersund and 2009 Pyeongchang World Championships are advised to approach their NOC for provisional entering of one male and one female biathlete.

The entry with the notice which biathletes are being entered to start in the Olympic Winter Games should be submitted to VANOC on 1 February 2010 at the latest. The number of the entered biathletes must correspond with 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/VANOC 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 athletes from the countries ranked over the limits stated above (see the phrase marked with * above).

The IBU Secretary General will assign, based on open quota spaces, one each quota space each, to the NOCs of the National Federations that have qualified in the season 2008/2009 in the IBU points score from rank 28 onward for the men and rank 27 onward for the women as soon as possible. These athletes must have reached the IBU technical standards for participation at the Olympic Winter Games 2010 (see detailed qualification system).