

**QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD – RIO 2016****WORLD TAEKWONDO FEDERATION****Taekwondo****A. EVENTS (8)**

Men's Events (4)	Women's Events (4)
-58kg -68kg -80kg +80kg	-49kg -57kg -67kg +67kg

B. ATHLETES QUOTA**1. Total Quota for Taekwondo:**

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	60	2	2	64
Women	60	2	2	64
Total	120	4	4	128

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	4	1 athlete per event
Women	4	1 athlete per event
Total	8	

An NOC may qualify a maximum of four (4) male and four (4) female athletes through the WTF Olympic Ranking with a maximum of one (1) athlete per weight category.

An NOC may qualify a maximum of two (2) male and two (2) female athletes through the Continental Qualification Tournaments with a maximum of one (1) athlete per weight category.

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

If the quota place was obtained through the WTF Olympic Ranking, the NOC may only enter athlete(s) who have been ranked within the top 20 of the WTF Olympic Ranking at point in time between December 2015 and June 2016.



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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.

Age Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games must be born on/or before 31 December 1999 (at least 17 years of age).

Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes must:

- Be a Kukkiwon Dan certificate holder.
- Hold a WTF Global Athlete License.

For those athletes qualified via the Tripartite Commission Invitations or through the Host Country places they must, in addition to the above:

- Meet one of the following requirements:
 - o Be a medal winner (1st or 2nd or 3rd places) at any of the competitions enlisted on the WTF event calendar between May 2014 and April 2016;
 - o Be ranked within 20th place at least once in the WTF World Ranking between May 2014 and April 2016;
 - o Have advanced to round of 16 or higher at either WTF World Taekwondo Championships (2015);
 - o Have advanced to quarter-finals or higher at either Continental Taekwondo Championships held between May 2014 and April 2016 or at Continental Taekwondo Qualification Tournament or;
 - o Be the winner of national taekwondo championships held between May 2014 and April 2016.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

An athlete can qualify a maximum of one (1) quota place for his/her NOC.

MEN / WOMEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events
48	Qualification through WTF Olympic Ranking A total of 48 athletes (24 male and 24 female) will be qualified for the Olympic Games through the WTF Olympic Ranking. The top six (6) ranked athletes in each weight category on the WTF Olympic Ranking after the Grand Prix Final of December 2015 will qualify one (1) quota place each for their NOC for the Olympic Games.



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	In case of a tie in the number of WTF Olympic Ranking points among qualifiers, the athlete who won the ranking points at the higher graded events will receive the quota place. The hierarchy of the grades is shown below: <table><tr><th>Grade</th><th>Event</th></tr><tr><td>20</td><td>Olympic Games</td></tr><tr><td>12</td><td>WTF World Taekwondo Championships</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>GP Final</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>GP Series, Continental Championships and Continental Multi-sport Games (4-year cycle)</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Universiade, CISM World Games & WTF G2 Open tournaments</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>WTF G1 Open Tournaments, World University Championships, Multi-sport Games other than Continental multi-games with 4 year cycle, World Military Championships</td></tr></table> A maximum of one (1) athlete per weight division can be qualified from a NOC. A NOC can qualify a maximum of 8 athletes, 4 men and 4 women, through the WTF Olympic Ranking.	Grade	Event	20	Olympic Games	12	WTF World Taekwondo Championships	8	GP Final	4	GP Series, Continental Championships and Continental Multi-sport Games (4-year cycle)	2	Universiade, CISM World Games & WTF G2 Open tournaments	1	WTF G1 Open Tournaments, World University Championships, Multi-sport Games other than Continental multi-games with 4 year cycle, World Military Championships							
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72	Qualification through Continental Qualification Tournaments A total of 72 athletes (36 male and 36 female) will be qualified for the Olympic Games through the five (5) Continental Qualification Tournaments. If a NOC has qualified a minimum of two (2) male and a minimum of two (2) female athletes through the WTF Olympic Ranking, it cannot participate in Continental Qualification Tournament unless it relinquishes quota places obtained through the WTF Olympic Ranking in the respective gender. Only NOCs which have qualified less than two (2) athletes per gender can participate in the Continental Qualification Tournaments. Number of quota places by continent are represented in the table below: <table><tr><th>Continent</th><th>Qualification places</th><th>Remarks</th></tr><tr><td>Africa</td><td>16</td><td>Top 2 athletes per weight category</td></tr><tr><td>Asia</td><td>16</td><td>Top 2 athletes per weight category</td></tr><tr><td>Europe</td><td>16</td><td>Top 2 athletes per weight category</td></tr><tr><td>Oceania</td><td>8</td><td>Top athlete per weight category</td></tr><tr><td>Pan America</td><td>16</td><td>Top 2 athletes per weight category</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>72</td><td></td></tr></table> The Host NOC of the Olympic Games is not eligible to participate in the respective continental qualification tournament.	Continent	Qualification places	Remarks	Africa	16	Top 2 athletes per weight category	Asia	16	Top 2 athletes per weight category	Europe	16	Top 2 athletes per weight category	Oceania	8	Top athlete per weight category	Pan America	16	Top 2 athletes per weight category	Total	72	
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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country NOC may qualify the maximum number of quota places through the WTF Olympic Ranking, as all other NOCs.

The Host Country is guaranteed up to a total of four (4) quota places, in case it qualifies less than four (4) quota places through the WTF Olympic Ranking, as follows:

- Two (2) in male events and two (2) in female events, (with a maximum of one (1) athlete per event), provided that the athletes meet the minimum eligibility requirements as detailed in **Paragraph C. Athlete Eligibility.**

The Host Country is required to inform the WTF of the weight categories that it wishes to participate in, by no later than 31 December 2015.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Four (4) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available to eligible NOCs at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

- Two (2) male and two (2) female quota places will be given to the weight categories which were not chosen as Host Country places by the Host NOC.
- Athletes must meet the minimum requirements as detailed in **Paragraph C. Athlete Eligibility.**

The International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places (date TBC). 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 (date TBC).

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the “*Rio 2016 - Tripartite Commission Invitation Places – Allocation Procedure*”.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

After the 2015 Grand Prix Final in December 2015, WTF will publish the results and WTF Olympic Ranking on its website at www.wtf.org and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have 14 days to confirm if they wish to use the quota places.

Following each continental qualification tournament, the WTF will publish the results on its website at www.worldtaekwondofederation.net and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOC will then have 14 days to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline.**



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F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If an allocated 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 as follows:

- If the quota place was obtained through the WTF Olympic Ranking, it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked athlete in the same weight category based on the WTF Olympic Ranking of December 2015, as long as the NOC does not exceed the maximum quota of four (4) men and four (4) women.
- If the quota place was obtained through a Continental Qualification Tournament, it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked athlete in the same weight division at the respective Continental Qualification Tournament, as long as the NOC does not exceed the quota of two (2) men and two (2) women.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host NOC has already qualified quota places through the WTF Olympic Ranking, the number of Host Country places shall be reduced accordingly; the unused Host Country places shall be reallocated through the Tripartite Commission Invitation Places.

The same process applies should the Host NOC decide not to use the available Host Country places or should the selected athlete(s) by the Host NOC not meet the minimum eligibility requirements; these places shall be reallocated through the Tripartite Commission Invitation Places.

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 NOC of the next highest ranked athlete in the same weight category based on the WTF Olympic Ranking of December 2015 as long as the NOC does not exceed the quota of two (2) men and two (2) women.



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
TBD, 2015	WTF World Grand Prix Final
One week after the 2015 WTF World Grand Prix Final (TBD), 2015	WTF Olympic Ranking published
TBD	WTF to inform NOCs of their allocated quota places through the WTF Olympic Ranking
2 weeks after WTF confirmation of quota places to NOCs, 2015	Deadline for NOCs to inform the WTF about the use of the quota place obtained through the WTF Olympic Ranking
31 December 2015	Deadline for Host Country NOC to confirm use of Host Country Places
January - April 2016	African Qualification Tournament Asian Qualification Tournament European Qualification Tournament Oceania Qualification Tournament Pan American Qualification Tournament
*TBD by June 2015	(Dates and locations to be decided)
January - April 2016	WTF to inform NOCs of their allocated quota places through the Continental Qualification Tournaments
*TBD by June 2015	
2 weeks after the conclusion of each continental qualification	Deadline for NOCs to inform WTF about the use of the quota places obtained at the Continental Qualification Tournament
TBD	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
TBD	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
By 18 July 2016	WTF to reallocate all unused quota places
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline

*To Be Determined