



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING FEDERATION (FINA) SWIMMING

A. EVENTS (35)

Men's Events (17)	Women's Events (17)	Mixed Event (1)
50m Freestyle	50m Freestyle	4X100 Mixed Medley Relay
100m Freestyle	100m Freestyle	
200m Freestyle	200m Freestyle	
400m Freestyle	400m Freestyle	
800m Freestyle	800m Freestyle	
1500m Freestyle	1500m 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	

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total number of Athletes for Swimming:

	Qualification Places	Universality Places	Total Places
Total		TBC*	852

* It is understood that all National Olympic Committees (NOC) that enter and compete in the 20th FINA World Championships 2022 in Fukuoka (JPN) to be held in 2023 will have the opportunity to compete in Paris 2024. Thus, the precise number of Universality places will not be known until a later date.



2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	Max. 26 athletes	Maximum 2 athletes per event Maximum 1 relay team per event
Women	Max. 26 athletes	Maximum 2 athletes per event Maximum 1 relay team per event

NOCs/NFs without any qualified athlete or relay team may enter a maximum of two (2) athletes – one (1) man and one (1) woman (Universality Places) in one (1) event each (see section “Universality Places” below). Two athletes of the same gender entered via Universality is not permitted.

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

- The quota place is allocated to the athlete by name in individual events.
- The quota place is allocated to the NOC in Relay events.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).

Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of IJF, may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

Only the athletes who are eligible to participate at the official FINA competitions, in accordance with the FINA General Rules, are entitled to participate in the Olympic Games.

Only athletes who have participated in the 20th FINA World Championships 2022 in Fukuoka (JPN) to be held in 2023 will be eligible for Universality Places according to (FINA Rule BL 9.3.6.4.2).

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The priority order for qualification places into the Olympic Games Paris 2024 will be (FINA Rule BL 9.3.6.4.2):



1. All athletes with an Olympic Qualification Time (OQT)
2. Athletes in relays (also referred to as Relay-Only Athletes)
3. Universality Places
4. Invited athletes who have achieved an Olympic Consideration Time (OCT)

Individual Qualification

D.1 Individual Qualification

Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT) and Olympic Consideration Time (OCT)

For each individual event at the Olympic Games, FINA will establish standard Entry Times of two (2) types: an “*Olympic Qualification Time (OQT)*” and an “*Olympic Consideration Time (OCT)*,” of which the OCT shall be the easier to achieve.

Standard entry times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA during the qualification period from **1st March 2023 to 23 June 2024**. The list of the qualification times to be achieved by the athletes per event and per standard is set out in paragraph **H: Qualification Time Standards**.

FINA will establish a calendar with approved qualification events for individual entries. All competitions seeking approval as qualifying events must apply to FINA no later than 31st December 2023, and these requests must be prior to the first date of the respective competition. The calendar will be published on www.fina.org and updated consistently throughout the time period, with the final calendar published by 15th January 2024. The calendar will include, but shall not be limited to, events such as the FINA World Championships, Continental Championships, Continental Qualification events, National Championships and Trials, though all events must submit a formal application to FINA in accordance with this paragraph. All qualification events will have to be completed before 23 June 2024, unless otherwise approved by FINA and the IOC.

Athletes who have achieved the Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT)

Athletes who achieve the OQT in one or more individual events are automatically qualified to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, provided that the maximum quota per event for that NOC is not exceeded.

NOCs can enter two (2) athletes in the same event, only if both athletes have achieved the OQT.

Invited athletes who have achieved an Olympic Consideration Time (OCT)

While both athletes who qualify via relays and via Universality are next in priority order after OQT, the OCT is addressed here due to its direct relation to the overall quota of 852 athletes in Paris 2024.

Following the end of the qualification period and in the event that the quota of 852 athletes is not reached after application of the first three categories of paragraph D: Qualification Pathway, FINA will then invite



athletes who have achieved an OCT, until the total quota of 852 athletes is reached. OCT invitations will be allocated in the following manner:

1. If there are 28 or more spaces available, one athlete will be invited in each of the 28 individual events. In each individual event, this will be the next fastest athlete with an OCT, provided that this athlete is not the third swimmer in an individual event from the same NOC, or the second swimmer from an NOC if there is already one OQT athlete from that NOC.
2. If any of the 28 athletes who has the fastest OCT has already qualified for Paris 2024 in another event or events, the next fastest athlete in that event will be invited.
3. If any of the 28 athletes who has the (next) fastest OCT happens to be the same athlete in two different events, then that athlete will be selected, as well as the next OCT athlete in both events, provided there are enough quota spaces remaining. If there are not enough quota spaces remaining, then the next OCT athlete who has the higher FINA World Ranking will be selected over the other athlete (see Point 5 below for the definition and parameters for the FINA World Ranking).
4. This process will continue until there are 27 or fewer quota slots available in the athlete field.
5. When there are 27 or fewer quota spaces available, each of the athletes who is the next fastest in each individual event will be ranked via a FINA World Ranking in each event from 1st March 2023 through 23rd June 2024. This 16-month ranking will only allow the fastest time from each athlete in that time period (multiple swims from the same athlete will not be included, only the fastest time for each athlete).
6. For example, if there are 15 spaces available, the 15 highest/fastest World Ranked OCT athletes (of the 27) will be selected.
7. If there is a FINA World Ranking tie between two or more athletes in different events for the final spot in the athlete field, this tie will be broken by comparing the time of each athlete to the current/approved OQT in that event. The current OQT will be the numerator, and the athlete's OCT will be the denominator, and the athlete with the highest ratio will be selected (the highest ratio is the ratio closest to 1.000).
8. If there is a World Ranking tie between two or more athletes in the same event for the final quota space(s) in the athlete field, all athletes who are a part of this tie will be invited to compete in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.
9. If there is a tie for the final quota space in the field after all tie-breaking steps have been taken for athletes in different events, both athletes would be invited to compete in the Olympic Games.
10. Once an athlete has been formally invited as an OCT athlete into the field for Paris 2024, he/she may enter a second individual event in which the athlete has his/her highest FINA Point score, provided that there is no other athlete from that NOC in that second event.



Relay Qualification

D.2 Relay Qualification

There shall be a maximum of sixteen (16) qualified teams in each relay event.

Each NOC may enter only one (1) team in each relay event.

Twelve (12) NOCs per relay event shall be qualified for the corresponding relay event at the Olympic Games Paris 2024 based upon the results achieved in their performances in the heats of the 20th FINA World Championships 2022 in Fukuoka, Japan (to be held in July 2023).

The remaining four (4) teams per relay event shall be the teams with the fastest times based upon the results achieved in their performances within the qualifying period (1 March 2023 – 31 May 2024). These performances must come from either the FINA World Cup in 2023 and/or 2024 (to be held in a 50m pool), or from a FINA-approved Continental Championship in 2023 or 2024. The performances must be done using electronic timing and video review of the starts for each of the relays. The videos of each of these races must be submitted to FINA and accompany the submission of the results.

If any of the qualified teams, both from the 20th FINA World Championships 2022 (Fukuoka, held in 2023) or the remaining four teams with the fastest times do not accept the invitation for participation in Paris 2024 for any reason, the next eligible team with the fastest times will be offered the relay team place, provided they have submitted the results with the accompanying video proof of relay exchanges.

The relay place is allocated to the NOC.

All athletes entered in individual events can be used in relays, even if they have not achieved the OCT for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered. The NOC may compose its team with additional athletes according to the formula below.

The following formula shall apply:

- One (1) Relay - two (2) additional athletes
- Two (2) Relays - four (4) additional athletes
- Three (3) Relays - six (6) additional athletes
- Four (4) Relays - eight (8) additional athletes
- Five (5) Relays - ten (10) additional athletes
- Six (6) or seven (7) Relays - twelve (12) additional athletes

If an NOC enters Relay-Only Athletes, these athletes must swim either in the heat or final of at least one relay event. Should a Relay-Only Athlete not compete, this will lead to the disqualification of the last relay team for which he/she was eligible to compete. This is not applicable in case of a medical injury or medical emergency after confirmation from the FINA Sports Medicine Committee.



There are no longer minimum time standards necessary for Relay-only athletes due to the requirement that Relay-only athlete must compete in at least one relay event.

The NOCs must confirm to FINA the participation of their qualified relay team by no later than **7th June 2024**.

The NOCs must confirm their Relay-Only Athletes to FINA by no later than **24th June 2024**.

D.3 UNIVERSALITY PLACES (UNQUALIFIED ATHLETES)

NOCs/NFs without any qualified athlete or relay team may enter a maximum of two (2) athletes – one (1) man and one (1) woman (Universality Places) in one (1) event each (see section “Universality Places” below). Two athletes of the same gender entered via Universality is not permitted.

NOCs with no athletes who have achieved an OQT or who have been invited by FINA through the OCT may enter a maximum of one (1) man and one (1) woman, provided that those athletes participated in the 20th FINA World Championships 2022 Fukuoka (JPN).

NOCs with athletes having achieved an OQT or invited by FINA through the OCT in one (1) gender only may also enter one (1) universality swimmer in the other gender.

Athletes with an OCT achieved (but not invited via the OCT) may be invited through Universality Places and may be entered in up to two (2) individual events. Those athletes who do not have an OCT will be limited to enter one (1) individual event only.

As outlined in Section C, Athletes Eligibility, only athletes who have participated in the 20th FINA World Championships 2022 in Fukuoka, held in 2023, are eligible for Universality Places. Additionally, NOCs are obligated to enter the male athlete and the female athlete who has achieved the highest FINA Points Table score in any individual event, as achieved at a FINA-approved qualification event during the qualification period. Exceptions will be granted only for circumstances of injury or retirement, with verification by the athlete and after review by FINA, or if there are doping control violations or disciplinary actions against this athlete.

NOCs must submit their applications for Universality Places to FINA for approval by **24th June 2024**. FINA will confirm the Universality Places to NOCs by **3rd July 2024**.



E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR FINAL QUOTA PLACES

Following the end of the qualification period (23 June 2024), FINA shall assess the number of athletes having achieved the OQT, the number of Relay-Only Athletes and the number of Universality Places. In order to complete the overall athletes' quota, FINA shall then invite athletes that have achieved an OCT and inform each NOC accordingly by **3rd July 2024**. FINA will make all efforts to give each NOC a 24-48 hour window in which to notify each NOC that one of its athletes is under consideration to be invited, and an online tracking tool will be used on the FINA website showing the athletes qualified in each event. FINA will also seek confirmation from NOCs/NFs concerning the participation of athletes with OQTs.

NOCs will then have to confirm if they wish to use these invitation places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If an allocated team relay quota place 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 to the next eligible team with the fastest times achieved in the period between 1 March 2023 and 31 May 2024 will be offered the relay team place, provided they have submitted the results with the accompanying video proof of relay exchanges.

If an individual quota place is declined by an NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete in the relevant event in the [FINA World Rankings](#) for Paris 2024 as of 23 June 2024.



G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
April 2022	FINA to confirm the qualification time standards for all events. Standards to be distributed to all NOCs/NFs
15 January 2024	List of qualification events to be established, published and updated on www.fina.org
1st March 2023 – 23rd June 2024	Period to achieve qualification time standards for individual events
1st March 2023 – 31st May 2024	Period to achieve the times for the remaining four (4) teams per relay event
14 th – 30 th July 2023	20 th FINA World Championships 2022, Fukuoka (JPN)
TBD	21 st FINA World Championships 2023, Doha (QAT)
3 rd June 2024	FINA to inform NOCs/NFs of qualified relay teams
7 th June 2024	NOCs to confirm the participation of their relay teams to FINA
14 th June 2024	FINA to reallocate unused relay teams' quotas
23rd June 2024	End of period to achieve qualification time standards for individual events
24 th June 2024	NOCs to confirm Relay-Only Athletes to FINA
24 th June 2024	Deadline for NOCs to submit to FINA their application for Universality Places
3 rd July 2024	FINA to inform NOCs/NFs of OQT athletes and OCT athlete invitations
3 rd July 2024	FINA to confirm the allocation of Universality Places to NOCs
4 th July 2024	NOCs to confirm use of OQT athletes and OCT athlete invitations to FINA
4 th July 2024	NOCs to confirm the acceptance of Universality Places
5 th July 2024	FINA to reallocate unused OCT athletes' invitations
By 5 th July 2021	FINA to reallocate all unused quota places
	FINA to inform Paris 2024 Sports Entries Department of all allocated quota places
6th July 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline
26th July – 11th August 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024 (Swimming - 27 th July – 3 rd August 2024)



H. QUALIFICATION TIME STANDARDS

The following table outlines the Qualification Time Standards* for the Olympic Games Paris 2024:

Men's		Event	Women's	
Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT) - 2 Entries	Olympic Consideration Time (OCT) - 1 Entry		Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT) - 2 Entries	Olympic Consideration Time (OCT) - 1 Entry
21.96	22.07	50m Freestyle	24.70	24.82
48.34	48.58	100m Freestyle	53.61	53.88
1:46.26	01:46.79	200m Freestyle	1:57.26	01:57.85
3:46.78	03:47.91	400m Freestyle	4:07.90	04:09.14
7:51.65	07:54.01	800m Freestyle	8:26.71	08:29.24
15:00.99	15:05.49	1500m Freestyle	16:09.09	16:13.94
53.74	54.01	100m Backstroke	59.99	01:00.29
1:57.50	01:58.09	200m Backstroke	2:10.39	02:11.04
59.49	59.79	100m Breaststroke	1:06.79	01:07.12
2:09.68	02:10.33	200m Breaststroke	2:23.91	02:24.63
51.67	51.93	100m Butterfly	57.92	58.21
1:55.78	01:56.36	200m Butterfly	2:08.43	02:09.07
1:57.94	01:58.53	200m Individual Medley	2:11.47	02:12.13
4:12.50	04:13.76	400m Individual Medley	4:38.53	04:39.92

***Explanation :**

- OQTs correspond to the time achieved by the 14th Place in the respective preliminary heats of the event in Tokyo 2020.
- All OCTs were derived by adding 0.5% to the OQT time standard.