

The participation in the Olympic Winter Games is limited to:

- 2-Man Bobsleigh: 30 crews including host nation
- 4-Man Bobsleigh: 30 crews including host nation

Teams per NOC:

- 3 NOCs with 3 crews
- 7 NOCs with 2 crews
- 7 NOCs with 1 crew

The athletes' quota per NOC is established according to the number of bob crews qualified, according to the following table

Number of crews qualified	2-Man	4-Man	Athletes quota
	1	0	2
	2	0	4
	3	0	6
	0	1	4
	0	2	8
	0	3	12
	1	1	4/5*
	2	1	5/6*
	3	1	6/7*
	1	2	8/9*
	2	2	8/9*
	3	2	9
	1	3	12/13*
	2	3	12/13*
	3	3	12/13*

* only if the 2-Man pilot is different from the pilot in the 4-Man

N.B.: No spare athletes are allowed in the Olympic Village. If any athlete has an accident or becomes otherwise unable to race during the official training period, according to the IOC/VANOC/FIBT late athlete replacement policy he may be replaced by another athlete who is not part of the NOC's athlete quota.

SYSTEM IN DETAIL FOR WOMEN'S BOBSLEIGH

During the 2009/2010 season, the best results of each Pilot are summed up by name for the FIBT Ranking, regardless of the race series in which results were scored:

- World Cup
- Europe Cup
- America Cup

The number of races taken into account is the same as the number of World Cup races that are carried out during the qualification period.

The NOC quotas for the Olympic Winter Games are based on the updated ranking. In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria apply for the FIBT ranking:

- a) First, the highest single points result obtained;
- b) Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.

The quotas are assigned to the NOC. They may choose the pilots who may make use of this quota, provided that the pilots concerned have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT races on three different tracks during the 2008/2009 and/or 2009/2010 competition seasons. They must have been ranked among the top 40 pilots of the FIBT ranking 2009/10 by the deadline of 17 January 2010.

The participation in the Olympic Winter Games is limited to:

- Women's Bobsleigh: 20 crews including host country

Teams per NOC:

- 2 NOCs with 3 crews
- 4 NOCs with 2 crews
- 6 NOCs with 1 crew

The athletes' quota per NOC is established according to the number of bob crews qualified, according to the following table

Number of crews qualified:	<u>Women's Bob</u>	<u>Athletes quota</u>
	1 crew	2
	2 crews	4
	3 crews	6

N.B.: No spare athletes are allowed in the Olympic Village. If any athlete has an accident or becomes otherwise unable to race during the official training period, according to the IOC/VANOC/FIBT late athlete replacement policy he may be replaced by another athlete who is not part of the NOC's athlete quota.

HOST NATION QUALIFICATION

If the male and female pilots of the NOC of the nation organising the Olympic Winter Games fail to qualify via the qualification process set out above, the NOC will still have the right to take part in the Olympic competitions, with one 2-man bob team, one 4-man bob team and one women's bob team respectively, provided that the pilots of these teams have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT competitions, on three different tracks, during the 2008/2009 and/or 2009/2010 competition seasons and ranked among the top 50 men or top 40 women in the FIBT Ranking.

The selection of the pilots will be based on FIBT Ranking of the 2009/10 season set up during the qualification period.

If no pilot can achieve this condition, the host Nation will have no representative.

CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATION

Male and female pilots belonging to NOCs of non-represented continents may also take part in the Olympic Winter Games. Maximum of one 2-man bob team or one 4-man bob team and one women's bob team per continent, provided that the pilots of these teams have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT competitions on three different tracks during the 2008/09 and/or 2009/10 competition seasons, and ranked among the top 50 men or top 40 women in the FIBT Ranking.

The selection of the pilots will be based on FIBT Ranking of the 2009/10 season set up during the qualification period.

If no pilot can achieve this condition, that continent will have no representative.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

Places earned and not taken up are reallocated until all 30 crews (Men) or 20 crews (Women) are filled, in the following order of priority:

- The highest ranked NOC(s) of non represented continents.
- If the number of non represented continents surpasses the number of places available for reallocation, only the highest ranked pilot in the FIBT ranking will enable his/her NOC to send a team to fill a reallocation position.
- In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria will be applied:
 - a) First, the highest single points result obtained;
 - b) Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.

After this, if there are places still available for reallocation, only NOCs which do not already have a qualified team by the end of the qualification period will be considered.

- Among the potential candidates, only the highest ranked pilot in the FIBT ranking will enable his/her NOC to send a team to fill a reallocation position.
- In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria will be applied:
 - a) First, the highest single points result obtained;
 - b) Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.

The pilots concerned must have taken part and have been ranked in at least five international FIBT races on three different tracks, during the 2008/09 and/or 2009/10 competition seasons. They must also have been ranked among the top 50 men or top 40 women in the FIBT Ranking 2009/10 by the deadline of 17 January 2010 and provided the NOC's informed the FIBT of their request by the 10 January 2010.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Athletes must comply with the following requirements:

- They must be 18 years of age on the opening date of the Olympic Winter Games;
- They must possess a valid International FIBT licence;
- They must be medically suitable for practising bobsleigh racing;
- They must possess appropriate and adequate insurance coverage against accidents and third-party civil liability.

QUALIFYING TIMELINE

1 October 2009	Start of Qualification period
Qualifying events:	7 races from 1 Oct. 2009 to 17 Jan. 2010
10 January 2010	Deadline for NOCs which want to be considered for reallocation spots to inform the FIBT of their request in writing.
End of qualification period:	
17 January 2010	For qualifications via FIBT races
20 January 2010	FIBT will inform the NFs, NOCs and VANOC of the places earned by qualified NOCs
22 January 2010	NOCs must inform the FIBT and VANOC that the earned places will be taken up
25 January 2010	FIBT to notify NFs of the unused quota position (if any) attributed to an NOC within the framework of the reallocation process
26 January 2010	End of reallocation period
1 February 2010	Timeline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by the NOCs

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BOBSLEIGH AND TOBOGGANING (FIBT)

SKELETON

EVENTS

- Men's Skeleton Competition
- Women's Skeleton Competition

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

ATHLETES QUOTA	50 athletes	
	30 Men	including host nation
	20 Women	including host nation

NOC QUOTA	6 athletes
	3 men
	3 women

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Participation on the Olympic Winter Games is guaranteed for the best athletes. Representation of the host country and non-represented continents is also guaranteed, provided that athletes are ranked among the top 60 men or top 45 women in the FIBT Ranking.

The FIBT recognises five continents: Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania.

The qualification process takes place via participation in the Federation's competition activity. Qualification is achieved by the athlete's results. They gain a qualification slot for their NOC.

The athlete quota is attributed to the NOC. They can choose with which athletes they wish to fill the places provided that the said athletes have taken part and were ranked, in the 2008/2009 and/or 2009/2010 competition seasons, in at least five international FIBT competitions on three different tracks.

No spare athletes are allowed in the Olympic Village. If an athlete has an accident or becomes otherwise incapacitated during the official training period, the athlete could be replaced by another athlete who is not part of the NOC's athlete quota, according to the IOC/VANOC late athlete replacement policy.

During the 2009/2010 season, the best results of each athlete are totalled by name for the FIBT Ranking List, regardless of the race series in which results were scored.

- World Cup
- Intercontinental Cup
- Europe Cup
- America Cup

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- Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.

SYSTEM IN DETAIL FOR MEN'S SKELETON

Participation in the Olympic Winter Games is limited to:

- 3 NOCs with 3 athletes
- 7 NOCs with 2 athletes
- 7 NOCs with 1 athlete

The chosen athletes must be ranked among the top 60 athletes of the FIBT ranking of the 2009/10 season during the qualification period.

SYSTEM IN DETAIL FOR WOMEN'S SKELETON

The participation in the Olympic Winter Games is limited to:

- 2 NOCs with 3 athletes
- 4 NOCs with 2 athletes
- 6 NOCs with 1 athlete

The chosen athletes must be ranked among the top 45 athletes of the 2009/10 FIBT ranking of the 2009/10 season during the qualification period.

HOST NATION QUALIFICATION

If the male and female competitors of the NOC of the nation organising the Olympic Winter Games fail to qualify, the NOC will still have the right to take part in the Olympic competitions, with one male and one female athlete respectively, provided that the athletes concerned have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT competitions on three different tracks during the 2008/2009 and/or 2009/2010 competition seasons, and ranked among the top 60 men or top 45 women in the FIBT Ranking List.

The selection of the athlete will be based on the FIBT Ranking List of the 2009/10 season set up during the qualification period.

If no athlete can achieve this condition, the host Nation will have no representative.

CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATION

Male and female athletes belonging to NOCs of non-represented continents may also take part in the Olympic competitions, with one male and one female athlete respectively, provided that the athletes concerned have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT competitions on three different tracks, during the 2008/2009 and/or 2009/2010 competition seasons, and ranked among the top 60 men or top 45 women in the FIBT Ranking List.

The selection of the athlete will be based on the FIBT Ranking List of the 2009/10 season set up during the qualification period.

If no athlete can achieve this condition, the continent will have no representative.

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- If the number of non represented continents surpasses the number of places available for reallocation, only the highest ranked athlete in the FIBT ranking will enable his/her NOC to send an athlete to fill a reallocation position.
- In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria will be applied:
 - a) First, the highest single points result obtained;
 - b) Next, the highest single points obtained during the previous race.

After this, if there are places still available for reallocation, only NOCs which do not already have a qualified athlete by the end of the qualification period will be considered.

- Among the potential candidates for reallocation, only the highest ranked athlete in the FIBT ranking will enable his/her NOC to send an athlete to fill a reallocation position, provided that the athletes concerned have taken part and were ranked in at least five international FIBT competitions on three different tracks, during the 2008/2009 and/or 2009/2010 competition seasons, and ranked among the top 60 men or top 45 women in the FIBT Ranking List.
- In cases of equal points, the following decision criteria will be applied:
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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Athletes must comply with the following requirements:

- They must be 18 years of age on the opening date of the Olympic Winter Games;
- They must possess a valid International FIBT licence;
- They must be medically suitable for practising skeleton racing;
- They must possess appropriate and adequate insurance coverage against accidents and third-party civil liability.

QUALIFYING TIMELINE

1 October 2009	Start of Qualification period.
Qualifying events:	7 races in the period of time: 1 st Oct. 2009 – 17 th Jan. 2010
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QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR XXI WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES, VANCOUVER 2010

26 January 2010

End of reallocation period

1 February 2010

Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by the NOCs