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FOR THE SPORT OF:

# Tennis

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The Olympic Council of Ireland (“OCI”) and Tennis Ireland (“the National Federation”) agree the following selection standards and procedures for the selection of athletes for the 2012 Olympic Summer Games in London (the “Olympic Games”) for the sport of Tennis.

The parties acknowledge and agree that the standards and procedures set out in this Agreement may exceed those stipulated by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) (“International Federation”), the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”) and the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC). Accordingly, the parties agree that an athlete or team will not be considered eligible for selection as a member of the Irish Olympic Team for the Olympic Summer Games, who is not of good standing with the Olympic Council of Ireland, International Federation or National Federation. Additionally, all relevant criteria stipulated in accordance with this Agreement must be fulfilled.

#### IT IS AGREED THAT:

#### 1. OCI Selection

- 1.1 The parties acknowledge that under Paragraph 3 of Rule 31 of the Olympic Charter the OCI has the exclusive power for the selection and participation of the Irish Olympic Team at the Olympic Games. The parties further acknowledge that under Paragraph 8.1 of the Bye-law to Rules 31 and 32, the OCI is required to constitute, organise and lead its delegation at the Olympic Games and that the OCI has the exclusive power in accordance with that Bye-law, to “decide upon the entry of athletes proposed by their respective national federations. The National Olympic Committees (NOCs) must ensure that the entries proposed by the national federations comply in all respects with the provisions of the Olympic Charter”.
- 1.2 In accordance with its exclusive authority, the OCI reserves the right to require any individual nominated by the National Federation to undergo a medical examination carried out under the control of the OCI Chief Medical Officer (and/or his/her appointed representative) at any time prior to, or during the Olympic Games to determine an individual’s medical fitness to perform to the best of his/her ability at the Olympic Games and/or to determine whether

or not an individual has breached any of the rules contained in or referred to under the Olympic Charter or the Team Member's Agreement in force at the time.

- 1.3 If, pursuant to and in accordance with the results of any such medical examination, the Chief Medical Officer considers in his/her reasonable opinion that an individual nominated and/or selected for the Olympic Games is not physically fit to perform and/or has breached any of the rules referred to in the Team Members' Agreement, the OCI may at its absolute discretion not select or may de-select such an individual.
- 1.4 The parties agree that pursuant to and in accordance with the OCI's exclusive authority, the OCI may at its absolute discretion refuse to select an individual nominated by the National Federation for selection to the Team.
- 1.5 The OCI agrees to notify the National Federation of its selection or refusal to select any nominated athlete as soon as reasonably practicable after the OCI receives the National Federation's relevant nomination.

## **2. National Federation Nominations**

- 2.1 The National Federation agrees to submit to the OCI its nominations of any individual(s) or team(s) eligible for consideration under clause 3 below within the relevant deadlines set out in clause 9 below.
- 2.2 The National Federation agrees to provide the OCI with all such relevant documentation, including official results and ranking listings as the OCI may require in order to verify the eligibility of any individual so nominated by the National Federation.

## **3. Eligibility for Consideration**

- 3.1 The parties agree that they shall not consider any individual or team eligible to participate as a member of the Irish Olympic Team at the Olympic Games (the "Team") unless he/she/ they have achieved or exceeded, as agreed with the OCI, the relevant qualification method or standard as set out by their International Federation and agreed with the IOC and the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and complies with the nationality requirements as set out in the Olympic Charter.
- 3.2 The National Federation agrees that it shall not nominate any individual whose form and/or consistency does not merit nomination. Further, the National Federation agrees to monitor, and if necessary test, athletes on an

ongoing basis in order to ensure his/her current form is of a standard to perform at the Olympic Games.

- 3.3 The National Federation shall not nominate any athlete who is the subject of an anti-doping ban.
- 3.4 The National Federation shall inform the OCI immediately of the results of any anti-doping test of any athlete who is on the long list submitted to the OCI.
- 3.5 The National Federation shall not submit nominations for athletes who have received Tripartite (IOC/ANOC/IF) invitations.

#### **4. Close of Nominations to the OCI**

- 4.1 The closing date for the nominations to the OCI of athletes for the sport of Tennis is 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and in accordance with the list of eligible players issued by the ITF issued on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

#### **5. Appeals**

- 5.1 The National Federation shall have an appeals process available to athletes and have submitted same to the OCI no later than 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Any internal appeals process must be concluded prior to nomination to the OCI.
- 5.2 Appeals to the OCI may be heard by the OCI Executive Committee or a sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee for that purpose. It is agreed by the parties that the decision of the OCI is final.

#### **6. Team Members Agreement**

- 6.1 Each team member is required to sign the OCI's Team Members Agreement.
- 6.2 Failure to sign this agreement will prevent entry to the Olympic Games.

#### **7. The Announcement of Team Selection**

- 7.1 The National Federation agrees not to disclose any nominated athlete's name to the press or any other media until the OCI have selected the team member for the London Olympic Games and announced it to the press and other media.

- 7.2 The National Federation further agrees not to make any announcement to the press or other media in any form relating to any individual or team selected or proposed to be selected by the OCI as a member of the Team unless any such announcement is made jointly by the OCI and the National Federation under the OCI 's management and control.
- 7.3 The parties agree that no commercial organisation shall be involved in any way in any publicity or advertising at any such joint OCI and National Federation announcement other than one or more of the OCI 's sponsors and/or commercial partners.

## **8. Communication of Information**

- 8.1 The National Federation shall circulate the information contained in this agreement and its Schedule(s) to the athletes, team managers, coaches and other relevant individuals within its sport and shall procure their compliance with it.
- 8.2 The OCI and National Federation shall publish this agreement and its schedule on their websites.
- 8.3 The OCI shall issue the agreement to all National Federations.
- 8.4 The NF shall publish this agreement subsequent to the OCI doing so.
- 8.5 The NF shall indemnify the OCI for any loss or damage suffered by it as a result of or in connection with the nomination procedure other than those arising from the OCI's negligence.

## **9. Advance Information**

- 9.1 The National Federation agrees to supply to the OCI the following information to be received on or before the relevant deadline set out below:

Prior to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011 the National Federation must submit their selection policy of Athletes for the Olympics for recommendation to the Olympic Council of Ireland and the approval of the Olympic Council of Ireland.

Prior to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011 the National Federation are required to submit their "fit to perform policy for approval by the Olympic Council of Ireland"

## **10. Key Deadlines**

26<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Long List to be submitted by National Federation and received by the OCI.

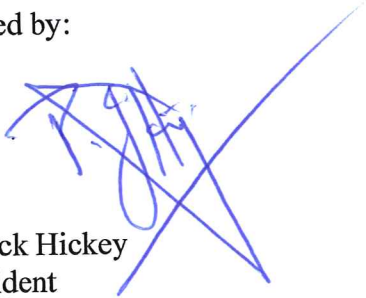
27<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Revised (Short) list to be submitted by National Federation and received by the OCI.

19<sup>th</sup> June 2012

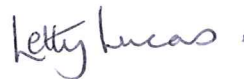
National Federation nominations to be received by the OCI with all supporting information for selection.

Signed by:



Patrick Hickey  
President  
For and on behalf of  
Olympic Council of Ireland

Signed by



Letty Lucas  
President  
For and on behalf of  
Tennis Ireland



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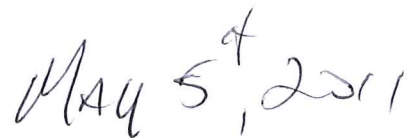


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Chief Executive Officer  
For and on behalf of  
Tennis Ireland

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# INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION

## Tennis

\*Please note that if a rankings point agreement is made with the Professional Tours, the qualification system will be amended so that the quota of athletes per gender per NOC and the number of quota places allocated through direct acceptance corresponds to the number established for Athens and Beijing.

### A. Events (5)

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

### B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES	TOTAL
Men	84	2	86
Women	84	2	86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>172</b>

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	4
Women	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>

### 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>Any tennis player is eligible for nomination to the Olympic Tennis Event provided he/she is in good standing with his/her National Tennis Association and the International Tennis Federation.</p>

### D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY
<p><u>Entries</u></p> <p>Only NOCs with National Tennis Associations which have been members of the ITF prior to 1 January 2012 may nominate players for participation in the 2012 Olympic Tennis Event. For the purposes of such eligibility, both Full and Associate Members of the ITF may participate.</p> <p>Entry forms (by nation) will be sent by the ITF to all NOCs and National Tennis Associations eligible to participate by no later than 6 February 2012. The completed entry forms, endorsed by the respective NOC and NF, are to be received by the ITF no later than 2 April 2012.</p> <p><u>Draws</u></p> <p>The singles events shall consist of a draw of 64 singles players, with a maximum of 3 players per NOC. The men's and women's doubles events shall consist of a draw of 32 teams, each comprising of players from the same nation, with a maximum of 1 team per NOC. The mixed doubles event shall consist of a draw of 16 teams, each comprising of players from the same NOC.</p>

**SINGLES**

64 players for the men's and women's singles events will qualify as follows:

- 48 Direct Acceptances, based on the recognised World Ranking of 11 June 2012
- 14 Final qualification places (ITF Places)
- 2 Tripartite Commission Invitation places

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**64 Total**

**World Ranking, 11 June 2012**

All players accepted (except Tripartite) by ITF for the Olympic Tennis Event gain entry on the basis of their position on the globally accepted 52-week rolling professional rankings. These represent the qualification system for all tennis events, with graded points awarded for all tournaments played. These tournaments, each one essentially an Olympic Qualifying event, are played on all recognised tennis surfaces, indoors and outdoors, annually and are a true measure of tennis performance across a calendar year.

48 players will receive direct acceptance into the singles events at the 2012 Olympic Tennis Event based on the recognised international singles computer rankings of 11 June 2012, with a maximum of 3 players per NOC.

An NOC/National Association which has more than 3 players eligible for direct acceptance into a singles event should select its 3 highest ranked eligible players based on the computer rankings. Any player nominated and accepted for the singles event will automatically be eligible for selection for the men's, women's and mixed doubles events.

**Final Qualification Places**

\*Final qualification places shall be determined by the ITF for the singles events, based on the following factors:

- i) Recognised World Ranking
- ii) Whether the NOC is represented in the Tennis Event
- iii) Number of players on site
- iv) Geographical location.

**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DOUBLES**

32 teams for the men's and women's doubles events will qualify as follows:

- 24 Direct Acceptances
- 8 Final qualification places (ITF Places)

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**32 Total**

**World Ranking, 11 June 2012**

The ITF will select doubles teams from doubles nominations received from NOCs/National Associations for direct acceptance, taking into account the recognised international singles and doubles computer rankings of 11 June 2012 and the number and names of players already accepted into the singles events. A maximum of 2 players, 1 doubles team, from any one NOC may compete in the men's and women's doubles events.

**Final Qualification Places**

The ITF will select the remaining men's and women's doubles teams from doubles nominations received from NOCs/National Associations, taking into account the following factors, until a total of 172 places have been allocated in the Olympic Tennis Event:

- i) Recognised World Ranking
- ii) Whether the NOC is represented in the Tennis Event
- iii) Number of players on site
- iv) Geographical location.



**Singles Players**

Any player nominated and accepted for the singles event will automatically be eligible for selection for the men's and women's doubles events.

**MIXED DOUBLES**

Any player nominated and accepted for the singles or doubles events will be eligible to participate in mixed doubles according to the entry criteria to be determined.

**TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES**

Four (4) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available for eligible NOCs.

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**

By no later than 14 June 2012, the ITF shall confirm to NOCs/National Associations the names of players eligible for direct acceptance for singles and/or doubles based on the international computer rankings of 11 June 2012. At this time the ITF will send out the application form for final qualification places.

By no later than 21 June 2012 the NOCs/National Associations shall advise the ITF which of their eligible players have been selected to compete in the singles and doubles competitions. This is also the deadline to submit the application form for final qualification places to the ITF.

By no later than 28 June 2012 the ITF shall advise NOCs/National Associations of final qualification places.

**F. Reallocation of unused quota places****REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES**

If any eligible players/teams are not entered by the respective NOC/National Association by 21 June 2012, the places shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked player/team up until 20 July when any unused quota places shall be replaced by players/teams already on site.

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES**

Any unused places within the reserved quota of places will be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission. If the Tripartite Commission is unable to allocate all of the places, the remaining places will be allocated using the process outlined above to reallocate unused IF quota places.

**G. Qualification timeline**

DATE	MILESTONE
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
6 February 2012	Entry forms (by country) to be sent by the ITF to all NOCs/National Tennis Associations
2 April 2012	NOCs/National Tennis Associations to return completed Entry forms (by country) to the ITF
1 May – 9 July 2012	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Invitation Places to NOCs
11 June 2012	Date of ITF ranking to determine direct qualification (the first ranking after the conclusion of Roland Garros)
14 June 2012	ITF to inform NOCs/National Associations of eligible players and send out application form for final qualification places
21 June 2012	NOCs/National Associations to confirm the entry of eligible players and submit applications for final qualification places (ITF Places)
28 June 2012	ITF to inform NOCs/National Associations of final qualification places
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms