

International Triathlon Union (ITU)

EVENTS

Men: An Olympic distance competition (1.5km swim, 40km cycle, 10km run)

Women: An Olympic distance competition (1.5km swim, 40km cycle, 10km run)

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota: Fifty-five (55) men, Fifty-five (55) women (Total of One-hundred and ten (110) athletes)

Maximum per NOC:

- A maximum of eight (8) NOCs may have a maximum of three (3) athletes per event. All other NOCs may have a maximum of two (2) athletes per event.
- The maximum of three (3) places will be allocated to the first eight (8) NOCs to have three (3) athletes eligible through the Continental Olympic Qualifying Events, the World Championships and then the Olympic Qualification Ranking (in that order).
- In case the third athletes from two different countries have the same points in the Olympic Qualification Ranking, the order between the countries will be determined by the better ranked second best athletes from those countries in the Olympic Qualification Ranking.
- In case the second best athletes also have the same points the order between the countries will be determined by the better ranked first athletes from those countries in the Olympic Qualification Ranking.
- In case the first athletes are also tied the same procedure will be used with the results from the 2008 ITU Triathlon World Championships.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Attribution of qualification places

NOCs will be attributed qualification places, as per the detailed selection criteria noted below, and will select from eligible athletes to fill these places. Athletes may not qualify their NOC more than one (1) qualification place.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM IN DETAIL

a) ITU Continental Olympic Qualifying Events

Olympic places 1 to 5 will be allocated to the NOC of the winner of each of the 5 continental Olympic Qualifying events, for a total of 5 men and 5 women. The athletes achieving these positions also gain eligibility for selection

The ITU Continental Olympic Qualifying Events may take place any time between 15 May 2007 and 15 May 2008).

5 places

b) 2008 ITU Triathlon World Championships

Olympic places 6 to 8 (three (3) women and three (3) men) will be allocated to the NOC of the top three (3) finishers from the 2008 ITU Triathlon World Championships. The athletes achieving these positions also gain eligibility for selection.

If any of the top three (3) finishers has already earned a place at the ITU Continental Olympic Qualifying Events, or the NOC of the athlete has already earned three (3) places then the

next highest finishing athlete in the 2008 ITU Triathlon World Championships earns the eligibility and their NOC a qualification place. This will continue until three (3) places for men and three (3) places for women have been allocated, providing the athletes are within the 10% for men and 10% for women quality control cut-off time.

3 places

c) ITU Olympic Qualification Ranking

Olympic places 9 to 47 will be allocated to the NOCs in order of the highest ranked athletes on the ITU Olympic Qualification Ranking, at the date of the 2008 ITU Triathlon World Championships, who have not previously qualified their NOC a place. If this ranking is exhausted, the 2008 ITU World Cup Rankings will be used, and then ITU Points List. All of the rankings used will be as of 08 June 2008. (See expanded ITU Olympic Qualification Ranking attached.)

39 places

d) ITU Continental Rankings:

Olympic places 48 to 52 will be allocated to the first NOC in the "ITU Continental Rankings" without an eligible athlete in the allocated places 1 to 47 as of 08 June 2008. The minimum eligibility criteria applies.

If there is none in the "ITU Continental Rankings" the place will be allocated to the next NOC in the "Continental Olympic Qualifying Event" without an eligible athlete in the allocated places 1 to 47 as of 08 June 2008. The minimum eligibility criteria applies.

If there is none in the "Continental Olympic Qualifying Event" the place will be allocated to the next NOC with the next highest ranked eligible athlete on the "ITU Olympic Qualification Ranking". Minimum eligibility criteria applies.

If there is none in the "ITU Olympic Qualification Ranking" the place will be allocated to the next NOC with the next highest ranked eligible athlete on the "ITU Points List". Minimum eligibility criteria applies.

5 places

e) Host nation

Olympic place 53 (one (1) woman and one (1) man) will be awarded to the host nation. If China achieves qualification through one of the following criteria: Continental Olympic Qualifying Events, 2008 Triathlon World Championships, ITU Olympic Qualification Ranking, ITU Continental Rankings, or if China has not any athlete eligible, place 53 will return to the ITU Olympic Qualification Rankings. The minimum eligibility criteria also applies to the places allocated to the host nation.

1 place

f) Tripartite Commission (IOC-ANOC-ITU) Invitation places

Olympic places 54 to 55 (for a total of two (2) men and two (2) women) will be allocated to Tripartite Commission Invitation places.

The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places is 15 November 2007. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, a preliminary allocation of Invitation places to the NOCs by 31 January 2008. The allocation of remaining Invitation places will be confirmed, in writing, to the NOCs from April-July 2008.

The minimum eligibility criteria also applies to Invitation places

2 places

Minimum eligibility criteria

Athletes eligible for selection for the Olympic Games shall be only those adequately prepared for high level international competition and fill qualification positions gained by their NOC.

Athlete eligibility will be gained achieving one of the followings results (as of 08 June 2008):

- Winning a place for their NOC at the ITU Continental Olympic Qualifier Events
- Winning a place for their NOC at the 2008 ITU Triathlon World Championships
- Being in the top 125 of the ITU Olympic Qualification Ranking
- Being in the top 125 of the ITU World Cup Rankings
- Being in the top 140 of the ITU Points List (applies only to ITU Continental Rankings, Host nation and Tripartite Commission Invitation places)

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

01 June 2006 to 08 June 2008	Period of Olympic Qualification
15 May 2007 to 15 May 2008	Period for continental qualifying events
15 July 2007	ITU Continental Olympic Qualifier Event for Americas (Pan American Games Triathlon, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
15 November 2007	Deadline for the submission of requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places by all NOCs
31 January 2008	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, a preliminary allocation of Invitation places to the NOCs
09 March	ITU Continental Olympic Qualifier Event for Africa (ATU Triathlon African Championships, Yasmine Hammamet, Tunisia)
09 March	ITU Continental Olympic Qualifier Event for Oceania (Triathlon Oceania Championships, Wellington, New Zealand)
19 April	ITU Continental Olympic Qualifier Event for Asia (ASTC Triathlon Asian Championships, Guanzhou, China)
April – July 2008	Tripartite Commission to confirm allocation of Tripartite Commission Invitation places
10 May 2008	ITU Continental Olympic Qualifier Event for Europe (ETU Triathlon European Championships, Lisbon, Portugal)
07 June 2008	ITU Triathlon World Championships (Vancouver, Canada)
23 June 2008	ITU to inform NOCs of qualification places
06 July 2008	NOCs to inform ITU of use of qualification places
07 July 2008	ITU to confirm final allocation of qualification places
23 July 2008	Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

The ITU shall inform NOCs in writing of all qualification places by 23 June 2008. NOCs must inform ITU of the use of their qualification places by 06 July 2008. Any unused qualification places will be reallocated following the process specified below, and by 07 July 2008, the ITU will confirm the final allocation of qualification places.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

All unused quota places of 1 – 47 and 53 will be reallocated through the ITU Olympic Qualification Ranking, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specified in the Qualification System above. If this reallocation qualify an NOC previously allocated a place between 48 and 52, this place will be reallocated through the ITU Continental Rankings.

All unused quota places of 48 – 52 will be reallocated through the ITU Continental Rankings, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specified in the Qualification System above.

ITU OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION RANKING

1. Qualification Period:

- a) Twenty-four (24) months
- b) 01 June 2006 through to 31 May 2008 + 2008 ITU Triathlon World Championships (Vancouver)

2. Results to Count:

- a) Athletes can use a total of best sixteen (16) results from this period for their Olympic Qualification.
 - (i) 01 June 2006 to 31 May 2007: the best seven (7) results to count (World Cup, plus World Championships and Continental Championships)
 - (ii) 01 June 2007 to 31 May 2008, plus the 2008 ITU Triathlon World Championships on 07 June 2008: the best nine (9) results to count (World Cups, World Championships, plus Continental Championships)

3. Events to Count:

- a) Athletes may collect points at the following races:
 - (i) ITU Triathlon World Championships
 - (ii) ITU Triathlon World Cups
 - (iii) ITU Triathlon Continental Championships (only athletes from that continent)
 - (iv) ITU Triathlon Continental Cup events (places 48 to 52)

4. World Championships:

- a) 3 World Championships to count in the period:
 - (i) Lausanne 2006
 - (ii) Hamburg 2007
 - (iii) Vancouver 2008.

5. Continental Championships:

- a) Two (2) Continental Championships scores will count in the period.

b) If there are three (3) during the period the first one will not count.

6. The points system of the ITU Olympic Qualification Ranking:

- a) The top fifty (50) athletes earn points at ITU Triathlon World Cup and ITU Triathlon World Championship events. The top thirty (30) athletes earn points at ITU Triathlon Continental Championships.
- b) Athletes must finish within a 10% cut-off (for both men and women)
- c) The points will remain the same value throughout the entire qualification period.
- d) It will be based on the following points table.

Place	ITU Triathlon World Championships	ITU Triathlon World Cup	ITU Triathlon Continental Championships
1	1000	500	400
2	925	463	370
3	856	428	342
4	791	396	317
5	732	366	293
6	677	339	271
7	626	313	251
8	579	290	232
9	536	268	214
10	496	248	198
11	459	229	183
12	424	212	170
13	392	196	157
14	363	181	145
15	336	168	134
16	311	155	124
17	287	144	115
18	266	133	106
19	246	123	98
20	227	114	91
21	210	105	84
22	195	97	78
23	180	90	72
24	166	83	67
25	154	77	62
26	142	71	57
27	132	66	53
28	122	61	49
29	113	56	45
30	104	52	42
31	96	48	
32	89	45	
33	83	41	
34	76	38	
35	71	35	
36	65	33	
37	60	30	
38	56	28	
39	52	26	
40	48	24	

41	44	22
42	41	20
43	38	19
44	35	18
45	32	16
46	30	15
47	28	14
48	26	13
49	24	12
50	22	11

7. Quality of Field Factor:

- a) Every athlete from the top twenty (20) of the ITU World Cup Ranking (prior to the event) who finishes the competition will add 2% to all the points awarded.
- b) The maximum Quality of Field Factor will be 20%.

8. Qualification for the ITU Triathlon Continental Championships:

- a) Only athletes from National Federations in good standing with ITU are eligible to compete.
- b) Continental qualification criteria may apply.

9. Qualification for the ITU Triathlon World Cup:

- a) The National Federations (NFs) must enter the athletes via the ITU Online Entry System not less than thirty (30) days before the competition day.
- b) Thirty (30) days before the first competition day, the start list will be posted on www.triathlon.org based on the following criteria:
 - (i) Every NF may earn a maximum of six (6) spots.
 - (ii) The host NF may earn a maximum of eight (8) spots.
 - (iii) The top twenty-five (25) athletes ranked in the current ITU World Cup Ranking among those present on the wait list, will be moved to the start list.
 - (iv) The top 45 athletes ranked in the current ITU Points List among those present on the wait list will be moved to the start list.
 - (v) The remaining athletes on the wait list will be listed according to the ITU Points List.
- c) The entries received twenty-nine (29) days before the first competition day or after, will be placed at the bottom of the wait list.
- d) Each NF will be allowed to substitute one athlete, communicating the names of both athletes involved in the substitution, to the ITU Entry Service at email: entries@triathlon.org
- e) Athletes who are withdrawn from the start list will be immediately replaced by the first athlete on the wait list at that moment. There will be no further replacements within 72 hours of the start of the first competition.
- f) Twenty-five (25) days before the first competition day, ITU will award the invitations based on the requests received. The athletes awarded the invitations will be moved to the start list.
- g) Athletes who withdraw within the last seven (7) days of the first competition day of a world cup competition will be removed from all start lists and wait lists for events in which the athlete has been entered at the time of the athlete's withdrawal from the event.
- h) Athletes who are not personally present at the Athletes' Briefing and have not provided prior notification to the Technical Delegate will be removed from all start lists and wait lists for the events for which they have already been entered at the time of the briefing.
- i) Athletes who are present at the Athletes' Briefing, but are forced to withdraw

from the competition due to last minute illness or injury will remain on all future start lists and wait lists for the events in which they have already been entered.

- j) The Athletes' Briefing will take place at 17:00 two (2) days before the first day of the competition.

10. Qualification for the ITU Triathlon World Championships:

- a) Qualification to the ITU Elite Triathlon World Championships will be:
 - (i) The top three (3) athletes from the five (5) ITU Elite Triathlon Continental Championships in the year of the ITU Elite Triathlon World Championships will be eligible for the ITU Elite Triathlon World Championships.
 - (ii) ITU World Cup Ranking: The top forty (40) ranked athletes twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the ITU Elite Triathlon World Championships will be eligible for the ITU Elite Triathlon World Championships. (Athletes qualified already by the ITU Elite Triathlon Continental Championships will not count for this criteria)
 - (iii) ITU Points List: The top fifteen (15) ranked athletes will be taken from the ITU Points List twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the ITU Elite Triathlon World Championships will qualify. (Athletes qualified already by the ITU Elite Triathlon Continental Championships and the ITU World Cup Ranking will not count for this criteria)
 - (iv) The final five (5) spots will be for invitations, or will be returned to the ITU World Cup Ranking fourteen (14) days prior to the event.
 - (v) A maximum of six (6) athletes per country may qualify for the ITU Elite Triathlon World Championships.
 - (vi) If a National Federation (NF) has more athletes eligible than the spots allocated to the country, the NF must select the team among the eligible athletes, without exceed the maximum number.
 - (vii) One (1) replacement per country is allowed for all the National Federations.
 - (viii) A second replacement is allowed if the replaced athlete is already entered in the ITU U23 Triathlon World Championship.
 - (ix) Athletes who withdraw within the last seven (7) days of the first competition day of a world championship competition will be removed from all the start lists and wait lists for events in which the athlete has been entered at the time of the athlete's withdrawal from the event.
 - (x) Athletes who are not personally present at the Athletes' Briefing and have not provided prior notification to the Technical Delegate will be removed from all start lists and wait lists for the events for which they have already been entered at the time of the briefing.
 - (xi) Athletes who are present at the Athletes' Briefing, but are forced to withdraw from the competition due to last minute illness or injury will remain on all future start lists and wait lists for the events in which they have already been entered.
 - (xii) The Athletes' Briefing will take place at 17:00 two (2) days before the first day of the competition.

11. Allocation of Olympic Spots: Fifty-five (55) spots allocated as follows:

Spots	Event
1 – 5	Designated Triathlon Continental Championship before cut-off – 1 st place in 5 events
6 – 8	Vancouver ITU Triathlon World Championships: 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
9 – 47	ITU Olympic Qualification Ranking
48-52	ITU Continental Rankings/Qualifier (new NOC)
53	Host Country
54-55	Tripartite Commission Invitations