

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE NATATION

Swimming Annex – *Marathon Swimming*

A. Events (2)

MEN'S EVENTS (1)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (1)
10km marathon swim	10km marathon swim

B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	24	1	25
Women	24	1	25
TOTAL	48	2	50

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	2
Women	2
TOTAL	4

C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY
<p>FOR MEN AND WOMEN</p> <p><u>1. 2011 FINA World Championships</u> 20 Marathon Swimmers (10 Men & 10 Women) - The ten (10) best ranked athletes from the 10km event will obtain a quota place.</p> <p><u>2. FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2012</u> 18 Marathon Swimmers (9 Men & 9 Women) - The nine (9) best ranked athletes will obtain a quota place. Only NOC/NF that have not filled their maximum quota of two swimmers through the 2011 World Championships may elect to send a maximum of two (2) athletes per event to the qualifier. Each NOC/NF can qualify a maximum of one (1) athlete per gender.</p> <p><i>Continental Representation</i> 10 Marathon Swimmers (5 Men & 5 Women) - The best ranked athlete in the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2012, not yet qualified, from each of five (5) Continents will obtain a quota place.</p> <p>Should an NOC/NF have previously qualified one (1) or two (2) swimmers, the quota place will be allocated to the next best ranked athlete, not yet qualified, in the ranking of the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2012 event to ensure that each of these competitions yields a competitor.</p>

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

One (1) male and one (1) female marathon swimmer from the host country if not previously qualified, will obtain a quota place.

E. Confirmation process for quota places

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

FINA will inform the NOCs/NFs of the number of quota place(s) obtained by 18 June 2012.
 NOCs/NFs must confirm to FINA the use of quota place(s) obtained by no later than 2 July 2012.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

The unused IF quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete from the 2012 FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2012, not yet qualified.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Should the Host Country decide not to use its host country places, the place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete in the same gender from the 2012 FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2012, not yet qualified.

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
16 - 31 July 2011	2011 FINA World Championships (Shanghai, CHN)
May - June 2012 (TBC)	FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2012 (Location TBC)
18 June 2012	FINA informs the NOCs/NFs on the quota places obtained
2 July 2012	NOCs/NFs to confirm to FINA the use of quota places obtained
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms