



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – XXV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES – MILANO CORTINA 2026

INTERNATIONAL LUGE FEDERATION (FIL)

LUGE

A. EVENTS (5)

Men's events (2)	Women's events (2)	Mixed events (1)
Men's Singles Men's Doubles	Women's Singles Women's Doubles	Team Relay

B. QUOTA PLACES

1. Total quota places for discipline:

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Total
Men	56	3	59
Women	44	3	47
Total	100	6	106

2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC) (per sport/discipline and/or per event):

	Maximum quota places per NOC
Men's Singles	3
Women's Singles	3
Men's Doubles	4 (2 Teams)
Women's Doubles	4 (2 Teams)
Team Relay	1 Team Relay (one (1) man, one (1) woman, one (1) men's double (two (2) athletes), one (1) women's double (two (2) athletes) who are qualified and entered in their individual events)
Total	14



The quotas are based on the individual discipline rankings (except Team Relay, Mixed Singles, Mixed Doubles) from five qualification events which are included into the FIL World Cup series (General Class) and the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Test Event. The five qualification events will take place in November / December 2025 and January 2026.

3. Type of allocation of quota places:

The quota place/s is/are allocated to the NOC and is/are gender specific. The selection of athletes for any quota places are at the discretion of the NOC subject to the eligibility requirements.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).

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, plus the rules of FIL, may participate in the Olympic Games Milano Cortina 2026.

C.1 Age Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 must be born before 1 July 2010

C.2 Additional IF Requirements:

C.2.1 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 2024 – 30 June 2025, hereafter defined as Pre-Olympic Season) and Olympic Season (1 July 2025 – 12 January 2026, hereafter defined as Olympic Season) combined and have earned a combined minimum of five (5) points from the above-mentioned 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's Singles – 26 points
- Women's Singles - 26 points
- Men's Doubles - 44 points
- Women's Doubles - 50 points



C.2.2 Extra requirements for athletes ranked lower than the top 30 men's singles, 30 women's singles, 18 men's doubles or 18 women's doubles. At the close of the pre-Olympic season (30 June 2025), if an athlete, by name, is ranked lower than 30th in men's singles, 30th in women's singles and 15^h in men's doubles and 10th in women's doubles in the pre-Olympic season World Cup Ranking List, as published on the FIL website (General Class), then the following conditions must also be met (in addition to the requirements of C.1 and C.2.1) to be eligible for selection by their respective NOC for the Olympic Games:

C.2.2.1 The athlete must complete a minimum of ten (10) timed runs on the selected Sliding Centre Olympic Track's Olympic race start height from the start of the Pre-Olympic Season to the end of the Olympic qualification period (12 January 2026):

- Men's Singles: Men Start;
- Women's Singles: Women's Start;
- Men's Doubles: Doubles Start;
- Women's Doubles: Doubles Start;

and

C.2.2.2 Mandatory* start in two (2) World Cup / Nations Cup races between 1-12 January 2026 or mandatory* participation in one (1) World Cup race between 1-12 January 2026 and FIL approved training of a minimum of twenty (20) runs between 1-12 January 2026.

* If an athlete/doubles team is unable to complete the (2) two required World Cup races or one (1) World Cup race and 20 FIL approved training runs by 12 January 2026 due to concrete and FIL approved circumstances, i.e. injury, a special request may be made by the NOC to FIL by 2 January 2026 to review the athletes' eligibility for participation in the respective Olympic event by a FIL selected panel. The FIL panel may grant an extension for the athletes to meet the above requirement until 19th January 2026. Once the decision is made, no further appeal from the NOCs will be accepted and the decision of the FIL regarding the athlete's eligibility is final.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Olympic Qualification ranking list, consisting of World Cup Ranking Lists (General Class) and Olympic test event Milano Cortina 2026

World Cup Ranking Lists (General Class) and Olympic test event Milano Cortina 2026 are made up of points accumulated by athletes' participation in World Cup races during a season.

There are two (2) ranking lists used in the qualification system:

1. Olympic Qualification ranking list (consisting of World Cup Ranking lists (General Class) and Olympic test event Milano Cortina 2026) – accumulated points from Olympic Season from 1 July 2025 to 12 January 2026 (World Cup points General Class, Olympic test event Milano Cortina 2026). The points for the Olympic test event Milano Cortina 2026 will be allocated according to IRO 2024, §3. 10.1. and based on the race format described in circular letter dated 20 May 2025.
2. Pre-Olympic Season World Cup Ranking List (General Class) – accumulated points from the pre-Olympic season 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.



QUOTA PLACES

Men/Women

Number of quota places	Qualification events
D.1: Men's Singles: 25 Women's Singles: 25 Men's Doubles: 17 Women's Doubles: 11 (Total 106 athletes)	D.1. Olympic Qualification ranking list Each NOC who has qualified athletes in each event (men's and women's singles and men's and women's doubles) will receive priority in ranking and will be allocated a minimum of one quota place for each event. If any of the allocations (up to four, one for each individual event) awarded to an NOC by this process is then subsequently rejected (i.e. the NOC decides not to use the men's singles allocation), then the prioritized ranking of the NOC for the remaining events (women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles) is automatically forfeited and the NOC is subject to the individual athlete/teams ranking without priority. <u>25 Men's/Women's Singles quota places will be allocated as follows:</u> D.1.1 Best ranked man / woman NOCs with one (1) athlete ranked in the Men's/Women's Olympic Qualification ranking list will be allocated one (1) quota place each until the maximum of 15 men's/women's singles is reached (15 initial allocations); D.1.2 Second best ranked man/woman NOCs with a second (2nd) athlete ranked in the Men's/Women's Olympic Qualification's ranking list will be allocated a second (2nd) quota place each until the maximum of 22 men's /women's singles is reached (7 additional allocations); D.1.3 Third best ranked man/woman NOCs with a third (3rd) athlete ranked in the Men's/Women's Olympic Qualification ranking list will be allocated a third (3rd) quota place each until the maximum quota of 25 men's /women's singles is reached (another 3 additional allocations); <u>17 Men's Doubles quota will be allocated as follows:</u> D.1.4 Best ranked men's doubles NOCs with one (1) men's doubles team ranked in the Men's Doubles' Olympic Qualification ranking list will be allocated one (1) quota place each until the maximum quota of 14 men's doubles is reached (14 initial allocations);



	D.1.5 Second best ranked men's doubles NOCs in D.1.7 with a second (2nd) men's doubles team ranked in the Doubles' Olympic Qualification ranking list will be allocated a second (2nd) quota place each until the maximum quota of 17 men's doubles is reached (3 additional allocations); <u>11 Women's Doubles quota will be allocated as follows:</u> D.1.6 Best ranked women's doubles NOCs with one (1) women's doubles team ranked in the Women's Doubles' Olympic Qualification ranking list will be allocated one (1) quota place each until the maximum quota of 11 women's doubles is reached; (11 initial allocations) D.1.7 In the case of athletes/doubles team having the same ranking on the Olympic Qualification ranking list, the following tie breaker system will be used in the following order to determine the higher ranked athlete/doubles team: 1. The athlete/doubles team, who has the better ranking in one (1) World Cup (General Class) Race during the Olympic season; 2. The athlete/doubles team who has the better ranking in one (1) Nations Cup Race during the Olympic season; 3. The athlete/doubles team who has the higher number of better rankings in individual races during the Olympic season (i.e. a 12th, 16th, and 18th placed athlete/doubles team ranks higher than a 12th, 17th, and 18th placed athlete/doubles team).
<u>D.2:</u>	D.2 Allocation of remaining quota places D.2.1 If there are still remaining quota places that are not filled after applying D.1, quota places will be allocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete/doubles team from an NOC that has not earned a quota place according to D.1 based on the respective Olympic Qualification ranking list until the maximum quota per event is reached. In the case where the athlete/doubles team from different events have the same ranking, the tie breaker system in D.1.7 will be used; D.2.2 If there are still remaining quota places that are not filled after applying D.2.1, quota places will be allocated to the NOC with the next highest ranked eligible athlete/doubles team based on the respective event's Olympic Qualification ranking list; D.2.3 If there are still remaining quota places that are not filled after applying D.2.1 and D.2.2, quota places will be allocated as follows: a. In the case where there are still available quota places in either the Men's or Women's Doubles event, the remaining quota places will be allocated to the next highest ranked NOC within the respective event until the maximum quota for the event is reached (2 Teams per NOC's);



	b. In the case where there are still available quota places in the Doubles events, the remaining quota places will be added to Singles Events in the respective gender. These quota places will be allocated to the NOC with the next highest ranked eligible athlete in the Men Singles and/or Women Singles based on the respective event's Olympic Qualification ranking list until the maximum quota for the sport is reached (106); c. In the case where there are still available quota places in the Women's Singles event, the remaining quota places will be added to the Men Singles. These quota places will be allocated to the NOC with the next highest ranked eligible athlete in the Men's Singles based on the Men's Olympic Qualification ranking list until the maximum quota for the sport is reached (106); d. In the case where there are still available quota places in the Men's Singles event, the remaining quota places will be added to the Women Singles. These quota places will be allocated to the NOC with the next highest ranked eligible athlete in the Women's Singles based on the Women's Olympic Qualification ranking list until the maximum quota for the sport is reached (106);
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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 requirements in C1 and C2

If the athlete does not meet the athlete eligibility criteria in C.2.2.1 and C.2.2.2 a special request may be made by the host nation as per section C.2.2.3 If no athlete from the host country is able to fulfil the above requirements, the host country places will be reallocated according to D.2.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, FIL will publish the results on its website (www.fil-luge.org).

The final Olympic Qualification list, consisting of World Cup ranking lists (General Class) and Olympic test event Milano Cortina 2026 will be published by 12 January 2026.

FIL will inform the respective NOCs by 16 January 2026 of their allocated quota places. NOCs will have to confirm if they wish to use these quota places by 19 January 2026, as detailed in paragraph G. Qualification Timeline.



CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country must confirm in writing to the FIL by 18 January 2026 the use of its Host Country Places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline 19 January 2026, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated according to D.2.

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Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated according to D.2.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
01 November 2025 – 11 January 2026	<i>Olympic test event Milano Cortina 2026, 27 NOV – 30 NOV, 2025</i> <i>2nd World Cup (General Class), Park City/USA, North America, 10 DEC – 13 DEC, 2025</i> <i>3rd World Cup (General Class), Lake Placid/USA, North America, 17 DEC – 21 DEC, 2025</i> <i>4th World Cup (General Class), Sigulda/LAT, Europe, 30 DEC – 04 JAN, 2026</i> <i>5th World Cup (General Class), Winterberg/GER, Europe, JAN 06 – 11 JAN, 2026</i>
16 January 2026	The FIL confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
19 January 2026	The NOCs to confirm to the FIL the use of the allocated quota places.
20 January 2026	FIL to reallocate all unused quota places.
26 January 2026	Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries deadline
6 – 22 February 2026	Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026