

# Olympic Selection for the 2026 Milano-Cortina Winter Games

## 1. Introduction

The national selection criteria differ for each sport. They are set by Swiss Olympic and the relevant sports federation.

During the selection process, the federation proposes athletes to Swiss Olympic for the Olympic Games. It is then necessary to check whether each athlete meets the criteria, which is a time-consuming process.

Currently, the criteria are recorded in PDF files. The first goal would be to translate them into a format that can be read by a program. The next step would be to develop a program that uses a list of results in CSV format to check which Swiss athletes meet the criteria.

Ideally, there would be a dashboard or interface where you can select either a sport or an athlete. A filter by discipline should also be available.

If a sport is selected, it should be possible to see the list of athletes who have met the criteria, either fully or partially.

If an athlete is selected, it should be possible to see the sport and discipline(s) in which the criteria are met (or partially met). It should also be possible to see a list of their results that count towards selection (Date, Comp.SetDetail, Sport, Discipline, Gender, Class, Rank, Person/Team, DoB, Country, Result, Host City).

If an athlete only partially meets a criterion, it should be indicated what results they are missing in order to be eligible for selection in this discipline.

## 2. Notes about Data

### 2.1 Selection criteria data

The criteria for the selected sports are detailed in point 3.

Each name used is written precisely to correspond to the name of the column in the CSV table. For each sport, there are several possible routes to qualification. In general, an athlete qualifies for one discipline. If they want to participate in another discipline, they must also meet the criteria for that other discipline. Most of the team-disciplines selections are made with different rules, that is why they are not included in the Results lists.

As quota places and tactical selections are easier to verify, we are deliberately leaving them aside for the moment.

A selection of sports has been made, representing at best the panel of existing criteria. Biathlon is there as an example; the file has already been created. The complexity of the selection criteria then increases progressively.

### 2.2 Result data

You can identify the athletes in the Person column.

Only the results of the Swiss athletes were exported, so there is no need for a country filter in the program.

The rank may not be numerical (DNS, DNF, etc.).

Most of the criteria have conditions that include the 2025/2026 season. Therefore, in the Results\_Test\_Version file, fake results for the 2025/2026 season were introduced. With this, you can test your program. These fake results are a copy of the 2024/2025 season; they do not guarantee that an athlete will meet the criteria.

The CSV file was created from an Excel file. Please note that dates can sometimes be problematic.

I recommend using the columns indicated in the criteria description, as they are the most consistent.

### 3. Sports National Criteria

#### 3.1 Biathlon

Sport = Biathlon

Only Olympic disciplines count (Is Olympic Discipline = Yes)

Results within a Team result do not count (Team Members = No)

Juniors' results do not count (Class = Seniors)

There are 5 routes to become eligible:

- 1 x Top 3 World Championships 2025 AND 1 x Top 30 World Cup 2025/2026
- 1 x Top 6 World Cup 2024/2025 AND 1 x Top 25 World Cup 2025/2026
- 1 x Top 15 World Cup 2025/2026
- 2 x Top 25 World Cup 2025/2026
- 1 x Top 5 IBU Cup 2025/2026 AND 2x Top 30 World Cup 2025/2026

These are the information to identify the competitions in the Results file:

- World Championship 2025 (Comp.SetDetail = IBU World Championships AND Year = 2025)
- World Cup 2024/2025 (Comp.SetDetail = BMW IBU World Cup AND Date = 30.11.2024-23.03.2025)
- World Cup 2025/2026 (Comp.SetDetail = BMW IBU World Cup AND Date = 01.11.2025-18.01.2026)
- IBU Cup 2025/2026 (Comp.SetDetail = IBU Cup AND Date = 01.11.2025-18.01.2026)

#### 3.2 Alpine Skiing

Sport = Alpine Skiing

Class = Seniors

Team Member = No

Is Olympic Discipline = Yes

Tere are 2 routes to become eligible:

- 1 x Top 7 World Cup 2025/2026
- 2 x Top 15 World Cup 2025/2026

These are the information to identify the competition in the Results file:

- World Cup 2025/2026 (Comp.SetDetail = Audi FIS Ski World Cup AND Date = 01.10.2025-25.01.2026)

#### 3.3 Cross-Country Skiing

Sport = Cross-Country Skiing

Only Olympic disciplines count (Is Olympic Discipline = Yes)

Results within a Team result do not count (Team Members = No)

Seniors' results for all competitions (Class = Seniors) except the U23 World Championships (Class = Under 23)

There are 6 routes to become eligible:

- World Championships 2025 1x Top 3 AND 1x Top 30 World Cup 2025/2026
- U23 World Championships 2025 1x Top3 AND 1x Top25 World Cup 2025/2026
- World Cup 2024/2025 Top3 1x AND 1x Top25 World Cup 2025/2026
- World Cup 2025/2026 1x Top 15
- World Cup 2025/2026 2x Top 25
- Continental Cup 2025/2026 1x Top3 AND (1x Top25 World Cup 2024/2025 OR 1x Top25 World Cup 2025/2026)

These are the information to identify the competitions in the Results file:

- World Cup 24/25 (Comp.SetDetails = FIS Cross-Country World Cup AND Date = 29.11.2024-31.07.2025)
- World Cup 25/26 (Comp.SetDetails = FIS Cross-Country World Cup AND Date = 01.08.2025-21.01.2026)
- World Championships 2025 (Comp.SetDetails = FIS Nordic World Ski Championships AND Year = 2025)
- U23 World Championships 2025 (Comp.SetDetails = FIS Nordic Under 23 World Ski Championships AND Year = 2025)
- Continental Cup 25/26 (Comp.SetDetails = FESA Cross-Country Continental Cup AND Date = 01.08.2025-21.01.2026)

### 3.4 Figure Skating

Sport = Figure Skating

Only Olympic disciplines count (Is Olympic Discipline = Yes)

Results within a Team result do not count (Team Members = No)

Juniors' results do not count (Class = Seniors)

To qualify in a given discipline, you must reach a certain score (Discipline, Gender and Result are the names of the columns in the table):

- Discipline = Singles AND Gender = Women -> Result better or equal to 185
- Discipline = Singles AND Gender = Men -> Result better or equal to 210
- Discipline = Ice Dance AND Gender = Mixed -> Result better or equal to 165
- Discipline = Pairs AND Gender = Mixed -> Result better or equal to 170

These are the competitions that count and the information to identify them in the Results file:

- World Championships 2025 (Comp.SetDetails = ISU World Figure Skating Championships AND Date = 01.01.2025-18.01.2026)
- European Championships 2025 (Comp.SetDetails = ISU European Figure Skating Championships AND Date = 01.01.2025-31.07.2025)
- European Championships 2026 (Comp.SetDetails = ISU European Figure Skating Championships AND Date = 01.08.2025-18.01.2026)
- Grand-Prix Senior ISU 2025/2026 (Comp.SetDetails = ISU Grand Prix Senior AND Date = 01.08.2025-18.01.2026)
- Challenger Senior ISU 2025/2026 (Comp.SetDetails = ISU Challenger Senior AND Date = 01.08.2025-18.01.2026)
- International Competition for Olympic Qualification 2025 (Comp.SetDetails = ISU Olympic Qualifier AND Date = 01.01.2025-18.01.2026)
- OWG Test Event Road to Milano (Comp.SetDetails = ISU OWG Test Event AND Date = 01.01.2025-18.01.2026)
- Swiss Championships 2026 (Comp.SetDetails = National Championships AND Date = 01.08.2025-18.01.2026)

### 3.5 Bobsleigh

Sport = Bobsleigh

Only Olympic disciplines count (Is Olympic Discipline = Yes)

Juniors' results do not count (Class = Seniors)

Team Result counts (Team Member = No), but you must verify that the whole Team (Team Member = Yes) can run for Switzerland (Country = Switzerland). The country must be controlled on a different line in the Results Table. To match the team result with the singles athletes results, you can use the Date, Comp.SetDetail, Discipline, Gender and Rank. This verification is required for the disciplines 2-Man and 4-Man (same denomination for Women and Men).

These are the 3 routes to become eligible:

- 1 x Top 6 World Cup 2025/2026 AND one of the following:
  - 1 x Top 6 World Championships 2025
  - 1 x Top 6 World Cup 2024/2025 Lillehammer
- 2 x Top 12 World Cup 2025/2026
  - For this route, a verification of commitment until 20230 is required. Perhaps indicate with a color or comment if a pilot qualifies via this route. If this is too complicated, ignore this sub-point.
- 2 x Top 14 World Cup 2025/2026 AND Age = 27 or younger

These are the information to identify the competitions in the Results file:

- World Championships 2024/2025 (Comp.SetDetails = IBSF World Championships AND Year = 2025)
- World Cup Lillehammer 2024/2025 (Comp.SetDetails = IBSF World Cup AND Date = 03.02.2025-09.02.2025, Host City = Lillehammer)
- World Cup 2025/2026 (Comp.SetDetails = IBSF World Cup AND Date = 01.11.2025-18.01.2026)

### 3.6 Freestyle Skiing

Sport = Freestyle Skiing

Only Olympic disciplines count (Is Olympic Discipline = Yes)

Results within a Team result do not count (Team Members = No)

Juniors' results do not count (Class = Seniors)

For this sport, it's a little different. There are two "groups" of athletes who are eligible. Group A has priority, and Group B can participate if there are places left. You therefore need to find a way to indicate on the program interface which group the athlete belongs to.

For Group A, the routes are the same for all disciplines:

- 1x Top 3 World Championships 2025 AND 1x Top 8 World Cup 2025/26
- 1x Top 3 World Cup Standings 2024/2025 AND 1x Top 8 World Cup 2025/26
- 2x Top 3 World Cup 2025/2026

For Group B, one route is the same for all disciplines:

- 1x Top 8 World Cup 2025/2026

There are two other routes to be in Group B in all disciplines. However, the rank varies depending on the discipline. Below is the example for the Aerials discipline.

- Aerials:
  - Gender = Women AND 2x Top 12 (one has to be World Cup 2025/2026, the other can be World Championships 2025, World Cup 2024/2025 or another result of the World Cup 2025/2026)
  - Gender = Men AND 2x Top 16 (one has to be World Cup 2025/2026, the other can be World Championships 2025, World Cup 2024/2025 or another result of the World Cup 2025/2026)

The structure of these two routes remains exactly the same for all disciplines; only the rank to be achieved changes depending on the gender and discipline. Here are the ranks for the other disciplines:

- Moguls and Dual Moguls:

- Women, Top 16
- Men, Top 20
  
- Ski Cross, Big Air and Slopestyle
  - Women, Top 12
  - Men, Top 20
  
- Halfpipe:
  - Women, Top 12
  - Men, Top 16

These are the competitions that count and the information to identify them in the Results file:

- World Cup Events 24/25 (Comp.SetDetail = FIS Freeski World Cup AND Date = 01.07.2024-31.06.2025)
- World Cup Events 25/26 (Comp.SetDetail = FIS Freeski World Cup AND Date = 01.07.2025-25.01.2026)
- World Cup Standings 24/25 (Comp.SetDetail = FIS Freeski World Cup Standings AND Year = 2025)
- World Championships 2025 (Comp.SetDetail = FIS Freestyle World Ski Championships AND Year = 2025)

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You can contact me with any questions you may have. I have tried to keep my schedule as open as possible this week. For a quick response, please call me. If I am in a meeting, I will call you back as soon as it is over.