



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD – RIO 2016

INTERNATIONAL ROWING FEDERATION

Rowing

A. EVENTS (14)

Men's Events (8)	Women's Events (6)
Single Sculls (1x)	Single Sculls (1x)
Pair (2-)	Pair (2-)
Double Sculls (2x)	Double Sculls (2x)
Four (4-)	Quadruple Sculls (4x)
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	Eight (8+)
Eight (8+)	Lightweight Double Sculls (2x)
Lightweight Double Sculls (2x)	
Lightweight Four (4-)	

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Rowing:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	328	1	2	331
Women	216	1	2	219
Total	544	2	4	550

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	28	1 x boat per event
Women	20	1 x boat per event
Total	48	

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota places are allocated to the NOCs.

For quota places obtained at the African, Asian, Americans and European Continental Qualification regattas and the Final Qualification regatta, the rowers that qualified the boat(s) at these events have to compete in the same boat class should they compete at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

For quota places obtained at the 2015 World Rowing Championships in Aiguebelette, France, the NOC may enter a boat with different rowers at the 2016 Olympic Games than those who qualified the boat and these rowers may row in different events at the Olympic Games than those in which they competed in 2015.



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C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the 2015 World Rowing Championship, all athletes must be eligible under FISA Rules and Regulations (“Eligibility and Nationality” Rule 19 on page 53 of the FISA Rule Book <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/resources/rule-books>).

To be eligible to participate in the continental Olympic qualification regattas and the final Olympic qualification regatta, all athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force. This includes Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of Competitors).

To be eligible for a Tripartite Commission Invitation Places in Rowing, athletes proposed from an NOC must attend and participate in at least one of the qualification events.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

MEN / WOMEN

Number of boat quota places available per qualification event (subject to the reallocation of unused quota places):								
		Continental Qualification Regattas						
	2015 World Champs	Asia/Oceania	Africa	Americas	European (+AUS, NZL, CAN, USA)	Final Qualif Regatta	Total Boats	Total Rowers
Men								
Single Sculls (M1x)	9	7	4	6	3		29	29
Pairs (M2-)	11	-	-	-		2	13	26
Double Sculls (M2x)	11	-	-	-		2	13	26
Fours (M4-)	11	-	-	-		2	13	52
Quadruple Sculls (M4x)	8	-	-	-		2	10	40
Eights (M8+)	5	-	-	-		2	7	63
Men Lightweight								
Double Sculls (LM2x)	11	3	1	3	2		20	40
Fours (LM4-)	11	-	-	-		2	13	52
Other								
Host Country Places (M1x)							1	1
Tripartite Places (M1x)							2	2
Total Men's Boats								
	77	10	5	9	5	12	121	331



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	2015 World Champs	Asia/Oceania	Africa	Americas	European (+AUS, NZL, CAN, USA)	Final Qualif Regatta	Total Boats	Total Rowers
Women								
Single Sculls (W1x)	9	7	4	6	3		29	29
Pairs (W2-)	11	-	-	-		4	15	30
Double Sculls (W2x)	11	-	-	-		2	13	26
Quadruple Sculls (W4x)	5	-	-	-		2	7	28
Eights (W8+)	5	-	-	-		2	7	63
Women Lightweight								
Double Sculls (LW2x)	11	3	1	3	2		20	40
Other								
Host Country Places (W1x)							1	1
Tripartite Places (W1x)							2	2
Total Women's Boats	52	10	5	9	5	10	94	219
Total Rowers	380	26	12	24	14	88		550

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

Qualification Events				
2015 FISA World Rowing Championships in Aiguebelette (FRA)				
Open to all NOCs whose NFs are members of FISA.				
For each boat class, the highest placed NOCs at the 2015 World Championships according to the number of quota places indicated below will qualify:				
Boat Class	Men	Men Lightweight	Women	Women Lightweight
Single Sculls (M (M1x) (1x)	9	-	9	-
Pairs (2-)	11	-	11	-
Double Sculls (2x)	11	11	11	11
Fours (4-)	11	11	-	-
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	8	-	5	-
Eights (8+)	5	-	5	-



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FISA Continental Olympic Qualification Regattas

There will be four (4) Continental Qualification Regattas, all of which include only four (4) events, and are only open to certain NOCs and/or events, namely:

- Asia/Oceania: Open to NOCs that are members of the Olympic Council of Asia and the Oceania National Olympic Committees with the exception of AUS and NZL;
- Africa: Open to NOCs that are members of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa;
- Americas: Open to NOCs that are members of Organización Deportiva Panamericana, with the exception of USA and CAN;
- Europe: Open to NOCs that are members of the European Olympic Committees plus USA, CAN, AUS and NZL.

For the listed boat categories, the highest placed NOCs at the relevant Continental Qualification Regatta according to the number of quota places indicated below will qualify:

Boat Class	Asia / Oceania	Africa	Americas	Europe
Men				
Single Sculls (1x)	7	4	6	3
Men Lightweight				
Double Sculls (2x)	3	1	3	2
Women				
Single Sculls (1x)	7	4	6	3
Women Lightweight				
Double Sculls (2x)	3	1	3	2

- An NOC may only enter one (1) boat per event at the relevant Continental Qualification Regatta and only in the events in which they have not already qualified at the 2015 World Rowing Championships. An NOC that wishes to qualify boats in an event that is not on the programme of the relevant Continental Qualification Regatta, may enter boats in the Final Qualification Regatta;
- FISA will only accept entries for the Continental Qualification Regattas that are received by the fixed closing date. The entries should be accompanied by a letter from the NOC confirming that the rowers entered are eligible according to **paragraph C. Athlete Eligibility** above;
- The Continental Qualification Regattas will be held according to the FISA Rules of Racing and have the same status as World Rowing Championships (Rule 5, page 47);
- The FISA Council shall select the sites of the four qualification regattas by the end of 2014;
- At the Continental Qualification regattas, an NOC may only qualify a maximum of one (1) male and one (1) female boat; and
- If two (2) boats in the same gender from an NOC meet the qualification criteria at a continental qualification regatta, the NOC will have two (2) weeks from notification to decide which boat to confirm for the Games.



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FISA Final Olympic Qualification Regatta

For the listed boat categories, the highest placed NOCs at the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta according to the number of quota places indicated below will qualify:

Boat Class	Quota Places
Men	
Pairs (M2-)	2
Double Sculls (M2x)	2
Fours (M4-)	2
Quadruple Sculls (M4x)	2
Eights (M8+)	2
Men Lightweight	
Fours (LM4-)	2
Women	
Pairs (W2-)	4
Double Sculls (W2x)	2
Quadruple Sculls (W4x)	2
Eights (W8+)	2

- An NOC may only enter one (1) boat per event at the Final Qualification Regatta, and only in the events in which they have not already qualified at the 2015 World Rowing Championships. An NOC that wishes to qualify boats in an event that was not on the programme of the relevant Continental Qualification Regatta, may enter boats in the Final Qualification Regatta;
- FISA will only accept entries for the Final Qualification Regattas that are received by the fixed closing date. The entries should be accompanied by a letter from the NOC confirming that the rowers entered are eligible according to **paragraph C. Athlete Eligibility** above;
- The Final Qualification Regattas will be held according to the FISA Rules of Racing and have the same status as World Rowing Championships (Rule 5, page 47);



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Should the Host Country not have achieved any quota place at the various qualification events, it is guaranteed two (2) quota places, one (1) in each Singles Sculls event. If not used, these places will be reallocated in accordance with the paragraph “**Reallocation of Unused Host Country Places**” below.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Four (4) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available for eligible NOCs in the single sculls, two (2) for Men (M1x) and two (2) for Women (W1x).

On 15 October 2015, the International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2016. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the concerned sport.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the “*Games of the XXXI Olympiad, Rio 2016 - Olympic Games Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations*”.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, FISA will publish the results on its website (www.worldrowing.com) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have 14 days to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the boat qualified through the 2015 FISA World Rowing Championship, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked boat not yet qualified from the same event at the World Championships.
- If the boat qualified through the FISA Continental Olympic Qualification Regattas, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked boat in the individual boat class at that respective qualification event.
- If the boat qualified through the FISA Final Olympic Qualification Regatta, the quota place will be reallocated taking into consideration a number of criteria in no particular order; universality, performance, representation and participation in qualification events. Any boat quota can be transferred to another as long as the total athletes quota and the total quotas per gender are respected.

Any unused places will be reallocated by the FISA Executive Committee by 15 June 2016.

The decisions of the FISA Executive Committee in this regard will be final;

The FISA Executive Committee is empowered to deal with all unforeseen situations arising in relation to these rules, to fill any omissions and to interpret the rules in case of any disputes.



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REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best placed boat in Single Sculls, for Men – M1x, for Women – W1x in the respective gender at the European continental qualification regatta that has not yet qualified.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate a Tripartite Commission Invitation place (M1x or W1x), the unused place will be reallocated to the NOC of the next best placed boat in Single Sculls in the respective gender at the European continental qualification regatta, not yet qualified.

G. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE USE OF P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P alternate athletes are non-competing athletes, and are not included within the athlete's quota as described in Paragraph **B. Athletes Quota**. More detailed information about entitlements and quotas can be found in the '*Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Users Guide*'. P alternate athletes can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the '*IOC/Rio 2016 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.

Eligibility:

P alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Quota: Each qualified boat in the following events is entitled to one (1) P alternate athlete:

- Men's Four (4-)
- Men's Quadruple Sculls (4x)
- Men's Eight (8+)
- Lightweight Men's Four (4-)
- Women's Quadruple Sculls (4x)
- Women's Eights (8+)

However, if an NOC qualifies both a Men's Four (4-) and a Men's Eight (8+), they are only entitled to one (1) P alternate athlete between both boats.

P alternate athletes may be used by NOCs in any of the relevant events. The above system is simply the means to allocate the P accreditations.

Note: According to the '*IOC/Rio 2016 Late Athlete Replacement policy*, athletes on the "long list" may be used as substitutes for the Olympic Games until three hours before the Olympic Regatta Draw meeting on Thursday, 4 August 2016. 'Starting from three (3) hours before the Draw meeting, only athletes already holding a P accreditation may be substituted into a boat at the Olympic Games. And, according to IOC rules, any substitution of an athlete at the Olympic regatta is considered a permanent substitution.



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H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
31 December 2014	FISA to determine location of Continental Olympic Qualification Regattas
14 August 2015	Entry Deadline for the 2015 World Rowing Championships
30 August to 6 September 2015	2015 World Rowing Championships in Aiguebelette, FRA
14 September 2015	FISA to ask NOCs/ NFs to confirm their quota places from the World Rowing Championships
16 October 2015	NOCs / NFs to confirm their use of quota places from the World Rowing Championships
9 to 11 October 2015	African Continental Qualification Regatta, Tunis, Tunisia
27 to 30 November 2015	Americas Continental Qualification Regatta, Valparaiso, Chile
April 2016 TBC	Asian/Oceania Continental Qualification Regatta, TBC
November 2015	FISA to ask NOCs / NFs to confirm their quota places from the African, Asian/Oceania and Americas Continental Qualification Regattas
December 2015	NOCs / NFs to confirm their quota places from the African, Asian/Oceania and Americas Continental Qualification Regattas
15 January 2016	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
In relation to end of qualification period for each sport	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
22 to 25 May 2016	European and Final Qualification Regatta in Lucerne, Switzerland
26 May 2016	FISA to ask NOCs / NFs to confirm their quota places from the European and Final Qualification Regattas
10 June 2016	NOCs / NFs to confirm their quota places from the European and Final Qualification Regattas
13 June 2016	FISA to reallocate all unused quota places and seek confirmations
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline
4 August 2016	Olympic Regatta Draw meeting
6 to 13 August 2016	Rio 2016 Olympic Regatta

*To Be Determined