UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE

Mountain Bike

A. Events (2)

MEN'S EVENTS (1)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (1)
Cross-country	Cross-country

B. Quota

All of the athletes who have qualified and whose participation in one of the cycling disciplines has been confirmed will have the right to enter other cycling events provided that the limits for participation per NOC and per event are not exceeded.

	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
Men	50	50
Women	30	30
TOTAL	**80**	**80**

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	3
Women	2
TOTAL	**5**

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.

To take part in the Olympic Games, each athlete shall:

- hold a licence issued by a National Federation
- be at least 19 years old or reach this age in the year of the Olympics.

D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Quota places are obtained by NOCs

MEN

*CRITERION No. 1: UCI OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION RANKING (1)**

UCI Olympic qualification ranking	Riders qualified per NOC	Total number of athletes
Ranked 1 to 5	3	15
Ranked 6 to 13	2	16
Ranked 14 to 24	1	11
		Subtotal: 42

* See special provisions.

*CRITERION No. 2: INDIVIDUAL RANKING FROM THE 2011 CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (EXCEPT FOR EUROPE) (2/3)**

Only NOCs which do not qualify under criterion no. 1 can qualify under criterion no. 2

Continent	Ranking	Riders qualified per NOC	Total number of athletes
Africa	Ranked 1 to 2	1	2
America	Ranked 1 to 2	1	2
Asia	Ranked 1 to 2	1	2
Oceania	Ranked 1 to 2	1	2
			Subtotal: 8

* See special provisions.

WOMEN

*CRITERION No. 1: UCI OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION RANKING (1)**

UCI Olympic qualification ranking	Riders qualified per NOC	Total number of athletes
Ranked 1 to 8	2	16
Ranked 9 to 18	1	10
		Subtotal: 26

* See special provisions.

*CRITERION No. 2: INDIVIDUAL RANKING FROM THE 2011 CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (EXCEPT FOR EUROPE) (2/3)**

Only NOCs which do not qualify under criterion no. 1 can qualify under criterion no. 2

Continent	Ranking	Riders qualified per NOC	Total number of riders
Africa	Rank 1	1	1
America	Rank 1	1	1
Asia	Rank 1	1	1
Oceania	Rank 1	1	1
			Subtotal: 4

* See special provisions

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

(1) UCI Olympic Qualification Ranking: combination of the UCI rankings by nation Olympic format as of 23 May 2011 and 23 May 2012.

Tied NOCs in the UCI Olympic qualification ranking shall be split according to their best overall ranking in either 2011 or 2012 ranking by nation

The UCI ranking by nation of 23 May 2011 is based on results from 23 May 2010 to 22 May 2011. The UCI ranking by nation of 23 May 2012 is based on results from 23 May 2011 to 22 May 2012.

The UCI ranking by nation is calculated by summing the points of the three (3) best placed riders from each NOC in the UCI individual ranking, Olympic format. Nations with only one or two riders will also be included in the UCI ranking by nations.

In case of a tie in the UCI ranking by nation, the best nations shall be split by the ranking of their best rider in the UCI individual ranking, Olympic format.

(2) An NOC may qualify for only 1 place under criterion no. 2.

(3) If an NOC obtains a qualifying place under criterion no. 2, but has already qualified under criterion no. 1, the next best ranked NOC in the respective continental championships ranking will qualify.

By default, the next NOC of the continent considered in the UCI Olympic qualification ranking will qualify.

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TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

Eligible NOCs may request invitations from the Tripartite Commission. However, none will be directly allocated in the quota for Mountain Bike. If the commission receives any requests from NOCs for invitations which meet the criteria which have been set, these may be filled with places not used by the NOCs. This procedure shall be done in accordance with the steps defined in Section F of this qualification system.

On 1 November 2011, the International Olympic Committee will contact all those NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places.

The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places is 16 January 2012. In relation to the end of the qualification period, the Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the respective NOCs between 1 May and 9 July 2012.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the – Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Information Paper for NOCs – which is included in the Games of the XXX Olympiad, London 2012 Qualification and Participation Criteria.

E. Confirmation process for quota places

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Up until 1 June 2012, the UCI will confirm the number of quota places obtained to each NOC/NF. Each NOC/NF will have until 15 June 2012 to confirm to the UCI whether it will be using these quota places. After this date, any unused places will be allocated as Tripartite Commission Invitation Places then as reserve places. The deadline for the final reallocation of places is set at 29 June 2012.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

Any unused IF quota place(s) within the reserved quota of places will be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to reallocate all of the places, they will be assigned using the process outlined below:

Reserve places

Men

- For the 42 places available under criterion no. 1, reserve places will be allocated to the next best ranked NOC which has not yet obtained a quota place according to the UCI Olympic qualification ranking, in the same order as this ranking, with a maximum of 3 riders per NOC.
- For the 8 places available under criterion no. 2, a maximum of 1 reserve place per continent will be allocated to the next best ranked NOC which has not obtained a quota place according to the UCI Olympic qualification ranking for the respective continent.

Women

- For the 26 places available under criterion no. 1, reserve places will be allocated to the next best ranked NOCs which have not yet obtained a quota place according to the UCI Olympic qualification ranking, in the same order as this ranking, with a maximum of 2 riders per NOC.
- For the 4 places available under criterion no. 2, a maximum of 1 reserve place per continent will be allocated to the next best ranked NOC which has not yet obtained a quota place according to the UCI Olympic qualification ranking for the respective continent.

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
12 - 13 February 2011	Continental championships, Africa (Capetown, RSA)
18 - 20 March 2011	Continental championships, Oceania (Shepparton, AUS)
1 - 3 April 2011	Continental championships, America (Chia-Cundinamarca, COL)
10 - 12 June 2011	Continental championships, Asia (Suzhou, CHN)
1 November 2011	IOC will contact all NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
16 January 2012	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
1 May – 9 July 2012	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
23 May 2012	Establishment of the UCI Olympic qualification ranking
1 June 2012	Confirmation by the UCI to the NOCs of the number of quota places obtained
15 June 2012	Confirmation from the NOCs to the UCI that they will be taking the quota places obtained
29 June 2012	Reallocation of unused places by the UCI as Tripartite Commission invitations and reserve places
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms