



INTERNATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION (IWF)

Weightlifting

A. EVENTS

Men's Events (7)	Women's Events (7)
61kg	49kg
67kg	55kg
73kg	59kg
81kg	64kg
96kg	76kg
109kg	87kg
+109kg	+87kg

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Weightlifting:

Men	Women
98	98

2. Maximum Athletes by Bodyweight Category

The maximum number of athletes per weight category is 14 athletes.

3. Maximum Number of Athletes by National Olympic Committee (NOC)

- [IWF Absolute Ranking; World Points \(here\)](#)

Gender	Max. by NOC	Event Specific
Men	4*	1 per event
Women	4*	1 per event

- [IWF Absolute Ranking; Continental Points \(here\)](#)

Gender	Max. by NOC	Event Specific
Men	3*	1 per event
Women	3*	1 per event



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4. Host Country places

Gender	Host Country	Event Specific
Men	3*	1 per event
Women	3*	1 per event

*subject to specific Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations as described in section C.3 Number of participants per country

5. Type of Allocation of Quota Places

- Quota places earned via the IWF Absolute Ranking (World and/or Continental Points) are allocated to the Athlete by Name (Individual Qualification).
- Quota places issued through the Host Country method are allocated to the NOC for eligible athletes.
- Quota places earned via the Tripartite Commission (Universality) are allocated to the Athlete by Name (Individual).

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) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 (the “Olympic Games”).

1. Age Requirements

All athletes participating in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 must be born on/or before 31 December 2005.

2. Additional IF Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for endorsement by an NOC, an athlete shall

- Not be subject to a period of ineligibility (including provisional suspension) imposed by IWF or the athlete’s National Anti-Doping Organisation/Member Federation;
- Comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the IOC and IWF to ensure that the overriding principles of the Olympic Games are observed;
- For quota places attained via the IWF Absolute Ranking participation at Eligible Events during the Qualification period is required as follows:
 - Participation at a minimum of four (4) Eligible Events (in Period 1, Period 2 and Period 3),
 - Participation at a minimum of one (1) Eligible Event at Period 1 and Period 2 (no mandatory participation for Period 3):
 - Period 1: 01 November 2018 – 30 April 2019
 - Period 2: 01 May 2019 – 31 October 2019
 - Period 3 including Period 3.A and 3.B as below:
 - 3.A: 01 November 2019 – 30 April 2020
 - 3.B: 01 October 2020 – 31 May 2021 and
 - Participation at a minimum of one (1) event, either a Gold Level or a Silver Level.
- For Host Country place, athletes must have participated at a minimum of one Eligible Event in Period 1 and one in Period 2, and one more either in Period 1, Period 2, or Period 3 (3 in total) during the Qualification period; at least one (1) of the 3 events must be either a Gold Level or a Silver Level;
- For Tripartite Commission Invitation, athletes must have participated at a minimum of one (1) Eligible Event either a Gold Level or a Silver Level;
- For reallocation, meet the minimum participation requirement in the method from where the reallocated quota comes from;



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- g) All athletes shall submit Whereabouts information in accordance with the IWF Anti-Doping Rules (Article 5.5.16) by 23 May 2021.

3. Number of participants per country

Subject to the specific Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations, all NOCs/MFs shall be eligible to qualify a minimum of one (1) male and one (1) female athlete for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

- a) Member Federations which have recorded ten (10) or more but less than twenty (20) violations of the IWF Anti-Doping Rules (IWF ADR) from 8 August 2008 until 22 July 2021 which is a continuous period, sanctioned by IWF or Anti-Doping Organisations other than Member Federations, National Olympic Committees or National Anti-Doping Organisations shall be eligible to qualify one (1) additional male and one (1) additional female athlete, altogether a maximum of two (2) male and two (2) female athletes;
- b) Member Federations which have recorded less than ten (10) violations of the IWF ADR from 8 August 2008 until 22 July 2021 which is a continuous period, sanctioned by IWF or Anti-Doping Organisations other than Member Federations, National Olympic Committees or National Anti-Doping Organisations shall be eligible to qualify three (3) additional male and three (3) additional female athletes, altogether a maximum of four (4) male and four (4) female athletes.

4. Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations

- a) Should three (3) or more Anti-Doping Rule Violations¹ sanctioned by IWF or Anti-Doping Organisations other than a Member Federation or its National Anti-Doping Organisation be committed by Athletes or other Persons affiliated to such Member Federation (MF)/NOC during the qualification period of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, the Independent Member Federations Sanctioning Panel appointed by IWF as per the IWF ADR (the Independent Panel) may
- i. withdraw the quota place(s) from that MF/NOC with regard to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 and/or
 - ii. suspend that MF/NOC from participation in the ensuing Olympic Games. If such Member Federation is permitted to participate with Athletes in eligible events during the qualification period to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, its Athletes shall not be permitted to secure any IWF Absolute Ranking Points (World and/or Continental) at such event and their participation shall not affect the Member Federation's exclusion from the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.
- b) When considering the application of Article 4. a) above, the Independent Panel may refer to the principles set forth in Article 12.3.2 IWF ADR applicable to the imposition of Member Consequences. Similarly, the procedural rules of Article 12.7 IWF ADR apply by analogy to the process pertaining to Article 4.a).
- c) Any quota places withdrawn pursuant to point a) above shall be reallocated in accordance with the reallocation process as detailed in section **I. Reallocation of Unused Places**.
- d) With reference to Article 12.3.2.1 IWF ADR, where there is a violation of Article 12.3.2 IWF ADR and any of the relevant underlying Anti-Doping Rule Violations occurs on the occasion of, or in connection with, the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, the Independent Panel may take any (further) measures it deems appropriate.

¹ For the purpose of determining whether three or more Anti-Doping Rule Violations have occurred within the qualification period, the date of the Adverse Analytical Finding or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation has occurred shall be considered.



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- e) With reference to Article 12.3.3 IWF ADR, should two or more Athletes or other Persons affiliated to an IWF MF/NOC be found to have committed a violation of the IWF ADR giving rise to a period of ineligibility of four years or more on the occasion and during the In-Competition period of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 (including following further analyses of samples), the concerned MF/NOC shall be automatically prevented from recommending, entering and/or proposing affiliated Athletes or other Persons for participation in the next ensuing Olympic Games following the final decision imposing the (first two) relevant sanctions (and shall take all necessary measures to prevent such participation), without prejudice to any other sanction that may be imposed in accordance with the IWF ADR.
- f) This Olympic Qualification System shall not limit the Independent Panel's power to impose any other consequence(s) such as Member Consequences, it deems appropriate under Article 12 IWF ADR.

5. Eligible Events

Period 1, 2, 3.A: 1 November 2018 – 30 April 2020

- a) Gold Level: IWF World Championships, IWF Junior World Championships, Continental Championships, Junior Continental Championships
 b) Silver Level: Existing¹ IWF Events: Multi-Sport Games, Championships
 c) Bronze Level: other International competitions, Championships, Cups, etc.

Period 3.B: 1 October 2020 – 31 May 2021

- a) All the cancelled, postponed qualification events from Period 3.A
 b) All like-for-like substitute competitions not organised in section 5. Period 3.B, a) above

Solely the events organised, recognised and/or designated by IWF for either the Junior or the Senior age group² shall be considered as eligible events.

¹ IWF Events approved by IWF as such in compliance with the [IWF Calendar Policy](#)

² As defined in the IWF Technical and Competition Rules & Regulations ([link](#))

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

1. Men / Women

Total Quota Places	Method of Qualification		Quota Place Allocation
56 + 56 = 112	IWF Absolute Ranking (World Points)	World Points from the IWF Absolute Ranking will be used to identify athletes for individual qualification	Athlete
35 + 35 = 70	IWF Absolute Ranking (Continental Points)	The highest-ranked athlete from the IWF Absolute Ranking from an NOC (one per continent) not otherwise represented shall earn an individual quota place	Athlete
3 + 3 = 6	Host Country	The Host Country is guaranteed three (3) slots per gender	NOC
4 + 4 = 8	Tripartite Invitation	A maximum of one (1) invitation slot by medal event may be issued based on the principles of universality	Athlete



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2. Per Medal Event

Quota Places per Medal Event	Method of Qualification		Quota Place Allocation
8	IWF Absolute Ranking (World Points)	The eight (8) highest-ranked athletes from the IWF Absolute Ranking (World Points) are qualified	Athlete
5	IWF Absolute Ranking (Continental Points)	The highest-ranked athlete from the IWF Absolute Ranking from an NOC (one per continent = 5) not otherwise represented in the bodyweight category shall earn an individual quota place	Athlete
1	Host Country	Maximum of one (1) athlete per event	NOC
	Tripartite Invitation	Maximum of one (1) athlete per event	Athlete

E. QUALIFICATION REGULATIONS

1. The IWF Absolute Ranking will comprise of athlete results (represented by ROBI Points) drawn from the ten (10) IWF bodyweight categories in each Gender;
2. Athlete results (represented by ROBI points) attained at Gold, Silver and Bronze level events will enable athletes to accrue Absolute Ranking Points according to a multiplying factor (Gold: x 1.10, Silver: x 1.05, Bronze: x 1.00)
3. At the end of the qualification period; an athlete's final Absolute Ranking Points; subject to participation in one (1) event in the same Olympic category will be drawn from four (4) results (ROBI points for Total results only):
 - a. two (2) results, best result from Period 1 and best result from Period 2 (as per Paragraph C. 2. c) ii) and;
 - b. two (2) next best results from Period 1, Period 2, or Period 3 (as per Paragraph C. 2. c) ii).
4. In the case an NOC has qualified more eligible athletes than the maximum number as per this Qualification System, or quota was withdrawn from the Member Federation/NOC, the NOC shall select the eligible athletes for medal events. The quota slots are non-transferable.
5. In case an athlete becomes ineligible or his/her quota is not endorsed by his/her NOC after he/she earns an individual quota place, such quota place shall be reallocated in accordance with the reallocation process detailed in section I. **Reallocation of Unused Places**.
6. In the event where a MF/NOC is suspended from participating in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, its affiliated athlete(s) shall not be permitted to compete. Any quota place(s) obtained by the Member Federation/NOC and/or its affiliated athlete(s) shall be reallocated in accordance with the reallocation process detailed in section I. **Reallocation of Unused Places**.
7. In the case an athlete has participated in more than one Olympic bodyweight category or a combination of both Olympic and non-Olympic categories during the qualification period, the same formula shall be applied in determining the athlete's Absolute Ranking Points as detailed in paragraph E.2 and E. 3



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(a) In the case of more than one Olympic bodyweight category, subject to the minimum participation of one (1) event in the same Olympic category during the qualification period, the NOC, in consultation with the Member Federation shall select the eligible bodyweight category for such athlete by 08 June 2021. In the case the NOC does not select the bodyweight category by 08 June 2021, section E. 7. (b) shall be applied.

(b) In the case of more than one Olympic bodyweight category and in case the NOC does not select the bodyweight category according to section E. 7. a), the quota place shall be allocated to the category from which the athlete has attained the highest ranking in Total (kg); subject to the minimum participation of one (1) event in the same Olympic category during the qualification period.

(c) In the case of a combination of both Olympic and non-Olympic categories and in case the NOC does not select the bodyweight category according to section E. 7. a), the quota place shall be allocated to the Olympic bodyweight category from which the athlete has attained the highest ranking in Total (kg); subject to the minimum participation of one (1) event in the same Olympic category during the qualification period.

F. HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country can qualify places through the IWF Absolute Ranking (World and Continental Points).

If the Host Country does not qualify the maximum quota through the IWF Absolute Ranking (World and Continental Points) the Host Country is guaranteed six (6) quota places in total (three (3) for men and three (3) for women).

If the Host Country qualifies quota places through the IWF Absolute Ranking (World and Continental Points), the unused Host Country places will be reallocated as per the process described below in the section **I. Reallocation of Unused Places**.

G. TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Eight (8) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available to eligible NOCs at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020; four (4) for men and four (4) for women.

On date 14 October 2019, 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 2021 (following the postponement NOC may submit new applications for replacements, up until 31 January 2021). 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 XXXII Olympiad, Tokyo 2020 – Olympic Games Tripartite Commission Invitation Places – Allocation Procedure and Regulations'*

H. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each Eligible Event, IWF will publish the results / Absolute Ranking Points on its website ([here](#)). IWF will inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places at the end of the Qualification period (subject to Anti-Doping Results Management). The NOCs will then have 2 weeks to confirm if they wish to use these



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quota places, as detailed in paragraph **J. Qualification Timeline**.

In case the Host Country does not qualify the maximum quota through the IWF Absolute Ranking (World and Continental Points), the guaranteed quota places issued to the Host Country must be confirmed (including medal events) prior to the allocation of quota places via the Tripartite Commission Invitation.

I. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

1. IWF Absolute Ranking; World Points

If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the deadline of confirmation of quota place, is declined by the NOC, is withdrawn or Member Federation/NOC is suspended from participation, the quota place will be reallocated to the highest ranked athlete according to the IWF Absolute Ranking (World Points) and eligible according to this Qualification System, whose NOC is not yet qualified in the medal event; subject to the maximum quota per NOC.

2. IWF Absolute Ranking; Continental Points

If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the deadline of confirmation of quota place, is declined by the NOC, is withdrawn or Member Federation/NOC is suspended from participation, the quota place will be reallocated to the highest ranked athlete from the same Continent according to the IWF Absolute Ranking (Continental Points) and eligible according to this Qualification System, whose NOC is not yet qualified in the medal event; subject to the maximum quota per NOC.

3. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Should the Host Country qualify quota places through the IWF Absolute Ranking (World and Continental Points) or decline any Host Country place(s), or quota place(s) is (are) withdrawn or Host Country is suspended from participation, unused Host Country place(s) will be reallocated by the IWF, priority given to next highest ranked NOCs according to the IWF Absolute Ranking not represented yet.

4. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

In case of unused Tripartite Commission Invitation Places, reallocation will be considered by the IWF based on universality, priority given to next highest ranked NOC according to the IWF Absolute Ranking not represented yet.



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J. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
01 November 2018 – 30 April 2020 and 01 October 2020 – 31 May 2021	Qualification Period – all events that count towards the IWF Ranking can be found here
31 January 2021	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitations
04 June 2021	IWF notifies the NOCs that qualified more eligible athletes than the maximum number of athletes
08 June 2021	NOCs to confirm the athlete(s) and bodyweight category according to the maximum number of athletes
11 June 2021	IWF publishes the final Absolute Ranking lists and informs NOCs about the allocated quota places
11 June 2021 – 05 July 2021	Reallocation period of unused quota places
14 June 2021	Subject to final qualification status; Host Country to confirm the use of Host Country quota places, including events
18 June 2021	IWF to inform IOC on the available bodyweight categories for Tripartite Commission Invitational Places
25 June 2021	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to IWF
25 June 2021 (TBD by IOC)	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Individual places to NOCs, including events
05 July 2021	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline
23 July - 08 August 2021	Olympic Games, Tokyo 2020

For detailed Timelines, please see IWF Application process ([Link](#))