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Games of the XXX Olympiad, London 2012 Tripartite Commission Invitation Places Information Paper for NOCs

1. INTRODUCTION

As in previous Games, the International Olympic Committee has worked with International Federations to develop qualification systems which allow the best athletes in each sport to participate in the Games, but which also respect the principle of universal representation. Universality, as specified in the Olympic Charter, is a fundamental aspect of the Olympic Games.

The primary method in which universality is respected in the qualification systems is through the continental qualification of athletes and teams. The IOC also seeks to provide additional support with the allocation of Invitation places through the Tripartite Commission (IOC / ANOC / IF) for the Olympic Games.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objective of Tripartite Commission Invitation places is to strengthen the principle of universal representation at the Games by allowing a number of NOCs without or with few athletes qualified to participate in the Olympic Games. These places provide the NOCs, whenever possible, with the opportunity to be represented at the Olympic Games by the best athlete from their country.

3. NOC / ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Invitation places can only be allocated to NOCs with an average of six (6) or less athletes at the last two editions of the Olympic Games. Only eligible NOCs are permitted to make a request for their best athletes in the sports offering Invitation places.

Places that cannot be allocated to eligible NOCs will be returned to the concerned IF which will be responsible for their redistribution according to the principles defined in each qualification system.

It is important to note that there are specified minimum eligibility standards for athletes applying for, or receiving, Invitation places. These standards are defined, where applicable, in the qualification system of the sport concerned.

4. AVAILABILITY OF INVITATION PLACES FOR THE LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES

The Tripartite Commission Invitation places will be allocated either directly within the quota of the respective sports, or through the reallocation process of unused places.



Sports with invitation places included within the quota:

For all the sports listed below, the Tripartite Commission will review all applications received by 16 January 2012, at the latest, from NOCs. The final allocation will be made from May 2012 onwards and in relation to the end of the qualification system of each sport. The NOCs will be notified of the athletes selected for these places.

	Men	Women	Not defined
Rowing	2	2	
Badminton	3	3	
Boxing	8	11	
Canoe/kayak	-	-	2
Cycling			
▪ BMX	1	1	
Gymnastics			
▪ artistic	1	1	
▪ rhythmic	-	1	
▪ trampoline	-	-	1
Weightlifting	6	4	
Judo	-	-	20
Wrestling	-	-	3
Modern Pentathlon	2	2	
Taekwondo	2	2	
Tennis	2	2	
Table tennis	1	1	
Shooting	-	-	24
Archery	3	3	
Triathlon	2	2	

Sports in which Invitation places may be obtained through the principle of the reallocation of unused places:

In all the sports listed below, at the completion of the qualification system and after confirmation by the NOCs on the use of their qualification places, a number of unused places can be reallocated as Invitation places to athletes from eligible NOCs and fulfilling the eligibility standards. The Tripartite Commission will review all the Invitation place requests received by 16 January 2012, at the latest, from NOCs. According to the places available and following the final allocation, the NOCs will be notified of the athletes selected for these places.

- Boxing
- Cycling
- Fencing
- Taekwondo
- Wrestling
- Sailing



5. TIMELINE AND PROCESS

1 November 2011	The IOC will only contact the eligible NOCs to notify them that the application process for Invitations has been launched.
16 January 2012	Deadline for the concerned NOCs to have submitted Tripartite requests.
February – April 2012	Meeting of the Tripartite Commission (preliminary allocation of places until the end of the qualification system)
May – July 2012	At the end of the qualification period, and once the NOCs have confirmed the use of obtained quota places, the Tripartite Commission will confirm in writing the allocation of the remaining Tripartite Places to the NOCs.

6. UNQUALIFIED ENTRIES - ATHLETICS AND SWIMMING

In addition NOCs have the possibility of entering unqualified athletes in athletics and swimming should they not have athletes qualified in these sports. The specifications are contained in the detailed qualification system texts for these sports.

7. CONTACTS

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