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PROVISIONAL QUOTA PLACES 2016 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (YOG) LILLEHAMMER/NORWAY – FEBRUARY 12 - 21, 2016

The Qualification System for the 2nd Winter Youth Olympic Games (hereafter called YOG) for all three ISU disciplines (Figure Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating) has been approved by the IOC Executive Board in July 2014. Detailed information has been communicated by the IOC to the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and is posted on the ISU website.

A total of 164 athletes will be admitted as participants in the ISU disciplines as follows:

- 76 athletes for Figure Skating
- 56 athletes for Speed Skating
- 32 athletes for Short Track Speed Skating.

The age limits for the disciplines are as follows, with a specific exception for the male Skaters in Pair Skating and Ice Dance:

Speed Skating & Short Track Speed Skating:

- Born between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 2000

Figure Skating

Singles

- Born between January 1, 1999 and December 31, 2001

For Male Skaters in Pair Skating and Ice Dance:

- Born between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 2000

ISU Members/NOCs are requested to take these age restrictions into account when confirming or rejecting YOG Quota Places and when entering the athletes.

ISU Members (hereafter referred to as Members) referred to further details concerning the YOG that can be found on the ISU website.

On the basis of the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2015, the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2015 and the ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2015, the initial YOG Quota Places have been assigned to the respective NOCs/Members.

Whilst for Short Track Speed Skating the qualifying process has been concluded, for Figure Skating and Speed Skating the assignment of remaining YOG Quota Places to be allocated to NOCs/Members will be based on the results from individual events held on the occasion of

the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating and ISU Junior World Cup Competitions during the Autumn of 2015.

In accordance with the YOG Qualifying System the ISU herewith announces the provisional YOG Quota Places for entries to the YOG for each ISU YOG discipline.

A. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING/ICE DANCE

1. Entries based on the results of the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2015 (in order of qualification)

LADIES	YOG Quota Places	MEN	YOG Quota Places	PAIRS	YOG Quota Places	ICE DANCE	YOG Quota Places
Member/ NOC		Member/ NOC		Member/ NOC		Member/ NOC	
Russia	2	Japan	2	China	2	Russia	2
Japan	2	China	2	Canada	2	USA	2
Kazakhstan	1	USA	1	Russia	2	Ukraine	2
USA	1	Russia	1	USA	1	Canada	1
Rep. of Korea	1	Latvia	1			Poland	1
Latvia	1	Israel	1			France	1
Slovakia	1	Rep. of Korea	1				
Armenia	1	Argentina	1				
Finland	1	Canada	1				
Germany	1	Ukraine	1				
Total	12		12		7		9

2. Remaining open YOG Quota Places

For Figure Skating an additional qualification opportunity is given through the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating individual events listed below during which only one (1) YOG Quota Place per discipline and Member/NOC may be earned.

ISU Junior Grand Prix Figure Skating season 2015/16:

- August 19-23, 2015 Bratislava SVK
- August 26-30, 2015 Riga LAT (including Pair Skating)
- September 2-6, 2015 Colorado Springs USA (including Pair Skating)
- September 9-13, 2015 Linz AUT (including Pair Skating)
- September 23-27, 2015 Torun POL (including Pair Skating)
- Sept. 30 – Oct. 4, 2015 Logrono ESP
- October 7-11, 2015 Zagreb CRO

For Men and Ladies, Members/NOCs with the 4 top ranked competitors in the final ranking of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series season 2015/16 (as published after the last individual Junior Grand Prix event of Zagreb), if not already having earned a YOG Quota Place in the respective discipline as per summary in point 1 above, will earn one (1) YOG Quota Place for the concerned discipline.

For Pairs and Ice Dance, Members/NOCs with the 3 top ranked competitors in the Final Ranking of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series season 2015/16, if not already having earned a YOG Quota Place in the respective discipline as per the summary in point 1 above, will earn one (1) YOG Quota Place for the concerned discipline.

In addition, Members/NOCs not having earned YOG Quota Places for a discipline following the above criteria, will be ranked in a “Stand-by list” according to the ranking of their competitors in the overall ranking of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series season 2015/16.

Please note that the Host Member/NOC (NOR) has the right to enter one (1) competitor per discipline. This entry will not increase the total number of participants, if the Host Member’s/NOC’s competitor is not qualified, he will instead substitute the entry of the Member/NOC with the last qualified YOG Quota Place of the discipline in question.

3. Timeline for acceptance/rejection of allocated YOG Quota Places and entries

a) September 1, 2015 – Indicative announcement by Members/NOCs having earned YOG Quota Places based on the results of their competitors at the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2015

In order for the ISU to get a basic view of the potential entries and if necessary to consider necessary corrective action in cooperation with the IOC, Members/NOCs having earned YOG Quota Places at the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2015 should, after consultation with their NOC, inform the ISU Secretariat not later than **September 1, 2015** if they intend to use all their YOG Quota Places by submitting the corresponding intended use of YOG Quota Places. YOG Quota Places earned at the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships and which by September 1, 2015 are formally confirmed to be relinquished by the concerned Members/NOCs shall be added to the available YOG Quota Places to be earned on the occasion of the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figures Skating individual events listed above.

Considering the restrictive age criteria mentioned above, especially for the two Skaters forming a Pair Skating or Ice Dance couple, it is critical to establish as soon as possible the potential number of entries. Members/NOCs are therefore asked when providing the information about the intended use of YOG Places to the ISU Secretariat by September 1, 2015, to carefully check the ages of their competitors, especially in Pair Skating and Ice Dance.

b) By October 30, 2015 – ISU to publish a summary of YOG Quota Places according to the results of the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2015 and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating individual events season 2015/16, including the number of Judges drawn per discipline per Member, which is scheduled during Skate America 2015.

c) December 1 – 6, 2015 – Members/NOCs to confirm use of allocated YOG Quota Places to ISU Secretariat and Members/NOCs on stand-by list to confirm interest in participation to ISU.

d) December 7, 2015 – ISU to reallocate unused quota places to Members/NOCs on stand-by list who had confirmed interest in participation.

e) December 8 – 14, 2015 - Reallocation Period - In the case of ISU Members/NOCs informing ISU of not using certain YOG Quota Places, ISU to re-allocate such unused YOG Quota Places to the Members/NOCs according to the Stand-by Quota Places list. ISU Members/NOCs being offered an unused Quota Place to react within 48 hours of receipt of the ISU notification.

f) Until January 18, 2016 – Entries by name by NOCs to be sent to the local Lillehammer YOG Organizing Committee (LYOGOC) with copy to ISU.

g) From January 19, 2016 – Late Athlete Replacement Period implemented according to IOC late Athlete Replacement Policy (policy and deadlines to be confirmed/follow by the IOC).

B. SPEED SKATING

1. Pre-allocation of YOG Quota Places for Speed Skating based on the results of the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2015

Ladies	YOG Quota Places	Men	YOG Quota Places
NED	2	CHN	2
KOR	2	NED	2
RUS	2	KOR	2
AUT	1	CAN	1
CHN	1	KAZ	1
CZE	1	RUS	1
		USA	1
	9		10

2. Remaining open YOG Quota Places

The allocation of the remaining YOG Quota Places for Members/NOCs not yet having earned YOG Quota Places in a category (Ladies and Men) will be based on the results of the following designated ISU Junior World Cup Competitions:

- ISU Junior World Cup 1: November 14-15, 2015 Groningen, NED
- ISU Junior World Cup 2: November 28-29, 2015 Berlin, GER

Please note that the Host Member/NOC has the right to enter one (1) Lady and one (1) Man if not qualified through the ordinary qualification procedure. Such entries will not increase the total number of participants. If the Host Member/NOC has not qualified for a quota place, this entry will instead substitute the entry of the Member/NOC with the last qualified YOG Quota Place of the category (ladies or men) in question.

To be entered for the YOG an athlete must have achieved YOG qualifying times requirements. The applicable YOG qualifying times are the following:

	LADIES	MEN
500m	45,00	41,00
1500m	2.20,00	2.07,00

Qualifying times must have been achieved during the period between July 1, 2015 and November 29, 2015. If an athlete has achieved at least one of the above qualifying times, the athlete may compete in any of the events at the YOG.

3. Timeline for acceptance/rejection of allocated YOG Quota Places and entries

- a) July 1, 2015 - November 29, 2015** – Period to achieve qualifying times.
- b) December 1, 2015** – ISU to inform Members/NOCs of their allocated Quota Places and Stand-By Quota Places.
- c) December –1-7, 2015** –Members/NOCs to confirm acceptance/rejection of allocated YOG Quota Places to ISU.
- d) December 8 - 17, 2015** – Reallocation Period - In the case of ISU Members/NOCs informing ISU of not using certain YOG Quota Places, ISU to re-allocate such unused YOG Quota Places to the Members/NOCs according to the list of Stand-by Quota Places. ISU Members/NOCs being offered an unused Quota Place to react within 48 hours of receipt of the ISU notification
- e) December 18, 2015** – ISU to announce confirmed use of allocated and reallocated quota places.
- f) January 18, 2016** – YOG 2016 Sport Entries deadline.
- g) From January 19, 2016** – Late Athlete Replacement Period implemented according to IOC late Athlete Replacement Policy (policy and deadlines to be confirmed/follow by the IOC).

C. SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

1. Allocation of YOG Quota Places for Short Track Speed Skating based on the results of the ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships 2015

Category	Member/ NOC	YOG Quota Places	Category	Member/ NOC	YOG Quota Places
LADIES			MEN		
	KOR	2		KOR	2
	CHN	2		HUN	2
	RUS	2		JPN	2
	CAN	1		CHN	1
	GER	1		KAZ	1
	KAZ	1		CAN	1
	BUL	1		BEL	1
	USA	1		GER	1
	AUS	1		NED	1
	HUN	1		USA	1
	JPN	1		LAT	1
	NED	1		RUS	1
	ITA or NOR*	1		FRA or NOR*	1
Total		16			16
STAND-BY LIST					
Category	Member/ NOC	YOG Quota Places	Category	Member/ NOC	YOG Quota Places
LADIES			MEN		
	CZE	1		AUS	1
	POL	1		NZL	1
	SVK	1		TUR	1
	CRO	1		ITA	1
	UKR	1		TPE	1
	BIH	1		CRO	1
	NZL	1		BUL	1
	MAS	1		POL	1
	TPE	1		UKR	1
	AUT	1		SVK	1
				SWE	1
				BIH	1
				AUT	1
				ISR	1
				MAS	1
				SRB	1
				HKG	1
				SLO	1
				IND	1

*Please note that the Host Member/NOC (NOR) has the right to enter one (1) competitor per category (Ladies and Men). This entry will not increase the total number of participants. Such an entry instead substitute the entry of the last qualified quota place for the category in question, if the Host Member/NOC (NOR) accepts the quota place(s), ITA (Ladies) and FRA (Men) become first stand-by.

3. Timeline for acceptance/rejection of allocated YOG Quota Places and entries

a) By July 1, 2015 – ISU to inform Members/NOCs of their allocated Quota Places and Stand-By Quota Places.

b) By December 7, 2015 –Members/NOCs to confirm acceptance/rejection of allocated YOG Quota Places to ISU.

c) December 8 - 17, 2015 – Reallocation Period - In the case of ISU Members/NOCs informing ISU of not using certain YOG Quota Places, ISU to re-allocate such unused YOG Quota Places to the Members/NOCs according to the Stand-by Quota Places list. ISU Members/NOCs being offered an unused Quota Place to react within 48 hours of receipt of the ISU notification

d) December 18, 2015 – ISU to announce confirmed use of allocated and reallocated quota places.

d) January 18, 2016 – YOG 2016 Sport Entries deadline.

e) From January 19, 2016 – Late Athlete Replacement Period implemented according to IOC late Athlete Replacement Policy (policy and deadlines to be confirmed/follow by the IOC).

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