



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020

WORLD RUGBY

Rugby *Rugby Sevens*

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Event (1)	Women's Event (1)
12-team tournament	12-team tournament

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Rugby:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	132 (11 teams)	12 (1 team)	144 (12 teams)
Women	132 (11 teams)	12 (1 team)	144 (12 teams)
Total	264 (22 teams)	24 (2 team)	288 (24 teams)

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	12 (1 team)
Women	12 (1 team)
Total	24 (2 teams)

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

Age Requirements: All athletes must comply with the provisions of the World Rugby Elite Rugby Age Guidelines <http://playerwelfare.worldrugby.org/?documentid=115>

Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, all athletes must comply with World Rugby Regulation 8 – Eligibility requirements <http://www.worldrugby.org/documents/handbook>



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

With regard to the qualification process for Great Britain, by no later than 31 July 2018, the BOA must designate the lead teams (one per gender) which solely will be able to obtain qualification for Great Britain to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. The decision will apply across the different phases of qualification.

MEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
4 teams (48 athletes)	2018/19 World Rugby Men's Sevens World Series The teams ranked 1 to 4 in the final rankings of the 2018/19 World Rugby Men's Sevens World Series will obtain one (1) quota place for their NOC to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. It is intended that the 2018/19 World Rugby Men's Sevens World Series will consist of ten (10) tournaments and will commence in December 2018 and finish by 30 June 2019. The number of tournaments in the Series and the dates of each tournament will be confirmed by 31 July 2018.
6 teams (72 athletes)	2019 World Rugby Regional Association Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments The winner of each of the designated 2019 World Rugby Regional Association Men's Sevens Olympic Qualification Tournaments will qualify a quota place for their NOC to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Africa - 1 team○ Asia - 1 team○ Europe - 1 team○ North America - 1 team○ Oceania – 1 team○ South America - 1 team All 2019 World Rugby Regional Association Men's Sevens Olympic Qualification Tournaments are intended to take place between 30 June 2019 and 31 December 2019. Teams that have already qualified quota places for their NOC to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 through the 2018/19 World Rugby Men's Sevens World Series are not eligible to participate in the Regional Olympic Qualification tournaments unless otherwise agreed to by World Rugby. The NOCs participating in the 2019 World Rugby Regional Association Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments, must confirm their participation to the Olympic Games to World Rugby in case they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the respective Qualification Tournaments.



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<p>1 team (12 athletes)</p>	<p>Final Olympic Repechage Tournament The winner of the Final Olympic Repechage Qualification tournament will qualify a quota place for their NOC to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.</p> <p>The final Olympic Repechage Tournament will be a 12 team tournament with the following quota of the best ranked teams from each World Rugby Region invited to participate, based on rankings from the 2019 Regional Qualification Tournaments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Africa - 2 teams ○ Asia - 2 teams ○ Europe - 2 teams ○ North America - 2 teams ○ Oceania - 2 teams ○ South America - 2 teams <p>Teams that have already qualified quota places for their NOC to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 are not eligible to participate in the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament.</p> <p>The NOCs participating in the Final Olympic Repechage Qualification Tournament, must confirm their participation to the Olympic Games to World Rugby in case they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament</p> <p>The tournament will take place at a time between the end of the Regional Qualification process and 29 June 2021.</p>
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WOMEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<p>4 teams (48 athletes)</p>	<p>2018/19 World Rugby Women's Sevens World Series</p> <p>The teams ranked 1 to 4 in the final rankings of the 2018/19 World Rugby Women's Sevens World Series will qualify directly a quota place for their NOC to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.</p> <p>It is intended that the Series will consist of a minimum of six (6) tournaments and will commence in October 2018 and finish by 30 June 2019.</p> <p>The number of tournaments in the Series and the dates of each tournament will be confirmed by 31 July 2018.</p>



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<p>6 teams* (72 athletes)</p>	<p>2019 World Rugby Regional Association Olympic Qualification Tournaments</p> <p>The winner of each of the 2019 World Rugby Regional Association Women's Sevens Olympic Qualification Tournaments will qualify for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Africa - 1 team○ Asia -1 team○ Europe -1 team○ North America - 1 team○ Oceania - 1 team○ South America - 1 team <p>All 2019 World Rugby Regional Association Women's Sevens Olympic Qualification Tournaments are intended take place between 30 June 2019 and 31 December 2019.</p> <p>Teams that have already qualified quota places for their NOC to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 through the 2018/19 World Rugby Women's Sevens World Series are not eligible to participate in the Regional Qualification tournaments unless otherwise agreed to by World Rugby.</p> <p>The NOCs and National Federations participating in the 2019 World Rugby Regional Association Women's Sevens Olympic Qualification Tournaments, must confirm their participation to the Olympic Games to World Rugby in case they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the respective Qualification Tournaments.</p> <p>* For North America, in case two (2) teams from the continent qualify through the World Rugby Women's Sevens World Series, the regional place will be added to the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament.</p>
<p>1 team* (12 athletes)</p>	<p>Final Olympic Repechage Tournament</p> <p>The winner of the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament will qualify a quota place for their NOC to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.</p> <p>The final qualification tournament will be a 12 team tournament with the following quota of the best ranked teams from each World Rugby Region invited to participate based on rankings from the 2019 Regional Olympic Qualification Tournaments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Africa - 2 teams○ Asia - 2 teams○ Europe - 2 teams○ North America - 2 teams○ Oceania - 2 teams○ South America - 2 teams <p>Teams that have already qualified quota places for their NOC to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 are not eligible to participate in the Final Qualification Tournament.</p> <p>The NOCs participating in the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament, must confirm their participation to the Olympic Games to World Rugby in case they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the Tournament.</p> <p>The tournament will take place at a time between the end of the Regional Qualification process and June 29 2021.</p>



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* In case two (2) teams qualify from the North America Region in the World Rugby Women's Sevens Series, the next highest ranked NOC in the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament will qualify a quota place for their NOC to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Men & Women

Japan is guaranteed a quota place in the Men's and Women's competitions subject to ongoing and regular participation in World Rugby approved international high-performance Rugby Sevens competitions by both teams.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION PLACES

Following each qualification event, World Rugby will publish the results on its website <http://www.worldrugby.org> and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places within three days (3) of the conclusion of the qualification event.

The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph H. **Qualification Timeline**.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host NOC/NF has to confirm the use of the allocated quota places to World Rugby by 31 July 2018

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

Men

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the team qualified through the 2018/19 World Rugby Men's Sevens World Series, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team from the 2018/19 Series.
- If the team qualified through the Regional Qualification Tournament, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team from the same Regional Qualification tournament subject to validation of the World Rugby Executive Committee (ExCo) based on ongoing and regular participation of the team in World Rugby approved international high-performance Rugby Sevens competitions.
- In respect of the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament, the NOCs of all teams that have qualified to participate in the tournament must confirm prior to the tournament that the NOC will accept the qualification place. If due to exceptional circumstances the quota place cannot be filled then it will be reallocated to the next best ranked team from the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament.

Women



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If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the team qualified through the 2018/19 World Rugby Women's Sevens World Series, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team from the 2018/19 Series.
- If the team qualified through the Regional Qualification Tournament, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team from the same Regional Qualification Tournament subject to validation of the World Rugby Executive Committee (ExCo) based on ongoing and regular participation of the team in World Rugby approved international high-performance Rugby Sevens competitions
- In respect of the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament, the NOCs of all teams that have qualified to participate in the tournament must confirm prior to the tournament that the NOC will accept the qualification place. If due to exceptional circumstances the quota place cannot be filled then it will be reallocated to the next best ranked team from the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Men

If the Japan NOC does not wish to use its allocated quota place, it will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team from the World Rugby Men's Sevens World Series. Should Japan qualify through the World Rugby Men's Sevens World Series, the place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC, not yet qualified, from the World Rugby Men's Sevens World Series.

Women

If the Japan NOC does not wish to use its allocated quota place it will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team from the World Rugby Women's Sevens World Series.

G. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE USE OF P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P alternate athletes are non-competing athletes, and are not included within the athlete's quota as described in Paragraph **B. Athlete Quota**. More detailed information about entitlements and quotas can be found in the '*Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Detailed specifications*'. P alternate athletes can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the '*IOC/Tokyo 2020 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.

Eligibility:

P alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athletes Eligibility**.

Quota:

Each qualified team is entitled to one (1) P alternate athlete.



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H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
31 July 2018	Rankings for Men's and Women's World Series Tournaments confirmed. World Rugby to inform NOCs / NFs of their allocated quota places
20 October 2018 to 02 June 2019	World Rugby Men's and Women's Sevens World Series Tournaments
07 June 2019	NOC of Japan to confirm use of Men's and Women's Host Country places to World Rugby
14 June 2019	NOCs to confirm the use of allocated quota places to World Rugby
1 June 2019 to 31 December 2019	Regional Association Men's and Women's Sevens Championships
15-16 September 2018 & 29-30 September 2018	Africa Men's Pre-Qualifiers – Abidjan (CIV) & Bujumbura (BDI)
1-2 June 2019	South America Women's Qualifier – Lima (PER)
29-30 June 2019	South America Men's Qualifier – Santiago (CHI)
6-7 July 2019	North America Men's & Women's Qualifier – George Town (CAY)
22-23 June 2019	Europe Men's Pre-Qualifier – Grand Prix Series 1 st Leg – Moscow (RUS)
15-16 June 2019	Europe Men's Pre-Qualifier – Trophy Series 1 st Leg – Zagreb (CRO)
22-23 June 2019	Europe Men's Pre-Qualifier – Trophy Series 2 nd Leg - Zenica (BIH)
8-9 June 2019	Europe Men's Pre-Qualifier – Conference – Belgrade (SER)
29-30 June 2019	Europe Women's Pre-Qualifier – Grand Prix Series 1 st Leg – Paris Marcoussis (FRA)
8-9 June 2019	Europe Women's Pre-Qualifier – Trophy Series 1 st Leg – Budapest (HUN)
22-23 June 2019	Europe Women's Pre-Qualifier – Trophy Series 2 nd Leg - Lisbon (POR)
15-16 June 2019	Europe Women's Pre-Qualifier – Conference – Zagreb (CRO)
13-14 July 2019	European Men's Qualifier – Colomiers (FRA)
13-14 July 2019	Europe Women's Qualifier – Kazan (RUS)
12-13 October 2019	Africa Women's Qualifier – Jemmal (TUN)
7-9 November 2019	Oceania Men's & Women's Qualifier – Suva (FIJ)
8-9 November 2019	Africa Men's Qualifier – Johannesburg (RSA)
9-10 November 2019	Asia Women's Qualifier – Guangzhou (CHN)
23-24 November 2019	Asia Men's Qualifier – Incheon (KOR)
By June 29 2021	Men's Final Olympic Qualification Tournament – TBC
By June 29 2021	Women's Final Olympic Qualification Tournament – TBC
TBC	World Rugby to reallocate all unused quota places
5 July 2021	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline
26 July – 31 July 2021	Rugby Sevens at Tokyo 2020