

Rio 2016 Olympic Games - The Qualification System

Dear Presidents, dear Secretary Generals,

As UIPM is approaching the start of the qualification process for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, with the World Cup Series beginning this week, we take the opportunity to send an explanation of the Olympic Qualification System (available on our website and from your NOC).

Direct Qualification Events

These are listed in hierarchical order of qualification and not chronological. The priority is first the 2015 World Cup Final, then the Continental Championships, followed by the 2015 World Championships and finally the 2016 World Championships.

For example, if an athlete from Asia finishes in the top 5 of the Asian/Oceania Championships in Beijing (Individuals 1-2 June 2015) then wins the World Cup Final in Belarus (12-14 June 2015), he/she will keep their spot achieved at the World Cup Final and their place at the Asian/Oceania Championships will be reallocated to the next highest placed athlete from Asia from the Asian/Oceania Championships.

The 2015 World Championships in Berlin (Individual competitions 1-4 July), even though they take place before the rest of the Continental Championships (Pan American, Europe and Africa) has lower priority than the Continental Championships. Therefore if an athlete places in the top 3 of the World Championships subsequently achieves a qualification place at their Continental Championships, they must take the spot achieved at the Continental level. The place they achieved at the World Championships will be re-allocated to the next highest ranked athlete from the World Championships not having already achieved a qualification spot at the 2015 World Cup Final or from the Continental Championships.

The last qualification competition is the 2016 World Championships in Moscow (Individual competitions 25-28 May). The three first athletes per gender that cross the finish line qualify for a quota place. However if the athlete has already achieved a qualification place through the 2015 World Cup Final, Continental Championships or 2015 World Championships, then the spot goes to the Olympic Pentathlon World Ranking list of 1 June 2016.

Qualification through the Olympic PWR

Once the results of the 2016 World Championships have been integrated, 6 quota places per gender will be assigned according to the Olympic Pentathlon World Ranking as of 1 June 2016. The first 6 athletes per gender that have not already qualified through the aforementioned direct qualification competitions will receive a quota place.

All Senior events that are eligible to be counted for PWR according to rule 1.19 between 1 June 2015– 31 May 2016 count for Olympic Ranking. As reminder, if during this period there are 2 competitions of the same type (World Cup Finals, World Championships, Continental Championships, etc) only the most recent is included in the World Rankings. To be clear the following competitions will not be included in the Olympic PWR:

- 2015 World Cup Final
- 2015 Senior World Championships

- 2015 Pan American Games – Canada (the 2016 PanAmerican Championships 18-20 March in Argentina will count to the Olympic PWR)
- 2015 World Military Games – Korea
- 2015 Champion of Champions - Qatar
- 2015 South American Championships

Please find the calendar of OPWR events as at 12 February at the end of this document.

The Host nation is allocated one spot per gender. If Brazil has qualified their athletes through the competitions or PWR, then these host nation places will be re-allocated to the PWR on 1 June 2016.

The Tripartite Commission allocation procedure is also completed by 31 May 2016. NOCs must submit their applications by 15 January 2016. It is reminded that these athletes (two per gender) do not need to qualify through competition or the PWR but they must have reached the equivalent technical level (875 MP points Men/800 MP points Women in an international competition) to be awarded a spot. If these places are not awarded by the Tripartite Commission, then they will be re-allocated to the PWR on 1 June 2016.

On 1 June 2016, UIPM will inform NOCs and NFs of their allocated quota places. This list can contain more than two qualified athlete per gender per NOC.

The NOCs will confirm to UIPM by 15 June 2015 the names of the qualified athlete(s) they will enter for the Games, maximum two per gender.

Following to this information the reallocation process will start. It will depend on the choice of the respective NOCs, how the reallocation will take place.

Reallocation of unused quota places

One example shall help to describe the reallocation system: Assuming that Russia for the men will have one athlete qualified at the European Championships, one other athlete at the 2016 World Championships and a third athlete through the Olympic Pentathlon World Ranking (OPWR), the Russian NOC might inform the UIPM that they will use their places from the OPWR and the 2016 World Championships. If so, the Russian qualified from the European Championships will not count and their place will go to the next best placed athlete from the European Championships not yet qualified. If Russia had decided to enter the athlete qualified from the European Championships instead of the athlete qualified from the 2016 World Championships or instead of the athlete qualified through the OPWR, then the spot for the athlete qualified through the 2016 World Championships or through the OPWR will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete on the OPWR not already qualified.

There is also the possibility that an NOC will inform the UIPM that it will not use their qualification place. In this case, reallocation depends on where and how this athlete has qualified. An example of this could be:

HUN1 wins the 2015 World Championships. HUN2 finishes 6th at the 2015 European Championships and HUN3 takes 2nd place at the 2016 World Championships. RUS1 finishes 9th at 2015 European Championships and is first reserve. But as at 1 June 2016, he is number 1 on the OPWR so he has achieved his qualification spot through the OPWR. On 1 June 2016 UIPM informs Russia NOC/NF that RUS1 has qualified for a spot through the OPWR. Russia confirms it accepts his place on 5 June

On 15 June, Hungary NOC informs UIPM that it will enter HUN1 and HUN3. Therefore the spot awarded to HUN2 is reallocated from the results of the European Championships. UIPM goes down the list and it could be the first athlete not already qualified came 12th, say IRL1. It is not RUS1, although he was 1st reserve, because he already achieved a qualification spot. So on 16 June UIPM contacts Ireland NOC/NF and offers IRL1 the spot.

The reallocation process will end on 30 June 2016.

For suggestions or clarifications, please email UIPM Events Director Karen Myers at kmyers@pentathlon.org.

UIPM wishes the best of luck to all your athletes.

OPWR eligible events as at 12 February 2015

| Start date | End date | Competition | Host Country | Host City |
|------------|------------|---|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2015-06-01 | 2015-06-06 | Asia/Oceania Championships Olympic Qualification | China | Beijing |
| 2015-06-02 | 2015-06-05 | Belarus Open Championships | Belarus | Minsk |
| 2015-06-06 | 2015-06-07 | International Open Championships | Spain | Madrid |
| 2015-06-19 | 2015-06-22 | Central Asian Cup | Kyrgyzstan | Bishkek |
| 2015-07-10 | 2015-07-12 | Open Senior Junior Championships | Poland | Drzonkow |
| 2015-08-17 | 2015-08-23 | Senior European Championships Olympic Qualification | Great Britain | Bath |
| 2015-08-21 | 2015-08-23 | African Championships Olympic Qualification | Egypt | Cairo |
| 2015-09-05 | 2015-09-05 | Dutch Open Coubertin Cup 2015 | Netherlands | Arnhem |
| 2015-09-17 | 2015-09-20 | Yury Horishko's Memorial | Kyrgyzstan | Cholpon-Ata |
| 2016-01-28 | 2016-01-31 | Budapest Indoor International | Hungary | Budapest |
| 2016-02-06 | 2016-02-07 | Open Barcelona International | Spain | Sant Cugat (Budapest) |
| 2016-02-25 | 2016-02-29 | World Cup #1 | Egypt | Cairo |
| 2016-03-09 | 2016-03-14 | World Cup #2 | Brazil | Rio de Janeiro |
| 2016-03-16 | 2016-03-20 | Pan American Championships | Argentina | Buenos Aires |
| 2016-03-31 | 2016-04-04 | World Cup #3 | Italy | Rome |
| 2016-04-14 | 2016-04-18 | World Cup #4 | Hungary | Kecskemet |
| 2016-04-29 | 2016-05-01 | World Cup Final | United States | Sarasota |
| 2016-05-07 | 2016-05-08 | German Open Championships | Germany | Berlin |
| 2016-05-22 | 2016-05-29 | Senior World Championships | Russia | Moscow |