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
10km marathon swim (see annex)	10km marathon swim (see annex)

B. Quota

Women

	IOIAL		
TOTAL	900*		
	QUOTA PER NOC		
Men	Max 2 swimmers or		
	1 relay team per event		
\M/a-man	Max 2 swimmers or		

^{* 50} additional swimmers for marathon swim.

1 relay team per event

QUOTA

Athlete numbers: The quota for swimming is 900 athletes.

Maximum per NF/NOC:

<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.

Relay events - An NF/NOC may enter a maximum of one (1) qualified relay team **PER EVENT**.

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.

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
- Athletes on relays
- Universality athletes
- · Athletes who have achieved an OST 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 <u>OR</u> must have achieved the OST, <u>and</u> 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.

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 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 at least the 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
 eight (8) additional swimmers

 Five (5) Relays

 ten (10) additional swimmers
 twelve (12) additional swimmers

The NFs/NOCs must confirm to FINA the participation of their qualified relay team by no later than 31 May 2012

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.

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 1 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).
- Those athletes with the highest Olympic Games Qualification ranking will be invited first until the quota of 900 is reached.

• Should there be a tie in selection of the 900th athlete, all athletes who are tied will have their times compared to the FINA Points Table of 1 January 2012, and those athletes with the highest point scores will be invited first.

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 3 July 2012
Individual Entries with OST: 01 March 2011 to 1 June 2012

Relay Entries: 01 March 2011 to 1 June 2012
Athletes with neither Standard Entry Time: 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 Ent	ry (with invi	tation)
		М	S	1/100	М	S	1/100
	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
8	800 Freestyle	00	00	00	00	00	00
IDA	1500 Freestyle	15	11	83	15	43	74
IAN	100 Backstroke	00	54	40	00	56	30
MEN'S STANDARD	200 Backstroke	01	58	48	02	02	63
Ë	100 Breaststroke	01	00	79	01	02	92
Σ	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
	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
RD	800 Freestyle	08	33	84	80	51	82
N'S STANDARD	1500 Freestyle	00	00	00	00	00	00
TA	100 Backstroke	01	00	82	01	02	95
<u>S</u>	200 Backstroke	02	10	84	02	15	42
	100 Breaststroke	01	08	49	01	10	89
WOME	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 L 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 by no later than 31 May 2012.

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 01 March 2011 to 1 June 2012.

G. Qualification time line

DATE	MILESTONE			
01 March 2011	Start of the qualifying time period for Individual and Relay Teams			
24 - 31 July 2011	14 th FINA World Championships (Swimming), (Shanghai, CHN)			
30 April 2012	FINA to request NFs/NOCs to confirm participation of their Relay Team which qualified in Shanghai 2011			
31 May 2012	NFs/NOCs to confirm to FINA the participation of their Relay Teams which qualified in Shanghai			
1 June 2012	Conclusion of the qualifying period for those Swimming Relay Teams (which did not qualify in Shanghai 2011) to achieve the fastest times in order to fill the sixteen (16) places for London. After 1 June 2012 no faster time for swimming relay teams will be accepted.			
	 Conclusion of the qualifying period for the OSTs NFs/NOCs without qualified entries to submit their application to FINA for approval – Universality Places 			
4 June 2012	FINA to request NFs/NOCs to confirm participation of their Swimming Relay Team in order to fulfil the 16 places			
	FINA to send official invitation letter to compete in Olympic Games to those NF/NOCs with athletes who have OSTs			
	FINA to officially notify those NFs/NOCs that have athletes who have OSTs but who will NOT receive an invitation to compete at the Olympic Games			
18 June 2012	NFs/NOCs to confirm participation of their Swimming Relay Team			
	NFs/NOCs to provide formal reply to FINA as to which of the athletes who have OSTs will compete			
	Date for FINA to announce the 16 Olympic Swimming Relay Teams qualified for each event			
3 July 2012	Conclusion of the qualifying time period for OQTs			
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms			

Please take a look at the detailed FINA events calendar on www.fina.org section « Calendar »

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