



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE XXIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES PYEONGCHANG 2018

INTERNATIONAL LUGE FEDERATION

Luge

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Events (1)	Women's Events (1)	Open Events (1)	Mixed Events (1)
Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Doubles	Team Relay

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Luge:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men's Singles	39	1	40
Women's Singles	29	1	30
Doubles	38 (19 teams)	2 (1 team)	40 (20 teams)
Total athletes	106	4	110

N.B. If in one or two disciplines not all quota places are being used, FIL reserves the right to adjust the number of men and women while remaining within the total overall allocation of 110 athletes.

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men's Singles	3
Women's Singles	3
Doubles	4 (2 teams)
Team Relay	1 Relay Team (one (1) man, one (1) woman, one (1) doubles team (two(2) athletes), entered in their individual events)
Total	10

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.



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C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games. This includes Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of competitors).

Age Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 must be born before 1 July 2002.

Medical Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018, all athletes must satisfy the medical requirements according to the International Luge Regulations (IRO) 2014, §1, 3c (**NOTE: subject to change in 2016 edition**).

Additional IF Requirements:

C.1. Minimum FIL Olympic Qualification Standard (MQS)

Athletes must have competed and earned points in a minimum of five (5) World Cup, Junior World Cup (Junior Class), or Nations Cup races during the Pre-Olympic Season (1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017, hereafter defined as Pre-Olympic Season) and Olympic Season (1 July 2017 – 31 December 2017, hereafter defined as Olympic Season) combined and have earned a combined minimum of five (5) points from the World Cup or Junior World Cup (Junior Class) or Nations Cup races.

OR

An athlete must have earned the following combined minimum World Cup points by participating in two (2) World Cup races (General Class) within the Olympic Season:

- Men - 20 points
- Women - 36 points
- Doubles - 44 points

C.2. Extra requirements for athletes ranked lower than the top 32 men, 24 women, or 20 doubles

At the close of the pre-Olympic season (30 June 2017), if an athlete, by name, is ranked lower than 32nd in men, 24th in women and 20th in doubles in the pre-Olympic season World Cup Ranking List (General Class), then the following conditions must additionally be met to be eligible for selection by their respective NOC for the Olympic Games:

- a. Mandatory participation at the fall International Training Week in 2017 on the Olympic track in the host city; and
- b. Mandatory participation in two (2) World Cup races after 1 January 2018 or mandatory participation in one World Cup race after 1 January 2018 and FIL approved training of a minimum of 20 runs after 1 January 2018; and
- c. The athlete must complete a minimum of ten (10) timed runs on the Olympic track from the respective event(s) Olympic race start height from the start of the Pre-Olympic Season to the end of the Olympic qualification period (31 December 2017):
 - Men: Men start;
 - Women: Ladies Start;
 - Doubles: Doubles Start.



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

World Cup Ranking List (General Class)

The World Cup Ranking List (General Class) is made up of points accumulated by athletes' participation in World Cup races during the season. There are two (2) World Cup Ranking Lists (General Class) used in the qualification system:

1. Pre-Olympic Season World Cup Ranking List (General Class) – accumulated points from the pre-Olympic Season from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017
2. Olympic Season World Cup Ranking List (General Class) – accumulated points from Olympic Season from 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

QUALIFICATION PLACES

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<p>D.1 Men: 37 Women: 27 Doubles: 34 (17 teams)</p>	<p>D.1 Ranked in the Olympic Season World Cup Ranking List (General Class) NOCs whose athletes are ranked in the top 37 men, top 27 women and 17 doubles Olympic Season World Cup Ranking List (General Class) will earn one (1) quota place per athlete/team for their NOC.</p> <p>In the case of athletes having the same ranking on the Olympic Season World Cup Ranking List (General Class), the following tie breaker system will be used to determine the higher ranked athlete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The athlete who has the better ranking in one (1) World Cup (General Class) Race during the Olympic season b. The athlete who has the better ranking in one (1) Nations Cup Race during the Olympic season c. The athlete who has the higher number of better rankings in individual races during the Olympic season (i.e. a 12th, 16th, and 18th placed athlete ranks higher than a 12th, 17th, and 18th placed athlete).
<p>D.2 8 athletes (Men / Women) / Doubles</p>	<p>D.2 Allocation of Quota places for Team Relay The remaining eight (8) athletes will be allocated to NOCs with qualified athletes capable of forming a Relay team. These athletes must be entered in their individual discipline.</p> <p>The highest ranking NOCs in the Team Relay nations rankings as of 31 December 2017 according to the IRO 2014, §3, 6.4.4. (NOTE: subject to change in 2016 edition) which are not yet able to enter a team from the qualified 38 men, 28 women and 18 doubles are eligible to receive either one (1) Men's Singles or one (1) Women's Singles or (1) Doubles quota place.</p> <p>In case of equal points in the Team Relay nation rankings as of 31 December 2017 according to the IRO 2014, §3, 6.4.4. (NOTE: subject to change in 2016 edition), the following tie breaker system will be used in the following order of priority in order to determine the higher ranked nation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the number of events in which the nation is represented b. the better race ranking in the Team Relay World Cup in the Olympic season c. a higher number of better race rankings in the Team Relay World Cup races in the Olympic season.



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Every athlete entered for the Team Relay must meet the athlete eligibility requirements as outlined in section C.

If no further Team Relay teams with qualified athletes from one NOC are able to be formed, the remaining quota positions will be allocated to the individual disciplines (men, women and doubles). These allocations will be divided equally between all three disciplines (men, women and doubles). Any priority due to uneven amount of allocations (i.e. three available allocations) will go the NOC(s) with the higher World Cup point ranking within the individual discipline.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the host country has not been allocated at least one (1) quota place in each event from D.1, it will be allocated one (1) quota place in each of the events where it was not allocated a quota place. The athletes selected to fill these quota places must meet the athlete eligibility in C.1

If the athlete does not meet the athlete eligibility in C.1, a special request can be made by the host nation to FIL whereby a review will be conducted to ensure the safety of all athletes involved before admission is granted. The athlete(s) must have completed a minimum of ten (10) timed runs on the Olympic track from the Olympic race start from their respective discipline(s) prior to the beginning of the official Olympic training.

If no athlete from the host country is able to fulfil the above requirements, the host country places will be allocated according to D.1.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, FIL will publish the results on its website (www.fil-luge.org). FIL will inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places within two (2) weeks of the date of the Publication of World Cup points (General Class) rankings where the quota place was confirmed. The NOCs will then have fourteen (14) days / two (2) weeks 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 an allocated quota place from D.1 is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated according to the Olympic Season World Cup Ranking List (General Class) and will be prioritized as follows:

1. NOCs that have not earned a quota place in any event according to D.1 with athletes who have met the athlete eligibility
2. Next ranked qualified athletes according to D.1 in each event with equal distribution between disciplines (men/women/doubles).

If an allocated quota place from D.2 is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated according to D.2.



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REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Places will be reallocated according to D.1.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 November 2016 – 31 December 2017	Period to qualify – Ranking Period – Period to achieve MQS or eligibility criteria
	TBD* by 15 July 2016	World Cup – TBD* Junior World Cup – TBD* Nations Cup – TBD*
Accreditation Deadline	9 October 2017	PyeongChang 2018 Accreditation deadline (All potential athletes must be registered in the system)
Inform and confirm	31 December 2017	Publication of World Cup points (General Class) rankings
	8 January 8 2018	FIL to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	15 January 2018	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to FIL
Reallocation	16 –23 January 2018	FIL to reallocate all unused quota places
	24 January 2018	Deadline for NOCs to confirm use of reallocated quota places to FIL
Delegation Registration Meetings	26 January – 8 February 2018	PyeongChang 2018 Delegation Registration Meetings
Sport Entries deadline	28 January 2018, 21:00 GMT (29 January 2018, 06:00 Korean time GMT+9)	PyeongChang 2018 Sport Entries deadline
Games Time	9 – 25 February 2018	Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018

*To Be Determined