



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR XXIV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES, BEIJING 2022

INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION

Ice Hockey

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Events (1)	Women's Events (1)
12-team tournament	10-team tournament

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

B.1 Total Quota for Sport / Discipline :

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	275 (11 teams)	25 (1 team)	300 (12 teams)
Women	207 (9 teams)	23 (1 team)	230 (10 teams)
Total	482 (20 teams)	48 (2 teams)	530 (22 teams)

B.2 Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	25 (1 team)
Women	23 (1 team)
Total	48 (2 teams)

B.3 Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC. The selection of athletes for its allocated quota places is at the discretion of the NOC subject to the eligibility requirements.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force included but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only these athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

C.1 Age Requirements:

All male athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 must fulfil the age requirements as stated in bylaw [11.2.1 \(IIHF World Senior Men's Program\) of the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws](#).

All female athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 must fulfil the age requirements as stated in bylaw [14.2.1 \(IIHF World Senior Women's Program\) of the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws](#).

C.2 Additional IF Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 must fulfil the requirements of [Bylaw 4. Player Eligibility Rules for Participation in IIHF Championships and Olympic Competitions of the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws](#).



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

MEN

The IIHF World Ranking System will determine the seeding for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 Men's event and all qualifications of this competition.

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Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
D.1: Men: 225 (9 teams)	<p>D.1. 2019 IIHF World Ranking – Direct entry</p> <p>The eight (8) highest ranked men's teams from the 2019 IIHF Men's World Ranking, (determined immediately following completion of the 2019 IIHF World Championship in Slovakia) and the host country, will be automatically qualified for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 competition.</p> <p>If the host country is ranked in the top eight (8) of the 2019 IIHF Men's World Ranking, the 9th ranked men's team will be allocated a quota place.</p>
D.2: Men: 75 (3 teams)	<p>D.2. Qualification Tournaments</p> <p>The Qualification Tournaments will be seeded using the 2019 IIHF Men's World Ranking of entered nations. The top three (3) teams from the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 competition.</p> <p>D.2.1 Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 1 (07-10 November 2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 1 tournaments are for nations ranked 36 and lower. - The top three (3) teams qualify for the Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 2. <p>D.2.2 Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 2 (12-15 December 2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 2 tournaments are for nations ranked between 27 and 35 and the three (3) qualifiers from the Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 1 tournaments. If there are nations who decline to participate, the next highest-ranked nation(s) from D.2.1 will be invited to compete. This process will be repeated until 12 teams are secured. - The top three (3) teams qualify for the Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 3. <p>D.2.3 Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 3 (06-09 February 2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Olympic Qualification Preliminary Round 3 tournaments are for nations ranked between 18 and 26 and the three (3) qualifiers from the Olympic Pre-Qualification Round 2 tournaments. If there are nations who decline to participate, the next highest-ranked nation(s) from D.2.2 will be invited to compete. This process will be repeated until 12 teams are secured. - The top *three (3) teams qualify for the Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments. <p>D.2.4 Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments (27-30 August 2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments are for nations ranked between 9 (or 10th if the host country is ranked in the top eight (8) best teams in 2019



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Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
	<p>IIHF Men's World Ranking) and 17 plus *three (3) qualifiers from the Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 3.</p> <p><i>*If the host country is ranked in the top eight (8) teams in 2019 IIHF Men's World Ranking, four (4) qualifiers from the Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 3 will qualify for the Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments.</i></p>

WOMEN

The IIHF World Ranking System will determine the seeding for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 Women's event and all qualifications of this competition.

QUALIFICATION PLACES

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
D.3: Women: 161 (7 teams)	<p>D.3 2020 IIHF World Ranking – Direct entry</p> <p>The six (6) highest ranked women's teams from the 2020 IIHF Women's World Ranking, (determined immediately following completion of the 2020 IIHF Women's World Championship) and the host country, will be automatically qualified for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 competition.</p> <p>If the host country is ranked in the top six (6) of the 2019 IIHF Women's World Ranking, the 7th ranked men's team will be allocated a quota place.</p>
D.4: Women: 69 (3 teams)	<p>D.4 Qualification Tournaments</p> <p>The Qualification Tournaments will be seeded using the 2020 IIHF Women's World Ranking of entered nations. The top three (3) teams from the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament will qualify for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 competition.</p> <p>D.4.1 Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 1 (27-30 August 2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 1 are for nations ranked 34 and lower who have expressed interest to participate. - The top three (3) teams will qualify for the Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 2. <p>D.4.2 Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 2 (05-08 November 2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 2 are for nations ranked between 25 and 33 and the three (3) qualifiers from the Olympic Pre-Qualification Round 1 Tournaments. If there are nations who decline to participate, the next highest-ranked nation(s) from D.4.1 will be invited to compete. This process will be repeated until 12 teams are secured. - The top three (3) teams qualify for the Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 3. <p>D.4.3 Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 3 (17-20 December 2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 3 are for nations ranked between 16 and 24 and the three (3) qualifiers from the Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 2. If there are nations who decline to participate, the next highest-ranked nation(s) from D.4.2 will be invited to compete. This process will be repeated until 12 teams are secured.



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Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The top *three (3) teams qualify for the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament. <p>D.4.4 Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments (11-14 February 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments are for nations ranked between 7 (or 8th if the host country is ranked in the top six (6) best teams in 2019 IIHF Women's World Ranking) and 11 plus *three (3) qualifiers from the Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 3. <p><i>*If the host country is ranked in the top six (6) teams in 2020 IIHF Women's World Ranking, four (4) qualifiers from the Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 3 will qualify for the Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments.</i></p>

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Chinese Olympic Committee, as the host nation has been granted automatic entry for one (1) men's team and one (1) women's team and will be positioned in the Men and Women according to the 2020 IIHF World Ranking.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Immediately after the 2019 IIHF Men's World Championship, IIHF will publish the IIHF Men's World Ranking on its website (<http://www.iihf.com/>) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have until 17 June 2019 to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

Immediately after the 2020 IIHF Women's World Championship, IIHF will publish the IIHF Men's World Ranking on its website (<http://www.iihf.com/>) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have until 01 May 2020 to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

Immediately after the Men's Final Olympic Qualification Tournament, IIHF will publish the results on its website (<http://www.iihf.com/>) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have until 14 October 2019 to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

Immediately after the Women's Final Olympic Qualification Tournament, IIHF will publish the results on its website (<http://www.iihf.com/>) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have until 1 March 2021 to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

If any team allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or if the quota place(s) is/are declined by the NOC, the quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC from the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament. This process will be repeated until all quota places are filled.



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REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host Country declines its Host Country place, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC from the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament. This process will be repeated until the quota place is filled.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	15 April 2019	Member National Associations wishing to enter the 2022 Olympic Winter Games Men's Competition must submit their completed and signed Team Entry Form Application to the IIHF Office
	10-26 May 2019	2019 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, SVK
Accreditation deadline	TBD*	Beijing 2022 Accreditation deadline
Inform and confirm	3 June 2019	Publication of 2019 IIHF Men's World Ranking and IIHF to inform qualified NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	17 June 2019	Deadline for NOCs (Men's teams) to confirm use of quota places
Qualification	7-10 November 2019	Men's Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 1
	12-15 December 2019	Men's Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 2
	6-9 February 2020	Men's Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 3
	31 March to 10 April 2020	2020 IIHF Women's World Championship (CAN)
Inform and confirm	15 April 2020	Publication of 2020 IIHF Women's World Ranking and IIHF to inform qualified NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	1 May 2020	Deadline for NOCs (Women's teams) to confirm use of quota places
Qualification	27-30 August 2020	Men's Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments Women's Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 1
Inform and confirm	1 October 2020	Publication of Qualified Men Teams from Qualification Tournament and IIHF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	14 October 2020	Deadline for NOCs (Men's teams) to confirm use of quota places
Qualification	5-8 November 2020	Women's Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 2
	17-20 December 2020	Women's Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments Round 3
	11-14 February 2021	Women's Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments
Inform and confirm	15 February 2021	Publication of Qualified Women Teams from Olympic Qualification Tournament and IIHF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	1 March 2021	Deadline for NOCs (Women's teams) to confirm use of quota places
Reallocation	By 22 January 2022	IIHF to reallocate all unused quota places



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Period	Date	Milestone
Sport Entries deadline	24 January 2022	Beijing 2022 Sport Entries deadline
Delegation Registration Meetings	TBD*	Beijing 2022 Delegation Registration Meetings
Games Time	4 – 20 February 2022	Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022

*To Be Determined