

PART III
SECTION 5 A

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING REGULATIONS FOR RIO 2016

A. Events (5)

MEN'S EVENTS (2)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (2)	MIXED EVENTS (1)
Singles Doubles	Singles Doubles	Mixed Doubles

B. Athletes Quota

1. Total Quota for Badminton:

	QUALIFICATION	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES	TOTAL
Men	82	1	3	86
Women	82	1	3	86
TOTAL	164	2	6	172

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	8
Women	8
TOTAL	16

NOC event specific quota:

	WORLD RANKING LISTS AS OF 5 MAY 2016	Maximum Quota Places per event
Singles	If all athletes are ranked 1 - 16	2 Quota Places (2 athletes)
	If one (1) athlete is included in the BWF ranking	1 Quota Place (1 athlete)
Doubles	If all pairs are ranked 1 – 8	2 Quota Places (4 athletes)
	If one (1) is included in the BWF ranking	1 Quota Place (2 athletes)

3. Number of athletes per event:

	INITIAL NUMBER OF ATHLETES PER EVENT*
Men's Singles	38
Women's Singles	38
Men's Doubles	32 (16 pairs)
Women's Doubles	32 (16 pairs)
Mixed Doubles	32 (16 pairs)
TOTAL	172

* Before reallocation of quota places to Singles for athletes participating in both Singles and Doubles events.

4. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

If an NOC has more athletes/pairs qualified in any event than its entitled number of Quota Places, according to the World Ranking Lists as 5 May 2016, the NOC can decide to decline a Quota Place allocated to the highest ranked athlete/pair and choose a lower ranked eligible athlete/pair during the different phases of reallocation of Quota Places, as detailed in paragraph **F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places**. The NOC will however not be able to enter a declined athlete/pair at the time of final entries, should the lower ranked athlete/pair become unavailable.

C. Athlete Eligibility

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). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes (including athletes receiving Tripartite Commission Invitation Places) must have played in a minimum of three (3) tournaments in their respective event counting towards the World Ranking Lists during the Olympic qualifying period and be registered in the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016.

D. Qualification Pathway

QUALIFICATION PLACES

MEN / WOMEN / MIXED

The World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016 will be used to allocate the athletes Quota Places in Men's and Women's Singles, and Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles. Each list will be based on results achieved during the period 4 May 2015 to 1 May 2016. Participation in any of the following events will count towards the respective World Ranking Lists during the qualification period:

- Thomas & Uber Cup
- Sudirman Cup
- World Championships
- Superseries
- Grand Prix Gold
- Grand Prix
- International Challenge
- International Series
- Future Series
- Continental Championships (individual and team)
- Any other international event sanctioned by BWF and included in advance and with BWF approval as being part of the World Ranking Lists

BWF will allocate quota places with the following allocation priority (initial list before reallocation process):

1. Allocation of Host Country Places in singles from World Ranking Lists or as notified from the Host Country before 11 May (see section "Host Country Places")
2. Allocation of Tripartite Places in singles (see section "Tripartite Commission Invitation Places")
3. Allocation of Continental Confederation Places (see section "Qualification Places" for Singles and Doubles")
4. Allocation of Qualification Places (see section "Qualification Places" for Singles and Doubles")

SINGLES	
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL QUOTA PLACES	QUALIFICATION EVENT
68 Men's : 34 Women's : 24	<p>The BWF World Ranking List of 5 May 2016 will be used to allocate 34 individual Quota Places for Men and 34 individual Quota Places for Women to the highest ranked athletes, respecting the maximum quota allocation per NOC per event. The 34 Quota Places will include the Continental Representation Places.</p> <p>In each singles event, there shall be at least one (1) athlete from each of the five (5) BWF Continental Confederations (Continental Representation Places). If for a particular Continental Confederation there is no singles athlete qualified in an event, the athlete selected for Continental Representation Place shall be the highest ranked athlete in the BWF ranking list of 5 May 2016 from the respective continent.</p> <p>An athlete receiving a Tripartite Commission Invitation place shall be considered as the athlete satisfying the minimum continental representation in a specific Singles event.</p> <p>An athlete receiving a Host Country Place shall not be considered as satisfying the minimum continental representation in a specific Singles event.</p> <p>Considering qualification in all events, no NOC can qualify athletes/pairs in more than two (2) events through the Continental Representation Place system. If an NOC has athletes/pairs eligible in more than two (2) events, then the NOC must choose which athletes/pairs are qualified and the athlete/pair Quota Place declined will be offered to the next eligible athlete/pair. The NOC's choice will be considered as final.</p> <p>If an athlete qualifies (and is selected) in more than one (1) event, then the resulting unused athlete Quota Place will be allocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete of the same gender in the singles event on the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016. The offer of this Quota Place will however be conditional on the athlete who is qualified in more than one (1) events being confirmed and entered by his/her NOC in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.</p>

DOUBLES	
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL QUOTA PLACES	QUALIFICATION EVENT
48 Men's Doubles: 16 (32 athletes) Women's Doubles: 16 (32 athletes) Mixed Doubles: 16 (32 athletes)	<p>The World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016 will be used to allocate 48 Pairs Quota Places, to the 16 highest ranked pairs in each event, respecting the maximum quota allocation per NOC per event. The 48 pairs Quota Places will include the allocation of Continental Representation Places.</p> <p>In each doubles event there shall be at least one (1) pair from each of the five (5) BWF Continental Confederations (Continental Representation Place), which shall be the highest ranked pair in the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016 from the respective Continent, provided the pair is ranked 50 or above in the BWF World Ranking list of 5 May 2016.</p> <p>Considering qualification in all events, no NOC can qualify athletes/pairs in more than two events through the Continental Representation Place system. If</p>

	<p>a NOC have athletes/pairs eligible in more than two (2) events, then the NOC must choose which athletes/pairs are qualified and the athlete/pair Quota Place declined will be offered to the next eligible athlete/pair. The NOC's choice will be considered as final.</p> <p>If an athlete qualifies (and is selected) in more than one (1) event, then the unused athlete quota place will be allocated to the next best ranked athlete of the same gender in the singles event on the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016. The offer of this Quota Place will however be conditional on the athlete who is qualified in more than one (1) events being confirmed and entered by his/her NOC in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.</p>
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HOST COUNTRY PLACES
<p>The Host NOC (Brazil) is entitled to one (1) Host Country Place in Men's Singles and one (1) Host Country Place in Women's Singles should the Host Country not qualify any quota place in each Singles event.</p> <p>Qualification of doubles pair(s) through the World Ranking List of 5 May 2016 as per the process described under Qualification Places shall not prevent the Host NOC from using the two (2) Host Country places in Singles.</p> <p>The athletes receiving Host Country Places will be the highest ranked athlete(s) on the respective Single's World Ranking List(s) of 5 May 2016. If there is no Host NOC athlete on the World Ranking Lists, the NOC will choose and confirm the respective athletes to BWF, at the latest by 11 May 2016.</p>

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES
<p>Six (6) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available to eligible NOCs at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games: three (3) in the Men's Singles and three (3) in the Women's Singles.</p> <p>On 15 October 2015, the International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2016. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the concerned sport.</p> <p>Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the "<i>Games of the XXXI Olympiad, Rio 2016 - Olympic Games Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations</i>".</p>

E. Confirmation process for quota places

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES
<p>The list of initially qualified athletes/pairs for each event (including Continental Representation Places, Host Country Places and Tripartite Commission Invitation Places) will be published as part of the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016 at (www.bwfbadminton.org). BWF will inform the respective NOCs/National Federations of their allocated quota places by no later than 12 May 2016. NOCs will then have until 31 May 2016 to confirm that they will use the quota places.</p>

F. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES
<p>If an allocated Quota Place (except for those pertaining to Continental Representation Places) is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline (31 May 2016) or is declined by the NOC, the Quota Place will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete/pair according to the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games. This process will be repeated in different phases until the Quota Places has been filled for each event and gender and the confirmation deadlines for the reallocation phases will be decided by BWF at its sole discretion.</p> <p>If an NOC declines an athlete/pair's quota place in the first allocation phase, and then accepts a quota</p>

place for a lower ranked eligible athlete/pair in the reallocation phase, it will not be possible to enter the first athlete/pair at the time of final entries, should the lower ranked pair become unavailable.

If an allocated quota place for the purpose of Continental Representation Places is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of Quota Place deadline (31 May 2016) or is declined by the NOC, the Quota Place will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete/pair according to the World Ranking List of 5 May 2016, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games, from that same Continental Confederation. This process will be repeated until the Quota Places has been filled for each respective Continental Confederation in the respective event/gender. If no athlete/pair is eligible for the Continental Confederation Places then the Quota Place will be allocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete/pair according to the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host NOC does not confirm the Host Country Places by the deadline 11 May 2016 then such unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete according to the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games. The process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, it will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete of the same gender according to the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games. The process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

G. Qualification Time-line

DATE	MILESTONE
4 May 2015 to 1 May 2016	Ranking Period for the World Ranking Lists
15 January 2016	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
1 May 2016	End of qualification period
5 May 2016	World Ranking Lists published
11 May 2016	Deadline for the Host Country to confirm in writing Host Country Places to BWF
By 12 May 2016	The Tripartite Commission will confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
By 12 May 2016	BWF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
31 May 2016	NOCs to confirm in writing the use of allocated quota places to BWF
By 18 July 2016	BWF to reallocate all unused quota places. Reallocation of Quota Places due to athletes qualified in more than one event will be conditional on the athletes qualified in more than one event will not become unavailable.
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline