QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES – DOLOMITI VALTELLINA 2028

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

A. EVENTS (5)	MEN (2)	WOMEN (2)	MIXED (1)
	Men's Sprint Free Men's 7.5km Classic	Women's Sprint Free Women's 7.5km Classic	Mixed Relay 4x5km Classic/Free
B. QUOTA PLACES			
B.1. Total quota places for cross-country skiing			**Total**
QUOTA	80	80	160
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	Included in qualification places (3 men and 3 women)		
TOTAL	80	80	160
B.2. Maximum event-specific quota per National Olympic Committee			
MEN'S SPRINT FREE	3	3	6
MEN'S 7.5KM CLASSIC	3	3	6
WOMEN'S SPRINT FREE	3	3	6
WOMEN'S 7.5KM CLASSIC	3	3	6
MIXED RELAY 4.5KM	1 team per NOC*		
B.3. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee			
QUOTA PER NOC	3	3	6

*An NOC may enter a maximum of one team in the mixed relay 4x5km event, composed of two men and two women who have already qualified and been entered for the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Winter Youth

Olympic Games. The selection of the athletes in the mixed relay 4x5km event is at the discretion of the NOC. If an NOC has only one athlete per gender qualified and entered, the NOC is allowed to enter a maximum of one Nordic combined athlete per gender who has already qualified and been entered for the Nordic combined events at the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Winter Youth Olympic Games. These athletes must also have a valid cross-country skiing FIS code and meet the athlete eligibility criteria set out in section C. Athlete Eligibility in order to compete.

B.4. Type of allocation of quota places

Quota places are allocated to NOCs.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes participating in the YOG must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force. Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, and the rules of the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS), may participate in the YOG.

Age requirements

C.1.	To be eligible to participate in the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Winter Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2012, as validated by the passport used for accreditation registration.

Additional IF requirements

C.2.	Athletes must have valid YOG FIS points in either sprint or distance to compete in a cross-country skiing event. YOG FIS points are earned in accordance with the FIS Rules for FIS Points during the YOG qualification period from 1 July 2026 to 20 December 2027 (TBC).

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Number of quota places	Qualification events

MEN/WOMEN	**D.1., D.2., D.3.** **Men: 80** **Women: 80**	**D.1.** The NOCs ranked in the Marc Hodler Trophy standings at the Otepää 2027 FIS Junior Nordic World Ski Championships (EST) and the host country are entitled to a quota of three male and three female athletes. **D.2.** Any remaining quota places will be distributed, with a maximum of one male and/or one female athlete per NOC, amongst the NOCs that have not yet qualified as per section D.1. The quota allocation for these places will be determined according to their ranking on the men's and women's YOG quota allocation lists as of TBD. The allocation will be made by assigning one quota place per NOC from the top of the YOG quota allocation lists until the maximum quota of 80 men and 80 women is reached. **D.2.1.** The YOG quota allocation lists, published on TBD on the FIS website, www.fis-ski.com, are established by adding the distance and sprint rankings on the YOG FIS points lists containing only YOG age group athletes, using the table that can be found here during the qualification period from 1 July 2026 to 20 December 2027 (TBC). FIS will publish the latest YOG quota allocation lists and YOG FIS points lists for information on a regular basis. **D.2.2.** If there is a tie for the final allocated quota place(s) on either the men's or women's YOG quota allocation list, the athlete with the higher YOG FIS ranking in either the YOG FIS distance points list or the YOG FIS sprint points list will be ranked ahead. If there is still a tie, the athlete with the second best ranking for the other event (distance or sprint) will be ranked ahead. If there is still a tie, the athlete with the best ranking in a single competition during the qualification period will be ranked ahead. If the tie is still not broken, the athlete with the second best ranking, followed by the third best ranking (then fourth best, and so on) in a single competition during the qualification period will be ranked ahead. **D.3.** If there are remaining quota places, one quota place will be allocated to the NOCs not yet qualified as per section D.1. based on the ranking of their second best athlete on the men's and women's YOG quota allocation lists, until all quota places have been filled.
	D.4.	In the event of the cancellation of the Otepää 2027 FIS Junior Nordic World Ski Championships (EST) in cross-country, the quota calculation in section D.1. will be carried out by allocating three men's quota places and three women's quota places to the top 10 NOCs in the YOG quota allocation lists. If the host country is not within the top 10 NOCs, it will also be allocated a quota of three male and three female athletes.

D.5.	**HOST COUNTRY PLACES** The host country is allocated a quota of three men and three women, as detailed in section D.1. The selection of athletes is at the discretion of the host NOC, while adhering to the eligibility criteria as detailed in section C. Athlete Eligibility.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS

Confirmation of quota places

E.1.	FIS will inform the NOCs that earn quota places via the FIS website on TBD. Each NOC will be provided with login details prior to TBD. The NOCs will then have one day to confirm, via the FIS online system, if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section G. Qualification Timeline. A provisional quota allocation list will be available for the NOCs to review a few weeks before the deadline. The number of quota places an NOC is able to confirm at any point in time cannot be higher than the number of eligible athletes on the YOG FIS points list or the maximum number of quota places.

F. REALLOCATION

Reallocation of unused quota places

F.1.	If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated by FIS based on the criteria described in section D.2, followed by section D.3.

Reallocation of unused host country places

F.2.	If the host country declines any of its quota places, these will be reallocated as per the “Reallocation of unused qualification places” section.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 July 2026 - 20 December 2027 (TBC)	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 qualification period
	18 - 24 January 2027	Otepää 2027 FIS Junior Nordic World Ski Championships (EST)
Accreditation deadline	TBD	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 accreditation deadline

Confirmation	**TBD**	FIS to inform NOCs and NFs of their allocated quota places via the FIS website and provide the login details to access the FIS online system for confirmation of quota places
	TBD	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places
Reallocation	**TBD**	FIS to reallocate all unused quota places, and NOCs to confirm within 12 hours
	TBD	End of reallocation period
Sport entries deadline	**TBD**	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 sport entries deadline
Games time	**15 - 29 January 2028 (TBC)**	Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Winter Youth Olympic Games

USEFUL LINKS

Qualification	FIS | International Ski and Snowboard Federation Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 - Winter Youth Olympic Games - Documents
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