

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATHLETICS FEDERATIONS

## *Athletics*

### A. Events (47)

MEN'S EVENTS (24)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (23)
<u>Track</u>	<u>Track</u>
100m	100m
200m	200m
400m	400m
800m	800m
1500m	1500m
5000m	5000m
10,000m	10,000m
110m Hurdles	100m Hurdles
400m Hurdles	400m Hurdles
3000m Steeplechase	3000m Steeplechase
4 x 100m Relay	4 x 100m Relay
4 x 400m Relay	4 x 400m Relay
<u>Field</u>	<u>Field</u>
High Jump	High Jump
Pole Vault	Pole Vault
Long Jump	Long Jump
Triple Jump	Triple Jump
Shot Put	Shot Put
Discus Throw	Discus Throw
Hammer Throw	Hammer Throw
Javelin Throw	Javelin Throw
<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Decathlon	Heptathlon
<u>Road</u>	<u>Road</u>
Marathon	Marathon
20km Race Walk	20km Race Walk
50km Race Walk	

### B. Quota

The target number of athletes for the sport of Athletics is 2,000.

NOCs may enter up to three athletes for each event on the athletics program, provided they have achieved the A standard. In addition they can enter one reserve athlete for the same event provided he/she has also achieved the A standard.

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### C. Athlete Eligibility

#### ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

##### Junior Athletes

Any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 1993 or 1994) may compete in any event except the Marathon and 50km Race Walk.

##### Youth Athletes

Any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 1995 and 1996) may compete in any event except the throwing events (male athletes only), Decathlon, 10,000m, Marathon and Race Walk.

##### Athletes Younger than 16

No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 1997 or later) may be entered.

### D. Qualification System

#### QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

##### 1. Qualification Standards

In order to be entered in the Olympic Games Athletics competition, an athlete will be required to achieve the appropriate Qualification Standard in the event(s) in which he/she is entered. The Qualification Standards and relevant criteria shall be established by the IAAF in the year preceding the Olympic Games as follows:

- In March 2011 for the 10,000m, Marathon, Race Walk and Combined Events
- In November 2011 for all other events

##### 2. Qualification Period

Athletes must reach the standards as set by the IAAF during the following prescribed periods:

- 10,000m, Marathon, Race Walk and Combined Events: 1 January 2011 to 8 July 2012
- All other individual events: 1 October 2011 to 8 July 2012
- Relays: 1 January 2011 to 2 July 2012 (see 5.).

##### 3. Qualifying Events

All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations in conformity with IAAF Rules. Results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in the stadium, may be accepted under specific circumstances and conditions (see IAAF Rule 147). Wind-assisted performances will not be accepted. Hand timing performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m Relay will not be accepted. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m and longer, will be accepted. For the running events of 400m and over (including combined events), performances achieved on oversized tracks shall not be accepted.

##### 4. Marathon & Race Walk

A list of qualifying competitions for the Marathon and Race Walking events, which meet the IAAF's qualifying criteria, will be produced by the IAAF by 1 January 2011. The first 20 runners in the Men's Marathon and in the Women's Marathon in the World Championships in Athletics of Daegu (Republic of Korea) 2011 and the top 10 finishers at the IAAF Gold Label Marathons in 2011 and 2012 (held during the qualification period) will also be considered as having achieved the "A" qualification standard.

**5. Relays**

- a. There shall be a maximum of 16 qualified teams in each relay event, based on the aggregate of the two fastest times achieved by national teams in the qualification period of 1 January 2011 to 2 July 2012. For the results to be valid for qualification purposes, a minimum of three international teams must compete in the race.
- b. A total of six athletes may be entered for a relay team. Should an NOC have entered individual athletes and a relay team in the same distance, the entered individual athletes (including the eventual reserve) must be included in the total of six athletes entered for the relay events.
- c. The deadline for national relay teams to record qualifying performances for the Olympic Games Athletics competition is 2 July 2012. On 3 July 2012, the final rankings (top 16 teams) in each of the relays will be published on the IAAF website. The IAAF will inform the NOCs of each of these national teams of their eligibility to compete in the Olympic Games relay competitions.

**6. Non-Qualified Athletes**

- a. NOCs for which no male or no female athlete has reached the required qualification standard will be allowed to enter their best male athlete and their best female athlete in one athletic event each, with the exception of the Combined Events, 10,000m and 3000m Steeplechase.
- b. This applies equally to unqualified female entries from an NOC with qualified males, and vice versa.
- c. Acceptance of unqualified entries in Field Events will be at the discretion of the IAAF Technical Delegates, based on the technical standard of the athlete and the numbers of qualified athletes in the respective event. In order to allow the IAAF Technical Delegates to assess the technical level of athletes requesting entries through this process, applications must be submitted by NOCs to the IAAF by 15 June 2012. The application must specify the event in which the entry is requested and the proof of the technical level and international participation of the nominated athlete. The IAAF shall subsequently confirm, in writing to NOCs, with a copy to LOCOG and IOC Sport, the approval or otherwise of the entry of the specified athlete(s).

**7. Reserve Athletes**

Reserve athletes may be selected to replace another entered athlete up until the time of the Final Confirmation for the respective event. At that time, if the reserve athlete is confirmed, the accreditation status of the replaced athlete will be transferred to the confirmed athlete who will then have access to the Olympic Village, the Warm-Up Venue and the Olympic Stadium. At the same time, the replaced athlete shall leave the Olympic Village.

**E. Confirmation process for quota places****CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES**

NOCs shall enter all athletes to LOCOG by the Entry by Name deadline of 9 July 2012. The entry process will then be considered closed. These entries shall be verified and approved by LOCOG in liaison with the IAAF Technical Delegates.

**F. Reallocation of unused quota places****REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES**

Should an NOC confirm to the IAAF that they will not enter a qualified relay team, the place will be reallocated to the NOC with a relay team which has recorded the next fastest aggregate time in accordance with the IAAF's criteria for the qualification of relay teams.

**G. Qualification timeline**

DATE	MILESTONE
1 January 2011	- Start of the qualification period for 10,000m, Marathon, Race Walk, Combined and Relay events. - IAAF to confirm a list of qualifying competitions for the Marathon and Race Walking events.
31 March 2011	IAAF to confirm the qualification standards for the 10,000m, Marathon, Race Walk and Combined events. The standards will be distributed to all NOCs and NFs.
1 October 2011	Start of the qualification period for all other events.
30 November 2011	IAAF to confirm the qualification standards for all other events. The standards will be distributed to all NOCs and NFs.
15 June 2012	Deadline for NOCs wishing to enter unqualified athletes in the field events to apply to the IAAF for approval.
2 July 2012	End of qualification period for relay teams.
3 July 2012	IAAF to publish the list of 16 qualified teams for each relay event.
8 July 2012	Deadline for athletes to achieve the qualification standards in individual events
9 July 2012	IAAF to confirm in writing to LOCOG: - list of approved unqualified athletes in field events - list of qualified relay teams
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms