

INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION (IIHF)

A. Events and Quotas

MEN'S EVENTS (2)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (2)
Men's 5-team tournament	Women's 5-team tournament
Men's individual skills challenge	Women's individual skills challenge

ATHLETES QUOTA	TOTAL	MAXIMUM NOC QUOTA	TOTAL
Men	100	Men	17
Women	100	Women	17
TOTAL	200	TOTAL	34

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the 2012 Youth Olympic Games, male athletes must have been born between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 1996 and female athletes must have been born between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994.

B. Qualification System

PERFORMANCE & CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATION

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S 5-TEAM TOURNAMENTS

The men's and women's tournaments will be composed of the following teams:

- Austria - 34 athletes (2 teams; one male, one female), selected for their ability to play on a national team
- 2011 Top 8 World Ranked Nations - 136 athletes (8 teams; four male and four female), selected for their ability to play on a national team

The operation of one men's national team tournament of five teams plus the operation of one women's national team tournament of five teams will form the tournament program. The proposed make-up of the tournament program is to operate with 10 national teams from 9 separate nations.

Austria, as the host nation will be awarded one (1) male team and one (1) female team to participate in the tournament program.

The remaining eight (8) teams will be awarded to the top (8) eight nations, whose joint Men's and Women's 2011 IIHF World Ranking qualifies them for participation in the tournament. Each qualified nation will be allowed to select only one team to participate. The genders for teams will be awarded by ranking where the higher ranked nations will have first option of selecting team gender for their participation in the tournament program.

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL SKILLS CHALLENGE

Non-competing nations - 15 male athletes selected as the top athletes in their category from a global skills test and from a nation not competing in either the men's or the women's tournament.

The qualification period will be carried out in accordance to the YOG 2012 - Qualification System Principles Timelines (please see detailed timeline below).

The players that will be eligible for competing in the Skills Challenge will be male athletes born in 1996 and from a nation not competing in the men's tournament.

These qualifications will be organized and done in two (2) stages.

The first stage will be carried out nationally with every participating National Association conducting the Skills Challenge in their own nation to determine the winners. Each winner will be eligible to compete in the second stage. The second stage will be done internationally at the Global Skills Challenge held during the 2011 Hockey Development Camp in Vierumäki Finland.

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL SKILLS CHALLENGE

Non-competing nations - 15 female athletes selected as the top athletes in their category from a global skills test and from a nation not competing in either the men's or the women's tournament.

The qualification period will be carried out in accordance to the YOG 2012 - Qualification System Principles Timelines (please see detailed timeline below).

The players that will be eligible for competing in the Skills Challenge will be female athletes born in 1994 and from a nation not competing in the women's tournament.

These qualifications will be organized and done in two (2) stages.

The first stage will be carried out nationally with every participating National Association conducting the Skills Challenge in their own nation to determine the winners. Each winner will be eligible to compete in the second stage. The second stage will be done internationally at the Global Skills Challenge held during the 2011 Hockey Development Camp in Vierumäki, Finland.

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

Austria, as the host nation will be awarded one male team and one female team to participate in the 5-team tournaments.

C. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION PROCEDURE

Any places that are not taken up in the Individual Skills Challenge will be reallocated to the next best ranked athletes at the Global Skills Challenge held during the 2011 Hockey Development Camp in Vierumäki, Finland.

D. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IIHF will inform members about the operation of the 2012 YOG ice hockey competitions, including both tournament play and skills challenge along with the eligibility and the qualification for each event

September 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Associations / National Olympic Committees must confirm their commitment to participate in the program • IIHF will operate a workshop to explain the operations and process of the Skill Challenge qualification to the member National Associations • All participating National Associations will be supplied with the Skill Challenge tool kit including Operations Manual
1 October 2010 to 7 May 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YOG 2012 Ice Hockey qualification period • National Associations conduct Skill Challenge to qualify their participants • National Associations determine their participants for the Global Skills Challenge
May 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of the eligible nations to enter and compete in the women's tournament • Confirmation of the eligible nations to enter and compete in the men's tournament
11 May 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for National Associations not qualified for the tournaments to submit their qualified participants to the IIHF for inclusion in the Global Skills Challenge at the 2011 Hockey Development Camp
2 to 10 July 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the 2011 Hockey Development Camp, players will attend the final 5 days of camp • Players take part in the Global Qualifying Round of the Skills Challenge • On completion of the Challenge, the 15 male players and 15 female players will be identified and informed • The National Associations and National Olympic Committees will be notified of their participants' qualification
8 to 15 December 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final period for NOCs to confirm to IFs and to YOGOC if they will use the obtained quota places • Final reallocation period for unused quota places
16 December 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entries deadline (by name) for all sports