

# TEAM IRELAND IN TOKYO

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# QUALIFICATION STATUS: TOKYO 2021

## PREAMBLE

12 NOVEMBER 2020

This document is intended to provide guidance for planning and research only and provides ongoing updates and information on the qualification status of Team Ireland athletes aiming for Tokyo 2020, following the postponement of the Olympic Games in 2020.

## TEAM IRELAND SELECTION PROCESS

### 6 STEP PROCESS FOR ATHLETES

Below is the process involved in officially selecting athletes for Team Ireland.

1. The sport or athlete meets qualifying standard set out by IOC
2. The sport or athlete meets qualifying standard set out by the National Federation (NF)
3. The National Federation nominates athletes for participation in the Olympic Games
4. The OFI selects athletes based on review of the nominations by National Federations
5. The athletes are informed on their selection
6. The OFI announces the team in stages

## SUMMARY STATUS

The qualification process started in 2018 and continues to July 2021 for some sports. In many sports qualification of a spot does not guarantee automatic selection of the athlete who qualified the spot. Only one athlete has been officially selected (Liam Jegou - Canoe Slalom C1). All qualified spots pre-Covid19 apply, and rankings have been frozen in most sports, with qualification events rescheduled.

## OVERVIEW

**52 athletes qualified to date - 55 ATHLETE SPOTS - 9 HORSES**

To date IOC qualification standards/quotas have been met by 52 Irish athletes in the following:

<b>Athletics (7)</b>	Race Walkers - 2 (qualification times achieved by: Brendan Boyce 50km, Alex White 20km) Marathon - 4 (qualification times achieved by: Fionnuala McCormack, Paul Pollock, Stephen Scullion, Kevin Seaward) Track & Field - 1 (Ciara Mageean 1500m)  Note that until the date for achieving times has passed, nobody will be nominated for spots. This specifically applies to the marathon where a maximum of three athletes can compete for one nation - so in this case if more than 3 athletes in each category achieve the qualifying standard, then the NF selection comes into play.
<b>Boxing (1)</b>	52kg male (Brendan Irvine)  European Qualifier paused after day 2 to be resumed next year
<b>Canoe Slalom (1)</b>	Liam Jegou officially selected for the Canoe Slalom C1 event See <a href="#">HERE</a>
<b>Cycling Road (4 quota, 3 athletes)</b>	3 road racers 1 will also compete in time trial

	These will be selected next year. The parcours is hilly so likely to be two climbers and one time triallist.
<b>Cycling Track (6 quota, 4 events, 4 athletes)</b>	2 madison teams (2 riders) 1 of each team also competes in the omnium  Men and Women. No more opportunities to qualify
<b>Equestrian (9 athletes)</b>	Dressage team (3 + horses + 1 reserve) Eventing team (3 + horses + 1 reserve) Show jumping team (3 + horses + 1 reserve) 9 horses  All places have been secured in equestrian - names tbc
<b>Gymnastics (1)</b>	Men's Pommel - Rhys McClenaghan (nomination and selection process still to be completed)
<b>Hockey (16)</b>	Women's Team (+2 reserve) Names TBC
<b>Modern Pentathlon (1)</b>	Women's event  Qualified by Natalya Coyle, also being contested by Sive Brassil.
<b>Rowing (4 boats, 7 athletes)</b>	Women's Single (W1x) qualified by Sanita Puspure Women's Pair (W2-) qualified by Aileen Crowley and Monika Dukarska (contested by a large squad of females who will also look to qualify a Women's 4x) Men's Lightweight Double (LM2X) qualified by Paul O'Donovan and Fintan McCarthy (contested also by Gary O'Donovan, Shane O'Driscoll and Jake McCarthy) Men's Double (M2X) qualified by Philip Doyle and Ronan Byrne
<b>Sailing (1)</b>	Women's Laser Radial - NF Nomination Annalise Murphy
<b>Swimming (1 swimmer, but NF qualification not yet met so not included in total)</b>	Darragh Greene has A Standard but must swim at least B standard in Irish Open  This is not included in our overall total.
<b>Taekwondo (1)</b>	Men's 58kg - qualified by Jack Woolley

All of these are now subjected to NF selection criteria. The OFI will not officially confirm the selection of athletes until the selection process has been followed.

## SPORT IN DETAIL

### ATHLETICS

Qualification is ongoing for Athletics, with rankings frozen during the pandemic, some are to be resumed in December 2020. Marathon and Race Walking Qualification resumed and took place in September, October, November 2020.

Athletes can qualify in two ways:

1. By virtue of their World Athletics world ranking position at the end of the qualification period
2. Achieving the entry standard within the qualification period.

Entry standards are set for the sole purpose of qualifying athletes with exceptional performances unable to qualify through the IAAF world rankings pathway.

The qualification window for athletics runs right up to the end of June for some events, making the athletics team one of the last sports to be confirmed and announced. Some events, like the race walk and marathon can be confirmed earlier, by June 2021.

#### QUALIFICATION TIMES BY EVENT

Men	Event	Women
10.05	100m	11.15
20.24	200m	22.80
44.9	400m	51.35
1:45.20	800m	1:59.50
3:35.00	1500m	4:04.2
13:13.50	5000m	15:10.00
27:28.00	10000m	31:25.00
13.32	110/100H	12.84
48.90	400H	55.4
8:22.00	3KSC	9:30.0
2.33	High Jump	1.96
5.8	Pole Vault	4.7
8.22	Long Jump	6.82
17.14	Triple Jump	14.32
21.1	Shot Putt	18.5
66.0	Discus Throw	63.5
77.5	Hammer Throw	72.5
85.0	Javelin Throw	64.0
8350	DEC/HEP	6420
1:21:00	20km RW	1:31:00
3:50:00	50km RW	-
2:11:30	Marathon	2:29:30

## QUALIFICATION STANDARDS MET

WHO	DISCIPLINE	WHEN AND WHERE	ADDITIONAL NOTES
Brendan Boyce	50km Walker	Lithuania May 2019	PB of 3:48.18 Competed in London and Rio. Was first Irish athlete to achieve a Tokyo standard across all the sports.
Alex Wright	20km Walker	La Coruna, Spain, June 2019	1:20.50 Competed in Rio
Ciara Mageean	1500m	Monaco, July 2019  Doha, Sept 2019	Qualified with PB 4:19.03 - over 3 seconds faster than her previous best. Competed in Rio Achieved faster again time of 4:00.15 in the 1500m.
Fionnuala McCormack	Marathon	Chicago Marathon October 2019	PB with 2:26.47 - almost 4 seconds off her previous best.
Paul Pollock	Marathon	Valencia Marathon, December 2019	PB with 2:10.25 - 5 minutes faster than his previous best.
Stephen Scullion	Marathon	Houston Marathon, January 2020  London Marathon, Oct 2020	PB with 2:11.52 - 9 seconds faster than his previous best. Secured the standard based on his top five finish in a gold label road race. Achieved the qualifying time standard with 2.09.49
Kevin Seaward	Marathon	Seville Marathon, February 2020	PB with 2:10.10 - second fastest time ever, second only to John Treacy's 2:09.15 in 1984. His previous best was 2:13.39.

## STATUS OF NON-QUALIFIED ATHLETES

The best tracker for the current ranking status of athletes is [HERE](#).

### CURRENTLY INSIDE RANKING:

NAME	DISCIPLINE AND RANKING
Leon Reid	M200 m currently 32 (56 qualify)
Marcus Lawlor	M200m currently 36 (56 qualify)
Mark English	M 800m currently 36 (48 qualify)
Thomas Barr	M 400mh currently 16 (40 qualify)
Alex Wright	M 50km RaceWalk currently 29 (60 qualify)
Brendan Boyce	M 20km Race Walk currently 52 (60 qualify)
David Kenny	M 20km Race Walk currently 58 (60 qualify)
Ciara Neville	W 100m currently 49 (56 qualify)
Phil Healy	W 200m currently 32 (56 qualify)
Michelle Finn	W 3000m SC currently 27 (45 qualify)

### CURRENTLY OUTSIDE RANKING:

Andrew Coscoran	M 1500m currently 48 (45 qualify)
Colin Quirke	M Discus currently 42 (32 qualify)
Sharlene Mawdsley	W 400m currently 66 (48 qualify)
Nadia Power	W 800m currently 59 (48 qualify)
Siofra Cleirigh Buttner	W 800m currently 64 (48 qualify)

Sarah Lavin	W 400mh currently 57 (40 qualify)
Phillipa Rogan	W High Jump currently 46 (32 qualify)
Kate O'Connor	W Heptathlon currently 32 (24 qualify)
Anne Marie McGlynn	W Marathon currently 86 (80 qualify)
Ireland Team	W 4x100m currently 24 (16 qualify)

## BOXING

Boxing has undergone a new restructure, with the boxing in the Olympic Games being run by a task force under the IOC rather than AIBA.

Boxers have two opportunities to qualify for the games - the European Qualifier, and the World Qualifier. The European event was postponed after day two, and will start again from day three next year. Only one Irish boxer had achieved qualification at this stage - Brendan Irvine in the Men's Fly 48-52kg category.

**MEN - Table 1**

Weight Categories (kg)	Africa	America	Asia/Oceania	Europe	World Qual.*	Host Country	Tripartite	Total
Fly (48 kg to 52 kg)	3	5	6	8	4 or 5	0 or 1	1	28
Feather (52 kg to 57 kg)	3	5	6	8	4 or 5	0 or 1	1	28
Light (57 kg to 63 kg)	3	5	6	8	4 or 5	0 or 1	1	28
Welter (63 kg to 69 kg)	3	4	5	6	4 or 5	0 or 1	1	24
Middle (69 kg to 75 kg)	3	4	5	6	4 or 5	0 or 1	1	24
Light Heavy (75 kg to 81 kg)	3	4	5	6	3 or 4	0 or 1	0	22
Heavy (81 kg to 91 kg)	2	3	4	4	3	0	0	16
Super Heavy (91 kg to +91 kg)	2	3	4	4	3	0	0	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>31-35</b>	<b>0-4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>186</b>

\* the number of places available for the World Qual. event will depend on the Host Country Places.

**WOMEN - Table 2**

Weight Categories (kg)	Africa	America	Asia/Oceania	Europe	World Qual.*	Host Country	Tripartite	Total
Fly (48 kg to 51 kg)	3	4	6	6	5 or 6	0 or 1	1	26
Feather (54 kg to 57 kg)	2	3	4	6	3 or 4	0 or 1	1	20
Light (57 kg to 60 kg)	2	3	4	6	3 or 4	0 or 1	1	20
Welter (64 kg to 69 kg)	2	3	4	5	3 or 4	0 or 1	0	18
Middle (69 kg to 75 kg)	2	3	4	4	3	0	0	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19-21</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>

\* the number of places available for the World Qual. event will depend on the Host Country Places.



## BADMINTON

In Badminton there are two events that are being targeted - Nhat Nguyen in the Men's Singles and Sam and Chloe Magee in the Mixed Doubles.

The final badminton rankings in April 2021 (TBC) will determine who will compete in Tokyo. Each of the continental confederations will be guaranteed a maximum of at least one entry in each of the doubles and singles (called Continental Representation Place scheme).

If this hasn't been satisfied in the ranking, then the highest ranked player or pair in the region will be selected. Japan, as the host nation, can enter a male and female in the singles, if they haven't already qualified through ranking. If an athlete has qualified in both the singles and doubles then a spot frees up in the unused slot by the next best ranked. A further six places are available to NOCs via the tripartite Commission invitation.

EVENT	NUMBERS TO QUALIFY
Men's Singles - 38 to qualify	<b>Ranking 1-16</b> Players are taken in turn, a NOC may enter up to a max of 2 players, provided they are both in the top 16. <b>Ranking 17 and below</b> Players are taken in turn. A NOC may enter a max of 1 player. <b>NHAT NGUYEN</b> is currently ranked 25 <sup>th</sup> or 59 <sup>th</sup> overall <a href="#">HERE</a>
Mixed Doubles - 16 to qualify	<b>Rankings 1-8</b> Pairs are taken in turn. A NOC may enter up to 2 pairs, provided both are in the top 8. <b>Rankings 9 and below</b> Pairs are taken in turn. A NOC can enter a max of one pair. <b>SAM AND CHLOE MAGEE</b> currently ranked 28 <sup>th</sup> overall <a href="#">HERE</a>

## CANOE SLALOM

Ireland has qualified one boat with Liam Jegou already selected for the C1 Slalom. The men's C1 boat was qualified via Robert Hendrick at the World Championships in 2019 - however, it was won in internal trials by Liam Jegou, who has been officially selected.

Hannah Craig is looking to qualify a women's canoe slalom K1 boat and has one opportunity to qualify the only remaining K1 spot at the European Championships. Hannah competed in London 2012 and qualified then via this route.

There is still an opportunity for an athlete to qualify in the K1 Men's category, with one spot available at the European Championships in Italy next May. Three K1 athletes will have an opportunity to compete at the European Championships, and those athletes will be decided at a selection race series held early next year. The top K1 Men athletes in contention for those three spots at the European Championships are - Noel Hendrick, Eoin Teague, Alistair McCreery, Samuel Curtis, Oisin Farrell and Louis Hannon.

DISCIPLINE	WHEN	NOTES
Men's C1 Canoe Slalom	World Championships	1-11 qualify for Tokyo
Men's K1 Canoe Slalom	European Championships May 21	1 spot available
Women's K1 Canoe Slalom	European Championships May 21	1 spot available

## CANOE SPRINT

Jenny Egan is Ireland's top sprint kayaker, however, her discipline the K1 5000m is not an Olympic event. The events that are in the Olympics are the K1 200 and K1 500.

Competing in the Canoe Sprint Men's K1 are Barry Watkins and Ronan Foley who both compete in the 100m. event.

There are three qualification opportunities for athletes: the World Championships (which have passed), the World Cup 2 and the European Championships, with an additional place reserved for the host country. The Tripartite Commission can award a further 2 spots and any unused spots can be reallocated.

DISCIPLINE	WHEN	NOTES
Women's K1 200 & 500	World Championships 21-25-7-19	5 boats available
Women's K1 200 & 500	European Champs May 21	1 spot available
Women's K1 200 & 500	World Cup 2	2 spots available

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DISCIPLINE	WHEN	NOTES
Men's K1 1000	World Championships 21-25-7-19	5 boats available
Men's K1 1000	European Champs May 21	2 spot available
Men's K1 1000	World Cup 2 May 21	2 spots available

## CYCLING ROAD

Qualification has ended for Road Cycling - with three spots being allocated to Ireland, with one athlete also competing in the Time Trial.

The Road Cycling criteria is based on world nation ranking with UCI the year prior to the Games. 122 spots are allocated to men, 62 for women, with special provisions for highly ranked individuals whose nations do not make the ranking. Japan get 2 guaranteed spots in both the men's and women's road race as the host nation.

For the Time Trial the host nation must have qualified for the road race, and the top 30 men, and top 15 women in the world rankings may enter a time triallist. The 2019 World Championships offered an additional 10 places per gender, and each NOC can have a max of 2 time triallists.

Ireland qualified 3 athletes for the road race, with one of these also competing in the time trial. It is likely that the decision will take into account this time triallist position in the team selection - with Ryan Mullen being Ireland's fastest against the clock. Michael O'Loughlin and Eddie Dunbar may also be considered here. For the Road Race the course will suit climbers, rather than sprinters, which will likely come into play for selection. Dan Martin, Nicolas Roche and Sam Bennett are professional riders that will be considered along with a range of athletes on the Pro-Continental and Continental teams.

## CYCLING TRACK

Qualification has ended for Track Cycling - with four athlete spots being allocated to Ireland - a men's Madison team (of two) and a women's Madison team (of two). Each of these teams will also allow one athlete to compete in the Omnium, making it four events and four athletes.

Ireland qualified both the men's and women's teams via the UCI Track Cycling Rankings which concluded at the World Championships last year.

The women's team of Lydia Boylan and Lydia Gurley raced in the final race - the positions will also be contested from a squad of athletes including Shannon McCurley and Emily Kay.

The men's team of Mark Downey and Felix English raced in the final race - the positions will also be contested from a squad of athletes including Fintan Ryan and Marc Potts.

## DIVING

Oliver Dingley was the first Irish diver to compete at the Olympics in 68 years when he competed in Rio. Clare Cryan and Tanya Watson are also seeking qualification, and should they qualify will be Ireland's first ever female divers in the Olympics. Highlighted in red are the events that held qualification spots that have passed. Now the final qualification possibility is at the Final World Cup from 18-4-21 to 23-4-21.

DISCIPLINE	WHAT	WHEN	NOTES
Men's 3m Springboard (18 spots available)	FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	12-7-19 to 20-7-19	12 spots available – none taken by Ireland
Men's 3m Springboard (18 spots available)	European Championships	5-8-19 to 11-8-19	1 spot available – not Irish
Men's 3m Springboard (18 spots available)	FINAL World Cup	18-4-21 to 23-4-21	Numbers up to 18
Women's 3m Springboard (18 spots available)	FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	12-7-19 to 20-7-19	12 spots available – none taken by Ireland
Women's 3m Springboard (18 spots available)	European Championships	5-8-19 to 11-8-19	1 spot available – not Irish
Women's 3m Springboard (18 spots available)	FINAL World Cup	18-4-21 to 23-4-21	Numbers up to 18
Women's 10m Platform (18 spots available)	FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	12-7-19 to 20-7-19	12 spots available – none taken by Ireland
Women's 10m Platform (18 spots available)	European Championships	passed	1 spot available – not Irish
Women's 10m Platform (18 spots available)	FINAL World Cup	18-4-21 to 23-4-21	Numbers up to 18

## EQUESTRIAN

Tokyo 2020 will be very special for the Equestrian team, as it will be the first time that three teams will have qualified for the Olympic Games; dressage, eventing and showjumping.

DISCIPLINES	WHEN	WHERE
Eventing	11-9-28 to 23-9-18	2018 FEI World Equestrian Games, Tryon, USA
Dressage	19-8-19 to 25-8-19	European Dressage Championships, Rotterdam, NL
Showjumping	3-10-19 to 6-10-19	2019 Jumping Nations Cup Final, Barcelona, Spain

Each team will include a reserve athlete and horse.

## HOCKEY

The Irish women's hockey team made history in November 2019 when they became the first Irish women's hockey team to qualify for the Olympics, beating Canada in Ireland.

There was heartbreak for the men's team who narrowly missed out on the one available spot in the qualifiers against Canada.

There will be a squad of 16 athletes competing, with two reserves travelling.

Their schedule is now set as follows:

DISCIPLINES	WHEN	WHERE
Women's Hockey – IRL Vs SA	24-7-20 at 19:00 – 22:45	Oi Hockey Stadium – South Pitch
Women's Hockey – NED Vs IRL	26-7-20 at 10:00 – 13:45	Oi Hockey Stadium – South Pitch
Women's Hockey – FER Vs IRL	28-7-20 at 10:00 – 13:45	Oi Hockey Stadium – South Pitch
Women's Hockey – IRL Vs India	30-7-20 at 09:30 – 13:15	Oi Hockey Stadium – North Pitch
Women's Hockey – IRL Vs GB	31-7-20 at 18:30 – 22:15	Oi Hockey Stadium – North Pitch
Women's Hockey QF	2-8-20 four matches	Oi Hockey Stadium – North Pitch
Women's Hockey SF	4-8-20 two matches	Oi Hockey Stadium – North Pitch
Women's Hockey Bronze Match	6-8-20 at 10:30 – 12:15	Oi Hockey Stadium – North Pitch
Women's Hockey Gold Match	6-8-20 at 19:00 – 21:30	Oi Hockey Stadium – North Pitch

## GOLF

Qualification for both the men's and women's competition is based on world ranking with the IGF.

The Olympic field is restricted to 60 players for each of the men's and women's game. The top 15 world ranked players will be eligible for the Olympics, with a limit of four players from a given country. Beyond the top 15 players will be eligible based on the world rankings, but with a maximum of two eligible players from each country that does not already have two or more players among the top 15.

Allocations for this will be late, and at this stage the rankings look as follows in [THIS LINK](#):

Men's Golf:

3<sup>rd</sup> - Rory McIlroy,

15<sup>th</sup> - Shane Lowry

Women's Golf:

41<sup>st</sup> - Stephanie Meadow

46<sup>th</sup> - Leona Maguire

## GYMNASTICS - ARTISTIC

Rhys McClenaghan secured qualification in the pommel following his bronze medal performance at the World Championships in 2019.

There are also male and female athletes in contention in the All Around event - with Adam Steele heading up the male event and has an opportunity to qualify at the European Championships in 2021.

Megan Ryan is currently first reserve, following her performance at the World Championships in 2019. Emma Slevin is second reserve, finishing just behind her at the World Championships. Should a nation who has already qualified a spot ahead of Ireland withdraw, this position will be offered to Ireland.

## JUDO

Judo has three athletes on the qualification journey - Ben Fletcher (Men's -100kg), Megan Fletcher (Women's 70kg Middleweight) and Nathon Burns (Men's 66kg Half-Lightweight). All three are based in the UK, with Ben having competed in Rio for Team GB.

Host nation Japan can have one spot in all events. Qualification is earned through the International Judo Federation Ranking system as of May 2021. An additional 100 athletes will be qualified then based on continental representation across weight categories and gender, and athletes with the highest ranking points across the disciplines. Only one NOC spot in each category, and the top 18 in ranking will qualify for each.

Both Ben and Megan Fletcher are sitting inside qualification currently (they are brother and sister).

The rankings can be found [HERE](#) and the current status is as follows:

Ben Fletcher - ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the 100kg category

Megan Fletcher - ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the 70kg category

Nathon Burns - ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the 66kg category.

## MODERN PENTATHLON

At the European Championships 2019 Natalya Coyle was successful in qualifying a spot for Ireland in the Open Women category. Thirty six spots are available in each of the men's and women's events and up to two athletes from a NOC in each event.

The remainder of the places can now be achieved through World Ranking, where six spots are available.

The current status is below:

Arthur Lanigan O'Keeffe: [RANKING HERE - CURRENTLY 23](#)

Sive Brassil: [RANKING HERE - CURRENTLY 34](#)

Natalya Coyle: [RANKING HERE - CURRENTLY 42](#)

## ROWING

Rowing has qualified a record number of boats for the Olympics, with four boats heading to Tokyo, and still a good chance to get one or two more in the final qualification regatta before the Games.

The boats are:

Women's Single Scull - Sanita Puspure finished first in the World Championships 2019

Men's Lightweight Double Scull - Paul O'Donovan and Fintan McCarthy finished first in the World Championships 2019

Men's Double Scull - Philip Doyle and Ronan Byrne finished second in the World Championships 2019

Women's Pair - Aileen Crowley and Monika Dukarska finished eleventh in the World Championships 2019

They are still targeting two boats in the European qualifying regatta next year:

Women's Four (W4-) there are two spots available.

Women's Lightweight Double (LW2X) there are two spots available

## MEN'S RUGBY 7S

The men's team have one more chance to qualify, at the final Olympic Tournament next year, where there is one spot available.

If they qualify it will be the first time Ireland will have competed at the Olympics in Rugby.

## SAILING

Ireland has already qualified one boat for Tokyo - the Women's Laser Radial, which was achieved via Aisling Keller at the World Championships in 2019 - this position is set to be filled by Annalise Murphy, who has been nominated by the National Federation. Selection will be made once the process has been completed.

There are still limited opportunities for Ireland to qualify another boat - the 49er can still qualify at the European Sailing Cup where one spot is available.

In the Men's Laser there are two spots available at the European Sailing Cup.

In both of these events the majority of spots were available at the World Championships in 2019.

## SHOOTING - SHOTGUN

Ireland's focus will be on the Men's and Women's Trap for Tokyo. There is still one remaining opportunity for Ireland to qualify - at the European Championships. Qualification for Tokyo is based on results in selected competitions, the process began in 2018. Host nation Japan is guaranteed one spot in each event.

Four quota places (two top teams per NOC) will be awarded to shooters competing in each of the mixed team events (rifle, pistol and trap), while the highest-ranked shooter, who has not qualified yet or whose NOC does not have a berth in any of the twelve individual events, will obtain a direct Olympic quota place through the World Rankings. The remaining twenty-four quota places are available to the eligible NOCs under the tripartite Commission invitation, with two in each event, including the trap. The NOC may assign a different shooter in each event, provided they achieve a minimum score.

There are still two spots available via the European Championships, one in the Olympic ranking, and two in the Tripartite invitation.

In the past Ireland has received invitations via a wildcard.



## SWIMMING

In swimming, athletes can gain qualification by achieving set times at two recognized events - the 2019 FINA World Championships and the Irish Open (now scheduled for 2021). Swim Ireland set the criteria high for athletes and they must achieve the A standard.

Darragh Greene has pre-validated his nomination by meeting the A standard time in the 100m Breaststroke at the World Championships in 2019 with a time of 59.82. He now just needs to swim the slower time of 1:01.13 at the Irish Open. All other athletes need to achieve the A standard (listed below) at the Irish Open.

Ireland also have two relay teams sitting in the Top 16 in the World. Ireland's Men's 400m Medley Relay is currently ranked 14<sup>th</sup> and the Men's 800m Freestyle Relay is ranked 16<sup>th</sup>. Relays remaining in the top 16 in the world at the end of May 2021 will secure places at the Games.

View Swim Ireland nomination policies and selection criteria [HERE](#)

DISCIPLINE	WHAT	NOTES
Individual	Times recorded at recognised events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2019 FINA World Championships</li> <li>- 2020 Irish Open Championships &amp; Olympic Trials</li> </ul>	All athletes who achieve a FINA 'A' Qualification Time from one of these two recognised events will be considered at the conclusion of the Irish Open Championships.
Relay	World Championships 2019	First 12 automatically qualified, with Ireland just outside of this.
Relay	World Ranking	Four places are awarded based on world ranking on 31 May 2020. Ireland currently lie 14 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> in two specific relays

### FINA OLYMPIC A TIMES:

MALE	Event	FEMALE
Consideration Time		Consideration Time
22.01	50m Freestyle	24.77
48.57	100m Freestyle	54.38
1:47.02	200m Freestyle	1:57.28
3:46.78	400m Freestyle	4:07.90
7:54.31	800m Freestyle	8:33.36
15:00.99	1500m Freestyle	16:32.04
53.85	100m Backstroke	1:00.25
1:57.50	200m Backstroke	2:10.39
59.93	100m Breaststroke	1:07.07
2:10.35	200m Breaststroke	2:25.52
51.96	100m Butterfly	57.92
1:56.48	200m Butterfly	2:08.43
1:59.67	200m IM	2:12.56
4:15.84	400m IM	4:38.53

## TAEKWONDO

Jack Woolley secured qualification for the Tokyo Olympics based on his final world rankings in January 2020. There are still two spots available in the European Championships, and 16 will compete in each category.

Jack is the first Irish person to compete in Taekwondo, and he will be competing in the Men's -58kg category.

He still needs to go through the nomination and selection process.

## TRIATHLON

The qualification period will run up until May 2021 (TBC) and 55 athletes will compete in the men's and in the women's events. A max of 3 athletes can compete for each nation, and as host nation, Japan gets two spots in each event. Two spots per gender will be awarded based on the Tripartite Commission Invitation.

**Not taking into account NOC quotas**, the current status of the athletes are as follows:

### Men

Sitting inside qualification - Russell White - [currently ranked 58](#)

Con Doherty - [currently ranked 110](#)

### Women

Sitting inside qualification - Carolyn Hayes - [currently ranked 93](#)