



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING FEDERATION (FINA) Swimming

A. EVENTS (35)

Men's Events (17)	Women's Events (17)	Mixed Event (1)
50m Freestyle	50m Freestyle	4X100 Mixed Medley Relay
100m Freestyle 200m Freestyle	100m Freestyle 200m Freestyle	
400m Freestyle	400m Freestyle	
800m Freestyle	800m Freestyle	
1500m Freestyle	1500m Freestyle	
100m Backstroke	100m Backstroke	
200m Backstroke	200m Backstroke	
100m Breaststroke	100m Breaststroke	
200m Breaststroke	200m Breaststroke	
100m Butterfly	100m Butterfly	
200m Butterfly	200m Butterfly	
200m Individual Medley	200m Individual Medley	
400m Individual Medley	400m Individual Medley	
4 x 100m Freestyle Relay	4 x 100m Freestyle Relay	
4 x 200m Freestyle Relay	4 x 200m Freestyle Relay	
4 x 100m Medley Relay	4 x 100m Medley Relay	

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total number of Athletes for Swimming:

	Qualification Places	Universality Places	Total Places
Total		878*	

* The total number of NOCs entered in Swimming events in Tokyo will be at least equal to the number of NOCs represented at the 2019 World Championships in Gwangju (KOR) provided all athletes are eligible for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	Max. 26 athletes	Maximum 2 athletes per event Maximum 1 relay team per event
Women	Max. 26 athletes	Maximum 2 athletes per event Maximum 1 relay team per event



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NOCs/NFs without any qualified athlete or relay team may enter a maximum of two (2) athletes – one (1) man and one (1) woman (Universality Places) in one (1) event each (see section “Universality Places” below).

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete by name in individual events.

The quota place is allocated to the NOC in Relay events.

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 comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Only the athletes who are eligible to participate at the official FINA competitions, in accordance with the FINA General Rules, are entitled to participate in the Olympic Games.

Only athletes who have participated in the 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju and/or who are approved by FINA to compete are eligible for Universality Places according to FINA Rule BL 9.3.6.4.3).

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The priority order for qualification places into the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 will be (FINA Rule BL 9.3.6.4.2):

1. All athletes with Olympic Qualifying Times (OQT / “A” Time)
2. Athletes in relays
3. Universality Places
4. Invited athletes who have achieved an Olympic Selection Time (OST / “B” time)



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Individual Qualification

Qualification Events

Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT / “A” Time) and Olympic Selection Time (OST / “B” Time)

For each individual event at the Olympic Games, the FINA Bureau will establish Standard Entry Times of two (2) types: an “*Olympic Qualifying Time*” (OQT / “A” Time) and a “*Olympic Selection Time*” (OST / “B” Time) of which the OST / “B” Time shall be easier to achieve. Standard entry times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA during the qualification period from **1st March 2019 to 27th June 2021**. The list of the qualification times to be achieved by the athletes per event and per standard is set out in paragraph **H. Qualification Time Standards**.

FINA will establish a calendar with approved qualification events for individual entries. The calendar will be published on www.fina.org and updated occasionally until February 2021; it includes FINA World Championships; Continental Championships; Continental Qualification Events; National Championships and Trials and Qualification Events approved by FINA. At all qualifying events approved by FINA, only Referees and Starters on FINA Officials Lists are eligible. The timing system for the events must also be described by the Organiser.

Athletes who have achieved the Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT / “A” Time)

Athletes who achieve the OQT / “A” Time in one or more individual events are automatically qualified to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

NOCs can enter two (2) athletes in the same event, only if both athletes have achieved the OQT / “A” Time.

Invited athletes who have achieved an Olympic Selection Time (OST / “B” Time)

Following the end of the qualification period and in the event that the quota of 878 athletes is not reached, FINA will assess the number of athletes having achieved the OQT / “A” Time, the number of Relay-Only Athletes and the number of Universality Places.

FINA will then invite athletes who have achieved an OST / “B” time, until the total quota of 878 athletes is reached. OST places will be distributed by event, according to the position on the FINA World Ranking of 27th June 2021.

NOCs can only enter one (1) athlete per event having achieved an OST / “B” Time. Athletes invited through OST/“B” Time are only allowed to compete in the events for which they received the quota place.



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Relay Qualification

Qualification Events

There shall be a maximum of sixteen (16) qualified teams in each relay event, for a total of 112 relay teams.

Each NOC may enter only one (1) team in each relay event.

FINA World Championships

The twelve (12) highest placed NOCs per relay event at the 18th FINA World Championships 2019 in Gwangju (KOR) shall be qualified for the corresponding relay event at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 based upon the results achieved in the heats.

Fastest Time during the qualification period

The remaining four (4) teams per relay event will be the teams with the fastest times in the FINA World Rankings of 31st May 2021 achieved during the qualification period, in the qualifying events approved by FINA, from **1st March 2019 to 31st May 2021**.

If any of the qualified teams, both from the 18th FINA World Championships 2019 or the remaining four teams with the fastest times in the FINA World Rankings of 31st May 2021, are not able to participate for any reason, the next highest ranked eligible team from the FINA World Rankings, in the qualifying events approved by FINA in the respective event, will be offered the relay team quota place.

All athletes entered in individual events can be used in relays, even if they have not achieved the OST / “B” Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered.

Each NOC may enter additional athletes for relays only (“**Relay-Only Athletes**”), provided that they have achieved at least the OST / “B” Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered.

The following formula shall apply:

- One (1) Relay - two (2) additional athletes
- Two (2) Relays - four (4) additional athletes
- Three (3) Relays - six (6) additional athletes
- Four (4) Relays - eight (8) additional athletes
- Five (5) Relays - ten (10) additional athletes
- Six (6) or seven (7) Relays - twelve (12) additional athletes

If an NOC enters Relay-Only Athletes, these athletes must swim either in the heat or final of at least one relay event. Should a Relay-Only Athlete not compete, this will lead to the disqualification of the last relay team for which he/she was eligible to compete. This is not applicable in case of a medical injury or emergency after confirmation from the FINA Sports Medicine Committee.

The NOCs must confirm to FINA the participation of their qualified relay team by no later than **11th June 2021**.

The NOCs must confirm their Relay-Only Athletes to FINA by no later than **27th June 2021**.



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UNIVERSALITY PLACES (UNQUALIFIED ATHLETES)

NOCs with no athletes who have achieved an OQT / “A” Time or an OST / “B” Time may enter a maximum of one (1) man and one (1) woman, provided that those athletes participated in the 18th FINA World Championships 2019 and/or are approved by FINA to compete (“Universality Places”).

Because of the exceptional circumstances related to COVID-19 crisis, the consequent postponement of the Tokyo Olympics, and taking into account the unprecedented two-year period between the FINA World Championships Gwangju 2019 and the new date of the Games in 2021, NOC/NFs with no men or women with an “A” or “B” time standard will be allowed to enter their highest ranked men athlete or highest ranked women athlete in one individual event, based upon the FINA Points Table (2021 edition), through a performance in an approved FINA Olympic qualifying event (including the FINA World Championships Gwangju 2019);

In consultation with FINA, an NOC/NF may enter the second highest ranked athlete for exceptional reasons, including retirement, medical injury, or doping violation of the first ranked athlete.

NOCs with athletes having achieved an OQT / “A” Time or selected by FINA for an OST / “B” Time only in one (1) gender may also enter one (1) universality athlete in the other gender.

Athletes with having an OST / “B” Time achieved allocated to the Universality Places may be entered in up to two (2) individual events. Those athletes without an OST / “B” Time are limited to enter in one (1) individual event only.

NOCs must submit their applications for Universality Places to FINA for approval by **20th June 2021**. FINA will confirm the Universality Places to NOCs by **1st July 2021**.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following the end of the qualification period, FINA shall assess the number of athletes having achieved the OQT / “A” Time, the number of Relay-Only Athletes and the number of Universality Places. In order to complete the overall athletes’ quota, FINA shall then invite athletes having achieved OST / “B” Time and inform each NOC accordingly by **30th June 2021**. An online tracking tool shall be published on the FINA website showing the athletes qualified in each event. FINA will also seek confirmation from NOCs/NFs concerning the participation of athletes with OQT.

NOCs will then have to confirm if they wish to use these invitation places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

The confirmation process for NOCs which have qualified relay teams and obtained Universality Places can be found in the abovementioned sections.



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F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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If an allocated team relay 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 to the next ranked team in the relevant relay event in the FINA World Rankings of 31st May 2021.

If an individual quota place is declined by an NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete in the relevant event in the FINA World Rankings of **27th June 2021**.



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
December 2018	FINA to confirm the qualification time standards for all events. Standards to be distributed to all NOCs/NFs
Until February 2021	List of qualification events to be established, published and updated on www.fina.org
1st March 2019 – 27th June 2021	Period to achieve qualification time standards for individual events
1st March 2019 – 31st May 2021	Period to achieve qualification time standards for relay events
12 th -28 th July 2019	18 th FINA World Championships 2019, Gwangju (KOR)
31 st August 2019	FINA to inform NOCs/NFs of qualified relay teams from the World Championships
30 th September 2019	NOC/NF to confirm participation of their relay teams qualified from the 18 th FINA World Championships 2019, Gwangju (KOR)
31st May 2021	End of period to achieve qualification time standards for relay events
4 th June 2021	FINA to inform NOCs/NFs of qualified relay teams and relay-only athletes after qualification period
11 th June 2021	NOCs to confirm the participation of their relay teams to FINA
14 th June 2021	FINA to reallocate unused relay teams' quotas
27 th June 2021	NOCs to confirm Relay-Only Athletes to FINA
20 th June 2021	Deadline for NOCs to submit to FINA their application for Universality Places
27th June 2021	End of period to achieve qualification time standards for individual events
30 th June 2021	FINA to inform NOCs/NFs of OQT athletes and OST athlete invitations
1 st July 2021	FINA to confirm the allocation of Universality Places to NOCs
3 rd July 2021	NOCs to confirm use of OQT athletes and OST athlete invitations to FINA
4 th July 2021	FINA to reallocate unused OST athletes' invitations
By 4 th July 2021	FINA to reallocate all unused quota places
	FINA to inform Tokyo 2020 Sports Entries Dept. of all allocated quota places
5th July 2021	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline
23rd July – 8th August 2021	Olympic Games Tokyo 2020



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H. QUALIFICATION TIME STANDARDS

The following table outlines the Qualification Time Standards for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020:

Men's		Event	Women's	
Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT / "A" Time) – 2 Entries	Olympic Selection Time (OST / "B" Time) – 1 Entry		Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT / "A" Time) – 2 Entries	Olympic Selection Time (OST / "B" Time) – 1 Entry
22.01	22.67	50m Freestyle	24.77	25.51
48.57	50.03	100m Freestyle	54.38	56.01
1:47.02	1:50.23	200m Freestyle	1:57.28	2:00.80
3:46.78	3:53.58	400m Freestyle	4:07.90	4:15.34
7:54.31	8:08.54	800m Freestyle	8:33.36	8:48.76
15:00.99	15:28.02	1500m Freestyle	16:32.04	17:01.80
53.85	55.47	100m Backstroke	1:00.25	1:02.06
1:57.50	2:01.03	200m Backstroke	2:10.39	2:14.30
59.93	1:01.73	100m Breaststroke	1:07.07	1:09.08
2:10.35	2:14.26	200m Breaststroke	2:25.52	2:29.89
51.96	53.52	100m Butterfly	57.92	59.66
1:56.48	1:59.97	200m Butterfly	2:08.43	2:12.28
1:59.67	2:03.26	200m Individual Medley	2:12.56	2:16.54
4:15.84	4:21.46	400m Individual Medley	4:38.53	4:46.89