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The Olympic Council of Ireland (“OCI”) and Triathlon 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 Triathlon.

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 International Triathlon Union (ITU) (“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 Triathlon is 11th July, 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

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

30th 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.

29th January, 2016

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

11th July 2016

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

Dermot Henihan
Honorary General Secretary
For and on behalf of
Olympic Council of Ireland

Date:

Signed by:

Lochlann Walsh
President
For and on behalf of
Triathlon Ireland

15/9/14

Tony Daly
Honorary Secretary
For and on behalf of
Triathlon Ireland

11-9-14

Date:



INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON UNION

Triathlon

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Event (1)	Women's Event (1)
Individual Competition	Individual Competition

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Triathlon:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	52	1	2	55
Women	52	1	2	55
Total	104	2	4	110

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	3
Women	3
Total	6

Maximum quota per NOC:

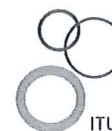
- A maximum of eight (8) NOCs may have a maximum of three (3) quota places per event. Other NOCs may have a maximum of two (2) quota places per event.
- The maximum of three (3) quota places will be allocated to the first eight (8) NOCs to have three (3) athletes eligible through the ITU Continental Olympic Qualification Events, the 2015 ITU World Olympic Qualification Event and then the ITU Olympic Qualification List (in that order).

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

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.



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Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes must meet one of the following requirements by 15 May 2016:

- Winning a quota place for their NOC at the ITU Continental Olympic Qualification Events;
- Winning a quota place for their NOC at the 2015 ITU World Olympic Qualification Event;
- Being among the top 140 in the ITU Olympic Qualification List;
- Being among the top 140 in the 2015 ITU World Triathlon Series Ranking;
- Being among the top 140 in the ITU Points List.

The criteria/points system of the ITU Olympic Qualification List, the ITU World Triathlon Series Ranking and the ITU Points List as well as the qualification criteria for all the events counting towards any of the lists/rankings can be found on the official website of International Triathlon Union, <http://www.triathlon.org/about/documents>

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN / WOMEN

Number of Quota Places per gender	Qualification Events
5	<p>ITU Continental Olympic Qualification Events</p> <p>Olympic quota places 1 to 5 will be allocated to the NOCs of the winner of each of the five (5) ITU Continental Olympic Qualification Events.</p> <p>The ITU Continental Olympic Qualification Events will take place between 15 May 2015 and 15 May 2016.</p>
3	<p>2015 ITU World Olympic Qualification Event</p> <p>Olympic quota places 6 to 8 will be allocated to the NOCs of the top three (3) finishers from the 2015 ITU World Olympic Qualification Event.</p> <p>If any of the top three (3) finishers earn a quota place at the ITU Continental Olympic Qualification Events or if the NOC of one of the top three (3) finishers has already earned three (3) quota places then the next highest finishing athlete in the 2015 ITU World Olympic Qualification Event earns the quota place for his/her NOC.</p> <p>This process will continue until the three (3) quota places have been allocated, providing the athletes are within the 10% quality control cut-off time. Any remaining quota place(s) will be allocated according to the ITU Olympic Qualification List (see section below).</p> <p>The 2015 ITU World Olympic Qualification Event will take place between 01 January 2015 and 31 December 2015.</p>



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Number of Quota Places per gender	Qualification Events
39	<p>ITU Olympic Qualification List</p> <p>Olympic quota places 9 to 47 will be allocated to the NOCs of the highest ranked athletes on the ITU Olympic Qualification List as of 15 May 2016, respecting the maximum quota allocation per NOC per event.</p> <p>Athletes who have already qualified quota places will not be considered for this list. If this list is exhausted, the ITU Points List will be used.</p> <p>All of the lists used will be as of 15 May 2016. The events counting for the ITU Olympic Qualification List will take place between 15 May 2014 and 15 May 2016.</p>
5	<p>ITU Points List</p> <p>Olympic quota places 51 to 55 will be allocated to the first NOCs on the ITU Points List without a quota place in the allocated places 1 to 47 as of 15 May 2016. Maximum one (1) quota place will be allocated per continent.</p> <p>If there is no eligible NOC according to the ITU Points List for a particular continent, the quota place will be allocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete in the respective ITU Continental Olympic Qualification Event without a quota place in the allocated places 1 to 47 as of 15 May 2016.</p> <p>If there is no eligible NOC according to the ITU Continental Olympic Qualification Event the quota place will be allocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete from the respective continent according to the ITU Olympic Qualification List.</p> <p>If there is no eligible NOC from the respective continent for any of the Olympic Places 51 to 55, the quota place will be allocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete according to the ITU Olympic Qualification List, regardless of the continent.</p> <p>The events counting for the ITU Points List will take place between 20 May 2014 and 15 May 2016.</p>

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) quota place per gender, namely the Olympic place 48. Olympic place 48 will be allocated to the NOC of Brazil only if the NOC has not earned any qualification places.



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TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Two quota places per gender, namely Olympic places 49 and 50 will be allocated according to the Tripartite Commission Invitation and they are made available to eligible NOCs at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

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.

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, it will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC, according to the ITU Olympic Qualification List, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specified above.

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

Following each ITU Continental Olympic Qualification Event, the 2015 ITU World Olympic Qualification Event and the end of the qualification period, ITU will publish the results on its website (<http://www.triathlon.org/results>).

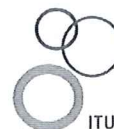
ITU will inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places by 20 May 2016. The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If an allocated 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 as follows:

- Unused quota place 1 to 47 will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC, according to ITU Olympic Qualification List, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specified in paragraph **B. Athletes Quota**.
- Unused quota place 51 to 55 will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete from the respective continent according to the ITU Points List without a qualification place. If there is no eligible NOC from the respective continent for any of the Olympic Places 51 to 55, the quota place will be allocated to the NOC of the next best ranked athlete according to the ITU Olympic Qualification List, regardless of the continent.



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REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

An unused Host Country Place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC, according to the ITU Olympic Qualification List, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specified in paragraph **B. Athletes Quota**.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Unused Tripartite Commission Invitation Place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC, according to the ITU Olympic Qualification List, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specified in paragraph **B. Athletes Quota**.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
15 May 2014 to 15 May 2016	ITU Olympic Qualification Period
TBD* by 15 May 2014	2015 ITU World Olympic Qualification Event (TBD)
TBD* by 15 July 2014	ITU African Olympic Qualification Event (TBD)
TBD* by 15 July 2014	ITU Pan-American Olympic Qualification Event (TBD)
TBD* by 15 July 2014	ITU Asian Olympic Qualification Event (TBD)
TBD* by 15 July 2014	ITU European Olympic Qualification Event (TBD)
TBD* by 15 July 2014	ITU Oceania Olympic Qualification Event (TBD)
31 December 2015	2015 ITU World Triathlon Series Ranking
15 January 2016	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
15 May 2016	ITU Olympic Qualification List and ITU Points List
20 May 2016	ITU to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
05 June 2016	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to ITU
In relation to end of qualification period for each sport	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
13 June 2016 – 17 July 2016	ITU to reallocate all unused quota places
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline

*To Be Determined

