



INTERNATIONAL BIATHLON UNION

Biathlon

A. EVENTS (6)

Men's Events (2)	Women's Events (2)	Mixed Gender Event (2)
Sprint 7.5 km Pursuit 10 km	Sprint 6 km Pursuit 7.5 km	Mixed Relay Single Mixed Relay

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Biathlon:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	49	1	50
Women	49	1	50
Total	98	2	100

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	2
Women	2
Total	4

3. Event Specific Quota:

Maximum of one (1) Mixed Relay Team composed of two (2) men and two (2) women

Maximum of one (1) Single Mixed Relay Team of one (1) man and one (1) woman

4. Type of Allocation of Quota Places

The quota place(s) is/are allocated to the NOCs

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Winter Youth Olympic Games.

Age Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the 2016 Lillehammer Winter Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must be born between 01 January 1998 and 31 December 1999

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Due to the combined qualification system, World Cup Nation Cup Score together with Nation Cup Points scored at the last two (2) Youth/Junior World Championships (refer to IBU Event and Competition Rules



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art.15.8 World Cup Scoring System); all continents where biathlon is represented have the chance to participate in the YOG.

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

D.1. Individual Qualification

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events
<u>D.1.1:</u> 30 men 30 women	<u>D.1.</u> <u>Place 1 – 20</u> D.1.1 The top 15 NOCs in each gender from the 2014/2015 season's World Cup Nation Cup Score will receive two (2) quota places per gender.
<u>D.1.2:</u> 10 men 10 women	D.1.2 The top 5 ranked NOCs based on the sum of the Nation's Cup Points from the previous two (2) seasons YJWCHs (scoring the points of up to 2 youth and 2 junior athletes) who have not already qualified from D1.1 will receive two (2) quota places per gender.
<u>D.1.3</u> 9 men 9 women	<u>Places 21 – 29</u> D.1.3 The next nine (9) best ranked NOCs based on the sum of the Nations Cup Points from the previous two (2) seasons YJWCHs (scoring the points of up to 2 youth and 2 junior athletes) who have not qualified through D1.1 or D1.2 will earn a total of two (2) quota places; one (1) per gender.
<i>98 total athletes</i>	D.1.4 Following each qualification event, IBU will publish the results on its website http://datacenter.biathlonresults.com/

D.2 Mixed Relay

Qualification Event
D.2.1 The Biathlon Mixed Relay competition shall consist of two (2) women and two (2) men from the same NOC. Only NOCs from D.1 in the List of Qualified NOCs will automatically qualify a Mixed Relay team.

D.3. Single Mixed Relay

Qualification Event
D.3.1 The Biathlon Single Mixed Relay competition shall consist of one (1) man and one (1) woman from the same NOC. NOCs which have qualified at least one (1) man and one (1) woman will automatically qualify a Single Mixed-Relay team.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Should the Host Country not qualify any athletes through the Nations Cup Score it is guaranteed one (1) quota place per gender.

The Host Country has the right to enter one (1) Team in both Relays.

If the Host Country is ranked from place 21 and below, it can register an additional one (1) man and one (1) woman for Biathlon Mixed Relay only (additional athletes cannot be entered or replace original registered athletes at other competitions).



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E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

IBU shall inform the NOCs of their allocated quota places on **22 September 2015**. The NOCs will then have one (1) week to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as described in section **G. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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Unused qualification places will be reallocated in the following order, as described in section **D. Qualification Pathway** above:

- If a quota place allocated to the NOC from Top 15 NOCs from previous season's World Cup Nation Cup Score (2014/15) is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC not yet qualified from the previous season's World Cup Nation Cup Score (2014/15).
- If a quota place allocated to the 14 NOCs based on the sum of Nation's Cup Points from the two previous season's YJWCHs (Presque Isle 2014 and Minsk 2015) is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to next best ranked NOC not yet qualified in rank order based on the sum of Nation's Cup Points from the two previous season's YJWCHs (Presque Isle 2014 and Minsk 2015).

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Should the Host Country qualify through the above qualification process, any unused Host Country places will be reallocated to the NOC ranked 30th in the Nation Cup Ranking.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	28 February 2014 to 30 March 2015	IBU YOG 2016 qualification period
	28 February 2014 – 8 March 2015	World Cup Biathlon Season 2014/2015
	26 February 2014 – 7 March 2014	YJWCH 2014 IBU Youth/Junior World Championships, Presque Isle, USA
	TBC*, 2015	YJWCH 2015 IBU Youth/Junior World Championships, Minsk, Belarus
Inform and Confirm	1 July 2015	Publication of IBU ranking list referred to in section D1.4
	15 September 2015	IBU to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	22 September 2015	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to IBU
Reallocation	23 September 2015	IBU to reallocate all unused quota places
	By 27 September 2015	NOCs to confirm use of reallocated quota places to IBU
	17 January 2016	End of reallocation period (<i>if applicable</i>)
Sport Entries Deadline	18 January 2016	IBU Sport Entries deadline
YOG	12 – 21 February 2016	Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

*To Be Confirmed