



## **General Guidelines on Rio 2016 Olympic Games Qualification System**

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Note: Please note that the Qualification System is subject to agreement of the IOC. For more details, please see the WTF Olympic Standing Procedure in force as of September 5, 2013.

### **Qualification through WTF Olympic Ranking**

- The World Qualification tournament for the Olympic Games has been replaced by qualification through ranking.
- A total of 48 athletes (24 male and 24 female) will be qualified for the Olympic Games through the WTF Olympic Ranking.
- The top 6 ranked athletes in the WTF Olympic Ranking of each weight category after the Grand Prix Final of 2015 will qualify for the Olympic Games without participation in additional qualification tournament. The pertinent NOC must confirm the use of the qualified place within 2 weeks after the receipt of the notice from the WTF.
- In case of tie of the ranking points, the one who won the ranking points at the higher graded events will be considered as higher ranked athlete.
- A maximum of one (1) athlete per weight division can be qualified from a NOC.
- In the event that a NOC has more than one (1) athlete ranked within top 6 in one weight division, the qualification place shall be given to the highest ranked athlete among them. In the case that the NOC rejects the highest ranked athlete, the place will be awarded to the next highest athlete of this NOC within the top 6 places. The additional place created shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked athletes (No.7).
- A NOC can qualify a maximum of 8 athletes, 4 men and 4 women through ranking.
- As per replacement of the athlete, please see the last article (Qualification place allocation).

### **Qualification through Continental Qualification Tournaments**

- If a NOC has qualified 2 male and 2 female athletes through ranking, it cannot participate in Continental Qualification Tournament unless it relinquishes the places obtained through ranking. This quota applies to male and female division respectively. For instance, in case a NOC has qualified more than 2 male and only 1 female through ranking, it can still participate in the Continental Qualification Tournament to qualify one more female athlete.
- Through the 5 Continental Qualification Tournaments, a total of 72 athletes (36 male and 36 female) will be qualified for the Olympic Games.
- Number of qualification places by continent are represented in the table below:

<b>Continent</b>	<b>Qualification places</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Africa	16	Top 2 athletes per division
Asia	16	Top 2 athletes per division
Europe	16	Top 2 athletes per division
Oceania	8	Top 1 athlete per division
Pan America	16	Top 2 athletes per division
Total	72	

- Host NOC of the Olympic Games is not eligible to participate in continental qualification tournament

### **Wild cards (Tripartite Commission Invitation Place) and Host NOC**

- A total of 4 athletes (2 male and 2 female) shall be chosen and will be qualified for the Olympic Games through wild cards from all NOCs that have not qualified any athletes by any means.



- The host NOC may qualify the maximum number of athletes through ranking same as the other NOCs. The host NOC shall be guaranteed to participate with 2 male and 2 female athletes through invitation if not having qualified through ranking.

#### **Qualification place allocation**

- Qualification through ranking: (1) Qualification place is, in principle, allocated to the contestant of the pertinent NOC. The NOC shall have the right to accept or reject the qualification place achieved by this contestant. In case of rejection, the place shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked contestant in the WTF Olympic Ranking provided the replacement does not exceed the national quota of the reallocated NOC. (2) The NOC may replace the qualified athlete by no later than May 31, 2016 only if there is a good cause and if the replacing athlete is ranked within top 20 of the pertinent Olympic weight division in the WTF Olympic Ranking anytime between January 2016 and May 2016. In this case, the pertinent NOC should send an official request to the WTF in writing for consideration. It is up to the WTF's discretion to accept or reject the replacement request based on the analysis of the cause.
- Qualification through continental qualification tournament / host NOC: Qualification places are given to the NOC. The NOC can select athletes as long as the athlete meets the minimum requirements to be set by the WTF.
- Qualification through wild cards: Qualification places are given to the athlete of the NOC following the decision of the Tripartite Commission (IOC-ANOC-WTF).
- Late replacement due to injury: Following the policy of the IOC, late replacement of the qualified athlete due to injury may be accepted with the required proof of medical confirmation by the time set by the IOC as long as the replacing athlete meets the minimum criteria to be set out by the WTF in the Qualification System document.