

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE NATATION

Swimming

A. Events (34)

MEN'S EVENTS (17)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (17)
50m freestyle	50m freestyle
100m freestyle	100m freestyle
200m freestyle	200m freestyle
400m freestyle	400m freestyle
1'500m freestyle	800m 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. Quota

	TOTAL
TOTAL	900

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	Max 2 swimmers or 1 relay team per event
Women	Max 2 swimmers or 1 relay team per event

QUOTA	
<u>Athlete numbers:</u>	The quota for swimming is 900 athletes.
<u>Maximum per NF/NOC:</u>	<p><u>Individual events</u> - each NF/NOC may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors. To enter two swimmers in the same individual event, both athletes must have achieved the "Olympic Qualifying Time" (OQT). To enter one swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least an OQT <u>OR</u> the competitor must have achieved at least the "FINA/Olympic Selection Time (OST)," <u>and</u> be approved by FINA to compete.</p> <p><u>Relay events</u> - An NF/NOC may enter a maximum of one (1) qualified relay team PER EVENT.</p>

NF/NOCs without qualified athletes - Universality Places

National Federations/NOCs with no swimmers who have achieved either the OQT or OST may enter one (1) man and/or one (1) woman, provided those swimmers participated in the 14th FINA World Championships – Shanghai 2011 and be approved by FINA to compete.

The total number of Universality Places shall not exceed 150 swimmers. These swimmers will be selected in accordance with the FINA Points Table (in principle, the best 75 men and 75 women). If there are fewer than 75 athletes for either gender, the other gender could receive more than 75 places. For example, if there are only 70 women, the five open women's places would be filled by the next best men in the Universality category.

The 2012 FINA Point Tables will serve as the basis for the selection of the Universality athletes, with the highest ranked athletes selected first.

C. Athlete Eligibility**ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

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

D. Qualification System**QUALIFICATION PATHWAY**

The priority order for qualification into the Olympic Games will be:

- All athletes with OQTs (A-Time)
- Athletes on relays
- Universality athletes
- Athletes who have achieved an OST (B-Time) and are approved by FINA

1. Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT)

For each individual event at the Olympic Games, the FINA Bureau has established Standard Entry Times of two types: an OQT and an OST of which the OST shall be easier to achieve. Standard entry times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.

For each individual event at the Olympic Games, each National Federation/NOC may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors. To enter two swimmers in the same event, both swimmers must have achieved the OQT. To enter one swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the OQT OR must have achieved the OST, and be approved by FINA to compete.

Swimmers who achieve the OQT in one or more individual events are automatically qualified to participate in the Olympic Games.

Swimmers who achieve the OQT in one or more individual events may also swim other events in which they have achieved an OST in the qualification period.

2. Relay teams

In the Olympic Games, not more than sixteen (16) teams can be entered in each relay competition. The top twelve (12) finishers at the 14th FINA World Championships – Shanghai 2011 shall be qualified based upon the final results achieved. The four (4) other teams shall be selected by FINA on the basis of the fastest times achieved in the fifteen-month period before the Olympic Games (1 March 2011 through 1 June 2012) in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA. If any qualified teams are not able to participate for any reason, available slots will be filled on the basis of next

fastest times achieved in the qualification 15-month period before the Olympic Games in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA. Individual times may not be aggregated for relay qualification purposes.

Each National Federation/NOC may enter only one (1) team in each relay event. All swimmers entered in individual events can be used in relays, even if they have not achieved the OST for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered.

Each National Federation/NOC may enter additional swimmers for relays only, provided that they have achieved an OQT or OST 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 swimmers
- Two (2) Relays - four (4) additional swimmers
- Three (3) Relays - six (6) additional swimmers
- Four (4) Relays - eight (8) additional swimmers
- Five (5) Relays - ten (10) additional swimmers
- Six (6) Relays - twelve (12) additional swimmers

The NFs/NOCs must confirm to FINA the participation of their qualified relay team (including the names of each athlete to compete) by no later than **31 May 2012** in the case of the 12 qualified relay teams from Shanghai and by no later than **11 June 2012** in the case of the remaining four relay teams.

3. NFs/NOCs without qualified athletes – Universality Places

National Federations/NOCs with no swimmers who have achieved either Standard Entry Time may enter one (1) man *and* one (1) woman (Universality), provided that those swimmers participated in the 14th FINA World Championships - Shanghai 2011 and are approved by FINA to compete. The total number of Universality places shall not exceed 150 swimmers. These swimmers will be selected in accordance with the FINA Points Table (in principle, the best 75 men and 75 women).

The 2012 FINA Point Tables will serve as the basis for the selection of the Universality athletes, with the highest ranked athletes selected first.

NFs/NOCs without qualified entries must submit their applications for entries to FINA for approval by **1 June 2012**.

4. Olympic Selection Time (OST)

For each individual event at the Olympic Games, the FINA Bureau will establish Standard Entry Times of two types: an OQT and an OST of which the OST shall be easier to achieve. Standard entry times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.

After determining the number of swimmers who have achieved the OQT, the number of swimmers entered in relays and the number of swimmers of National Federations/NOCs who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time, the participation of swimmers with the OSTs (BL 9.6.3.5) may be confirmed.

Swimmers with the OST may be invited to compete in the Olympic Games until the quota of 900 athletes is reached. The selection for these swimmers will be based on the following principles:

- In individual events, swimmers will be included in an Olympic Games Qualification Ranking compiled from 1 March 2011 through 18 June 2012, using only FINA-approved competitions. Only two athletes per NOC in each event will be included in the rankings (if an NOC has more than two athletes, those additional athletes will not be included).
- The highest ranked athlete with an OST in each of the 26 individual Olympic events will be invited to compete first. This process will continue (in groups of 26, one per each event) until the quota of 900 athletes is met. If adding all 26 athletes exceeds the quota of 900, the highest ranked athletes according to the FINA Points Table of 1 January 2012 would be invited first (within that grouping of 26 athletes) until the quota of 900 is reached. For example, if there are 110 open spaces for OST athletes, four (4) athletes in each event would be invited (104 athletes). The final six (6) places would be selected from those athletes with the highest rankings from the FINA Points Table in that event.

Qualification period

The qualifying time standards must be obtained at any of the specified competitions held in the period:

Individual Entries with OQT: ***01 March 2011 to 18 June 2012***

Individual Entries with OST: ***01 March 2011 to 18 June 2012***

Relay Entries: ***01 March 2011 to 1 June 2012***

Universality Places: ***01 March 2011 to 1 June 2012***

Qualification events

Only times achieved at FINA recognised competitions can be accepted as entry times for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Qualifying time standards must be obtained at any of the following competitions:

- Continental Championships
- National Olympic Trials, to be approved in advance by FINA
- International Competitions, to be approved in advance by FINA

QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS

		Olympic Qualifying Time			FINA/Olympic Selection Time		
		1 or 2 Entries			1 Entry (with invitation)		
		M	S	1/100	M	S	1/100
MEN'S STANDARD	50 Freestyle	00	22	11	00	22	88
	100 Freestyle	00	48	82	00	50	53
	200 Freestyle	01	47	82	01	51	59
	400 Freestyle	03	48	92	03	54	13
	800 Freestyle	00	00	00	00	00	00
	1500 Freestyle	15	11	83	15	43	74
	100 Backstroke	00	54	40	00	56	30
	200 Backstroke	01	58	48	02	02	63
	100 Breaststroke	01	00	79	01	02	92
	200 Breaststroke	02	11	74	02	16	35
	100 Butterfly	00	52	36	00	54	19
	200 Butterfly	01	56	86	02	00	95
	200 I. M.	02	00	17	02	04	38
	400 I. M.	04	16	46	04	25	44
WOMEN'S STANDARD	50 Freestyle	00	25	27	00	26	15
	100 Freestyle	00	54	57	00	56	48
	200 Freestyle	01	58	33	02	02	47
	400 Freestyle	04	09	35	04	18	07
	800 Freestyle	08	33	84	08	51	82
	1500 Freestyle	00	00	00	00	00	00
	100 Backstroke	01	00	82	01	02	95
	200 Backstroke	02	10	84	02	15	42
	100 Breaststroke	01	08	49	01	10	89
	200 Breaststroke	02	26	89	02	32	03
	100 Butterfly	00	58	70	01	00	75
	200 Butterfly	02	08	95	02	13	46
	200 I. M.	02	13	36	02	18	03
	400 I. M.	04	41	75	04	51	75

E. Confirmation process for quota places

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

NFs/NOCs must confirm to FINA the participation of their qualified relay team (including the names of the athletes who will be entered on that relay(s) by no later than 31 May 2012 (for the 12 teams qualified from Shanghai 2011) and by no later than 11 June 2012 (for the remaining four teams).

NFs/NOCs shall submit the entry forms for their qualified athletes and teams to LOCOG by the deadline of 9 July 2012. These entries shall be verified and approved by LOCOG in liaison with FINA.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

If a qualified relay team will not participate at the London 2012 Olympic Games, FINA will select the next relay team on the basis of the fastest time achieved in the period of 1 March 2011 to 1 June 2012.

G. Qualification timeline

CRITERIA	DATES & MILESTONES
OQT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>March 1, 2011 – June 18, 2012</i>: Qualification period • <i>June 20, 2012</i>: FINA invites NF/NOC swimmers with OQT • <i>June 25, 2012</i>: NF/NOC notify FINA if OQT swimmers will participate
RELAY SWIMMERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>March 1, 2011 – June 1, 2012</i>: Qualification period • <i>April 30, 2012</i>: FINA requests confirmation of the 12 relay teams from Shanghai to NF/NOC (including nominal entries) • <i>May 31, 2012</i>: NF/NOC to confirm participation of the 12 relay teams from Shanghai (including nominal entries) • <i>June 4, 2012</i>: FINA requests confirmation of the remaining 4 relay teams (including nominal entries) for the 16 places • <i>June 11, 2012</i>: FINA confirms and announces final 16 relay teams (including nominal entries) in each event
UNIVERSALITY PLACES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>March 1, 2011 – June 1, 2012</i>: Qualification period • <i>June 4, 2012</i>: FINA invites NF/NOC universality swimmers • <i>June 11, 2012</i>: NF/NOC notify FINA if universality swimmers will participate
OST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>March 1, 2011 – June 18, 2012</i>: Qualification period: • <i>June 20, 2012</i>: FINA invites NF/NOC swimmers with OST • <i>June 25, 2012</i>: NF/NOC notify FINA if OST swimmers will participate
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>July 9, 2012</i>: Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms

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