



TEAM IRELAND MILANO CORTINA 2026 NOMINATION AND SELECTION POLICY

The Olympic Games take place in Milan and Cortina in Italy from the 6th – 22nd February 2026.

As the recognised National Olympic Committee for Ireland by the International Olympic Committee, the Olympic Federation of Ireland is responsible for the final selection of athletes for Team Ireland at Milano Cortina 2026. This document outlines clearly to athletes and all stakeholders the full process of the nomination of athletes by the NF and final selection by the OFI to Team Ireland.

This document is subject to the terms and conditions of the Milano Cortina 2026 Qualification Guide as published by the IOC and amended from time to time. All sport specific nomination policies must be read in conjunction with the Milano Cortina 2026 IOC and IF Qualification Guide for that sport.

The Olympic Federation of Ireland shall publish the document containing all nomination policies in its entirety and each National Federation shall publish the general policy section with their sport specific policy prior to this date.

DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

Athlete		means a person who competes in the sport of the NF and is recognised by that NF as eligible for nomination to Team Ireland.
Milano Cortina 2026		see 'Games', meaning the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Games.
Court of Arbitration for Sport	CAS	means the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
Chef de Mission	CDM	means the appointed leader of Team Ireland by the OFI.
Chief Medical Officer	CMO	means the appointed lead doctor of Team Ireland responsible for all medical issues with Team Ireland.
European Olympic Committee	EOC	means the European Olympic Committee.
Games		Means the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Games.
International Federation	IF	means the International Federation for the Sport.

International Olympic Committee	IOC	means the International Olympic Committee.
IOC Conditions of Participation Form		means the document signed by the Athlete / Support Staff confirming their eligibility to participate at the Games and submitted by the OFI to the IOC.
Long List	LL	means a list of all Athletes / Support Staff who are recognised by an NF as potentially eligible and capable of being nominated for Team Ireland and therefore prospective members of Team Ireland.
Minimum Qualification Standard	MQS	means the minimum performance score set by the relevant IF for a specific sport contained in the Milano Cortina 2026 qualification guide for the sport.
National Federation	NF	means the recognised national federation or national governing body of the sport.
National Olympic Committee	NOC	means the national Olympic committee recognized by the IOC. In the case of Ireland this is the OFI.
NF Agreement		means the agreement between the OFI and the NF which governs the process by which Athletes and Support Staff are nominated and selected for the Games.
NF Appeals Process		means the written procedure, submitted by the NF to the OFI, for a Nomination Appeal.
NF Appeals Policy		means the policy submitted by the NF to the OFI which governs how an Athlete can appeal a Nomination decision.
NF Nomination Criteria		means the sport specific criteria submitted by the NF to the OFI which governs how an Athlete will be nominated for selection.
Nominated Athlete		means an athlete nominated by the NF to the OFI Nomination List.
Nomination		means the process by which NFs submit the names of Athletes and Support Staff to the OFI for consideration for selection by the OFI for the Games.
Nomination Appeal		has the meaning given to it in clause 6.1 below.
Nomination Committee		means the committee appointed by the NF for the purpose of selecting Athletes and Support Staff for Nomination to the OFI.
Nomination Date		means the date specified by the OFI by which time the OFI Nomination List must be submitted to the OFI.

Organising Committee		means the Organising Committee of the Games.
OFI Nomination List		means the list of Nominated Athletes and Support Staff to be submitted to the OFI on or before the Nomination Date.
OFI Medical Data Capture Survey		means the survey issued by the OFI Chief Medical Officer to all Athletes and Support Staff.
OFI Selection Committee		means the three-person committee appointed by the OFI Executive Committee for the purposes of selecting Athletes and Support Staff for the Games.
Olympic Federation of Ireland	OFI	means the National Olympic Committee of Ireland.
Pre-Nomination Status		means the intention of the Nomination Committee to either nominate or not nominate an Athlete pending any appeal process.
Provisional Nomination List		means the list of Athletes and Support Staff provisionally nominated on or before the Provisional Nomination Date.
Provisional Nomination Date		means a date at least 14 days prior to the OFI Nomination Date.
Selection Appeal		has the meaning given to it in clause 6.2 below.
Sports Dispute Solutions Ireland	SDSI	means the independent dispute resolution service for sport in Ireland.
SDSI Olympic Tribunal		means the SDSI tribunal on standby for Olympic Games specific appeals which will be handled within an expedited timeframe.
Support Staff		means the sport specific staff who have been recognised by that NF as eligible for nomination to Team Ireland.
Team Ireland		means all Athletes or Support Staff who are selected or appointed by the OFI for the Games.
Team Leader		means the appointed leader of the specific sport.
Team Member Agreement	TMA	means the OFI's agreement with Athletes or Support Staff which governs an Athlete's or Support Staff's participation in the Games.
World Anti-Doping Agency	WADA	means the World Anti-Doping Agency.

1. NOMINATION & SELECTION PRINCIPLES

The nomination and selection of the athletes to represent Ireland at the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Games will be conducted in accordance with the following underlying principles:

- 1.1. **Performance** – The NF Nomination Criteria for each sport are designed to identify those athletes most likely to perform to the highest level at the Games. It is understood that in some instances, an NF may set performance standards that are higher than the Minimum Qualification Standards set by the IF. NFs are encouraged to do this where they feel the Minimum Qualification Standards of the IF are at a lower level than the performance expectations of the sport nationally. The OFI reserves the right to set a higher performance standard if it deems necessary.
- 1.2. **Quota Places** – The decision to accept quota places will be made jointly by the NF and the OFI. In line with principle 1 ‘Performance’, a decision may be made not to accept all quota slots if Athletes do not meet the performance standards set by the NF. The official acceptance or rejection of an allocated quota place in writing is the sole responsibility of the OFI.
- 1.3. **Transparency, Clarity and Communication**– The nomination and selection policy of each NF must be clear and well communicated within a reasonable timeframe to all Athletes and coaches to ensure that all stakeholders understand it.
- 1.4. **Objective decision making** – Where possible decisions of Nomination Committees should be based on objective, measurable criteria. Where subjective criteria need to be included such as within teams or pairings, the process for this must be clearly explained to all stakeholders and the rationale for final decisions outlined in the Nomination meeting notes.
- 1.5. **Fairness** – The Nomination process must be fair and operated without bias or prejudice.
- 1.6. **Age** – The OFI does not set a minimum or maximum age requirement. The age requirement will be in accordance with IF rules for each sport [see sport specific criteria/eligibility].
- 1.7. **Re-allocation place acceptance** – In sports where re-allocation places are offered, the following criteria will apply:
 - (i) the decision to apply for such an athlete or team quota slot, will be jointly determined by the NF & OFI.
 - (ii) The OFI will only consider nominations for awarded individual universality or re-allocation quota slots on the basis of the athlete meeting the following criteria:
 - (a) The athlete has achieved a minimum performance standard as per the sport specific criteria agreed with the NF or
 - (b) The athlete has not had the opportunity to qualify through the normal qualification system due to injury, pregnancy, nationality dispute etc.
 - (iii) The OFI will only consider nominations for awarded team re-allocation quota slots if the team has achieved a minimum performance standard as per the sport specific criteria agreed with the NF (each NF Nomination Policy will clearly state what they consider a Team).
- 1.8. **NF and OFI Approval** – All Nomination Policies must be approved in writing by the relevant NF Board and the OFI prior to publication.

2. NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

The nomination and selection of athletes to the 2026 Irish Olympic Team will result from a graduated process of checks and balances to ensure the agreed criteria are applied correctly and to provide extra assurance to Athletes that their selection is confirmed by a robust process. The subsequent steps in the

process are as follows (the timelines are sport specific and clearly documented within the relevant sport sections):

Step 1: The Irish Qualification period closes.

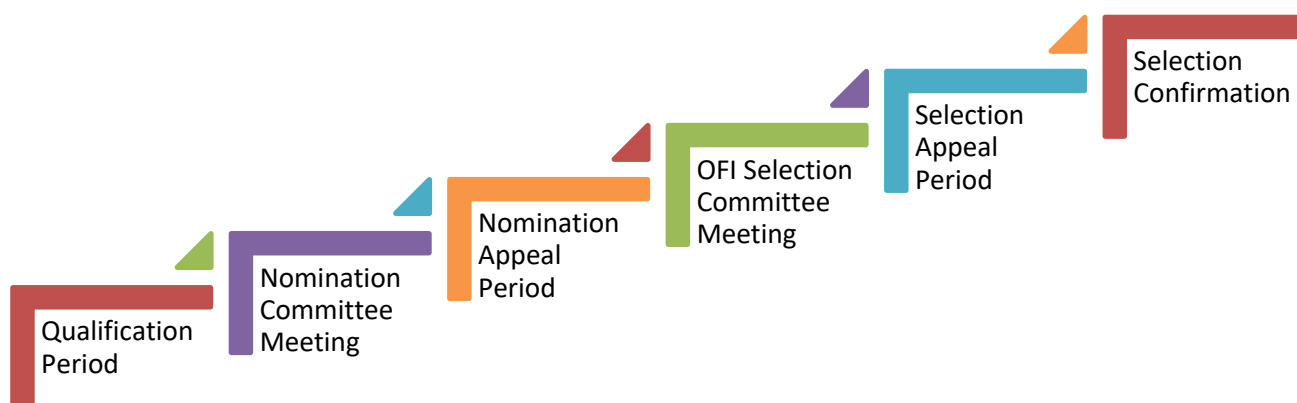
Step 2: The Nomination Committee convenes and applies the agreed NF Nomination Criteria for the sport. Athletes are informed of their Pre-Nomination Status.

Step 3: Sport specific appeal period including external SDSI appeal process if required.

Step 4: Formal nomination of Athletes from the NF to the OFI. All appeals must be concluded before this can happen.

Step 5: The OFI Selection Committee convenes to ratify the NF Nomination after confirming that the NF Nomination Criteria have been applied correctly.

Step 6: Athletes are informed of their selection by the Chef de Mission. Should the OFI Selection Committee not select a Nominated Athlete, the Athlete has the right to use the Selection Appeal Process.



3. NOMINATION AND SELECTION TIMELINES

The timelines for nomination and selection are sport specific and laid out in subsequent sections of this document. The close of the Irish qualification period for specific sports is final and will supersede the closing date for Athletes to achieve qualifying performances as per the Milano Cortina 2026 Qualification Guide.

4. NOMINATION COMMITTEE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES

- 4.1. Nomination Committees should be made up of a minimum of three voting members, save where the NF seeks permission from the OFI to have less than three voting members. In such circumstances the NF shall set out the reasons justifying why the Nomination Committee should comprise less than three voting members, and the OFI shall have sole discretion to decide whether to grant such permission. There may be more than three voting members but an odd number is recommended to avoid a dead-lock.

- 4.2. All relevant information and paperwork should be circulated to the Nomination Committee Members in advance of the meeting to allow sufficient time for review to enable informed decision making to occur at the meeting.
- 4.3. An independent non-voting chairperson should be appointed. Ideally this person should have proven chairing skills and experience of high performance selection.
- 4.4. Detailed meeting notes must be recorded giving clear rationale for decisions on nomination or non-nomination and retained by the chairperson of the Nomination Committee.
- 4.5. NF Nomination Criteria must be applied in full fairly and consistently.
- 4.6. Where there is any actual or potential conflict of interest or loyalty e.g. where a member of the Nomination Committee is a personal coach of an athlete, this potential conflict must be declared before the convening of the meeting and this person should be replaced on the Nomination Committee by another suitably qualified member.
- 4.7. The communication of an Athlete's Pre-Nomination Status must be communicated respectfully. The Nomination Committee Chairperson and Performance Director should give careful consideration to how the information is communicated to all Long List Athletes. Formal communication should be in writing.

5. OFI SELECTION COMMITTEE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES

The OFI Selection Committee shall be made up of three members appointed by the OFI Executive Committee.

- 5.1. Detailed meeting notes must be recorded giving clear rationale for decisions on selection or non-selection and retained by the chairperson of the OFI Selection Committee.
- 5.2. Any perceived or known conflict of interest or loyalty will be declared by an OFI Selection Committee Member in advance and subsequent action will be taken to protect the integrity of the selection process.

6. APPEALS

In accordance with the NF Agreement, there will be two types of appeal, namely Nomination Appeals and Selections Appeals. No party to a Selection Appeal or a Nomination Appeal may institute or maintain proceedings in any Court or Tribunal other than as specified in the NF Agreement.

- 6.1. Nomination Appeals
 - (i) Any Athlete on the Long List may appeal against their nomination or non-nomination by the NF to the Provisional Nomination List in accordance with the procedures set out in the NF Appeals Process (the "Nomination Appeal").
 - (ii) The final right of any Nomination Appeal shall be to an SDSI Olympic Tribunal.
 - (iii) The decision of the SDSI Olympic Tribunal shall be final and binding on the parties.
 - (iv) Where the OFI is not a party to a Nomination Appeal, the NF consents to the circulation of the decision of the SDSI Olympic Tribunal and any other documents (in respect of that Nomination Appeal) to the OFI and to any other party specified by the OFI.
 - (v) The OFI and/or their legal representative reserves the right to observe the SDSI Olympic Tribunal Nomination Appeal.
 - (vi) The NF shall not nominate any athlete while any internal appeals process is ongoing and shall confirm same in the athlete nomination form.
- 6.2. Selection Appeals

- (i) Any Nominated Athlete may appeal against their selection or non-selection by the OFI to the SDSI Olympic Tribunal in accordance with clause 6.2(ii) below (“Selection Appeal”). This appeal to the OFI selection decision shall only be available to Nominated Athletes on the following grounds:
 - (a) That the selection decision was affected by actual bias; or
 - (b) There was no basis upon which the OFI’s decision could be reasonably made.
- (ii) The procedure for a Selection Appeal shall be as follows:
 - (a) Within 24 hours of receiving the OFI’s notice of their non-selection, the Athlete must file and serve (on the respective CEOs of the OFI and NF) a Notice of Appeal with the SDSI Olympic Tribunal setting out clearly the grounds upon which they dispute their non-selection.
 - (b) Thereafter the SDSI Procedural Rules shall apply.
 - (c) Any party to a Selection Appeal decision of the SDSI Olympic Tribunal may appeal such a decision to CAS in accordance with its rules.
- (iii) Throughout any Selection Appeals process, all parties must use their best endeavours, acting in good faith, to resolve the dispute through communication and any communications made for the purposes of this process may be made on a without prejudice basis and kept confidential between the parties.

7. NOTES TO THE NOMINATION AND SELECTION POLICY

The following will apply for all sports unless otherwise indicated in sport specific sections below:

- 7.1. The Board of Directors of the Olympic Federation of Ireland will be the final decision making body in ratifying the position of all athletes and support staff on the 2026 Irish Olympic Team.
- 7.2. The individuals named on the NF Nomination Committees in this document are correct at the time of publication. The NFs retain the right to amend the composition of any Nomination Committee without further notice to athletes.
- 7.3. The NF Nomination Criteria are subject to change, should there be any material amendment to the Milano Cortina 2026 Qualification Guide by either the IOC, Milano Cortina 2026 or the relevant International Federation for the sport. Any amendment to the NF Nomination Criteria by a National Federation can only be undertaken following written approval from the OFI. Any amendment must be clearly communicated to all Long List Athletes.

8. ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION

The following will apply for all sports in addition to any NF and/or IF specific eligibility criteria which are detailed in the relevant section. To be eligible for nomination and subsequent selection Athletes must:

- 8.1. Be on the Long List.
- 8.2. Hold a valid Irish passport.
- 8.3. Comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force.
- 8.4. Complete the Team Ireland Milano Cortina 2026 Team Member Agreement.
- 8.5. Have completed the IOC Conditions of Participation Form (if available at time of nomination).
- 8.6. Have achieved the Minimum Qualification Standard and any additional performance standards set by the NF.
- 8.7. Have completed all anti-doping requirements set out by the OFI.
- 8.8. Is not currently serving a period of ineligibility or period of provisional suspension in relation to an anti-doping rule violation.
- 8.9. Have completed the IOC Preventing Competition Manipulation online course.
- 8.10. Have completed the OFI Medical Data Capture Survey (if available at time of nomination).
- 8.11. Have demonstrated to the satisfaction of their NF that they are fit to perform at a sufficiently competitive level at the Games.
- 8.12. Has not acted in such a manner so as to bring himself/herself, the NF, the sport, the IF, the OFI, the IOC or the EOC into current disrepute. For the avoidance of doubt: the evaluation of this requirement is at the sole discretion of the NF Nomination Committee for the purposes of

Nomination and at the sole discretion of the OFI Selection Committee for the purposes of selection: the public disrepute referred to within this clause includes potential and/or actual disrepute; an example of such public disrepute may include (but is not limited to) an athlete being charged with or convicted of a criminal offence; and

- 8.13. Have completed any other requirements requested by the OFI.

9. SPORT SPECIFIC NOMINATION POLICIES

Please find nomination policies for the following sports below:

- 9.1. [Figure Skating](#)
- 9.2. [Short Track Skating](#)
- 9.3. [Skeleton](#)
- 9.4. [Luge](#)
- 9.5. [Alpine Skiing](#)
- 9.6. [Cross Country Skiing](#)
- 9.7. [Freestyle Skiing](#)
- 9.8. [Snowboard](#)

SPORTS NOMINATION CRITERIA – FIGURE SKATING

1. DETAILS

- 1.1. Sport Name: Figure Skating
- 1.2. National Federation: Ice Skating Association of Ireland (ISAI)
- 1.3. International Federation: International Skating Union
- 1.4. Team Leader: Karen O’Sullivan (Note, the in-games Team Leader / Head Coach will be appointed out of the selected traveling support staff team)
- 1.5. Nomination Committee: The nomination committee will be appointed by the ISAI President and comprise of 2 ISAI board members and 1 member from the Executive Management Team

2. QUALIFICATION SLOT

- 2.1. Quota places are allocated to the NOC.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 3.1. As per section 8 of the main Team Ireland policy document
- 3.2. To be included in the pool of eligible athletes to be considered for Nomination by the ISAI an athlete(s) must be a 2025/2026 National Team Member for the relevant Figure Discipline.
- 3.3. Must have placement between 1 to 4 at Irish National Figure Championships 2025.
- 3.4. Have achieved the ISU minimum TES in their chosen discipline, in line with the ISU requirement, and detailed in the Milano Cortina 2026 Qualification System, prior to the Nomination Committee meeting
- 3.5. Must be born on or before July 1, 2008.

4. RE-ALLOCATION FIGURE

- 4.1. Re-allocation places will only be considered in accordance with Clause 1.7 of the main Team Ireland policy document.
- 4.2. The minimum performance standard for consideration for an individual re-allocation slot is as follows:
 - 4.2.1. Must be a 2025/2026 National Team Member for the relevant Figure Discipline.
 - 4.2.2. Have achieved the ISU minimum TES in their chosen discipline, in line with the ISU requirement prior to the Nomination Committee meeting
 - 4.2.3. The Nomination Committee will select the athlete with the best potential to perform which best meets the criteria in 6 below.
- 4.3. The minimum performance standard for consideration for a team re-allocation slot is as follows:
 - 4.3.1. Must be a 2025/2026 National Team Member for the relevant Figure Discipline.
 - 4.3.2. Have achieved the ISU minimum TES in their chosen discipline, in line with the ISU requirement prior to the Nomination Committee meeting
 - 4.3.3. The Nomination Committee will select the team with the best potential to perform which best meets the criteria in 6 below.
 - 4.3.4. A team is defined as 2 skaters, a man and woman (must be 1 of each gender) for Figure disciplines Pairs and Ice Dance. The minimum performance applies to both achieved as a team.

5. NOTES TO THE NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 5.1. As per section 7 of the main Team Ireland policy

6. NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 6.1. The Nomination Committee will select the athlete(s) who meets ALL of the Eligibility Criteria in 3 above AND

- 6.2. The athlete or Team with the highest combined Total TES achieved in the relevant discipline, between July 1st 2025 and 10th December 2025. The Total TES must be calculated from both the short and free programs or the Rhythm and Free Dance, dependent on discipline, at the SAME competition. The Total TES cannot be calculated by combining TES scores from different competitions.
 - 6.3. For the purpose of qualifying competitions where the TES can be achieved and calculated, ONLY International or ISU Competitions held under ISU regulations will be accepted. Competitions as defined in ISU Rule 107 for International and ISU.
7. WITHDRAWAL / REMOVAL
- 7.1. An athlete may be withdrawn from the nomination process due to :
 - 7.1.1. illness or injury if, they are deemed unable to perform to the required standard at the Games.
The Nomination Committee reserves the right to seek medical advice in this instance.
 - 7.1.2. Breaches or failure to comply with any of the eligibility requirements.
 - 7.2. Any withdrawal / removal post selection by the OFI will be in accordance with the OFI Team Member Agreement and OFI Fit to Compete Policy.
 - 7.3. Any replacement following the withdrawal of an athlete will be made in accordance with the Nomination Criteria and in line with the Late Athlete Replacement policy of the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Games.
8. NOMINATION APPEAL PROCESS
- 8.1. The athlete may appeal their non-nomination in writing to the Vice President at vice-president@isai.ie within 48 hours of being informed of the decision of the Nomination Committee. The Vice President will refer the appeal to an Internal Hearing Board in line with Section 300.
 - 8.2. Any appeal to the ISAI must be made in accordance with ISAI Regulations, Section 300 found at <https://isai.ie/rules-and-regulations/>.
 - 8.3. The athlete has the right to appeal the decision of the Internal Hearing Board to SDSI within 24 hours of being informed of the decision of the Internal Hearing Board for final and binding arbitration. Thereafter the rules of SDSI apply
 - 8.4. For the purpose of an Olympic Nomination Appeal the following timeline takes precedence over that stated in ISAI Regulations Section 300:

8.4.1. Appeal Submission	within 48 hours of being informed of non-nomination
8.4.2. SDSI Appeal	within 24 hours of being informed of the decision of the NF appeal Panel
9. TIMELINE
- 9.1. Final date to achieve minimum TES score **15th December 2025**.
 - 9.2. Nomination Committee Meeting **No later than 20th December 2025**
 - 9.3. Decision of Nomination communicated by email **No later than 22nd December 2025** to the athletes on the Long List.
 - 9.4. Any Appeal must be received in writing **no longer than 48 hours after** the communicated decision to the athlete by email
 - 9.5. Decision of Internal Hearing Board must be made and communicated to appellant **no longer than 7 days** after appeal is received.
 - 9.6. The appellant has Right to file appeal with SDSI **within 24 hours** of the Decision of Internal Hearing Board been communicated to them
 - 9.7. Nomination of athlete made to OFI either on the 21st December 2025 or as soon as possible following the conclusion of any appeal process
 - 9.8. Selection and Announcement by the OFI TBC

SPORTS NOMINATION CRITERIA – SHORT TRACK SKATING

10. DETAILS

- 10.1. Sport Name: SHORT TRACK Skating
- 10.2. National Federation: Ice Skating Association of Ireland (ISAI)
- 10.3. International Federation: International Skating Union
- 10.4. Team Leader: Karen O’Sullivan (Note, the in-games Team Leader / Head Coach will be appointed from the selected traveling support team)
- 10.5. Nomination Committee: The nomination committee will be appointed by the ISAI President and comprise of 2 ISAI board members and 1 member from the Executive Management Team

11. QUALIFICATION SLOT

- 11.1. Quota places are allocated to the NOC

12. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 12.1. As per section 8 of the main Team Ireland policy document
- 12.2. To be included in the pool of eligible athletes to be considered for Nomination by the ISAI an athlete(s) must be a 2025/2026 National Team Member for the Short Track Discipline.
- 12.3. Must have participated in at least 3 of the ISU WORLD TOUR Events in 2025.
- 12.4. Must be born on or before July 1, 2008.

13. RE-ALLOCATION SHORT TRACK

- 13.1. Re-allocation places will only be considered in accordance with Clause 1.7 of the main Team Ireland policy document.
- 13.2. The minimum performance standard for consideration for an individual re-allocation slot is as follows:
 - 13.2.1. Must be a 2025/2026 National Team Member for the relevant SHORT TRACK Discipline.
 - 13.2.2. Have participated in at least 2 of the ISU WORLD TOUR Events in 2025
 - 13.2.3. The Nomination Committee will select the athlete with the best potential to perform which best meets the criteria in 6 below.

14. NOTES TO THE NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 14.1. As per section 7 of the main Team Ireland policy

15. NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 15.1. The Nomination Committee will select the athlete(s) who meets ALL of the Eligibility Criteria in 3 above AND in accordance to the criteria set out in the following tables.

SECTION 1

1 Quota spot in 1 Distance	Number of athletes to send	Criteria to be met to be selected	Clarification
1 Quota Spot in 500m	1	The athlete who has the highest ranking for the 500m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Tour events are all ISU WT from the 2025-2026 season which form part of the Olympic Qualifying Events 2. Only the best 3 results from the 4 ISU WT Olympic Qualifying Events in the 500m will be considered. 3. Highest ranking is determined from the ISU Distance Classification for the 500m, where 1 is the highest and 200 is the lowest. 4. When an athlete fails to compete in any of the 4 events, the athlete will automatically be given the next lowest ranking available on the ISU Distance Classification for the distance, after all other athletes, competitors.
1 Quota Spot in 1000m	1	The athlete who has the highest ranking for the 1000m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Tour events are all ISU WT from the 2025-2026 season which form part of the Olympic Qualifying Events 2. Only the best 3 results from the 4 ISU WT Olympic Qualifying Events in the 1000m will be considered. 3. Highest ranking is determined from the ISU Distance Classification for the 1000m, where 1 is the highest and 200 is the lowest. 4. When an athlete fails to compete in any of the 4 events, the athlete will automatically be given the next lowest ranking available on the ISU Distance Classification for the distance, after all other athletes, competitors.
1 Quota Spot in 1500m	1	The athlete who has the highest ranking for the 1500m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Tour events are all ISU WT from the 2025-2026 season which form part of the Olympic Qualifying Events 2. Only the best 3 results from the 4 ISU WT Olympic Qualifying Events in the 1500m will be considered. 3. Highest ranking is determined from the ISU Distance Classification for the 1500m, where 1 is the highest and 200 is the lowest. 4. When an athlete fails to compete in any of the 4 events, the athlete will automatically be given the next lowest ranking available on the ISU Distance Classification for the distance, after all other athletes, competitors.

2 Quota spot in the same Distance	Number of athletes to send	Criteria to be met to be selected	Clarification
2 Quota Spot in 500m	2	The athlete who has the highest ranking for the 500m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026 Will be selected first. The athlete who has the 2 nd highest ranking for the 500m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026 Will be selected second.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Tour events are all ISU WT from the 2025-2026 season which form part of the Olympic Qualifying Events 2. Only the best 3 results from the 4 ISU WT Olympic Qualifying Events in the 500m will be considered. 3. Highest ranking is determined from the ISU Distance Classification for the 500m, where 1 is the highest and 200 is the lowest. 4. When an athlete fails to compete in any of the 4 events, the athlete will automatically be given the next lowest ranking available on the ISU Distance Classification for the distance, after all other athletes, competitors.
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2 Quota Spot in 1500m	2	The athlete who has the highest ranking for the 1500m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026 Will be selected first. The athlete who has the 2 nd highest ranking for the 1500m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026 Will be selected second.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Tour events are all ISU WT from the 2025-2026 season which form part of the Olympic Qualifying Events 2. Only the best 3 results from the 4 ISU WT Olympic Qualifying Events in the 1500m will be considered. 3. Highest ranking is determined from the ISU Distance Classification for the 1500m, where 1 is the highest and 200 is the lowest. 4. When an athlete fails to compete in any of the 4 events, the athlete will automatically be given the next lowest ranking available on the ISU Distance Classification for the distance, after all other athletes, competitors.

3 Quota spot in the same Distance	Number of athletes to send	Criteria to be met to be selected	Clarification
3 Quota Spot in 500m	3	<p>The athlete who has the highest ranking for the 500m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026 Will be selected first.</p> <p>The athlete who has the 2nd highest ranking for the 500m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026 Will be selected second.</p> <p>The athlete who has the 3rd highest ranking for the 500m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026 Will be selected third.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Tour events are all ISU WT from the 2025-2026 season which form part of the Olympic Qualifying Events 2. Only the best 3 results from the 4 ISU WT Olympic Qualifying Events in the 500m will be considered. 3. Highest ranking is determined from the ISU Distance Classification for the 500m, where 1 is the highest and 200 is the lowest. 4. When an athlete fails to compete in any of the 4 events, the athlete will automatically be given the next lowest ranking available on the ISU Distance Classification for the distance, after all other athletes, competitors.
3 Quota Spot in 1000m	3	<p>The athlete who has the highest ranking for the 1000m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026 Will be selected first.</p> <p>The athlete who has the 2nd highest ranking for the 1000m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026 Will be selected second.</p> <p>The athlete who has the 3rd highest ranking for the 1000m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026 Will be selected third.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Tour events are all ISU WT from the 2025-2026 season which form part of the Olympic Qualifying Events 2. Only the best 3 results from the 4 ISU WT Olympic Qualifying Events in the 1000m will be considered. 3. Highest ranking is determined from the ISU Distance Classification for the 1000m, where 1 is the highest and 200 is the lowest. 4. When an athlete fails to compete in any of the 4 events, the athlete will automatically be given the next lowest ranking available on the ISU Distance Classification for the distance, after all other athletes, competitors.
3 Quota Spot in 1500m	3	<p>The athlete who has the highest ranking for the 1500m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026 Will be selected first.</p> <p>The athlete who has the 2nd highest ranking for the 1500m in at least 2 out of 3 World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026 Will be selected second.</p> <p>The athlete who has the 2nd highest ranking for the 1500m in at least 2 out of 3</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Tour events are all ISU WT from the 2025-2026 season which form part of the Olympic Qualifying Events 2. Only the best 3 results from the 4 ISU WT Olympic Qualifying Events in the 1500m will be considered. 3. Highest ranking is determined from the ISU Distance Classification for the 1500m, where 1 is the highest and 200 is the lowest. 4. When an athlete fails to compete in any of the 4 events, the athlete will automatically be given the next lowest ranking available on the ISU Distance Classification for the distance, after all other athletes, competitors.

		World Tour Events in the season 2025-2026 Will be selected third.	
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15.3. **SECTION 2**

1 Quota spot in 2 Different Distance	Number of athletes to send	Criteria to be met to be selected	Clarification
1 Quota Spot in 2 Distances	1	The athlete who has the highest accumulative ranking for both distances.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Tour events are all ISU WT from the 2025-2026 season which form part of the Olympic Qualifying Events 2. Only the best 3 ranking results from the 4 ISU WT Olympic Qualifying Events in the relevant distances will be considered. 3. Highest ranking is determined from the ISU Distance Classification, where 1 is the highest and 200 is the lowest. 4. When an athlete fails to compete in any of the 4 events, the athlete will automatically be given the next lowest ranking available on the ISU Distance Classification for the distance, after all other athletes, competitors.
Accumulative Ranking			To calculate the accumulative ranking, each skaters best 3 rankings per distance, from all of the WT will be added together for all 2 distances IRELAND has a quota spot.
Accumulative Ranking tie			In the event 2 athletes have the SAME accumulative ranking as calculated above, then theses 2 athletes will have their accumulative ranking re calculated a second time to include all 4 rankings per distances Ireland has a quota spot. The athlete with the lowest ranking will be ranked first and the other 2 nd .
Example 1 quote in the 500 and 1000	Skater A 500 – 43, 49, 28, 45, 1000 – 52, 56, 45, 34	Skater B 500- 31, 33, 35, 42 1000– 30, 50, 45, 60	Skater A's accumulative score is 247 Skater B's accumulative score is 224 Therefore Skater B is selected as Skater B has the highest accumulative ranking.

1 Quota spot in 3 Different Distance	Number of athletes to send	Criteria to be met to be selected	Clarification
1 Quota Spot in 3 Distances	1	The athlete who has the highest accumulative ranking for all 3 distances.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Tour events are all ISU WT from the 2025-2026 season which form part of the Olympic Qualifying Events 2. Only the best 3 results from the 4 ISU WT Olympic Qualifying Events in the relevant distance will be considered.

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Highest ranking is determined from the ISU Distance Classification, where 1 is the highest and 200 is the lowest. When an athlete fails to compete in any of the 4 events, the athlete will automatically be given the next lowest ranking available on the ISU Distance Classification for the distance, after all other athletes, competitors.
Accumulative Ranking			To calculate the accumulative ranking, each skaters best 3 rankings per distance, from all of the WT will be added together for all 3 distances IRELAND has a quota spot.
Accumulative Ranking tie			In the event 2 athletes have the SAME accumulative ranking as calculated above, then theses 2 athletes will have their accumulative ranking re calculated a second time to include all 4 rankings per distances Ireland has a quota spot. The athlete with the lowest ranking will be ranked first and the other 2 nd .
Example 1 quote in the 500 and 1000 and 1500	Skater A 500 – 43, 28, 45, 50 1000 – 52, 45, 34, 58 1500 – 50, 59, 85, 42	Skater B 500- 31, 33, 35, 37 1000– 30, 50, 45, 51 1500 – 28, 36, 38, 45	Skater A's accumulative score is 398 Skater B's accumulative score is 327 Therefore Skater B is selected as Skater B has the highest accumulative ranking.

15.4. **SECTION 3**

2 Quota spot in 1 Distance and 1 quota spot in a 2 nd different distance	Number of athletes to send	Criteria to be met to be selected	Clarification
	2	Athletes will be selected for the distance where there is 2 quota spots, based on the criteria as per Section 1 above. From this pool of 2 athletes the athlete will be selected for the 2 nd distance based on the criteria as per Section 1 Above.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> World Tour events are all ISU WT from the 2025-2026 season which form part of the Olympic Qualifying Events Only the best 2 ranking results from the 4 ISU WT Olympic Qualifying Events in the relevant distances will be considered. Highest ranking is determined from the ISU Distance Classification, where 1 is the highest and 200 is the lowest. When an athlete fails to compete in any of the 4 events, the athlete will automatically be given the next lowest ranking available on the ISU Distance Classification for the distance, after all other athletes, competitors.

16. WITHDRAWAL / REMOVAL

- 16.1. An athlete may be withdrawn from the nomination process due to :
 - 16.1.1. illness or injury if, they are deemed unable to perform to the required standard at the Games. The Nomination Committee reserves the right to seek medical advice in this instance.
 - 16.1.2. Breaches or failure to comply with any of the eligibility requirements.
- 16.2. Any withdrawal / removal post selection by the OFI will be in accordance with the OFI Team Member Agreement and OFI Fit to Compete Policy.
- 16.3. Any replacement following the withdrawal of an athlete will be made in accordance with the Nomination Criteria and in line with the Late Athlete Replacement policy of the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Games.

17. NOMINATION APPEAL PROCESS

- 17.1. The athlete may appeal their non-nomination in writing to the Vice President at vice-president@isai.ie within 48 hours of being informed of the decision of the Nomination Committee. The Vice President will refer the appeal to an Internal Hearing Board in line with Section 300.
- 17.2. Any appeal to the ISAI must be made in accordance with ISAI Regulations, Section 300 found at <https://isai.ie/rules-and-regulations/>.
- 17.3. The athlete has the right to appeal the decision of the Internal Hearing Board to SDSI within 24 hours of being informed of the decision of the Internal Hearing Board for final and binding arbitration. Thereafter the rules of SDSI apply
- 17.4. For the purpose of an Olympic Nomination Appeal the following timeline takes precedence over that stated in ISAI Regulations Section 300:
 - 17.4.1. Appeal Submission within 48 hours of being informed of non-nomination
 - 17.4.2. SDSI Appeal within 24 hours of being informed of the decision of the NF appeal Panel

18. TIMELINE

- 18.1. End of Qualification Period, 15th December 2025.
- 18.2. Nomination Committee Meeting **No later than 20th December 2025**
- 18.3. Decision of Nomination communicated by email **No later than 22nd December 2025** to the athletes on the Long List.
- 18.4.
- 18.5. Any Appeal must be received in writing **no longer than 48 hours after** the communicated decision to the athlete by email
- 18.6. Decision of Internal Hearing Board must be made and communicated to appellant **no longer than 7 days** after appeal is received.
- 18.7. The appellant has Right to file appeal with SDSI **within 24 hours** of the Decision of Internal Hearing Board been communicated to them
- 18.8. Nomination of athlete made to OFI either on the 21st December 2025 or as soon as possible following the conclusion of any appeal process
- 18.9. Selection and Announcement by the OFI TBC



SPORTS NOMINATION CRITERIA- Skeleton

1. DETAILS

- 1.1. Sport Name - Skeleton
- 1.2. National Federation - Irish Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association
- 1.3. International Federation - IBSF
- 1.4. Team Leader - Stuart Greene
- 1.5. Nomination Committee composition - IBSA president, IBSA Treasurer, 1 IBSA committee member

2. QUALIFICATION SLOT

- 2.1. Quota places are allocated to the NOC

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 3.1. As per section 8 of the main Team Ireland policy document
- 3.2. As per IBSF Milano Cortina 2026 qualification system document
- 3.3. Athletes must be a recognised member of the IBSA
- 3.4. Athletes must hold a valid IBSF International License at the time of nomination.
- 3.5. Athletes must hold a valid Irish passport and be eligible to represent Ireland under IOC and IBSF rules.
- 3.6. Any athlete who has previously competed for another country in IBSF competitions must comply with IBSF/IOC nationality transfer rules.
- 3.7. Athletes must adhere to all anti-doping regulations set by WADA, IBSF, IOC, and OFI.
- 3.8. Athletes must have participated and be ranked in a minimum of eight (8) IBSF races on at least three (3) different tracks in the period between 1 October 2024 and 18 January 2026.
- 3.9. Athletes must be ranked in at least five (5) of eight (8) races mentioned above, with a minimum of 2 (two) different tracks.
- 3.10. Male Athletes must be ranked among the top 70 IBSF ranking list of 2025/2026 season.
- 3.11. Female athletes must be ranked among the top 55 IBSF ranking list of 2025/2026 season.

4. RE-ALLOCATION

- 4.1. Re-allocation places will only be considered in accordance with Clause 1.7 of the main Team Ireland policy document.
- 4.2. If a quota spot becomes available, it will be offered to the next highest-ranked NOC in the IBSF Olympic Qualification Standings who did not earn a direct quota place.
- 4.3. In case of a tie between athletes for a reallocation place, the following criteria will apply:
 - The highest points obtained in a single race during the qualification period.
 - The highest points obtained in the last race before the qualification deadline.
 - (World Cup points take priority over other race series.)

5. NOTES TO THE NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 5.1. As per section 7 of the main Team Ireland policy
- 5.2. World Cup points take priority over points obtained in other IBSF race series (Intercontinental Cup, European Cup, and North American Cup).

6. NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 6.1. Male athletes must be ranked within the top 70 of the IBSF Olympic Qualification Standings for the 2025/2026 season.

- 6.2. Female athletes must be ranked within the top 55 of the IBSF Olympic Qualification Standings for the 2025/2026 season.
- 6.3. If multiple Irish athletes qualify but only one quota slot is available, the nomination will go to the highest-ranked athlete in the IBSF standings.
- 6.4. In the event of a tie, the following criteria will be used:
 - 6.4.1. Highest points obtained in a single race during the qualification period.
 - 6.4.2. Highest points obtained in the final race before the qualification deadline.
 - 6.4.3. World Cup points take priority over other race series.
- 6.5. Reallocation of unused quota places will be in accordance with IBSF and IOC rules.
- 6.6. If a quota place becomes available, it will be offered to the next highest-ranked athlete in the IBSF Olympic Qualification Standings who did not initially earn a quota place.

7. NOMINATION APPEAL PROCESS

- 7.1. Any Long List athlete has the right to appeal.
- 7.2. The sole grounds for appeal are that the Nomination Policy was not followed.
- 7.3. An Appeals Committee, consisting of up to three (3) members, shall be appointed to review the case.
- 7.4. No member involved in the original decision shall serve on the Appeals Committee.
- 7.5. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final.
- 7.6. Any appeal to the Nomination Committee decision must be made in accordance with the appeal policy best practice.
- 7.7. For the purpose of an Olympic Nomination Appeal the following timeline takes precedence over that stated in the standard appeal policy of the IBSA:
 - 7.7.1. Appeal Submission within 24 hours of being informed of non-nomination
 - 7.7.2. SDSI Appeal within 24 hours of being informed of the decision of the NF appeal Panel

8. TIMELINE

- 8.1. End of Qualification Period- 18 January 2026 (23.59 Lausanne time)
- 8.2. 19th January 2026- IBSF inform NOC/NF of their allocated quota spots
- 8.3. As soon as possible following allocation of quota slots – IBSA Nomination Committee Meeting.
- 8.4. 21 January 2026- NOC to confirm use of allocated quota places to IF
- 8.5. 22-25 January- IBSF reallocates all unused quota places and NOC to confirm within 24 hours
- 8.6. 26 January 2026- Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries Deadline



1. LUGE NOMINATION CRITERIA

2. DETAILS

- 2.1. Sport Name - Luge
- 2.2. National Federation – Irish Luge Federation (ILF)
- 2.3. International Federation – International Luge Federation (FIL)
- 2.4. Team Leader – Connor Campbell
- 2.5. Nomination Committee composition:
 - (a) ILF Performance Director (Chair of Nomination Committee)
 - (b) ILF Secretary
 - (c) External guidance for nominations will be provided by the FIL Group 1 coaches in the pre-Olympic season. This will also act to mitigate any potential conflicts of interest.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In addition to the eligibility criteria set out in section 8 of the main Team Ireland policy document, Athletes must comply with the following criteria as detailed in the Milano Cortina 2026 Luge qualification guide and subject to amendment by the FIL and/or the IOC:

- 3.1. Athletes must be born before 1 July 2010.
- 3.2. 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
- 3.3. 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:
 - 3.3.1. Men's Singles - 26 points
 - 3.3.2. Women's Singles - 26 points
 - 3.3.3. Men's Doubles - 44 points
 - 3.3.4. Women's Doubles - 50 points
- 3.4. 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 15th 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 conditions 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 must both also be met (in addition to the requirements of 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3) to be eligible for selection by their respective NOC for the Olympic Games:
 - 3.4.1. 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):
 - (a) Men's Singles: Men Start;
 - (b) Women's Singles: Women's Start;
 - (c) Men's Doubles: Doubles Start;
 - (d) Women's Doubles: Doubles Start;

3.4.2. Subject to the provisions of Clause 3.5, 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.

3.5. 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 19 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.

4. QUOTA PLACES

Quota places are allocated to the NOC.

5. NOMINATION CRITERIA

5.1. Should there be more athletes who meet the eligibility criteria than allocated slots, athletes will be nominated for selection based on the following criteria:

5.1.1. Position on the final World Cup Ranking list.

5.1.2. Consistency of performance in international competition.

6. RE-ALLOCATION

6.1. Re-allocation places will only be considered in accordance with Clause 1.7 of the main Team Ireland policy document.

6.2. The minimum performance standard for consideration for an individual re-allocation slot are identical to those required for a quota place, as outlined in Clause 5.

7. NOMINATION APPEAL PROCESS

Any appeal to the Nomination Committee decision must be made in accordance with the appeal policy found at www.lugeireland.com.

8. TIMELINE

11 January 2024	End of Qualification Period
16 January 2026	FIL confirms in writing to the NOC quota place(s) obtained, NOC confirms in writing to ILF quota place(s) obtained
17 January 2026 (no later than)	Nomination Committee Meeting, Athletes advised of intention to nominate
Within 12h of being advised of intention to nominate	Deadline for appeal submission
19 January 2026	NOC to confirm to FIL use of allocated quota place(s) (subject to no appeals being received)
20 January 2026	FIL to reallocate all unused quota places

SPORTS NOMINATION CRITERIA – ALPINE SKIING

1. DETAILS

1.1. Sport Name	ALPINE SKIING
1.2. National Federation	SNOWSPORTS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND (SAI)
1.3. International Federation	INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION (FIS)
1.4. Team Leader	Francis Van Steenberghe (non-traveling). Note: in-games Team Leader/Coach for each discipline will be dependent on final athlete and support staff selection.
1.5. Nomination Committee composition	1 Independent Chair + 2 Members from the following: Performance Director, SAI Board Member, SAI Committee Member

2. QUALIFICATION SLOT

- 2.1. Quota places are allocated to the NOC and are gender specific.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 3.1. As per **section 8** of the main Team Ireland policy document
- 3.2. Sport specific eligibility criteria as follows:
- (a) Must be registered with the SAI and have a valid FIS Licence with Ireland from the start of the qualification period 1st July 2024.
 - (b) An exception to clause 3.2(a) can be made where there is no other contender of a quota place.
 - (c) Must be born before 1 January 2010 in accordance with <https://www.fis-ski.com/en/inside-fis/document-library/alpine-documents#9a7d11be565ad65858070c99>
 - (d) Must satisfy the medical requirements in accordance with <https://www.fis-ski.com/en/inside-fis/document-library/alpine-documents#9a7d11be565ad65858070c99>
 - (e) Must satisfy all FIS eligibility requirements as listed in the Milano Cortina qualification guide <https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Documents/Olympic-Games/Milano-Cortina-2026/qualification-system/Qualification-System-for-Alpine-Skiing.pdf> and subject to amendment by the IOC or FIS.
 - (f) Must be in good standing with SAI and not be subject to a disciplinary process, be subject to any unresolved complaints or be subject to any current disciplinary sanctions.
 - (g) Must have submitted a structured training and competition program(s) to SAI covering the qualification period starting 1st July 2024 to 19th January 2026.
 - (h) Must have adhered to a structured training and competition program(s) covering the qualification period starting 1st July 2024 to 19th January 2026.

In considering any one or more of the above factors, the Nomination Committee and/or SAI may make such enquiries of the athlete, or other persons, as it sees fit.

4. RE-ALLOCATION

- 4.1. Re-allocation places will only be considered in accordance with Clause 1.7 of the main Team Ireland policy document.
- 4.2. The minimum performance standard for consideration for an individual re-allocation slot is as follows:
- 4.2.1. The replacement will be selected using the same nomination process.

5. NOTES TO THE NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 5.1. As per section 7 of the main Team Ireland policy
- 5.2. When considering the nomination of athletes who have met the eligibility criteria for one or more disciplines of Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G or Downhill, the Nomination Committee shall consider:
 - (a) Only those disciplines where the FIS eligibility criteria has been met.
 - (b) Only those disciplines which are a constituent part of the training and competition program(s) submitted and adhered to in line with clause 3.2 (g) and 3.2 (h).

6. NOMINATION CRITERIA

The nomination committee shall score eligible athletes across the criteria set out below with the best ranked athlete receiving a score of 1 and subsequent ranked athletes scoring N+1 where N is the previous ranked athlete's score.

Where two athletes are identical in the criteria they will be awarded the same score

At the end of the ranking process athletes are selected to the available quota places starting with the lowest score first.

Where two or more athletes have the same score after the ranking process has been completed the Nominations Committee will consider previous performances and may, by majority decision, nominate those athletes who are considered to have the potential to achieve the best result at OWG Milano/Cortina 2026.

The criteria to be considered includes (not in any order of priority):

- 6.1. Olympic FIS points¹ in only those disciplines where all eligible athletes have each competed during the qualification period starting 1st July 2024 and ending on 19th January 2026.
- 6.2. FIS points² in only those disciplines where all eligible athletes have each competed during the qualification period starting 1st July 2024 and ending on 19th January 2026.
- 6.3. The best percentage Olympic FIS Points which fall below the minimum eligibility criteria for any one single discipline across all the disciplines in which an athlete has met the minimum eligibility criteria (highest is best).
- 6.4. The best percentage FIS Points which fall below the minimum eligibility criteria for any one single discipline across all the disciplines in which an athlete has met the minimum eligibility criteria (highest is best).
- 6.5. The best percentile ranking for an athlete for any one single discipline across all the disciplines in which they have met the minimum eligibility criteria on the most recent Olympic FIS points list (lowest is best).
- 6.6. The best percentile ranking for an athlete for any one single discipline across all the disciplines in which they have met the minimum eligibility criteria on the most recent FIS points list (lowest is best).
- 6.7. Consistency of performances during the complete qualification period starting 1st of July 2024 to 19th of January 2026.

In considering any one or more of the above factors, the Nomination Committee and/or SAI may make such enquiries of the athlete, or other persons, as it sees fit.

Where there is more than one athlete eligible to be considered for nomination; only nominated athletes will receive a nomination ranking.

7. Withdrawals / Removals

An athlete may be withdrawn from the nomination process due to :

- illness or injury if, they are deemed unable to perform to the required standard at the Games. The Nomination Committee reserves the right to seek medical advice in this instance.
- Breaches or failure to comply with any of the eligibility requirements.

Any withdrawal / removal post selection by the OFI will be in accordance with the OFI Team Member Agreement and OFI Fit to Compete Policy.

¹ Olympic FIS Point as calculated by FIS under FIS rules and as published in the FIS Olympic Quota list

² FIS points as calculated by FIS under FIS rules and as published on the most recent FIS list at the time selection criteria are considered by the nomination committee

Any replacement following the withdrawal of an athlete will be made in accordance with the Nomination Criteria and in line with the Late Athlete Replacement policy of the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Games.

8. NOMINATION APPEAL PROCESS

- 8.1. Due to the short timeline between the end of the qualification period and final sports entry, the following takes precedence over any other SAI appeal policy.
- 8.2. All Nomination Appeals must be made directly to Sport Dispute Solutions Ireland for final and binding decision.
- 8.3. Any appeal to the Nomination Committee decision must be made directly to SDSI within 24 hours of being informed of non-nomination.

9. TIMELINE

- 9.1. End of Qualification Period 19th January 2026
- 9.2. Nomination Committee Meeting (No later than) 21st January 2026
- 9.3. SAI will inform all athletes on the Long List of their intention to nominate them to OFI for selection or not. This will trigger the start of the appeal window.
- 9.4. Nomination to OFI will be made by SAI as soon as possible following either the closure of the appeal window or the completion of any appeal.

SPORTS NOMINATION CRITERIA – CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

1. DETAILS

1.1. Sport Name	Cross Country
1.2. National Federation	SNOWSPORTS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND (SAI)
1.3. International Federation	INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION (FIS)
1.4. Team Leader	Francis Van Steenberghe (non-traveling). Note: in games Team Leader/Coach for each discipline will be dependent on final athlete and support staff selection.
1.5. Nomination Committee	Independent Chair + 2 members from the following: Performance Director, SAI Board Member, SAI Committee Member

2. QUALIFICATION SLOT

- 2.1. Quota places are allocated to the NOC and are gender specific.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 3.1. As per **section 8** of the main Team Ireland policy document
- 3.2. Sport specific eligibility criteria as follows:
- 3.3. Must be registered with the SAI and have a valid FIS Licence with Ireland from the start of the qualification period 1st July 2024.
- 3.4. An exception to clause 3.3 can be made where there is no other contender for a quota place.
- 3.5. Must be born before 1 January 2011.
- 3.6. Must meet all eligibility requirements contained in the Milano Cortina Qualification Guide for Cross Country Skiing published on the IOC Website and as amended by the IOC and FIS from time to time <https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Documents/Olympic-Games/Milano-Cortina-2026/qualification-system/Qualification-System-for-Cross-Country-Skiing.pdf>
- 3.7. Must be in good standing with SAI and not be subject to a disciplinary process, be subject to any unresolved complaints or be subject to any current disciplinary sanctions.
- 3.8. Must have submitted a structured training and competition program(s) to SAI covering the qualification period starting 1st July 2024 to 18th January 2026.
- 3.9. Must have adhered to a structured training and competition program(s) covering the qualification period starting 1st July 2024 to 18th January 2026.

4. RE-ALLOCATION

- 4.1. Re-allocation places will only be considered in accordance with Clause 1.7 of the main Team Ireland policy document.
- 4.2. The minimum performance standard for consideration for an individual re-allocation slot is as follows:
 - 4.2.1. The replacement will be selected using the same nomination process.

5. NOTES TO THE NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 5.1. As per section 7 of the main Team Ireland policy
- 5.2. The nomination committee may give weight to any one or more nomination criteria when considering which athlete to nominate within a given discipline.
- 5.3. The Nomination Criteria will be considered in no particular order.

- 5.4. Where the performances of a single athlete within the qualification period result in more than one quota being allocated to Ireland, there is no obligation to fill these slots. All nomination decisions will be performance based.

6. NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 6.1. Where an “A” Standard Athlete acquires the ‘quota slots’ for Team Ireland, to be considered for nomination to fill these slots, athletes must have met the following performance standards:

- 6.1.1. The FIS points requirement to be considered are:

Distance 170 FIS points for 10km

100S points for Sprint

- 6.2. Ranking on the Olympic Quota Allocation List.
6.3. FIS points in all the relevant disciplines.
6.4. Previous results in major competitions.
6.5. Consistency in performances.

and/or

- any other factor(s) which the Nomination Committee reasonably considers to be relevant.
- In considering any one or more of the above factors, the Nomination Committee and/or SAI may make such enquiries of the athlete, or other persons, as it sees fit.
- The Nomination Committee may give weight to any one or more of the Nomination Factors. No particular factor shall be weighted more or less significantly by reason only of the order in which that factor appears in this Criteria.
- Where there is more than one athlete eligible to be considered for nomination; only nominated athletes will receive a nomination ranking.

7. WITHDRAWALS / REMOVALS

An athlete may be withdrawn from the nomination process due to :

- illness or injury if, they are deemed unable to perform to the required standard at the Games. The Nomination Committee reserves the right to seek medical advice in this instance.
- Breaches or failure to comply with any of the eligibility requirements.

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8. NOMINATION APPEAL PROCESS

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9. TIMELINE

- 9.1. End of Qualification Period 18th January 2026
9.2. Nomination Committee Meeting (No later than) 20th January 2026
9.3. SAI will inform all athletes on the Long List of their intention to nominate them to OFI for selection or not.
9.4. Nomination to OFI will be made by SAI as soon as possible following either the closure of the appeal window or the competition of any appeal.

SPORTS NOMINATION CRITERIA – FREESTYLE SKIING

1. DETAILS

1.1. Sport Name	FREESTYLE SKIING
1.2. National Federation	SNOWSPORTS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND (SAI)
1.3. International Federation	INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION (FIS)
1.4. Team Leader	Francis Van Steenberghe (non-traveling). Note: in-games Team Leader/Coach for each discipline will be dependent on final athlete and support staff selection.
1.5. Nomination Committee composition	1 Independent Chair + 2 Members from the following: Performance Director, SAI Board Member, SAI Committee Member,

2. QUALIFICATION SLOT

- 2.1. Quota places are allocated to the NOC and are gender specific.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 3.1. As per **section 8** of the main Team Ireland policy document.
- 3.2. Must be registered with the SAI and have a valid FIS Licence with Ireland from the start of the qualification period 1st July 2024.
- 3.3. An exception to clause 3.2 can be made where there is no other contender of a quota place.
- 3.4. Must meet all eligibility requirements contained in the Milano Cortina Qualification Guide for Freestyle Skiing published on the IOC Website and as amended by the IOC and FIS from time to time <https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Documents/Olympic-Games/Milano-Cortina-2026/qualification-system/Qualification-System-for-Freestyle-Skiing.pdf>.
- 3.5. For Ski Cross, athletes must be born before 1 January 2010. For all other Freestyle Skiing events, athletes must be born before 1 January 2011 in accordance with Article 2014.6: International Competition Rules (ICR) Freestyle Ski / Freeski.
- 3.6. Moguls / Dual Moguls: Minimum of 80.00 FIS points in Moguls on the FIS Points List published on 19 January 2026 and placed in the top 30 of a Moguls/Dual Moguls competition in at least one (1) FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS World Championships 2025.
- 3.7. Freeski Halfpipe: Minimum of 50.00 FIS points in Freeski Halfpipe on the FIS Points List Published on 19th January 2026 and placed in the Top 30 of at least one (1) Freeski Halfpipe competition in a FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships 2025.
- 3.8. Freeski Slopestyle: Minimum of 50.00 FIS points in Freeski Slopestyle on the FIS Points List Published on 19th January 2026 and placed in the Top 30 of at least one (1) Freeski Slopestyle competition in a FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Freestyle Ski World Championships 2025.
- 3.9. Must be in good standing with SAI and not be subject to a disciplinary process, be subject to any unresolved complaints or be subject to any current disciplinary sanctions.
- 3.10. Must have submitted a structured training and competition program(s) to SAI covering the qualification period starting 1st July 2024 to 18th January 2026.
- 3.11. Must have adhered to a structured training and competition program(s) covering the qualification period starting 1st July 2024 to 18th January 2026.

4. RE-ALLOCATION

- 4.1. Re-allocation places will only be considered in accordance with Clause 1.7 of the main Team Ireland policy document.
- 4.2. The minimum performance standard for consideration for an individual re-allocation slot is as follows:
 - 4.2.1. The replacement will be selected using the same nomination process.

5. NOTES TO THE NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 5.1. As per section 7 of the main Team Ireland policy
- 5.2. The nomination committee may give weight to an one or more nomination criteria when considering which athlete to nominate within a given discipline.

6. NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 6.1. Ranking position on the Olympic Quota Allocation List.
- 6.2. Number of FIS points in the relevant discipline.
- 6.3. Consistency in performance during the qualification period.
- 6.4. Previous results at major competitions.
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SPORTS NOMINATION CRITERIA – SNOWBOARD

1. DETAILS

1.1. Sport Name	SNOWBOARD
1.2. National Federation	SNOWSPORTS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND (SAI)
1.3. International Federation	INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION (FIS)
1.4. Team Leader	Francis Van Steenberghe (non-traveling). Note: in-games Team Leader/Coach for each discipline will be dependent on final athlete and support staff selection.
1.5. Nomination Committee composition	1 Independent Chair + 2 Members from the following: Performance Director, SAI Board Member, SAI Committee Member,

2. QUALIFICATION SLOT

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3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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- 3.4. Must meet all eligibility requirements contained in the Milano Cortina Qualification Guide for Freestyle Skiing published on the IOC Website and as amended by the IOC and FIS from time to time <https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Documents/Olympic-Games/Milano-Cortina-2026/qualification-system/Qualification-System-for-Snowboard.pdf>.
- 3.5. Must be born before 1 January 2011.
- 3.6. Parallel Giant Slalom: minimum of 100.00 FIS points in Parallel on the FIS Points List published on 19 January 2026 and placed in the top 30 of a parallel race in at least 1 FIS World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Snowboard World Championships 2025.
- 3.7. Snowboard Cross: minimum of 100.00 FIS points in Snowboard Cross on the FIS Points List published on 19 January 2026 and placed in the top 30 of a snowboard cross competition in at least 1 FIS Snowboard World Cup event during the qualification period or in the FIS Snowboard World Championships 2025.
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