

# 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 |
|-------|-------|
| TOTAL | 900*  |

|       | QUOTA PER NOC                               |
|-------|---|
| Men   | Max 2 swimmers or<br>1 relay team per event |
| Women | Max 2 swimmers or<br>1 relay team per event |

\* 50 additional swimmers for marathon swim.

**QUOTA**

Athlete numbers: The quota for swimming is 900 athletes.

Maximum per NF/NOC: Individual events - 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 OR the competitor must have achieved at least the “FINA/Olympic Selection Time (OST),” and be approved by FINA to compete.

Relay events - An NF/NOC may enter a maximum of one (1) qualified relay team **PER EVENT**.

NF/NOCs without qualified athletes - Universality Places

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.

The total number of Universality Places shall not exceed 150 swimmers.

**C. Athlete Eligibility**

**ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

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.

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.

**D. Qualification System**

**QUALIFICATION PATHWAY**

The priority order for qualification into the Olympic Games will be:

- All athletes with OQTs
- Athletes on relays
- Universality athletes
- Athletes who have achieved an OST and are approved by FINA

**1. Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT)**

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.

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 OR must have achieved the OST, and be approved by FINA to compete.

Swimmers who achieve the OQT in one or more individual events are automatically qualified to participate in the Olympic Games.

## **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  |

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