

**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: 55 men, 55 women (Total of 110 athletes)

Maximum per NOC:

- A maximum of 8 NOCs may have a maximum of 3 athletes per event. All other NOCs may have a maximum of 2 athletes per event.
- The maximum of 3 places will be allocated to the first 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 1 qualification place.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM IN DETAIL**a) 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 continental Olympic Qualifying events may take place any time between 15 May 2007 and 15 May 2008).

5 places

b) 2008 Triathlon World Championships

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

If any of the top 3 finishers has already earned a place at the Continental Qualifier, or the NOC of the athlete has already earned 3 places then the next highest finishing athlete in the

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2008 World Championships earns the eligibility and their NOC a qualification place. This will continue until 3 places for men and 3 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 Rankings, 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 15 June 2008. (See expanded ITU Olympic Qualification Rankings 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 39 as of 15 July 2008. The minimum eligibility criteria" applies.

If there is none in the "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 39 as of 15 July 2008. The minimum eligibility criteria applies.

If there is none the NOC with the next highest ranked athlete on the "ITU Olympic Qualification Ranking" and if that list is exhausted the place will be allocated from the ITU Points. Minimum eligibility criteria applies.

5 places

e) Host nation

Olympic place 53 (1 woman and 1 man) will be awarded to the host nation. If China achieves qualification through ITU competitions, or if China has not any athlete eligible, place 48 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 2 men and 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 May 2008. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, a preliminary allocation of Invitation places to the NOCs by 1 June 2008. The allocation of remaining Invitation places will be confirmed, in writing, to the NOCs by 16 June, 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 by achieving a top 125 ITU Olympic Qualification Ranking (as of the 2008 ITU Triathlon World Championships scheduled for 15 June 2008) or by winning a place for their NOC at the 2008 Triathlon World Championships.

Athlete eligibility will be gained achieving one of the followings results:

- Winning a place for their NOC at the Continental 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 Rankings
- Being in the top 125 of the ITU World Cup Rankings
- Being in the top 140 of the ITU points list

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

1 June 2006 to 15 June 2008 Period of Olympic Qualification

1 May 2007 to 1 May 2008	Period for continental qualifying events
2007	ITU Continental Olympic qualifier for Americas, (Pan American Games Triathlon, Rio, Brazil)
15 May 2008	Deadline for the submission of requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places by all NOCs
1 June 2008	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, a preliminary allocation of Invitation places to the NOCs
<i>to be confirmed</i>	ITU Asian Continental Olympic Qualifier, <i>site to be confirmed</i>
<i>to be confirmed</i>	ITU Oceania Continental Olympic Qualifier, <i>site to be confirmed</i>
<i>to be confirmed</i>	ITU African Continental Olympic Qualifier, <i>site to be confirmed</i>
<i>to be confirmed</i>	ITU European Continental Olympic Qualifier, <i>site to be confirmed</i>
15 June 2008	2008 ITU Triathlon World Championships, <i>Vancouver, Canada</i>
16 June 2008	Tripartite Commission to confirm allocation of Tripartite Commission Invitation places
23 June 2008	ITU to inform NOCs of qualification places
6 July 2008	NOCs to inform ITU of use of qualification places
7 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 and BOCOG of the use of their qualification places by 30 June 2008. Any unused qualification places will be reallocated following the process specified below, and by 7 July 2008 the ITU will confirm the final allocation of qualification places.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

All unused quota places will be reallocated through the ITU Olympic Qualification Rankings, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specified in the qualification system above, paragraph c).

ITU OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION RANKING

- 1. Qualification Period:**
 - a) Twenty-four (24) months
 - b) 01 June 2006 through to 01 June 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 01 June 2007: the best seven (7) results to count (World Cup, plus World Championships and Continental Championships)
 - (ii) 01 June 2007 to 01 June 2008, plus the 2008 ITU Triathlon World Championships on 15 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 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. ITU Olympic Qualification Points system:**
 - a) The top fifty (50) athletes earn points at ITU World Cup and World Championship events. The top thirty (30) athletes earn points at ITU 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	World Championships	World Cup	Continental Championships
1	1000	500	400
2	925	463	370
3	856	428	342

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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 from the continent in good standing with ITU are eligible to compete.

9. Qualification for the ITU Triathlon World Cup:

- a) **Eligibility:** Athletes must be members in good standing of their NF and not be under suspension for any violation as defined by the ITU Rules and Regulations.
- b) **World Cup Spots 1 to 25:** Automatic Acceptance from World Cup Rank: The first 25 competitors will be accepted from the World Cup Rankings 30 days prior to the event.
- c) **World Cup Spots 26 to 70:** Automatic Acceptance from ITU Points: The next 45 athletes will be selected from the ITU Points list 30 days prior to the event.
- d) **Country Quota:** based on the ITU World Cup Ranking and the ITU points will be eight (8).
- e) **Host Country Quota:** The maximum per "host" country based on the ITU World Cup Ranking and ITU points will be ten (10).
- f) **ITU Invitation:** ITU reserves the right to invite a limited number of athletes for the good of the event irrespective of the athlete's rank or NF country quota.
- g) **Selection:** If an NF has more than the maximum number of qualified competitors, the NF must select the team not to exceed the maximum number.

10. Qualification for the ITU Triathlon World Championships:

- a) Qualification to the World Championships will be:
 - (i) The top 3 men and women from the five (5) Continental Championships in the year of the Triathlon World Championships will qualify for the ITU Championships
 - (ii) ITU World Cup Rankings: The top forty (40) ranked athletes twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the Championships will qualify for the ITU World Championships.
 - (iii) ITU Points list: The next fifteen (15) will be taken from the ITU Points list twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the event will qualify. (Athletes qualified already by the ITU World Cup Ranking will not be eligible)
 - (iv) The final five (5) spots will be for invitations, changes to the World Cup or ITU Points list after the twenty-one (21) day cut-off or will be returned to the World Cup Ranking fourteen (14) days prior to the event.
 - (v) Maximum of six (6) per country.

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

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