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2012 OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES – LONDON

AGREEMENT FOR THE SELECTION OF ATHLETES  
FOR THE SPORT OF:

## Swimming

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### AGREEMENT FOR THE SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE SPORT OF:

# Swimming

The Olympic Council of Ireland (“OCI”) and Irish Amateur Swimming Association Limited (“the National Federation”) agree the following nomination and selection standards and procedures for the selection of athletes for the 2012 Olympic Summer Games in London (the “Olympic Games”) for the sport of Swimming.

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 Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) (“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 3 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 and 29 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 and 29 - They 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 NOC concerned 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 NOC concerned 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. No Team Member's selection will be ratified by the OCI until all relevant documentation and required procedures are fully completed.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. 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.

## **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 clauses 4, 9 and 10 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. Only 'Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT)' standards as agreed by the IOC/ANOC/FINA will be acceptable

- 3.2. 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 'OQT' 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 for the Irish Amateur Swimming Association to provide the relevant information to the OCI.
- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. The National Federation shall not nominate any athlete who is the subject of an anti-doping ban.
- 3.5. 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.
- 3.6. 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. Confirmation / Nominations**

- 4.1. The National Federation shall submit the following with regard to the qualification of individual swimmers with an OQT(s) and of relay team(s):
  - 4.1.1. 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012 – The National Federation to confirm to the Olympic Council of Ireland the participation of a relay team(s) which qualified at the 14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships, Shanghai, China in July 2011.
  - 4.1.2. 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – The National Federation to confirm to the Olympic Council of Ireland the participation of a relay team(s) which qualified on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> June **2012** in accordance with the qualification system for the games of the XXX Olympiad.
  - 4.1.3. 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 – The National Federation to nominate swimmers with OQT qualification standards and Relay Team Members, with all the relevant information, to the Olympic Council of Ireland for selection for London 2012 (see 4.2.2 & 4.3.1 re. Marathon Swimming).
- 4.2. Qualification Period and Events
  - 4.2.1. Swimming
    - 4.2.1.1. The OQT Standards must be obtained at any of the FINA recognised competitions held in the period:

4.2.1.2. Individual Entries to achieve OQT from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011 to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012

4.2.1.3. Relay Entries from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011 to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012

4.2.1.4. Qualification events; Only times achieved at FINA recognised competitions can be accepted as entry times for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

#### 4.2.2. Marathon Swimming

4.2.2.1. 2011 FINA World Championships (Shanghai, CHN) 16<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011

4.2.2.2. FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2012 (Setubal, POR) 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012

#### 4.3. Close of Nominations to the OCI

4.3.1. The closing date of the nominations to the OCI of athletes for the sport of Swimming is 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 for relay events **team members** and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 for all individual events, except in the case of Marathon Swimmers the closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

### 5. Appeals

5.1. The National Federation shall have an appeals process available to Team members and have submitted same to the OCI no later than 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011. 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 OCI 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 is required to sign the OCI's Team Members Agreement.

6.2. Failure to sign this agreement 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 London 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 National Federation shall publish this agreement subsequent to the OCI doing so.

8.4. The National Federation 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. Agreed Events for Olympic Qualification**

### **9.1. Qualification events**

9.1.1. Qualification can only take place at FINA Approved meets which are on the FINA Calendar for the 2011 and 2012 seasons.

9.1.2. The meets in 9.1.1 must have electronic timing and doping control operated by WADA or by WADA Agents.

9.1.3. Meets in 9.2.1 which will be used for qualification attempts must also be approved by the National Federation and communicated to and agreed with the OCI.

9.1.4. Only events listed in the published official programme of the meet may be used for qualification attempts. Events subsequently added to the programme will be ineligible for qualification purposes.

9.1.5. Meets at which qualification may be attempted and which are subsequently added to the agreed OCI / National Federation list of such meets must also have FINA approval

9.1.6. Retrospective FINA approval will not be accepted.

9.1.7. No other events or meets will be eligible for qualification purposes.

### **9.2. Advance notice of qualifying attempts**

9.2.1. The National Federation must receive not less than 4 days notice, to include details of discipline(s), from an athlete entering a meet in order to attempt qualification.

9.2.2. The notice referred to in 9.2.1 must be forwarded to the OCI via email not less than 3 days before the meet.

### 9.3. Final Selection

9.3.1. The final selection of all swimming athletes shall be determined by the OCI and their decision shall be final.

## 10. Key Deadlines

10.1. The National Federation agrees to supply to the OCI the following information to be received before 23:59 (Dublin time) on or before the dates set out below:

17<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

The 'Long List' of all potential team members to be submitted by NF and received by the OCI.

20<sup>th</sup> May 2011

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.

**20<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

The National Federation are required to submit their "fit to perform policy for approval by the Olympic Council of Ireland"

27<sup>th</sup> January 2012

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

28<sup>th</sup> May 2012

The National Federation to confirm to the Olympic Council of Ireland the participation of a relay team(s) which qualified at the 14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships, Shanghai, China in July 2011.

15<sup>th</sup> June 2012

The National Federation to confirm to the Olympic Council of Ireland the participation of a relay team(s) which qualified on or before the **1<sup>st</sup> June 2012** in accordance with the qualification system for the games of the XXX Olympiad.

30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

National Federation nominations for individual events in Marathon Swimming to be received by the OCI with all supporting information for selection.

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012

National Federation nominations for individual and relay swimmers 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

Signed by



Patrick Farrell  
Chairperson  
For and on behalf of  
Irish Amateur Swimming Association Limited



Dermot J. Sherlock  
Honorary General Secretary  
For and on behalf of  
Olympic Council of Ireland



Anne McAdam  
Company Secretary  
For and on behalf of  
Irish Amateur Swimming Association Limited

Date:

28<sup>th</sup> April, 2011

Date:

16<sup>th</sup> April 2011



# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE NATATION

## *Swimming*

**A. Events (34)**

MEN'S EVENTS (17)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (17)
50m freestyle	50m freestyle
100m freestyle	100m freestyle
200m freestyle	200m freestyle
400m freestyle	400m freestyle
1'500m freestyle	800m freestyle
100m backstroke	100m backstroke
200m backstroke	200m backstroke
100m breaststroke	100m breaststroke
200m breaststroke	200m breaststroke
100m butterfly	100m butterfly
200m butterfly	200m butterfly
200m individual medley	200m individual medley
400m individual medley	400m individual medley
4 x 100m freestyle relay	4 x 100m freestyle relay
4 x 200m freestyle relay	4 x 200m freestyle relay
4 x 100m medley relay	4 x 100m medley relay
10km marathon swim (see annex)	10km marathon swim (see annex)

**B. Quota**

	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL</b>	900*

	QUOTA PER NOC
<b>Men</b>	Max 2 swimmers or 1 relay team per event
<b>Women</b>	Max 2 swimmers or 1 relay team per event

\* 50 additional swimmers for marathon swim.

QUOTA	
<u>Athlete numbers:</u>	The quota for swimming is 900 athletes.
<u>Maximum per NF/NOC:</u>	<p><u>Individual events</u> - each NF/NOC may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors. To enter two swimmers in the same individual event, both athletes must have achieved the “Olympic Qualifying Time” (OQT). To enter one swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least an OQT <u>OR</u> the competitor must have achieved at least the “FINA/Olympic Selection Time (OST),” <u>and</u> be approved by FINA to compete.</p> <p><u>Relay events</u> - An NF/NOC may enter a maximum of one (1) qualified relay team <b>PER EVENT</b>.</p>

<u>NF/NOCs without qualified athletes - Universality Places</u>	<p>National Federations/NOCs with no swimmers who have achieved either the OQT or OST may enter one (1) man and/or one (1) woman, provided those swimmers participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships – Shanghai 2011 and be approved by FINA to compete.</p> <p>The total number of Universality Places shall not exceed 150 swimmers.</p>
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**C. Athlete Eligibility**

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
<p>All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.</p> <p>Only the athletes who are eligible to participate at the official FINA competitions, in accordance with the FINA Rules, are entitled to participate in the Olympic Games.</p>

**D. Qualification System**

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY
<p>The priority order for qualification into the Olympic Games will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All athletes with OQTs</li> <li>• Athletes on relays</li> <li>• Universality athletes</li> <li>• Athletes who have achieved an OST and are approved by FINA</li> </ul> <p><b>1. <u>Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT)</u></b></p> <p>For each individual event at the Olympic Games, the FINA Bureau has established Standard Entry Times of two types: an OQT and an OST of which the OST shall be easier to achieve. Standard entry times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.</p> <p>For each individual event at the Olympic Games, each National Federation/NOC may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors. To enter two swimmers in the same event, both swimmers must have achieved the OQT. To enter one swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the OQT <u>OR</u> must have achieved the OST, <u>and</u> be approved by FINA to compete.</p> <p>Swimmers who achieve the OQT in one or more individual events are automatically qualified to participate in the Olympic Games.</p>

**2. Relay teams**

In the Olympic Games, not more than sixteen (16) teams can be entered in each relay competition. The top twelve (12) finishers at the 14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships – Shanghai 2011 shall be qualified based upon the final results achieved. The four (4) other teams shall be selected by FINA on the basis of the fastest times achieved in the fifteen-month period before the Olympic Games (1 March 2011 through 1 June 2012) in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA. If any qualified teams are not able to participate for any reason, available slots will be filled on the basis of next fastest times achieved in the 15-month period before the Olympic Games in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA. Individual times may not be aggregated for relay qualification purposes.

Each National Federation/NOC may enter only one (1) team in each relay event. All swimmers entered in individual events can be used in relays, even if they have not achieved the OST for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered.

Each National Federation/NOC may enter additional swimmers for relays only, provided that they have achieved at least the OST for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered.

The following formula shall apply:

- One (1) Relay - two (2) additional swimmers
- Two (2) Relays - four (4) additional swimmers
- Three (3) Relays - six (6) additional swimmers
- Four (4) Relays - eight (8) additional swimmers
- Five (5) Relays - ten (10) additional swimmers
- Six (6) Relays - twelve (12) additional swimmers

The NFs/NOCs must confirm to FINA the participation of their qualified relay team by no later than **31 May 2012**

**3. NFs/NOCs without qualified athletes – Universality Places**

National Federations/NOCs with no swimmers who have achieved either Standard Entry Time may enter one (1) man *and* one (1) woman (Universality), provided that those swimmers participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships - Shanghai 2011 and are approved by FINA to compete. The total number of Universality places shall not exceed 150 swimmers.

NFs/NOCs without qualified entries must submit their applications for entries to FINA for approval by **1 June 2012**.

**4. Olympic Selection Time (OST)**

For each individual event at the Olympic Games, the FINA Bureau will establish Standard Entry Times of two types: an OQT and an OST of which the OST shall be easier to achieve. Standard entry times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.

After determining the number of swimmers who have achieved the OQT, the number of swimmers entered in relays and the number of swimmers of National Federations/NOCs who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time, the participation of swimmers with the OSTs (BL 9.6.3.5) may be confirmed.

Swimmers with the OST may be invited to compete in the Olympic Games until the quota of 900 athletes is reached. The selection for these swimmers will be based on the following principles:

- In individual events, swimmers will be included in an Olympic Games Qualification Ranking compiled from 1 March 2011 through 1 June 2012, using only FINA-approved competitions. Only two athletes per NOC in each event will be included in the rankings (if an NOC has more than two athletes, those additional athletes will not be included).
- Those athletes with the highest Olympic Games Qualification ranking will be invited first until the quota of 900 is reached.

- Should there be a tie in selection of the 900<sup>th</sup> athlete, all athletes who are tied will have their times compared to the FINA Points Table of 1 January 2012, and those athletes with the highest point scores will be invited first.

**Qualification period**

The qualifying time standards must be obtained at any of the specified competitions held in the period:

***Individual Entries with OQT:*** ***01 March 2011 to 3 July 2012***

***Individual Entries with OST:*** ***01 March 2011 to 1 June 2012***

***Relay Entries:*** ***01 March 2011 to 1 June 2012***

***Athletes with neither Standard Entry Time:*** ***01 March 2011 to 1 June 2012***

**Qualification events**

Only times achieved at FINA recognised competitions can be accepted as entry times for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Qualifying time standards must be obtained at any of the following competitions:

- Continental Championships
- National Olympic Trials, to be approved in advance by FINA
- International Competitions, to be approved in advance by FINA

QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS

		Olympic Qualifying Time			FINA/Olympic Selection Time		
		1 or 2 Entries			1 Entry (with invitation)		
		M	S	1/100	M	S	1/100
<b>MEN'S STANDARD</b>	50 Freestyle	00	22	11	00	22	88
	100 Freestyle	00	48	82	00	50	53
	200 Freestyle	01	47	82	01	51	59
	400 Freestyle	03	48	92	03	54	13
	800 Freestyle	00	00	00	00	00	00
	1500 Freestyle	15	11	83	15	43	74
	100 Backstroke	00	54	40	00	56	30
	200 Backstroke	01	58	48	02	02	63
	100 Breaststroke	01	00	79	01	02	92
	200 Breaststroke	02	11	74	02	16	35
	100 Butterfly	00	52	36	00	54	19
	200 Butterfly	01	56	86	02	00	95
	200 I. M.	02	00	17	02	04	38
	400 I. M.	04	16	46	04	25	44
<b>WOMEN'S STANDARD</b>	50 Freestyle	00	25	27	00	26	15
	100 Freestyle	00	54	57	00	56	48
	200 Freestyle	01	58	33	02	02	47
	400 Freestyle	04	09	35	04	18	07
	800 Freestyle	08	33	84	08	51	82
	1500 Freestyle	00	00	00	00	00	00
	100 Backstroke	01	00	82	01	02	95
	200 Backstroke	02	10	84	02	15	42
	100 Breaststroke	01	08	49	01	10	89
	200 Breaststroke	02	26	89	02	32	03
	100 Butterfly	00	58	70	01	00	75
	200 Butterfly	02	08	95	02	13	46
	200 I. M.	02	13	36	02	18	03
	400 I. M.	04	41	75	04	51	75

**E. Confirmation process for quota places**

**CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES**

NFs/NOCs must confirm to FINA the participation of their qualified relay team by no later than 31 May 2012.

NFs/NOCs shall submit the entry forms for their qualified athletes and teams to LOCOG by the deadline of 9 July 2012. These entries shall be verified and approved by LOCOG in liaison with FINA.

**F. Reallocation of unused quota places**

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES**

If a qualified relay team will not participate at the London 2012 Olympic Games, FINA will select the next relay team on the basis of the fastest time achieved in the period of 01 March 2011 to 1 June 2012.

**G. Qualification time line**

DATE	MILESTONE
01 March 2011	Start of the qualifying time period for Individual and Relay Teams
24 - 31 July 2011	14 <sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships (Swimming), (Shanghai, CHN)
30 April 2012	FINA to request NFs/NOCs to confirm participation of their Relay Team which qualified in Shanghai 2011
31 May 2012	NFs/NOCs to confirm to FINA the participation of their Relay Teams which qualified in Shanghai
1 June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclusion of the qualifying period for those Swimming Relay Teams (which did not qualify in Shanghai 2011) to achieve the fastest times in order to fill the sixteen (16) places for London. <i>After 1 June 2012 no faster time for swimming relay teams will be accepted.</i></li> <li>• Conclusion of the qualifying period for the OSTs</li> <li>• NFs/NOCs without qualified entries to submit their application to FINA for approval – Universality Places</li> </ul>
4 June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FINA to request NFs/NOCs to confirm participation of their Swimming Relay Team in order to fulfil the 16 places</li> <li>• FINA to send official invitation letter to compete in Olympic Games to those NF/NOCs with athletes who have OSTs</li> <li>• FINA to officially notify those NFs/NOCs that have athletes who have OSTs but who will NOT receive an invitation to compete at the Olympic Games</li> </ul>
18 June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NFs/NOCs to confirm participation of their Swimming Relay Team</li> <li>• NFs/NOCs to provide formal reply to FINA as to which of the athletes who have OSTs will compete</li> <li>• Date for FINA to announce the 16 Olympic Swimming Relay Teams qualified for each event</li> </ul>
3 July 2012	Conclusion of the qualifying time period for OQTs
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms

Please take a look at the detailed FINA events calendar on [www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org) section « Calendar »

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## Swimming Annex – *Marathon Swimming*

### A. Events (2)

MEN'S EVENTS (1)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (1)
10km marathon swim	10km marathon swim

### B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	24	1	25
Women	24	1	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>50</b>

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	2
Women	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>

### C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
<p>All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.</p> <p>Only the athletes who are eligible to participate at the official FINA competitions, in accordance with the FINA Rules, are entitled to participate in the Olympic Games.</p>

### D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY
<p><b>FOR MEN AND WOMEN</b></p> <p><b><u>1. 2011 FINA World Championships</u></b>  <b>20 Marathon Swimmers (10 Men &amp; 10 Women)</b> - The ten (10) best ranked athletes from the 10km event will obtain a quota place.</p> <p><b><u>2. FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2012</u></b>  <b>18 Marathon Swimmers (9 Men &amp; 9 Women)</b> - The nine (9) best ranked athletes will obtain a quota place. Only NOC/NF that have no swimmer qualified through the 2011 World Championships may elect to send a maximum of two (2) athletes per event to the qualifier. Each NOC/NF can qualify a maximum of one (1) athlete per gender.</p> <p><b><i>Continental Representation</i></b>  <b>10 Marathon Swimmers (5 Men &amp; 5 Women)</b> - The best ranked athlete in the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2012, not yet qualified, from each of five (5) Continents will obtain a quota place.</p> <p>Should an NOC/NF have previously qualified one (1) or two (2) swimmers, the quota place will be allocated to the next best ranked athlete, not yet qualified, in the ranking of the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2012 event to ensure that each of these competitions yields a competitor.</p>

**HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION**

One (1) male and one (1) female marathon swimmer from the host country if not previously qualified, will obtain a quota place.

**E. Confirmation process for quota places**

**CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES**

FINA will inform the NOCs/NFs of the number of quota place(s) obtained by 18 June 2012.  
 NOCs/NFs must confirm to FINA the use of quota place(s) obtained by no later than 2 July 2012.

**F. Reallocation of unused quota places**

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES**

The unused IF quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete from the 2012 FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2012, not yet qualified.

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES**

Should the Host Country decide not to use its host country places, the place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete in the same gender from the 2012 FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2012, not yet qualified.

**G. Qualification timeline**

DATE	MILESTONE
16 - 31 July 2011	2011 FINA World Championships (Shanghai, CHN)
9 - 10 June 2012	FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2012 (Setubal, POR)
18 June 2012	FINA informs the NOCs/NFs on the quota places obtained
2 July 2012	NOCs/NFs to confirm to FINA the use of quota places obtained
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms

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