

## Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) Swimming

### A. Events

MEN'S EVENTS (X)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (X)
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 per event
Women	Max 2 per event

**QUOTA**

Athlete numbers: The target 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 event, both of them must have achieved the “Olympic Qualifying Time.” To enter one swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the “FINA/Olympic Invitational Time,” and be invited by FINA to compete

Relay events - A NF/NOC may enter a maximum of one (1) qualified relay team

NF/NOCs without qualified athletes

National Federations/NOCs with no swimmers who have achieved either Standard Entry Time may enter one (1) man *and* one (1) woman. National Federations/NOCs with no swimmers who have achieved the "Olympic Qualifying Time," but with one (1) or more swimmers who have achieved the "FINA/Olympic Invitation Time" and who are not invited by FINA to participate, may enter the swimmer whose performance has the highest rank according to the FINA Points Table, valid from 1 January 2012, from the results achieved in FINA-approved competitions without consideration to gender, stroke or distance.

provided that:

- the swimmer(s) participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships – Shanghai 2011; and,
- FINA decides to invite their participation in the Olympic Games based on their performance.

**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

#### 1. 'A' and 'B' qualifying standard - individuals

For each individual event at the Olympic Games, the FINA Bureau will establish Standard Entry Times of two types: an "Olympic Qualifying Time" and a "FINA/Olympic Invitational Time," of which the "FINA/Olympic Invitational Time" 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 of them must have achieved the "Olympic Qualifying Time." To enter one swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the "FINA/Olympic Invitational Time," and be invited by FINA to compete.

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

Swimmers who achieve the "FINA/Olympic Invitational Time" are eligible to be invited to participate in the Olympic Games. FINA will invite swimmers with FINA/Olympic Invitational Times to participate based upon the following:

- In individual events, swimmers will be ranked in one list from highest to lowest based on the FINA Points Table, valid from 1 January 2012, from the results achieved in FINA-approved Olympic qualifying competitions without consideration to gender, stroke or distance.
- After determining the number of swimmers who have achieved the Olympic Qualifying Time, the number of swimmers entered in relays and the number of swimmers of National Federations/NOCs who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time based on BL 9.6.3.5, swimmers with the FINA/Olympic Invitational Times may be invited. The invitation will be extended based on the FINA Points Table, with those with the highest ranking invited first. The number of invitations will be determined by the athlete quota established by the International Olympic Committee.

#### 2. NFs/NOCs without qualified athletes

National Federations/NOCs with no swimmers who have achieved either Standard Entry Time may enter one (1) man or one (1) woman. National Federations/NOCs with no swimmers who have achieved the "Olympic Qualifying Time," but with one (1) or more swimmers who have achieved the "FINA/Olympic Invitation Time" and who are not invited by FINA to participate, may enter the swimmer whose performance has the highest rank according to the FINA Points Table, valid from 1 January 2012, from the results achieved in FINA-approved competitions without consideration to gender, stroke or distance.

Provided that:

- the swimmer(s) participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships – Shanghai 2011; and,
- FINA decides to invite their participation in the Olympic Games based on their performance.

NFs/NOCs without qualified entries must submit their applications for entries to FINA for approval by **01 June 2012**.

### 3. 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 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 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 fifteen-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 FINA/Olympic Invitational Time 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 the “FINA/Olympic Invitational Time” 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 **01 June 2012**.

#### Qualification period

The qualifying time standards must be obtained at any of the specified competitions held in the period **01 March 2011 to 03 July 2012**.

#### Qualification events

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

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

QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS

		Olympic Qualifying Time			FINA/Olympic Invitational Time		
		2 Entries			1 Entry		
		M	S	1/100	M	S	1/100
MEN'S STANDARD	50 Freestyle	00	22	11	00	22	73
	100 Freestyle	00	48	82	00	50	93
	200 Freestyle	01	47	82	01	50	76
	400 Freestyle	03	48	92	03	58	01
	800 Freestyle	00	00	00	00	00	00
	1500 Freestyle	15	11	83	15	45	12
	100 Backstroke	00	54	40	00	56	40
	200 Backstroke	01	58	48	02	01	53
	100 Breaststroke	01	00	79	01	03	61
	200 Breaststroke	02	11	74	02	18	24
	100 Butterfly	00	52	36	00	54	09
	200 Butterfly	01	56	86	02	01	08
	200 I. M.	02	00	17	02	03	89
	400 I. M.	04	16	46	04	24	78
WOMEN'S STANDARD	50 Freestyle	00	25	27	00	25	76
	100 Freestyle	00	54	57	00	56	54
	200 Freestyle	01	58	33	02	02	68
	400 Freestyle	04	09	35	04	19	68
	800 Freestyle	08	33	84	08	54	04
	1500 Freestyle	00	00	00	00	00	00
	100 Backstroke	01	00	82	01	03	11
	200 Backstroke	02	10	84	02	15	52
	100 Breaststroke	01	08	49	01	09	98
	200 Breaststroke	02	26	89	02	32	15
	100 Butterfly	00	58	70	01	00	87
	200 Butterfly	02	08	95	02	14	00
	200 I. M.	02	13	36	02	16	98
	400 I. M.	04	41	75	04	52	59

**Note:** If after inviting all athletes who have qualified for the Olympic Games via FINA Rule BL 9.3.6 the 900 swimmer threshold is not reached, FINA reserves the right to select the next highest scoring performance(s) from the FINA Points Table (who have not already been invited) in order to fill the quota of 900 athletes.

**HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION**

Not applicable

**TRIPARTITE PLACES**

Not applicable

**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 1 June 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 3 July 2012**.

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES**

Not applicable

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE PLACES**

Not applicable

**G. Qualification time line**

16 - 31 July 2011	14 <sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships, Shanghai (CHN)
03 – 18 September 2011	African Games, Maputo (MOZ)
14 - 30 October 2011	Pan American Games, Guadalajara (MEX)
(Dates TBC)	European Swimming Championships, (Place TBC)
(Dates DBC)	Oceania Championships (Place TBC)
(Dates TBC)	Asian Games, (Place TBC)

DATE	MILESTONE
01 March 2011	Start of the qualifying time period for Individual and Swimming Relay Teams
30 April 2012	FINA to request NFs/NOCs to confirm participation of their Relay Team qualified in Shanghai 2011
01 June 2012	NFs/NOCs to confirm to FINA the participation of their qualified relay teams
15 June 2012	NFs/NOCs without qualified entries to submit their application to FINA for approval
17 June 2012	Conclusion of the qualifying period for the Swimming Relay Teams to achieve the fastest times in order to fulfil the sixteen (16) places. <i>After 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012 no faster time for swimming relay teams will be accepted.</i>
18 June 2010	FINA to request NFs/NOCs to confirm participation of their Swimming Relay Team in order to fulfil the sixteen (16) places.
30 June 2012	NFs/NOCs to confirm participation of their Swimming Relay Team
02 July 2012	Date for FINA to announce the sixteen (16) Olympic Swimming Relay Teams qualified for each event.
03 July 2012	Conclusion of the qualifying time period for the Individual Events
09 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs