

BEIJING QUALIFICATION STATUS

BEIJING OVERVIEW

The Winter Olympics take place in Beijing from the 4 - 20 February 2022.

With a vision of 'Joyful Rendezvous upon Pure Ice and Snow' Beijing 2022 plans to build on legacies of Beijing 2008. It will host 109 events in seven Olympic winter sports and will be held in the three competition zones of central Beijing, Yanqing and Zhangjiakou.

PREAMBLE AND SUMMARY STATUS

At the moment no athletes have qualified, with October/November 2021 expected to be when we will have more clarity around how many athletes we are tracking.

LUGE

ATHLETES TRACKING

Elsa Desmond, 6/8/1997, UK based. Competes in Singles.

Elsa Desmond	Singles	Qualification not started yet
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Elsa is currently the only Irish Luge athlete competing internationally. She was introduced to sliding in Innsbruck, Austria, as a teenager, before quickly progressed to the World Cup circuit. Her hope is to one day compete in the Olympics. When she is not on the ice, Elsa has just completed her final year at medical school, training to be a doctor.

QUALIFICATION OUTLINE

Qualification for Beijing is based on the cumulative points of the Olympic season that runs from the 1 July 2021 to January 10th, 2022. Across all the disciplines a total of 106 quota spots are awarded, and in the 'Singles' category this equates to 36 spots. Each NOC can enter a max of three women, and the host team can enter too.

CURRENT STATUS

Competing - qualification status has not begun.

SKATING

FIGURE SKATING

Takes place in Central Beijing.

ATHLETES TRACKING

There are two figure skaters competing on the circuit. Profiles can be found [HERE](#).

Samuel McAllister, from Ballymoney, Northern Ireland

Conor Stakelum, from Dublin, Ireland.

Samuel McAllister	M Figure Skating	Qualification Autumn 2021
Conor Stakelum	M Figure Skating	Qualification Autumn 2021

QUALIFICATION OUTLINE

The full qualification process can be found [HERE](#). Thirty Men will compete in Beijing in the Men Single Skating. 24 places are allocated at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021 and the remaining 6 places are allocated to the NOCs at a Senior International Qualification Competition in Autumn 2021.

CURRENT STATUS

Qualification Autumn 2021.

SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

This will take place in Central Beijing.

ATHLETES TRACKING

Profiles of all the athletes can be found [HERE](#).

Ryan McAnuff started a degree in medicine at the University of Limerick last year and balanced his studies with training and competition. At the European Short Track Speed Skating Championships in Dordrecht, Netherlands, he smashed his 1500 metres national record by four seconds.

Sean McAnuff joined his brother Ryan at those Europeans and they became the first Irish ice skaters to compete in the same category at an International Skating Union (ISU) Championships. Sean capped off his season by making his World Short Track Speed Skating Championship debut in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Liam O'Brien is selected for the Irish national team for the first time. He currently trains at the Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink in Sydney, Australia with coaches Scott Weekes and Maggie Holland.

Ava Fradlin-Ryan is the first female short track speed skater to be named to an Irish national team. She trains under Simon Cho, 2010 Olympic medallist, at the Potomac Speed Skating Club in Maryland, United States of America.

Ryan McAnuff	M 500 M 1000 M 1500	Qualification begins Sep '21
Sean McAnuff	M 500 M 1000 M 1500	Qualification begins Sep '21
Liam O'Brien	M 500 M 1000 M 1500	Qualification begins Sep '21
Kwang Soo Lee	M 500 M 1000 M 1500	Qualification begins Sep '21
Ava Ryan	F 500 F 1000 F 1500	Qualification begins Sep '21

QUALIFICATION OUTLINE

Qualification document [HERE](#).

Quota places for short track will be determined by performance in four ISU World Cups held during Autumn 2021. The dates and venue for just one of them has been announced by the ISU - Beijing, China (21-24 October 2021) which will serve as a Beijing 2022 test event. From previous Olympic cycles, the three other World Cups are likely to be held prior to the one in Beijing (one other in East Asia and two in either Europe or North America), but we will not know for definite until the ISU confirms later this year.

Quota places per gender are earned by the NOCs based on the results achieved by the athletes from the four Special Olympic Qualification Classifications (SOQC) per gender, and from the SOQC of the Mixed Team Relay. Each SOQC is based on three best results out of four results over the respective distance achieved at the four ISU World Cup Short Track Competitions designated by the ISU that will be held between September and December 2021.

SPEED SKATING

Tara Donoghue continued to make history last season by becoming the first Irish speed skater to participate in the World Junior Speed Skating Championships. She also set a number of new Irish records and personal bests over the course of her competitive assignments.

Tara Donoghue	F 1500 F 3000 Relay	Qualification begins Sep '21
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QUALIFICATION OUTLINE

Qualification document [HERE](#).

Quota places are scheduled to be determined by performance in four ISU World Cups scheduled to take place in November and December in Poland, Norway, USA and Canada. Tara Donoghue will need to achieve qualifying times to participate in these World Cups.

MORE: www.isu.org .

CURRENT STATUS

Qualification period runs from Sept - Dec '21.

SKELETON

This takes place in the Yanqing Zone.

ATHLETES TRACKING

Brendan Doyle is an Irish former Track and Field sprinter, who now competes for Ireland in the Skeleton. He narrowly missed qualifying for Pyeongchang by one place and is in the form of his life right now.

Brendan Doyle	Skeleton	Not yet qualified
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QUALIFICATION OUTLINE

The qualification outline for Beijing 2022 can be found [HERE](#).

Twenty five athletes will compete in Beijing, with a maximum of two per country. Qualification is based on ranking, with the final cut off being the 16 January 2022. The 25 athletes

CURRENT STATUS

Qualification will not be decided until 16 January 2022.

SNOWSPORTS

ALPINE SKIING

This takes place in the Zhangjiakou region.

ATHLETES TRACKING

There are quite a few Alpine Skiers who look to be strong.

Cormac Comerford	Alpine Skiing (Slalom, Giant Slalom)	
Alex Scott	Alpine Skiing	
Matt Ryan	Alpine Skiing	
Tess Arbez	Alpine Skiing	
Emma Ryan	Alpine Skiing	
Elle Murphy	Alpine Skiing	

QUALIFICATION OUTLINE

The qualification manual for the Alpine Skiers is [HERE](#).

CURRENT STATUS

There is no confirmed athletes as of yet.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

This takes place in the Zhangjiakou region.

ATHLETES TRACKING

Thomas Maloney Westgaard, is an athlete with Galway and Norway roots. This year he is in the form of his life, with a top ten at a major event in January.

Thomas Maloney Westgaard	Alpine Skiing XC	Not yet qualified
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QUALIFICATION OUTLINE

The qualification manual for the Alpine Skiers is [HERE](#).

CURRENT STATUS

Nobody has qualified yet.

FREESTYLE SKI

This takes place in the Zhangjiakou region.

ATHLETES TRACKING

Brendan Newby, also known as Bubba, is a 2018 Olympian who represents Ireland in the half-pipe event. Born in Cork to American parents, he grew up in Park City, Utah.

Claire Dooley competes in the Mogul, which is a freestyle skiing competition consisting of a timed run of free skiing on a steep, heavily moguled* course, which involves technical turns, aerial maneuvers and speed.

* Moguls are a series of bumps on a piste that are formed when skiers push snow into mounds as they do sharp turns.

Brendan Newby	Half-pipe	Not yet qualified
Claire Dooley	Mogul	Not yet qualified

QUALIFICATION OUTLINE

The qualification manual for Freestyle Skiing is [HERE](#).

There are 24 spots available in the Men's Half-pipe, and 29 spots available in the Women's Mogul for Beijing 2022.

The qualification will be determined in both events based on ranking points published on the 17 January 2022, or based on performances at the 2021 World Championships.

CURRENT STATUS

Nobody has qualified yet.

SNOWBOARD

This takes place in the Zhangjiakou region.

Seamus O'Connor is a two time Olympian who is American born (Ramona, California) and who currently lives in Park City, Utah. His paternal grandparents are from Ireland, and in 2014 and 2018 he competed at the Olympics in the Men's Half-Pipe and the Men's Slopestyle events.

Margaret Rose Carrigan (Maggie Rose) (Website [HERE](#)) is a an American born Snowboarder who competes in the Parallel. This is her first year competing for Team Ireland after representing US for several years. Maggie has an incredible story, as an athlete who was diagnosed with scoliosis as a kid, and following surgery at 11 years, is now competing with the best in the world.

ATHLETES TRACKING

Seamus O'Connor	Half-pipe, Slopestyle Snowboard	
Margaret Rose Carrigan	Parallel Snowboard	

QUALIFICATION OUTLINE

The qualification manual for Snowboarding is [HERE](#).

In the Men's Half-pipe event there are 24 spots available, Slopestyle 29 spots and in the Women's Parallel Snowboard there are 31 available spots for Beijing 2022.

Qualification for all these events is based on the FIS points list that is published on the 17 January 2022, or in the FIS Snowboard World Championships 2021.

CURRENT STATUS

Nobody has qualified yet.