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## Badminton

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The Olympic Council of Ireland (“OCI”) and Badminton Ireland (“the National Federation”) agree the following nomination and selection standards and procedures for the selection of athletes for the 2016 Olympic Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro (the “Olympic Games”) for the sport of Badminton.

The parties acknowledge and agree that the standards and procedures set out in this Agreement may exceed those stipulated by the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”) the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and the Badminton World Federation (BWF) (“International Federation”)

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, even though he/she may have achieved the standard stipulated by the International Federation and/or the IOC, unless he/she fulfils the relevant criteria and/or achieves the relevant standard(s) pursuant to and in accordance with this Agreement.

IT IS AGREED THAT:

### **1. OCI Selection**

- 1.1. The parties acknowledge that under Paragraph 2.1 of Rule 28 of the Olympic Charter the OCI has the exclusive power for the selection and participation of the Irish Olympic Team at the Olympic Summer Games. The parties further acknowledge that under Paragraph 2.1 of the Bye-law to Rules 28 of the Olympic charter, 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. Under paragraph 2.3 of the bye-law to Rules 28 - They NOC have the sole and exclusive authority to prescribe and determine the clothing and uniforms to be worn, and the equipment to be used, by the members of their delegations on the occasion of the Olympic Games and in connection with all sports competitions and ceremonies related thereto.

This exclusive authority does not extend to specialised equipment used by athletes of their delegations during the actual sports competitions. For the purposes of this rule, specialised equipment shall be limited to such equipment acknowledged by the Olympic Council of Ireland as having a material effect on the performance of athletes, due to the specialised characteristics of the equipment. Any publicity in respect of any such specialised equipment must be submitted to the Olympic Council of Ireland for approval if there is any reference, express or implied, to the Olympic Games.

- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. No Team Member's selection will be ratified by the OCI until all relevant documentation and required procedures are fully completed.

## **2. National Federation Nominations**

- 2.1. The National Federation agrees to submit to the OCI its nomination 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 at the time of nomination.

## **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 and to provide the relevant information to the OCI.
- 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, an athlete 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, re-allocated places or wildcards or who have achieved qualification by means other than that described in the IOC/ANOC/IF qualification system and in this agreement.



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

The closing date of the nominations to the OCI of athletes for the sport of Badminton is 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

#### **5. Appeals**

- 5.1. The National Federation shall have an appeals process available to Team member's and have submitted same to the OCI no later than 22nd May 2015. 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 must sign the OCI's Team Members Agreement and the IOC eligibility form.
- 6.2. Failure to sign the agreement and eligibility form 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 Rio 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 the 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. Medical Data Capture Form**

- 9.1. Each team member must complete the OCI Medical Data Capture Form Advance Information

## **10. Advance Information**

- 10.1. Prior to 22nd May 2015 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.
- 10.2. Prior to 22nd May 2015 the National Federation are required to submit their "fit to perform policy for approval by the Olympic Council of Ireland"

## **11. Key Deadlines**

30<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

The 'Long List' of all potential team members to be submitted by NF and received by the OCI and this must include an updated athlete profile.

29<sup>th</sup> January 2016

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

15<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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

Signed by:



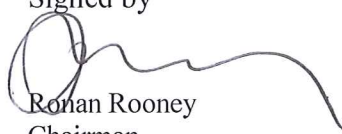
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President  
For and on behalf of  
Olympic Council of Ireland



Dermot Henihan  
Honorary General Secretary  
For and on behalf of  
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Date:

Signed by



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For and on behalf of  
Badminton Ireland



Richard Vaughan  
Chief Executive  
For and on behalf of  
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Date: 29.8.14







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## BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION

### Badminton

#### A. EVENTS (5)

Men's Events (2)	Women's Events (2)	Mixed Event (1)
Singles Doubles	Singles Doubles	Mixed Doubles

#### B. ATHLETES QUOTA

##### 1. Total Quota for Badminton:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	82	1	3	86
Women	82	1	3	86
<b>Total</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>172</b>

##### 2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	8
Women	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

##### NOC event specific quota:

	World Ranking Lists as of 5 May 2016	Maximum Quota Places per event
<b>Singles</b>	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)
<b>Doubles</b>	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)



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### 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)
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>

\*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

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 singles counting towards the World Ranking Lists during the Olympic qualifying period and be registered in the World Ranking Lists of 5 May 2016.



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### 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
<p style="text-align: center;">68 Men's: 34 Women's: 34</p>	<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>





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	<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>
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### Doubles

Number of Pairs Quota Places	Qualification Event
<p>48</p> <p>Men's Doubles: 16 (32 athletes)</p> <p>Women's Doubles: 16 (32 athletes)</p> <p>Mixed Doubles: 16 (32 athletes)</p>	<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 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

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. 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.

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.

### TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

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.

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.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the "*Games of the XXXI Olympiad, Rio 2016 - Olympic Games Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations*".

### E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

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](http://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.

### F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

#### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

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.

If an NOC declines an athlete/pair's quota place in the first allocation phase, and then accepts a quota 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.





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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 TIMELINE

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 to 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

\*To Be Determined