



## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATHLETICS FEDERATIONS

### Athletics

#### A. EVENTS (47)

Men's Events (24)	Women's Events (23)
<b>Track</b>	<b>Track</b>
100m	100m
200m	200m
400m	400m
800m	800m
1500m	1500m
5000m	5000m
10,000m	10,000m
110m Hurdles	100m Hurdles
400m Hurdles	400m Hurdles
3000m Steeplechase	3000m Steeplechase
4 x 100m Relay	4 x 100m Relay
4 x 400m Relay	4 x 400m Relay
<b>Field</b>	<b>Field</b>
High Jump	High Jump
Pole Vault	Pole Vault
Long Jump	Long Jump
Triple Jump	Triple Jump
Shot Put	Shot Put
Discus Throw	Discus Throw
Hammer Throw	Hammer Throw
Javelin Throw	Javelin Throw
<b>Combined</b>	<b>Combined</b>
Decathlon	Heptathlon
<b>Road</b>	<b>Road</b>
20km Race Walk	20km Race Walk
50km Race Walk	Marathon
Marathon	



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### B. ATHLETES QUOTA

#### 1. Total Quota for Athletics:

	Qualification Places	Universality Places (unqualified athletes)	Total
Men/Women	Total athletes quota of <b>2005</b>		

#### 2. Event Specific Quota per NOC:

	Event Specific Quota
Men	Maximum 3 athletes in individual events Maximum 1 relay team per event
Women	Maximum 3 athletes in individual events Maximum 1 relay team per event

#### Individual Events

NOCs may enter up to three (3) qualified athletes for each event on the athletics program. In addition they can enter a maximum of one (1) reserve or P alternate athlete for the same event, provided he/she has achieved the entry standard.

#### Relay Events

NOCs may enter one (1) team for each relay event. A total of six (6) athletes may be entered for a relay team. Should an NOC have entered a relay team and individual athletes in the corresponding individual event, the entered individual athletes (including the eventual reserve or P alternate athlete) must be included in the total of six (6) athletes entered for the relay events.

#### 3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete by name in individual events. However, if an NOC has more than three (3) qualified athletes in individual events, the NOC can decide which of these athletes will receive the quota places.

The quota place is allocated to the NOC in Relay events.

### C. 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.

#### Age Requirements

**Junior Athletes:** Any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 1997 or 1998) may compete in any event except the Marathon and 50km Race Walk.

**Youth Athletes:** Any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 1999 and 2000) may compete in any event except the throwing events, Heptathlon, Decathlon, 10,000m, Marathon and Race Walk.



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**Athletes Younger than 16:** No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2001 or later) may compete at the Olympic Games.

### D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

#### QUALIFICATION PLACES

##### Individual Qualification

Number of Individual Quota Places	Qualification Event
2005 Athletes*	<p><b>Qualification process:</b> An athlete can qualify in one of two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieve the entry standard within the qualification period</li> <li>• Be invited by the IAAF as the best ranked athlete(s) at the end of the qualification period to fill the remaining quota places by event, and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event. For this purpose, for each individual event, the IAAF shall publish, on 12 July 2016, specific "IAAF World Ranking Lists for Olympic Games Qualification" with the athletes who have achieved the best performances in the respective qualification periods.</li> </ul> <p>NB: Qualification in the 5000m, 10,000m and Road Events (Race Walks and Marathon) will be administered by entry standards only (and not by invitation).</p> <p><b>Qualification events:</b> All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Federations in conformity with IAAF Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.</li> <li>- Performances achieved in <b>mixed events</b> between male and female participants (see IAAF Rule 147) will only be accepted under the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For all field events and races of 5000m and over held completely in the stadium the results will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Automatically accepted if achieved at National Permit competitions</li> <li>○ Accepted only with the Area Association's approval if achieved at competitions under IAAF Rule 1.1 (i) and (j)</li> <li>○ Never accepted if achieved at competitions conducted under IAAF Rule 1.1 (a) to (h)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• For road races (marathons and race walks) the results will always be accepted</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Wind-assisted</b> performances will not be accepted.</li> <li>- Hand timing performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m Relay will not be accepted.</li> <li>- <b>Indoor performances</b> for all field events and for races of 200m and longer, will be accepted.</li> <li>- For the running events of 200m and over (including combined events), performances achieved on <b>oversized tracks</b> shall not be accepted.</li> </ul>



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	<p>- For the Race Walks, track performances (20,000m or 50,000m) shall be accepted.</p> <p>In the case of <b>Marathons &amp; Race Walks</b>, performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course certified by the IAAF and conducted in accordance with IAAF Rules. The first 20 runners in the Men’s Marathon and in the Women’s Marathon in the IAAF World Championships Beijing 2015 and the top 10 finishers at the IAAF Gold Label Marathons in 2015 and 2016 (held during the qualification period) will also be considered as having achieved the entry standard.</p> <p><b>Entry standards:</b> The Entry Standards and relevant criteria shall be established by the IAAF in April 2015 for all events.</p> <p><b>Qualification period:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10,000m, Marathon, Race Walk and Combined Events: 1 January 2015 to 11 July 2016</li> <li>• All other events: 1 May 2015 to 11 July 2016</li> </ul>
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*\* Includes the relay athletes and universality places*

**Relay Qualification**

Number of Team Quota Places	Qualification Event
64 Teams	<p><b>Qualification Process:</b> There shall be a maximum of 16 qualified teams in each relay event.</p> <p><b>IAAF World Relays, May 2015</b> The first eight (8) placed teams at the IAAF World Relays in 2015 shall automatically qualify for the relay events at the 2016 Olympic Games.</p> <p><b>IAAF World Ranking List of 12 July 2016</b> The remaining eight (8) teams will be selected according to IAAF World Ranking List of 12 July 2016 based on the aggregate of the two fastest times achieved by national teams in the qualification period. For the results to be valid for qualification purposes, a minimum of two different international teams, representing at least two countries, must compete in the race.</p> <p>The IAAF will inform the NOCs of each of these national teams of their eligibility to compete in the Olympic Games relay competitions.</p> <p><b>Qualification period:</b> Teams must record the two fastest times during the following prescribed period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 January 2015 to 11 July 2016</li> </ul>



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### UNIVERSALITY PLACES (UNQUALIFIED ATHLETES)

- a. NOCs with no male or female qualified athlete or relay team will be allowed to enter their best male athlete and their best female athlete in one athletic event each, with the exception of the Combined Events, 10,000m and 3000m Steeplechase.
- b. This applies equally to unqualified female entries from an NOC with qualified males, and vice versa.
- c. Acceptance of unqualified entries in Field Events and Road Events will be at the discretion of the IAAF Technical Delegates, based on the technical standard of the athlete and the numbers of qualified athletes in the respective event. In order to allow the IAAF Technical Delegates to assess the technical level of such athletes, a specific application form indicating the event in which the entry is requested and the proof of the technical level and international participation of the nominated athlete must be submitted to the IAAF. The IAAF shall subsequently confirm, in writing to NOCs, with a copy to the Rio 2016 Sport Entries Department, the approval or otherwise of the entry of the specified athlete(s).
- d. The application forms of all unqualified athletes must be submitted by NOCs to the IAAF no later than 4 July 2016.

### E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following the end of the qualification period, IAAF shall assess the number of athletes having achieved the entry standard plus the approved unqualified athletes. In order to achieve the ideal number of entries by event, IAAF shall then determine the athletes to be invited through the IAAF World Ranking List in each event (except the 5000m, 10,000m and road events) and inform each NOC accordingly. The IAAF World Ranking List for each event shall be published on the IAAF website on 12 July 2016. NOCs shall enter all athletes to Rio 2016 by the entries deadline of 18 July 2016.

### F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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If an allocated individual quota place is declined by an NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete in the same event according to the IAAF World Ranking List of 12 July 2016, respecting the maximum quota by NOC per event.

If an allocated team relay quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the NOC with a relay team which has recorded the next fastest aggregate time in the same event in accordance with the IAAF's criteria for the qualification of relay teams.

#### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED UNIVERSALITY PLACES

There will be no reallocation of Universality Places.



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### G. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE USE OF RESERVE AND P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

#### RESERVE ATHLETES

Reserve athletes are competing athletes who have an Aa accreditation and who are entered by their NOC in a specific event where they have qualified. As reserve, they may be selected to replace another entered athlete in a different event until the time of the final confirmation for that event provided they have achieved the entry standard and that the NOC quota for that event is respected.

Reserve athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

#### P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P alternate athletes are non-competing athletes, and are not included within the athletes quota as described in Paragraph **B. Athletes Quota**.

Alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

More detailed information about entitlements and quotas can be found in the '*Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Users Guide*'. P alternate athletes can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the '*IOC/Rio 2016 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.

#### Quota:

If an NOC has entered three (3) athletes in one event, they are entitled to one (1) P alternate athlete for the same event provided he/she has achieved the entry standard.

### H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
1 January 2015	Start of the qualification period for 10,000m, Marathon, Race Walk, Combined and Relay events.
15 April 2015	IAAF to confirm the entry standards for all events. The standards will be distributed to all NOCs and NFs.
1 May 2015	Start of the qualification period for all other events.
4 July 2016	Deadline for NOCs with no qualified athletes to apply for unqualified entries.
11 July 2016	End of qualification period.
12 July 2016	IAAF to publish IAAF World Ranking List for Olympic Games Qualification for individual events and the 16 qualified teams for each relay event



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12-14 July 2016	IAAF to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- inform NOCs of athletes invited as per the IAAF World Ranking List and qualified relay teams</li><li>- reallocate all unused quota places</li></ul>
14 July 2016	IAAF to confirm in writing to Rio 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- list of approved unqualified athletes in field events and road events</li><li>- list of athletes qualified as per the World Ranking List</li><li>- list of qualified relay teams</li></ul>
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline

### I. ENTRY STANDARDS

To be approved by IAAF Council in April 2015