



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES GANGWON 2024

INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION

ICE HOCKEY

A. Events (4)

Men's Events (2)	Women's events (2)
6-Team Tournament	6-Team Tournament
3-on-3 Tournament	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	90 (5 teams) / 108 (6 teams)	18 (1 team)*	108 (6 teams)
Women's 6-Team Tournament	90 (5 teams) / 108 (6 teams)		108 (6 teams)
Men's 3-on-3 Tournament	91 (7 teams) / 104 (8 teams)	13 (1 team)*	104 (8 teams)
Women's 3-on-3 Tournament	91 (7 teams) / 104 (8 teams)		104 (8 teams)
Total	393	31	424

*The Host Country is entitled to one (1) male OR one (1) female team of 18 athletes in the 6-Team Tournament and one (1) team of 13 athletes of the opposite gender to their selected team gender in the 6-Team Tournament. Refer to the **Host Country Places** section.

B.2. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ATHLETES PER NOC:

	Quota per NOC*
6-Team Tournament	18 (1 team)
3-on-3 Tournament	13 (1 team)
Total	31

*An NOC may only qualify one (1) team in the 6-Team Tournament **OR** 1 team in the 3-on-3 Tournament. The Host Country is entitled to one (1) male OR one (1) female team of 18 athletes in the 6-Team Tournament and one (1) team of 13 athletes of the opposite gender to their selected team gender in the 6-Team Tournament. Refer to the **Host Country Places** section.



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B.3. TYPE OF ALLOCATION OF QUOTA PLACES:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC by event.

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, as well as with the rules of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), may participate in the YOG.

C.1. AGE REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible to participate in the Ice Hockey competitions at the Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2009.

C.2. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

All athletes participating in the Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024 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 [2021-2024-statutes-and-bylaws-effective-september-2021](https://www.iihf.com/en/about-iihf/statutes-and-bylaws/2021-2024-statutes-and-bylaws-effective-september-2021).pdf (iihf.com).

D. Qualification Pathway

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event																																																																																																				
D.1 Men: 90 / 108 (5 or 6 teams) Women: 90 / 108 (5 or 6 teams)	<p>D.1 6-Team Tournament Qualification</p> <p>D.1.1 The Ice Hockey 6-Team Tournament will consist of six (6) teams of 18 athletes (15 players and three (3) goaltenders) per gender. The Host Country will automatically qualify one (1) male team or one (1) female team as detailed in the Host Country Places section.</p> <p>D.1.2 The top twelve (12) NOCs* in the 2022/23 IIHF Youth Ranking published on 30 May 2023 on the IIHF website will qualify one (1) team, either men or women. The 2022/23 IIHF Youth Ranking is formed by adding the ranking points of the NOC's respective men's and women's team from the 2022 and 2023 Under-18 Men's and Women's World Championships. The points are awarded according to the following table.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Rank</th> <th>Points</th> <th>Rank</th> <th>Points</th> <th>Rank</th> <th>Points</th> <th>Rank</th> <th>Points</th> <th>Rank</th> <th>Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>45</td> <td>10</td> <td>36</td> <td>19</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>18</td> <td>37</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>44</td> <td>11</td> <td>35</td> <td>20</td> <td>26</td> <td>29</td> <td>17</td> <td>38</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>43</td> <td>12</td> <td>34</td> <td>21</td> <td>25</td> <td>30</td> <td>16</td> <td>39</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>42</td> <td>13</td> <td>33</td> <td>22</td> <td>24</td> <td>31</td> <td>15</td> <td>40</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>41</td> <td>14</td> <td>32</td> <td>23</td> <td>23</td> <td>32</td> <td>14</td> <td>41</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>40</td> <td>15</td> <td>31</td> <td>24</td> <td>22</td> <td>33</td> <td>13</td> <td>42</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>39</td> <td>16</td> <td>30</td> <td>25</td> <td>21</td> <td>34</td> <td>12</td> <td>43</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>38</td> <td>17</td> <td>29</td> <td>26</td> <td>20</td> <td>35</td> <td>11</td> <td>44</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>37</td> <td>18</td> <td>28</td> <td>27</td> <td>19</td> <td>36</td> <td>10</td> <td>45</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	1	45	10	36	19	27	28	18	37	9	2	44	11	35	20	26	29	17	38	8	3	43	12	34	21	25	30	16	39	7	4	42	13	33	22	24	31	15	40	6	5	41	14	32	23	23	32	14	41	5	6	40	15	31	24	22	33	13	42	4	7	39	16	30	25	21	34	12	43	3	8	38	17	29	26	20	35	11	44	2	9	37	18	28	27	19	36	10	45	1
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Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
	<p>Countries that fall outside of the top 45 or did not participate at all receives zero (0) points.</p> <p>D.1.3 The top ranked NOC on the 2022/23 IIHF Youth Ranking will receive first priority on which gender it chooses to represent them in the 6-Team Tournament. The next best ranked NOC will then choose, and so on, until six (6) teams of the same gender have been allocated (including the host country). After six (6) teams of the same gender are chosen, the following NOCs will be allocated a quota place in the gender where the total available quotas are not yet filled.</p> <p>*If the Republic of Korea NOC does not qualify through the top twelve (12) places in the 2022/23 IIHF Youth Ranking, only the top eleven (11) NOCs in the 2022/23 IIHF Youth Ranking will be allocated a quota place. The twelfth (12th) quota place will be allocated to the Host Country as described in the Host Country Places section.</p> <p>In the case of a tie for the final quota place, the NOC with the higher ranking in the 2023 U18 Men's World Championship will be allocated the quota. If there is still a tie, the ranking of the 2023 U18 Women's World Championship will be considered. If a tie still persists, the 2023 Men's World Ranking will be used to determine the higher-ranking NOC followed by the 2023 Women's World Ranking.</p>
D.2 Men: 91 / 104 (7 or 8 teams) Women: 91 / 104 (7 or 8 teams)	<p>D.2 3-on-3 Tournament Qualification</p> <p>D.2.1 The 3-on-3 Tournament will consist of eight (8) teams of 13 athletes (11 players and 2 goaltenders) per gender. The Host Country will automatically qualify one (1) team of the opposite gender to the one selected in the 6-Team Tournament as detailed in Host Country Places.</p> <p>D.2.2 The 3-on-3 Tournament quotas will be allocated after the allocation of the 6 Team Tournament quota places is finalised. Quota places will be allocated based on the 2022/23 IIHF Youth Ranking to the NOCs not yet qualified for the 6 Team Tournament. The next highest ranked NOC on the 2022/23 IIHF Youth Ranking not already allocated a quota place in the 6-Team Tournament will receive first priority on which gender it chooses to represent them in the 3-on-3 Tournament. The next best ranked NOC will then choose, and so on, until eight (8) teams of the same gender have been allocated (including the host country). After eight (8) teams of the same gender are chosen, the following NOCs will be allocated a quota place in the gender where the total available quotas are not yet filled.</p> <p>In the case of a tie for the final quota place, the NOC with the higher ranking in the 2023 U18 Men's World Championship will be allocated the quota. If there is still a tie, the ranking of the 2023 U18 Women's World Championship will be considered.</p>



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

6-Team Tournament

The Host Country is entitled to one (1) male OR one (1) female team of 18 athletes, 15 players and three (3) goaltenders. The selection of athletes is at the discretion of the Host NOC while respecting the eligibility criteria in section **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

In the case where the Host Country does qualify through **D.1**, their selection of men's or women's team will follow the order of the ranking, in the same way as for the other qualified NOCs. In the case where the Host Country does not qualify through D.1, and is allocated a quota place automatically, the gender of the team will be determined after the top eleven (11) ranked teams have concluded their selection.

3-on-3 Tournament

The Host Country is entitled to one (1) team of 13 athletes, 11 players and two (2) goaltenders of the opposite gender to their selected team gender in the 6-Team Tournament. The selection of athletes is at the discretion of the Host NOC while respecting the eligibility criteria in section **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

E. Confirmation Process for Quota Places

IIHF shall inform NOCs that obtained quota places through **D.1** on 30 May 2023 after the 2022/2023 IIHF Youth Ranking are published.

After the 2022/23 IIHF Youth Ranking are published on 30 May 2023, the top 11 NOCs will be contacted by the IIHF to select their team gender for the 6-Team Tournament. The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks until 13 June 2023 to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

Following the confirmation of the Top 12 teams for the 6-Team Tournament, IIHF will contact the next 15 ranked NOCs to select their team gender for the 3-on-3 Tournament. The NOCs will then have 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 QUALIFICATION PLACES

F.1 6-Team Tournament

F.1.1 If an allocated quota place in **D.1** is declined* or not confirmed by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC in the 2022/23 IIHF Youth Ranking as of 30 May 2023.

*An NOC that declines the quota place for the 6-Team Tournament team is not eligible for a quota place in the 3-on-3 Tournament. This will result in the NOC not participating in Ice Hockey in the Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024.

F.1.2 If the reallocated quota place is allocated to an NOC that has confirmed a 3-on-3 tournament team quota place, the NOC has the option to return the 3-on-3 tournament team quota place and accept the reallocated 6-Team Tournament quota place. The returned 3-on-3 team quota place will then be reallocated as described in **F.2**.



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F.2 3-on-3 Tournament

F.2.1 If an allocated quota place in the 3-on-3 Tournament 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 to the next best-ranked NOC not yet qualified based on the 2022/23 IIHF Youth Ranking.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACE

6-Team Tournament

The unused Host Country Place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked NOC not yet qualified according to **F.1**.

3-on-3 Tournament

The unused Host Country Place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked NOC not yet qualified according to **F.2**.

G. Qualification Timeline

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	6-13 June 2022	2022 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship, USA
	23 April - 1 May 2022	2022 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship, Germany
	08-15 January 2023	2023 U18 Women's World Championship, Sweden
	20-30 April 2023	2023 U18 Men's World Championship, Switzerland
Inform and confirm	30 May 2023	Publication of the 2022/23 IIHF Youth Ranking IIHF to inform NOCs of their allocated quota places in D.1
	13 June 2023	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places in D.1 to IIHF and Gangwon 2024 Sport Entries department
	After the confirmation of the teams in the 6-Team Tournament	IIHF to inform NOCs of their allocated quota places in D.2
	Two (2) weeks after notification of quota place for the 3-on-3 Tournament	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places in D.2 to IIHF and Gangwon 2024 Sport Entries department
Accreditation deadline	31 October 2023	Gangwon 2024 Accreditation deadline
Reallocation	14 June 2023	IIHF to reallocate unused D.1 and D.2 quota places
	21 June 2023	NOCs to confirm use of reallocated D.1 and D.2 quota places to IIHF
	15 December 2023	IIHF to reallocate all unused quota places
	3 January 2024	End of reallocation period
Sport Entries deadline	5 January 2024	Gangwon 2024 Sport Entries deadline
YOG	19 January – 1 February 2024	Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024