



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING FEDERATION (FINA)

Water Polo

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Event (1)	Women's Event (1)
12-team tournament	10-team tournament

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Water Polo:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	132 + 11 (11 teams)	12 + 1 (1 team)	144 + 12 (12 teams)
Women	108 + 9 (9 teams)	12 + 1 (1 team)	120 + 10 (10 teams)
Total	240 + 20 (20 teams)	24 + 2 (2 teams)	264 + 22 (22 teams)

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	12 + 1 (1 team)
Women	12 + 1 (1 team)
Total	24 + 2 (2 teams)

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

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.



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Additional IF Eligibility Criteria:

Only the athletes who are eligible to participate at the official FINA Competitions, in accordance with the [FINA Rules GR 2.5](#), are entitled to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in chronological order of qualification.

MEN

Number of Team Quota Places	Qualification Events
1 place (12+1 athletes)	2019 World League The highest placed NOC from the 2019 World League will obtain a quota place. (<i>FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.1.2</i>)
2 places (24+2 athletes)	18th FINA World Championships – Gwangju 2019 The two (2) highest placed NOCs from the 2019 World Championships will each obtain one (1) quota place. If any one of these two (2) NOCs has already qualified from the 2019 World League (BL 9.3.10.1.2), the next highest placed NOC from the 2019 World Championships will obtain one (1) quota place. (<i>FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.1.3</i>)
1 place (12+1 athletes)	Host Country The Host Country NOC will automatically obtain a quota place. (<i>FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.1.4</i>)
5 places (60+5 athletes)	Continental Championships The highest placed NOC in each of the five (5) Continental Championships will each obtain one (1) quota place. Should any of these NOCs have already obtained a quota place at the 2019 World League (BL 9.3.10.1.2) or at the 2019 World Championships (BL 9.3.10.1.3), then the next highest placed NOC from the respective Continental Championships will obtain a quota place. (<i>FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.1.5</i>) Should any of the Continental Championships not take place, a play-off match between the top two (2) teams from the respective continent will be organised to determine which NOC would represent the specific Continent. Should there be only one (1) representative from a specific continent, this NOC will obtain a quota place.



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3 places (36+3 athletes)	Olympic Games Qualification Tournament 2021 The three (3) highest placed NOCs at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament will each obtain one (1) quota place. The teams that are eligible to take part in the qualification tournament is specified in (<i>FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.1.6</i>)
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WOMEN

Number of Team Quota Places	Qualification Events
1 place (12+1 athletes)	2019 World League The highest placed NOC/NF from the Women's Water Polo World League 2019 will obtain a quota place. (<i>FINA BL 9.3.10.3.2</i>)
1 place (12+1 athletes)	18th FINA World Championships 2019 – Gwangju (KOR) The highest placed team from the women's competition at the 18 th FINA World Championships 2019 will obtain a quota place. If this team has already qualified from the 2019 World League, the next highest placed team from the World Championships qualifies. (<i>FINA BL 9.3.10.3.3</i>)
1 place (12+1 athletes)	Host Country The Host Country NOC will automatically obtain a quota place. (<i>FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.3.4</i>)
5 places (60+5 athletes)	Continental Championships/Host Country The highest placed NOC in each of the five (5) Continental Championships will each obtain a quota place. If the NOC is already qualified at the preceding year's World League (BL 9.3.10.3.2), or at the preceding FINA World Championships (BL 9.3.10.3.3), then the next highest placed team from the respective Continental Championships will qualify. (<i>FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.3.5</i>) Should any of the Continental Championships not take place, a play-off match between the top two (2) teams from the respective continent will be organised to determine which NOC would represent the specific Continent. Should there only be one representative from a specific continent, this NOC will obtain a quota place.
2 places (24+2 athletes)	Olympic Games Qualification Tournament 2021 The two (2) highest placed NOCs at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament will each obtain a quota place. The teams that are eligible to take part in the qualification tournament is specified in <i>FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.3.6</i> .



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) team quota place per gender.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION PLACES

Following each qualification event, FINA will publish the results on its website (<http://www.fina.org/>) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places.

The NOCs will then have 21 days to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host NOC has to confirm the use of the allocated quota places to FINA two (2) weeks after the end of the qualification tournament.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

Any unused quota places will be reallocated to the next highest placed NOCs according to the ranking of the Men's Olympic Games Qualification Tournament (FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.1.7) or the Women's Olympic Games Qualification Tournament (FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.3.7), as applicable.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Any unused Host Country quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC, not yet qualified, according to the ranking of the Continental Championships (for Asia).

G. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE USE OF AP ALTERNATE ATHLETES

AP ALTERNATE ATHLETES

Ap 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*'. Ap alternate athletes can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the '*IOC/Tokyo 2020 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.



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Eligibility:

Ap 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 1 (one) Ap alternate athlete.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
June 2019	2019 FINA Water Polo World League
12-28 July 2019	2019 FINA World Championships, Gwangju (KOR)
July 26-August 11, 2019	Americas – 2019 Pan Am Games, (Lima, PER)
12-26 January 2020	Europe – European Championships, (Budapest, HUN)
12-16 February 2020	Asia – Qualification Tournament, (Nur Sultan, KAZ) <i>The event was cancelled due to the pandemic. The Asian Games 2018 in Jakarta, on-field results were taken to allocate the quotas.</i>
17 February 2020	Continental Associations to inform FINA about the Continental place and the teams at the Qualification Tournament Oceania/Africa – Continental Selections
17-24 January 2021	Women's Olympic Games Qualification Tournament (Trieste, ITA)
14-21 February 2021	Men's Olympic Games Qualification Tournament (Rotterdam, NED)
1 March 2021	FINA to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
21 March 2021	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to FINA
31 March 2021	FINA to reallocate all unused quota places
5 July 2021	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline
23 July – 8 August 2021	Olympic Games Tokyo 2020