



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD – RIO 2016

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

Table Tennis

A. EVENTS (4)

Men's Events (2)	Women's Events (2)
Singles Team	Singles Team

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Table Tennis:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	84	1	1	86
Women	84	1	1	86
Total	168	2	2	172

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	3	- Maximum 1 Team of 3 athletes - Maximum 2 athletes in singles
Women	3	- Maximum 1 Team of 3 athletes - Maximum 2 athletes in singles
Total	6	

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name in all events.

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: Qualification is open to all athletes selected by their NF and approved by their NOC to take part in the Olympic Games. To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes must:

- Comply with the rules of the ITTF as they appear in the latest ITTF Handbook ([click here](#)).



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- Comply with the eligibility criteria established by the ITTF for Olympic competitions ([click here](#)).
- Have participated in the Continental Qualification event with the exception of the Host Country athletes, the Tripartite Commission Invitation athletes, the Team Event quota athletes and “P” accredited athletes.
- Tripartite Commission athletes must have appeared on any ITTF Ranking list from 1 July 2014 to 15 May 2016.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

86 athletes per gender (Men/Women) will qualify as follows:

Singles qualification:

40	Continental qualification with a maximum of two (2) athletes per NOC qualified
22	ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking, not to exceed an overall maximum of two (2) athletes per NOC
1	Tripartite Commission Invitation place
1	Host Country place
64	Total - with a maximum of two (2) athletes from the same NOC to participate in singles events.

The ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking may qualify more than 22 athletes if the Team Quota (22 quota places) is not fully utilised and/or if the Host Country place is reallocated.

Team qualification:

The remaining quota of **22** athletes per gender (Team Quota) will be used for the Team Event qualification.

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN / WOMEN

Singles Qualification

Number of Quota Places per gender	Qualification Event
40	<p>1. Singles Continental Qualification</p> <p>Athletes with the best results at the Singles Continental Qualification Events, held between 1 July 2015 and 24 April 2016, will qualify for the Olympic Games according to the following distribution of quota places:</p> <p>6 for Africa 11 for Asia 11 for Europe 6 for Latin America</p>



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	<p>3 for North America 3 for Oceania</p> <hr/> <p>40 Total</p> <p>A maximum of 2 athletes per NOC can qualify.</p> <p>The ITTF and its Continental Federations are responsible for holding Continental qualification events following the general regulations for Olympic Qualification events.</p> <p>The ITTF and its Continental Federations will plan the qualification events (dates, places and number of athletes to qualify in each tournament) before 31 December 2014, as well as announce the names of the qualified athletes after each qualifying event according to the above quota and according to the established timelines.</p>
22	<p>2. ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking Qualification</p> <p>Starting as of January 2016 ITTF will publish monthly the Olympic Singles Ranking based on the same principles as the ITTF World Ranking taking into consideration only eligible athletes for the Olympic Games.</p> <p>Athletes who have participated in the Continental Qualification events but that have not qualified will be eligible for qualification through the ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking list issued in early May 2016.</p> <p>The 22 highest eligible athletes, with a maximum of two (2) athletes per NOC on the ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking list published in May 2016, will be qualified provided that an overall maximum of two (2) athletes per NOC is not exceeded including the 40 continental qualifiers.</p> <p>In case of an exact tie for the last direct qualifying position by Ranking, reference will be made to the previous ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking List and the better-ranked athlete will qualify. If still tied, reference will be made to the previous ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking List. If still tied, reference will be made to the previous ITTF World Ranking List and so on until the tie is broken.</p> <p>All athletes must be active according to the ITTF Ranking Regulations (click link).</p> <p>The number of qualification places from the ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking may be increased if the Host Country place is reallocated and/or if the Team Quota (22 places) is not fully utilised. This applies only to athletes who have participated in the Continental Qualification events but that have not already qualified.</p>

Team Qualification

Number of Quota Places per gender	Qualification Event
22	Starting as of January 2016, ITTF will publish monthly the Olympic Team Ranking based on the same principles as the ITTF World Team Ranking but taking into consideration only eligible athletes for the Olympic Games and the Olympic Team match format.



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	<p>Once the 62 athletes, qualified through the Singles Continental Qualification events and the Olympic Singles Ranking, have been identified, the Team selection process will begin to define the sixteen (16) teams as follows:</p> <p>1. Continental places: Six (6) teams</p> <p>1 for Africa 1 for Asia 1 for Europe 1 for Latin America 1 for North America 1 for Oceania.</p> <p>One (1) team from each continent (6 teams) will be selected as follows:</p> <p>a) For each continent, the highest ranked team in the May 2016 ITTF Olympic Team Ranking list, which has an NOC and a total of two (2) athletes qualified through any of the Olympic qualification methods, will receive one (1) additional athlete quota place from the Team Quota (22 places in total) to form a team of three (3) athletes.</p> <p>b) In the event that, within a given continent no NOC has qualified two athletes, then the highest ranked team, based on the May 2016 ITTF Olympic Team Ranking list, with one (1) single athlete qualified through any of the Olympic qualification methods will receive two (2) additional athlete quota places from the Team Quota to form a team of three (3) athletes.</p> <p>If the jurisdiction of an NOC covers more than one (1) ITTF affiliated member, the ranking of the highest ranked affiliated member of that NOC in the May 2016 ITTF Olympic Team Ranking list will be taken into account for qualification purposes.</p>
	<p>2. Remaining teams: Nine (9) teams (10 if the host NOC is qualified via continental quota)</p> <p>The remaining nine (9) teams will qualify based on the following principles:</p> <p>a) NOCs with two (2) singles athletes qualified through any of the singles Olympic qualification methods will be eligible for team qualification and will receive one (1) additional athlete quota place from the Team Quota to form teams of three (3) athletes.</p> <p>b) If more than nine (9) teams are eligible for qualification, then the top nine (9) teams according to the May 2016 ITTF Olympic Team Ranking list will qualify.</p> <p>c) If less than nine (9) teams are eligible for qualification, then NOCs with one (1) single athlete qualified through any of the Olympic qualification methods will receive two (2) additional athlete quota places from the Team Quota to form teams of three (3) athletes, following the ranking order of the May 2016 ITTF Olympic Team Ranking list, until the quota of nine (9) teams is completed.</p> <p>d) If the Team Quota is filled using less than the twenty-two (22) quota places for men and the twenty-two (22) quota places for women, the remaining quota places will be added to the ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking list for the Singles qualification.</p>



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3. Host Country: One (1) team

If the Host Country has not qualified a team through the Team selection process, it is guaranteed one (1) team quota place per gender. The necessary number of places (1 or 2) from the Team Quota places (22 athletes) will be allocated to complete the team.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed

- One (1) Men's Singles quota place and one (1) Women's Singles quota place if no athletes from the Host Country qualified through the Continental Qualification event or from the ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking.
- In case the Host Country does not qualify any athletes through the Continental Qualification event or from the ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking, then a national qualification event must be held by the national association to select and qualify the Host Country athletes, one (1) man and one (1) woman. All active ITTF Ranked athletes appearing in the ITTF Olympic Ranking(s) as of January 2016 shall be invited to take part in the national qualification event, plus two (2) men and two (2) women selected by the national association.
- The winners, one (1) man and one (1) woman, will obtain the Host Country quota in singles.
- In each team event, the Host Country is guaranteed one (1) team per gender. If the Host Country entry has not qualified through the Team selection process, the necessary number of places from the Team Quota will be allocated to complete the team.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

One (1) men's singles and one (1) women's singles Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available to eligible NOCs at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Tripartite Commission athletes must have appeared on any ITTF Ranking list from 1 July 2014 to 15 May 2016.

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 Continental Qualification event, the ITTF will publish the results on its website (www.ittf.com) and inform the respective NOCs of their qualified quota places. The NOCs will then have fifteen (15) days to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.



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Following the ITTF Olympic Ranking list selection; ITTF will confirm in writing by 30 May 2016 to NOCs/NFs the full list of names of all qualified athletes and teams. By 15 June 2016, NOCs must confirm in writing to the ITTF the names of all participating athletes and teams, and by 30 June 2016, the ITTF will publish the final confirmed list of all qualified athletes and teams.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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SINGLES EVENTS

1. Continental Qualification Tournament

Any unused quota places obtained at the Continental Qualification Tournaments will be reallocated to the next best-placed eligible athlete of the same gender, not yet qualified, from the respective Continental Qualification Tournament.

If the continental quotas are not filled by 15 May 2016, the remaining quota places will be reallocated to the next best-ranked eligible athlete of the same gender irrespective of the continent on the ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking list of May 2016.

2. ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking List

Any unused quota place obtained through the ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking list will be reallocated to the next best-ranked eligible athlete of the same gender, not yet qualified, on the ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking list of May 2016.

TEAM EVENTS

Reallocation of any quota places will not affect the teams already qualified.

1. Continental quota

Unused Team Quota places from the Continental quota places will be allocated to the next best ranked eligible NOC from the same Continent, with two athletes qualified, based on the May 2016 ITTF Olympic Team Ranking list. After May 25, 2016, in the case of unused Continental quota, the place will be allocated to the next best ranked eligible NOC not yet qualified, according to the May 2016 ITTF Olympic Team Ranking list, irrespective of the continent and according to the for Team Qualification process.

2. Remaining teams

Any unused quota places for the remaining teams will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible team, not yet qualified, according to the May 2016 ITTF Olympic Team Ranking list, according the Team Qualification process.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated to the next best-ranked eligible athlete on the May 2016 ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking list.



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REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, it will be reallocated to the next eligible best ranked eligible athlete on the May 2016 ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking list.

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 team is entitled to one (1) P alternate athlete.



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H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
31 December 2014	ITTF and its Continental Federations determine the Continental Qualification Tournaments for Singles
1 July 2015 – 24 April 2016	Continental Qualification process
12 – 28 June 2015	Qualification Tournament: European Games 2015 – Baku (AZE)
10 – 26 July 2015	Qualification Tournament: Pan American Games 2015 – Toronto (CAN)
3-19 September 2015	Qualification Tournament: All Africa Games 2015 – Brazzaville (CGO)
From January 2016	Monthly ITTF Olympic Ranking list published for information purposes (singles and teams)
15 January 2016	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
March 2016	ITTF – Africa Qualification: Khartoum (SUD)
1-3 April 2016	ITTF – Latin American Qualification: Location TBC
1-4 April 2016	ITTF – Oceania Qualification Location TBC
6-10 April 2016	ITTF – European Qualification: Istanbul (TUR)
8-10 April 2016	ITTF – North America Qualification: Location TBC
13-17 April 2016	ITTF – Asian Qualification: Hong Kong (HKG)
2 May 2016 (no later than 15 days after the last Qualification Tournament)	NOCs to confirm the use of Continental quota places
May 2016	The official ITTF Olympic Ranking lists are published (singles and teams)
25 May 2016	Host NOC to confirm the use of Host country quota places
30 May 2016	ITTF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places and the list of qualified athletes
As of 30 May 2016	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
15 June 2016	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places and names of the qualified athletes to ITTF
30 June 2016	ITTF to reallocate all unused quota places and publish final qualification/participation list
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline