

INTERNATIONAL ROWING FEDERATION

Rowing

A. Events (14)

MEN'S EVENTS (8)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (6)
Single Sculls (1x)	Single Sculls (1x)
Pairs (2-)	Pairs (2-)
Double Sculls (2x)	Double Sculls (2x)
Fours (4-)	Quadruple Sculls (4x)
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	Eights (8+)
Eights (8+)	Lightweight Events
Lightweight Events	Double Sculls (2x)
Double Sculls (2x)	
Fours (4-)	

B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	350	2	1	353
Women	194	2	1	197
TOTAL	544	4	2	550

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	28
Women	20
TOTAL	48

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.

D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY
<p>Attribution of quota places</p> <p>At the 2011 World Rowing Championships in Bled which serves as the first 2012 Olympic Games qualification opportunity, it is the NOC that qualifies the places in a certain event, not the rowers who participate in the event. The NOC may therefore enter a crew with different rowers in this event at the 2012 Olympic Games and these rowers may row in different events at the Olympic Games than those in which they competed in 2011. However, the rowers qualifying in a certain event at the three continental Olympic qualification regattas and the final Olympic qualification regatta in Lucerne must participate in that event if they participate at the Olympic Games. These rowers may also participate in another event in which their NOC has qualified provided they participate in the event mentioned in the previous sentence.</p>

NUMBER OF CREWS PER EVENT

The following numbers of crews will obtain a quota place for their NOC to participate in the respective events (subject to the reallocation of unused quota places):

Boat Class	2011 Worlds	Continental Qualification Regattas				Total Boats	Total Athletes
		Asia	Africa	Latin America	Final		
Men							
Single Sculls (1x)	11	6	4	6	3	30	30
Pairs (2-)	11	-	-	-	2	13	26
Double Sculls (2x)	11	-	-	-	2	13	26
Fours (4-)	11	-	-	-	2	13	52
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	11	-	-	-	2	13	52
Eights (8+)	7	-	-	-	1	8	72
Men Lightweight							
Double Sculls (2x)	11	3	1	3	2	20	40
Fours (4-)	11	-	-	-	2	13	52
Women							
Single Sculls (1x)	9	5	3	5	3	25	25
Pairs (2-)	8	-	-	-	2	10	20
Double Sculls (2x)	8	-	-	-	2	10	20
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	7	-	-	-	1	8	32
Eights (8+)	5	-	-	-	2	7	63
Women Lightweight							
Double Sculls (2x)	8	3	1	3	2	17	34
Host Nation Places						2	2
Tripartite Commission Places							4
Boats	129	17	9	17	28		
Athletes	402	23	11	23	85		550

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

The crews will be qualified through the following methods:

a) 2011 FISA World Rowing Championships in Bled (SLO)

Open to all NOCs whose NFs are members of FISA. An NOC whose NF's crew achieves a certain place at the 2011 World Championships will qualify and is permitted to select and enter a crew in that event in the 2012 Olympic Games. For the various events, the highest placed nations at the 2011 World Championships according to the places indicated below will qualify:

Boat Class	Men	Men Lightweight	Women	Women Lightweight
Single Sculls (1x)	11	-	9	-
Pairs (2-)	11	-	8	-
Double Sculls (2x)	11	11	8	8
Fours (4-)	11	11	-	-
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	11	-	7	-
Eights (8+)	7	-	5	-

b) FISA Continental Olympic Qualification Regattas and the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta

Crews achieving a certain placing indicated in the following table at the relevant Continental Qualification Regatta or at the Final Qualification Regatta will qualify and the NOC will be permitted to select and enter a crew in that event in the 2012 Olympic Games.

There will be three Continental Qualification Regattas, not all of which include all events, and a Final Qualification Regatta that are only open to certain countries and/or events, namely:

- Asia: Open to NOCs that are members of the Olympic Council of Asia;
- Africa: Open to NOCs that are members of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa;
- Latin America: Open to NOCs that are members of Organización Deportiva Panamericana, with the exception of USA and CAN;
- Final Regatta: Open to all NOCs except in the M1x; LM2x; W1x and LW2x events where the NOCs from Africa, Asia and Latin America are excluded (having already had second opportunity to qualify at the continental events).

Boat Class	Asia	Africa	Latin America	Final
Men				
Single Sculls (1x)	6	4	6	3
Pairs (2-)	-	-	-	2
Double Sculls (2x)	-	-	-	2
Fours (4-)	-	-	-	2
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	-	-	-	2
Eights (8+)	-	-	-	1
Men Lightweight				
Double Sculls (2x)	3	1	3	2
Fours (4-)	-	-	-	2
Women				
Single Sculls (1x)	5	3	5	3
Pairs (2-)	-	-	-	2
Double Sculls (2x)	-	-	-	2
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	-	-	-	1
Eights (8+)	-	-	-	2
Women Lightweight				
Double Sculls (2x)	3	1	3	2

- The NFs can only enter one crew per event at the Qualification Regattas and only in the events in which their NOC has not already qualified;
- FISA will only accept entries that are received by the fixed closing date. The entries should be accompanied by a letter from the NOC confirming that they are aware of the entered crews and that, if their crew(s) qualify, the NOC will be required to confirm their selection for the Olympic Games up to a deadline of two weeks after the date of the qualification regatta.
- The FISA Olympic Qualification Regattas will be held according to the FISA Championships System with heats, repechages, semi-finals and finals;
- The FISA Council shall select the sites of the four qualification regattas by the end of 2010;
- NOCs with crews who wish to qualify in an event that is not on the programme of the relevant Continental Qualification Regatta, or if the event in the Continental Qualification Regatta has been cancelled due to insufficient entries, may compete in the Final Qualification Regatta;
- In each event at all Qualification Regattas, there must be at least one more crew entered than may be qualified, otherwise the number of qualifiers will be reduced to one less than the number of crews starting. At least two crews must compete in the event. If the race is not held, then the entered crew(s) may subsequently enter the Final Qualification Regatta.

Alternate Athletes**Selection**

Alternate athletes may be selected to replace another entered athlete for the respective event in accordance with the FISA Rules of Racing.

Quota

- An NOC will be allocated one (1) Alternate Athlete for each men's 4-, 4X and 8+ that qualifies. However, if the NOC qualifies both a men's 4- and 8+, they will be allocated one (1) Alternate Athlete between both boats.
- An NOC will be allocated one (1) Alternate Athlete for each lightweight men's 4- that qualifies.
- An NOC will be allocated one (1) Alternate Athlete for each women's 4X and 8+ that qualifies.

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

In respect to the general qualification principles identified by the International Olympic Committee, provisions will be made to ensure the representation of the host nation by both male and female athletes. Should the host nation not have achieved a quota place, "host nation" places may be allocated to allow the entry of at least one male and one female rower from the Olympic host nation in the single sculls events, based on results at the 2011 World Championships and the final qualification event. If not used, these places will be considered "unused" and will be allocated in accordance with the paragraph "reallocation of unused host country quota places" below.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

Four (4) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available for eligible NOCs.

On 1 November 2011, the International Olympic Committee will contact all those NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places.

The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places is 16 January 2012. In relation to the end of the qualification period, the Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the respective NOCs between 1 May and 9 July 2012.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the – Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Information Paper for NOCs – which is included in the Games of the XXX Olympiad, London 2012 Qualification and Participation Criteria.

E. Confirmation process for quota places**CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES**

Following each qualification event, FISA will inform the NOCs of any quota places obtained. FISA will inform the Host Country of any host nation places allocated after the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta. The FISA Executive Committee will inform the NOCs of any quota places obtained by the reallocation of unused IF quota places by 15 June 2012.

NOCs that have gained quota place(s) at the 2011 World Championships or at one of the three Continental Qualification Regattas must confirm the use of the places gained by 30 April 2012. NOCs that obtain quota places at the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta and Host Nation places obtained must be confirmed by 7 June 2012. NOCs that are allocated unused IF quota places following the final qualification event will be informed of any re-allocated places on 8 June 2012 and must confirm use of the place(s) by 22 June 2012

Confirmation is provided by the NOC entering the crews that will represent it in the Olympic Games rowing events to FISA. If the confirmed entry is not received by the relevant closing date, the quota place will be reallocated according to the processes described below in section F.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES**

If an NOC has qualified in a certain event, but does not select a boat in that event, or if it enters the same rowers in two events or if the host nation does qualify a male boat or a female boat or if no tripartite commission places are allocated, the places that are not used will be automatically restored to FISA.

The FISA Executive Committee shall allocate these places according to the principles below, in agreement with the IOC.

- In allocating the free places, the FISA Executive Committee is not restricted to the maximum number of qualified crews foreseen for each event, nor by the source of the unused seats. However, only NOCs whose rowers have competed in a crew at a Qualification Regatta will be eligible to be awarded these free places including the host nation and any Tripartite Commission Invitation applicants;
- In so far as possible, the free women's places should be allocated to women, and the free men's places to men;
- In principle, unused quota places shall be reallocated in accordance with the following priority:
- Following the deadline for NOCs to confirm use of places obtained in prior qualification regattas (30 April 2012), the FISA Executive Committee shall increase the number of boats that qualify in certain events at the Final Qualification Regatta based on the responses of the NOCs. At the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta in Lucerne, the Executive Committee shall allocate unused quota places after the final qualification event. In their decision, they will take into account , competitive results at this regatta and the need to ensure universality;
- Any unused places will be reallocated by the FISA Executive Committee by 8 June 2012.
- 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.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host Nation chooses not to use host nation places allocated to it, these places will be considered "unused" and will be allocated in accordance with the reallocation of unused IF quota places, as outlined above.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

Any unused places within the reserved quota of places will be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission. If the places cannot be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission, they will be assigned using the process in place to reallocate unused IF quota places as outlined above.

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
31 December 2010	FISA to determine location of Olympic Qualification Regattas
28 August - 4 September 2011	2011 World Rowing Championships (Bled, SLO)
1-3 November 2011	FISA African Olympic Qualification Regatta (Alexandria, EGY)
1 November 2011	IOC will contact all NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
16 January 2012	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places.
22 - 25 March 2012	FISA Latin American Olympic Qualification Regatta (Buenos Aires, ARG)
26 - 29 April 2012	FISA Asian Olympic Qualification Regatta (Chungju, KOR)
7 May 2012	Closing date for entries for the Final Qualification Regatta
14 May 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for NOCs to confirm to FISA use of quota places gained at the 2011 World Championships and Continental Qualification Regattas in Asia, Africa and Latin America • FISA to confirm allocation of any additional quota places for the Final Qualification Regatta
20 - 23 May 2012	Final Olympic Qualification Regatta (Lucerne, SUI)
24 May 2012	FISA confirms quota places from the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta to the NOCs.
7 June 2012	Deadline for NOCs to confirm to FISA use of quota places gained at the Final Qualification Regatta and Host Nation places.
8 June 2012	FISA Executive Committee to reallocate unused IF quota places.
15 June 2012	FISA to inform NOCs of any quota places obtained by the reallocation of unused IF quota places.
22 June 2012	Deadline for NOCs to confirm to FISA use of quota places gained through reallocation of unused IF quota places.
1 May - 9 July 2012	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Invitation places to the NOCs
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms