



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – LAUSANNE 2020 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION

ICE HOCKEY

A. EVENTS (4)

Men's Events (2)	Women's Events (2)
6-Team Tournament	6-Team Tournament
Mixed NOC 3-on-3 Tournament	Mixed NOC 3-on-3 Tournament

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

B.1. TOTAL QUOTA FOR SPORT / DISCIPLINE:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men's 6-Team Tournament	85 (5 teams)	17 (1 team)	102 (6 teams)
Men's 3-on-3 Tournament Player	85	3	104 (8 teams)
Men's 3-on-3 Tournament Goaltender	15	1	
Women's 6-Team Tournament	85 (5 teams)	17 (1 team)	102 (6 teams)
Women's 3-on-3 Tournament Player	84	4	104 (8 teams)
Women's 3-on-3 Tournament Goaltender	15	1	
Total	369	43	412

B.2. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ATHLETES PER NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men's OR Women's 6-Team Tournament	17 (1 team)
Men's 3-on-3 Tournament Player	Maximum of 3
Men's 3-on-3 Tournament Goaltender	Maximum of 1
Women's 3-on-3 Tournament Player	Maximum of 4
Women's 3-on-3 Tournament Goaltender	Maximum of 1
Total	26

For the 6-Team Tournament, any NOC except for the host country can qualify a maximum of one (1) men's or one (1) women's team per NOC.

B.3. TYPE OF ALLOCATION OF QUOTA PLACES:



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The quota place is allocated to the NOC for the 6-Team Tournament and the 3-on-3 Tournament Goaltender.

The quota place is allocated to the athlete by name for the 3-on-3 Tournament Player.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors), and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Winter Youth Olympic Games.

C.1. AGE REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible to participate in the Winter Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2005.

C.2. ADDITIONAL IF REQUIREMENTS:

All athletes participating in the Winter Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020 must fulfil the requirements of Bylaw 4 (Player Eligibility Rules for Participation in IIHF Championships and Olympic Competitions) of the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws. The IIHF Statutes and Bylaws can be accessed through <http://www.iihf.com/iihf-home/the-iihf/statutes-bylaws/>.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
D.1 Men: 85 (5 teams) Women: 85 (5 teams)	D.1 6-Team Tournament Qualification
	D.1.1 The Ice Hockey 6-Team Tournament will consist of six (6) teams of 17 athletes (15 players and two (2) goaltenders) per gender. The Host Country will automatically qualify one (1) male team and one (1) female team as detailed in D. Host Country Places .
	D.1.2 The top ten (10) NOCs in the 2018/2019 IIHF Youth Ranking published on 30 April 2019 which will be based on the 2018 and 2019 Under-18 World Championships will qualify one (1) team, either men or women. The top NOCs in ranking order will receive first priority on which gender they choose to represent them in the 6-Team Tournament. As soon as five (5) teams per gender is chosen, the following NOCs will not be able to choose the gender of a team anymore.
D.2: Men: 15 Women: 15	D.2 3-on-3 Tournament Goaltender Qualification
	D.2.1 The top 15 NOCs (not including the host country) from the respective 2018/2019 IIHF Youth Ranking published on 30 April 2019 will be allowed to send one (1) goaltender.



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Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<u>D.3:</u> Men: 85 Women: 84	D.3 3-on-3 Tournament Player Qualification
	D.3.1 The 3-on-3 Tournament will consist of eight (8) teams of 13 athletes (11 players and 2 goaltenders) per gender. These teams will be composed of athletes from different NOCs. None of the teams will have more than one (1) player from the same NOC.
	D.3.2 NOCs interested to organise a National Skills Challenge are required to submit a Participation Interest form to IIHF by 20 September 2018. <i>More information will be available on the www.iihf.com website by 1 September 2018.</i>
	D.3.3 Interested NOCs and their Ice Hockey National Association will then have to host a Skills Challenge competition. The players' time to complete the Skills Challenge will determine the final result. The final result of the best ten (10) players will be submitted to the IIHF and compiled to produce the overall Skills Challenge final results ranking. All Nationals Skills Challenge Competition events will need to be filmed and submitted with the final results for possible score verifications.
	D.3.4 The best player from each NOC in the Skills Challenge will be allocated a quota place.
	D.3.5 The remaining quota places will be allocated according to the next best ranked players on the overall Skills Challenge final results ranking not already allocated a quota place from D.3.4 until the maximum of 85 Men and 84 Women is filled, always respecting the maximum quota per NOC per gender.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

6-Team Tournament: The Host Country is entitled to one (1) male and one (1) female team of 17 athletes, 15 players and two (2) goaltenders. The selection of athletes is at the discretion of the Host NOC while respecting the eligibility criteria in section **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

3-on-3 Tournament Goaltender: The Host Country will be entitled to enter one (1) goaltender per gender.

3-on-3 Tournament Player: The Host Country is entitled to a maximum of three (3) male and a maximum of four (4) female athletes.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

IIHF shall inform NOCs that earn quota places through D.1 and D.2 on 30 April 2019 after the 2018/2019 IIHF Youth Ranking is published. The NOCs will then have fourteen (14) days / two (2) weeks until 14 May 2019 to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

IIHF shall inform NOCs that earn quota places through D.3 on 1 November 2019 after the Skills Challenge final results ranking is published. The NOCs will then have fourteen (14) days / two (2) weeks until 14



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November 2019 to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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Any allocated quota place declined or not confirmed by the respective NOC in D.1 or D.2 will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC in the 2018/2019 IIHF Youth Ranking as of 14 May **2019**.

Any allocated quota place declined or not confirmed by the respective NOC in D.3 will be reallocated to the next best ranked player from the Skills Challenge final results ranking always respecting the maximum quota per NOC per gender.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

6-team tournament

If the Host Country is ranked in the top ten (10) NOCs in the 2018/2019 IIHF Youth Ranking or if it declines its Host Country place, then the next ranked NOC in the 2018/2019 IIHF Youth Ranking will qualify.

3-on-3 team tournament goaltender

If the Host Country declines its Host Country place(s), the quota places will be allocated according to the next best ranked NOC on the 2018/2019 IIHF Youth Ranking published on 30 April 2019 not already allocated a quota place.

3-on-3 team tournament player

If the Host Country earns the quota places through the normal qualification place or declines its Host Country place(s), the quota places will be allocated according to D.3.5.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 January 2018 to 8 December 2019	Lausanne 2020 qualification period
	6-13 January 2018	2018 U18 Women's World Championship, Russia
	19-29 April 2018	2018 U18 World Championships, Russia
	6-13 January 2019	2019 U18 Women's World Championship, Japan
	18-28 April 2019	2019 U18 World Championship, Sweden
	20 September 2018	NOCs to submit Participation Interest form
	By 30 September 2019	NOCs to organise Skills Challenge competition
Accreditation deadline	4 October 2019	Lausanne 2020 Accreditation deadline



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Period	Date	Milestone
Inform and confirm	30 April 2019	IIHF to inform NOCs of their allocated quota places in D.1 and D.2
	14 May 2019	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places in D.1 and D.2 to IIHF and Lausanne 2020 Sport Entries department
	1 November 2019	IIHF to publish Skills Challenge final results ranking and inform NOCs of their allocated quota places in D.3
	14 November 2019	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places in D.3 to IIHF and Lausanne 2020 Sport Entries department
Reallocation	15 May 2019	IIHF to reallocate unused D.1 and D.2 quota places
	By 22 May 2019	NOCs to confirm use of reallocated D.1 and D.2 quota places to IIHF
	15 November 2019	IIHF to reallocate unused D.3 quota places
	By 22 November 2019	NOCs to confirm use of reallocated D.3 quota places to IIHF
	15 December 2019	IIHF to reallocate all unused quota places and NOCs to confirm within 24 hours of quota notification
Sport Entries deadline	16 December 2019	Lausanne 2020 Sport Entries deadline
Finalisation of DRP deadline	16 December 2019	Lausanne 2020 Finalisation of Delegation Registration Process (DRP) deadline
YOG	9 – 22 January 2020	Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games