

# INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION (IIHF)

## EVENTS

- Men's 12-team Tournament
- Women's 8-team Tournament

## ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

### ATHLETES QUOTA

**444 athletes**

276 Men

168 Women

### NOC QUOTA

1 Men's team - 23 athletes (20 players and 3 goal keepers)

1 Women's team - 21 athletes (18 players and 3 goal keepers)

## QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE MEN'S TOURNAMENT

### QUALIFICATION PRINCIPLES

The 12 teams competing in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games Men's Competition will be determined by February 2009.

The IIHF World Ranking System will determine seeding for the Olympic competition and all qualifications of this competition.

The qualification system for participation in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games Men's Competition will be performed in four separate stages:

- Direct Entry
- Preliminary Qualification
- Olympic Pre-Qualification
- Final Olympic Qualification

### Direct Entry

The top nine men's teams from the 2008 IIHF World Ranking, (determined immediately following completion of the 2008 IIHF World Championship), will be automatically qualified for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games competition and seeded directly into the Preliminary Round following the seeding procedures outlined in the IIHF Sport Regulations and using their 2008 IIHF World Ranking number.

NOCs of the qualified National Associations must confirm by 31 May 2008, to the IIHF, that they will use their place obtained through direct entry.

### Preliminary Qualification, Olympic Pre-Qualification and Final Olympic Qualification

The National Associations entering their men's team into the qualification for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games will be allocated to one of the three Final Olympic Qualification tournaments, or to one of the three Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments or, if necessary, into Preliminary Qualifications using their ranking numbers according to the 2008 IIHF World Ranking.

The Olympic Pre-Qualification and the Final Qualification Tournaments will be formatted and seeded as specified below with team registration as presented in the formats that follow.

The top ranked teams by Group have the hosting rights for each qualification tournament. Confirmations must be made by the 2008 Annual Congress. The venue must be accepted by the IIHF in all hosting arrangements.

Should the highest ranked team reject the hosting rights or if the venue does not meet IIHF standards, then the event will be offered to the next highest ranked team following these conditions until an organiser is allocated.

The three winning teams of the respective Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments will fill the remaining positions of the Men's Competition of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

#### *Preliminary Qualification*

The National Associations taking the positions 28 and below in the 2008 IIHF World Ranking have the right to participate in the Preliminary Qualification Tournaments. These tournaments will take place by September 2008 at the latest. The winners of these Tournaments qualify for the next phase, Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments, as teams Q1, Q2 and Q3.

NOCs/National Associations which qualify through the Preliminary Qualification tournaments will have up to two weeks after the tournament concerned to confirm their participation in the next qualification stage. Otherwise, the obtained place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team from the same Preliminary Qualification tournament.

#### *Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments*

Winning teams from the Preliminary Qualification Tournaments: Q1, Q2 and Q3 (or in case Preliminary Qualification Tournaments did not take place, nations ranked 28 through 30) and National Associations ranked 19 through 27 in the 2008 IIHF World Ranking have the right to participate in Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments that will take place from 6 to 9 November 2008.

Teams are permitted to enter a maximum of 20 players, 2 goalkeepers and 6 staff members. For any preliminary qualification that may be required, teams will be permitted to enter the same maximum team numbers.

Teams are entered in the Tournament according to the following format:

<b>Group A</b>	<b>16:00</b>		<b>20:00</b>
<b>06.11.08</b>	<b>24-25</b>		<b>19-Q3</b>
<b>07.11.08</b>	<b>24-Q3</b>		<b>25-19</b>
<b>08.11.08</b>		<b>OFF</b>	
<b>09.11.08</b>	<b>Q3-25</b>		<b>19-24</b>

<b>Group B</b>	<b>16:00</b>		<b>20:00</b>
<b>06.11.08</b>	<b>23-26</b>		<b>20-Q2</b>
<b>07.11.08</b>	<b>23-Q2</b>		<b>26-20</b>
<b>08.11.08</b>		<b>OFF</b>	
<b>09.11.08</b>	<b>Q2-26</b>		<b>20-23</b>

<b>Group C</b>	<b>16:00</b>		<b>20:00</b>
<b>06.11.08</b>	<b>22-27</b>		<b>21-Q1</b>
<b>07.11.08</b>	<b>22-Q1</b>		<b>27-21</b>
<b>08.11.08</b>		<b>OFF</b>	
<b>09.11.08</b>	<b>Q1-27</b>		<b>21-22</b>

The top team from each Tournament will qualify to the final phase, Final Olympic Qualification, as teams Q4, Q5 and Q6.

#### *Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments*

Winning NOCs/National Associations from the Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments: Q4, Q5 and Q6 (or, should one of the places be reallocated, the next best ranked team in the same Olympic Pre-Qualification tournament) and National Associations ranked 10 through 18 in the 2008 IIHF World Ranking, will have to confirm by 30 November 2008 that they will participate in the Olympic Winter Games - should they qualify - in order to participate in the Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments that will take place from 5 to 8 February 2009. Should one of the teams ranked 10 through 18 refuse the conditions above, the place left vacant will not be reallocated.

Teams are permitted to enter a maximum of 20 players, 3 goalkeepers and 7 staff members.

Teams are entered in the Tournament according to the following format:

<b>Group D</b>	<b>16:00</b>		<b>20:00</b>
<b>05.02.09</b>	<b>15-16</b>		<b>10-Q6</b>
<b>06.02.09</b>	<b>15-Q6</b>		<b>16-10</b>
<b>07.02.09</b>		<b>OFF</b>	
<b>08.02.09</b>	<b>Q6-16</b>		<b>10-15</b>

<b>Group E</b>	<b>16:00</b>		<b>20:00</b>
<b>05.02.09</b>	<b>14-17</b>		<b>11-Q5</b>
<b>06.02.09</b>	<b>14-Q5</b>		<b>17-11</b>
<b>07.02.09</b>		<b>OFF</b>	
<b>08.02.09</b>	<b>Q5-17</b>		<b>11-14</b>

<b>Group F</b>	<b>16:00</b>		<b>20:00</b>
<b>05.02.09</b>	<b>13-18</b>		<b>12-Q4</b>
<b>06.02.09</b>	<b>13-Q4</b>		<b>18-12</b>

07.02.09		OFF	
08.02.09	Q4-18		12-13

The top team from each Tournament will qualify to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games competition.

The 2008 IIHF World Ranking will be the source for determining the seeding of these three teams in the Preliminary Round.

### QUALIFYING TIMELINE

Competition season 2008/2009

2 - 18 May 2008	2008 IIHF World Championship
31 May 2008	Deadline for NOCs to confirm use of direct entry place to the IIHF
by September 2008	Preliminary Qualification Tournaments ( <i>dates and places to be listed</i> )
Up to two weeks after Preliminary Qualification Tournaments	Deadline to confirm participation to Pre-Olympic Qualification Tournaments
6 - 9 November 2008	Pre-Olympic Qualification Tournaments ( <i>places to be listed</i> )
30 November 2008	Deadline for NOCs to confirm pre-acceptance of participation to the Olympic Winter Games to the IIHF, in order to take part in the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament
5 - 8 February 2009	Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments ( <i>places to be listed</i> )
1 February 2010	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by the NOCs

### QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

#### QUALIFICATION PRINCIPLES

The 8 teams competing in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games Women's Competition will be determined by November 2008.

The IIHF World Ranking System will determine seeding for the Olympic competition and all qualifications for this competition.

The qualification system for participation in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games Women's Competition will be performed in four separate stages:

- Direct Entry
- Preliminary Qualification
- Olympic Pre-Qualification
- Final Olympic Qualification

#### Direct Entry

The top six women's teams from the 2008 IIHF Ranking, (determined immediately following completion of the 2008 IIHF World Women's Championship), will be automatically qualified for the

2010 Olympic Winter Games Women's competition and seeded directly into the Preliminary Round following the seeding procedures outlined in the IIHF Sport Regulations and using their 2008 IIHF World Ranking number.

NOCs of the qualified National Associations must confirm by 31 May 2008, to the IIHF, that they will use their place obtained through direct entry.

### **Preliminary Qualification, Olympic Pre-Qualification and Final Olympic Qualification**

The two winning teams of the respective Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments will fill the remaining positions of the Women's Competition of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

The National Associations entering their women's team into the qualification for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games will be allocated to one of the two Final Olympic Qualification tournaments, or to one of the two Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments or, if necessary, into Preliminary Qualifications using their ranking numbers according to 2008 IIHF World Ranking.

The Olympic Pre-Qualification and the Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments will be formatted and seeded as specified below with team registration as presented in the formats that follow.

The top ranked teams by Group have the hosting rights for each qualification tournament. Confirmations must be made by the 2008 Annual Congress. The venue must be accepted by the IIHF in all hosting arrangements.

Should the highest ranked team reject the hosting rights or if the venue does not meet IIHF standards then the event will be offered to the next highest ranked team following these conditions until an organiser is allocated.

The two winning teams of the respective Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments will fill the remaining positions of the Women's Competition of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

#### *Preliminary Qualification*

The National Associations taking positions 19 and below in the 2008 IIHF World Ranking have the right to participate in the Preliminary Qualification Tournaments. These Tournaments will take place by September 2008 at the latest. The winners of Preliminary Qualification Tournaments will qualify for the next phase, Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments, as teams Q1 and Q2.

NOCs/National Associations which qualify through the Preliminary Qualification tournaments will have up to two weeks after the tournament concerned to confirm their participation in the next qualification stage. Otherwise, the obtained place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team from the same Preliminary Qualification tournament.

#### *Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments*

Winning teams from the Preliminary Tournaments: Q1 and Q2 (or in case Preliminary Qualification Tournaments did not take place, two nations ranked below 18) and National Associations ranked 13 through 18 in the 2008 IIHF World Ranking, have the right to participate in the Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournament that will take place from 4 to 7 September 2008.

Teams are allowed to enter a maximum of 18 players, 2 goalkeepers and 6 staff members.

Teams are entered in the Tournament according to the following format:

<b>Group A</b>	<b>16:00</b>		<b>20:00</b>
<b>04.09.08</b>	<b>16-17</b>		<b>13-Q2</b>
<b>05.09.08</b>	<b>16-Q2</b>		<b>17-13</b>
<b>06.09.08</b>		<b>OFF</b>	
<b>07.09.08</b>	<b>Q2-17</b>		<b>13-16</b>

<b>Group B</b>	<b>16:00</b>		<b>20:00</b>
<b>04.09.08</b>	<b>15-18</b>		<b>14-Q1</b>
<b>05.09.08</b>	<b>15-Q1</b>		<b>18-14</b>
<b>06.09.08</b>		<b>OFF</b>	
<b>07.09.08</b>	<b>Q1-18</b>		<b>14-15</b>

The top team from each Tournament will qualify to the final phase, Final Olympic Qualification, as teams Q3 and Q4.

#### *Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments*

Winning NOCs/National Associations from the Olympic Pre-Qualification Tournaments: Q3 and Q4 (or, should one of the places be reallocated, the next best ranked team in the same Olympic Pre-Qualification tournament) and National Associations ranked 7 through 12 in the 2008 IIHF World Ranking will have to confirm by 30 September 2008 that they will participate in the Olympic Winter Games - should they qualify - in order to participate in the Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments that will take place from 6 to 9 November 2008. Should one of the teams ranked 7 through 12 refuse the conditions above, the place left vacant will not be reallocated.

Teams are allowed to enter a maximum of 18 players, 3 goalkeepers and 6 staff members.

Teams are entered in the Tournament according to the following format:

<b>Group C</b>	<b>16:00</b>		<b>20:00</b>
<b>06.11.08</b>	<b>10-11</b>		<b>7-Q4</b>
<b>07.11.08</b>	<b>10-Q4</b>		<b>11-7</b>
<b>08.11.08</b>		<b>OFF</b>	
<b>09.11.08</b>	<b>Q4-11</b>		<b>7-10</b>

<b>Group D</b>	<b>16:00</b>		<b>20:00</b>
<b>06.11.08</b>	<b>9-12</b>		<b>8-Q3</b>

07.11.08	9-Q3		12-8
08.11.08		OFF	
09.11.08	Q3-12		8-9

The top team from each Tournament will qualify to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games competition.

The 2008 IIHF World Ranking will be the source for determining the seeding of these two teams in the Preliminary Round.

<b>QUALIFYING TIMELINE</b>
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Competition season 2008/2009

4 - 13 April 2008	2008 IIHF World Women's Championship
31 May 2008	Deadline for NOCs to confirm use of direct entry place to the IIHF
by September 2008	Preliminary Qualification Tournaments – if organised ( <i>dates and places to be listed</i> )
Up to two weeks after Preliminary Qualification Tournaments	Deadline to confirm participation to Pre-Olympic Qualification Tournaments
4-7 September 2008	Pre-Olympic Qualification Tournaments ( <i>places to be listed</i> )
30 September 2008	Deadline for NOCs to confirm pre-acceptance of participation to the Olympic Winter Games to the IIHF, in order to take part in the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament
6-9 November 2008	Final Olympic Qualification Tournaments ( <i>places to be listed</i> )
1 February 2010	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by the NOCs