



Pre-Qualification Standard for World Cups 1-3 2026/27 Season

Performance Standards:

Up to 50% of the start quota per gender to be pre-qualified for World Cups (WC) 1-3 in the 2026/27 Season through the following pre-qualification standards (rounding down for all fractions). The complete qualification pathway for the 2026/27 World Cup and IBU Cup season is anticipated to be released by August 2026.

- 1) Eligible athletes who place in the top ten (10) in any Sprint, Individual, or Pursuit, or Mass Start race at the 2026 Olympics (OWG) will pre-qualify.
 - a) If the maximum allowable percentage of pre-qualified start spots is exceeded via the above standard, the following tie-breaking mechanisms will be employed in the order below:
 - i) Single best OWG non-team result.
 - ii) If two or more athletes have the same single best result, each athlete's second-best OWG non-team result will be used as the tiebreaker. This tie-break process will continue until the tie is broken (e.g., third-best, fourth-best, etc.).
- 2) If the maximum allowable percentage of pre-qualified start spots have not been filled via step 1, additional athletes may pre-qualify for WC's 1-3 by meeting the standards outlined below.
 - a) Top-30 in the overall World Cup Final Ranking for the 2025/26 season; or
 - b) Two Top Fifteen (15) finishes in WC and/or OWG non-team competitions in the 2025/26 season.
 - c) If the maximum allowable percentage of pre-qualified start spots is exceeded, the following tie-breaking mechanisms will be employed in the order below, until the maximum allowable percentage of pre-qualified start spots is reached:
 - i) Single best non-team result during the 2025/26 WC (including OWG) season
 - ii) If two or more athletes have the same single best result, each athlete's second-best result will be used as the tiebreaker. This tie-break process will continue until the tie is broken (e.g., third-best, fourth-best, etc.)

Performance Requirements for Early Qualification:

Each Pre-Qualified Athlete must accept their National Team nomination and maintain their National Team status throughout the subsequent training season in order to maintain pre-qualification status. Failure to fulfill these terms and conditions will result in the removal of the Pre-Qualified Athlete from early qualification status at which time the Pre-Qualified Athlete would need to follow the remaining selection procedures to qualify for international teams in the upcoming season.

A pre-qualified athlete is subject to the same qualification requirements as normally-qualified athletes and is therefore subject to all aspects of the criteria, including the Movement Clause, which allows for World Cup athletes to be sent to the IBU Cup *at any point* if their performance warrants such a move. In such a case, an athlete, who has technically met the above pre-qualification criteria, could be taken off the World Cup tour at any point within the WC 1-3 period.