

# Sport Qualification Updates

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# TEAM IRELAND TOKYO UPDATE MAR '20

Irish athletes are in the qualifying stages for the Tokyo Olympics currently, and team announcements will be made at stages in 2020/1. This document is intended to provide an update to Media Agencies and Journalists on the status of athletes and sports for the Tokyo Olympics 2020.

This document is intended to provide guidance for planning and research only. The qualification process has frozen following the postponement of the Games, so the following status of qualified athletes still stands.

## SELECTION PROCESS FOR TEAM IRELAND

The Team Ireland process for selecting teams is as follows:

1. The sport or athlete meets qualifying standard set out by the IOC
2. The sport or athlete meets qualifying standard set out by the National Federation
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 Olympic Federation of Ireland announces the teams in stages.

## SUMMARY POINTS

The qualification process for sports started in 2018 for some sports and continues until June 2021 for some sports. In many sports qualification of a slot does not guarantee automatic selection of the athlete who qualified the slot.

To date IOC qualification standards/quotas have been met by 52 athletes in Athletics (7), Boxing (1), Canoe Slalom (1), Cycling Road (4 quota, 3 athletes), Cycling Track (6 quota, 4 events, 4 athletes), Equestrian (3 teams), Gymnastics (1), Hockey (16) Modern Pentathlon (1), Rowing (4 boats), Sailing (1 boat) and Swimming (1 swimmer – but NF qualification standard not yet met), Taekwondo (1). All of these are now subject to National Federation (NF) selection criteria. The OFI will not officially confirm the selection of athletes until the selection process has been followed.



## SUMMARY QUALIFIED SPOTS TO DATE

52 Athletes at this stage will be in Tokyo 2020, Ireland has qualified 55 Athlete spots,

- 9 horses,
- 1 quota spot in the cycling time trial will be the same person who will take one of the quota spots in the cycling road race,
- 2 quota spots in the Omnium will be a person from the Madison for both men and women,
- 1 (swimmer – Darragh Greene) fulfilled initial qualification standard – not confirmed until B standard achieved at Irish Open:

**Athletics (7)** – Brendan Boyce 50km Race Walk, Alex Wright 20km Race Walk, Ciara Mageean 1500m, Fionnuala McCormack Marathon, Paul Pollock Marathon, Stephen Scullion Marathon, Kevin Seaward Marathon. Note that these spots were qualified by athletes based on reaching qualifying times or standards. If more than three athletes achieve the qualifying time in marathon, then the Athletics Ireland selection criteria comes into effect.

**Boxing (1)** – Brendan Irvine 52kg

**Canoe Slalom (1)** – qualified through Robert Hendrick. Liam Jegou is now **officially selected**.

**Cycling Road (4 spots – 3 athletes)** Three road racers will compete in Tokyo, with one of these athletes also competing in the Time Trial. The names will be announced in 2020.

**Cycling Track (6 spots – 4 events – 4 athletes)**: Male Madison, Male Omnium, Female Madison, Female Omnium. Ireland will field a male and female team in the Madison, which consists of two athletes. One of the athletes in each Madison will also compete in the Omnium.

**Equestrian (9)** –

- Eventing Team (3 + 1 reserve)
- Dressage Team (3 + 1 reserve)
- Show Jumping Team (3 + 1 reserve)

**Gymnastics (1)** – Rhys McClenaghan Men's Pommel (1)

**Hockey (16)** – Women's Hockey Team (16 + 2)

**Modern Pentathlon (1)** – Women's Open (1) qualified by Natalya Coyle, contested also by Sive Brassil, Eilidh Price

**Sailing (1)** – Women's Laser Radial qualified by Aisling Keller, Irish Sailing have declared to officially nominate **Annalise Murphy for this spot – this is not an official selection yet.**

**Rowing (7)**

- Women's Single Scull (1) qualified by Sanita Puspure
- Women's Pair (2) qualified by Aileen Crowley and Monika Dukarska – bigger squad contesting this as well as aiming to qualify an additional four
- Men's Double Scull (2) qualified by Philip Doyle and Ronan Byrne
- Men's Lightweight Double Scull (2) qualified by Paul O'Donovan and Fintan McCarthy – contested also by Gary O'Donovan, Shane O'Driscoll and Jake McCarthy.



**Swimming (\*)** – while Darragh Greene has achieved the pre-validation qualifying time in the 100m Breaststroke, he needs to achieve a time of 1.01.45 at the Irish Open next year to be nominated.

**Taekwondo (1)** – Men’s -58kg (qualified by Jack Woolley)

For all other sports the qualification period is ongoing.

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