

Olympic Games Qualification System

The qualification period is between **14 July 2014** and **11 July 2016** based on positions within the Olympic Golf Rankings, which were created by the IGF specifically to determine the composition of the fields for the men's and women's Olympic competitions in Rio de Janeiro.

Athletes will be selected by name within the top-15 on the Olympic Golf Rankings except that there will be no more than four athletes from any one NOC within the top-15.

The balance of the 60 athletes in each competition will be selected by name in order from 16th place onwards on the Olympic Golf Rankings up to a maximum of 2 athletes per NOC (for those NOC's not already having more than 2 athletes within the top 15 of the Olympic Golf Rankings).

If not already qualified, the highest ranked athlete from the host NOC will be awarded a position by name.

If not already qualified, the highest ranked athlete from each continental region will be awarded a position by name.



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INTERNATIONAL GOLF FEDERATION

Golf

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Event (1)	Women's Event (1)
Men's Individual Stroke Play	Women's Individual Stroke Play

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Golf:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	59	1	0	60
Women	59	1	0	60
Total	118	2	0	120

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	4	Maximum 4 athletes per event if within Olympic Golf Ranking top-15 Otherwise maximum 2 athletes per event
Women	4	Maximum 4 athletes per event if within Olympic Golf Ranking top-15 Otherwise maximum 2 athletes per event
Total	8	

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

C. 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. This includes Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of Competitors).

Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes must:

- Be listed by name on the Olympic Golf Ranking at <http://www.igfgolf.org/> as of the 11 July 2016.
- Be in good standing with their National Association and the IGF.
- Be recognised or hold a valid license issued by his/her National Federation.



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The Women's and Men's Competitions will each be comprised of exactly 60 athletes respectively: 59 qualified through the Olympic Golf Rankings (OGR) and 1 Host Country place.

The Olympic Golf Ranking (OGR) is sanctioned by the IGF and listed at igfgolf.org. The OGR is issued every Monday following completion of the previous week's tournaments from around the world.

The Men's OGR recognises official prize money tournaments on the following Tours: PGA TOUR, European Tour, PGA TOUR of Australasia, Japan Golf Tour, Southern Africa Sunshine Tour, Asian Tour, Web.com Tour, European Challenge Tour, Korean Golf Tour, PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica and PGA TOUR China.

The Women's OGR recognises official prize money tournaments on the following Tours: Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA); Ladies European Tour (LET); Ladies Professional Golfers' Association of Japan (JLPGA); Korea Ladies Professional Golf Association (KLPGA); Australian Ladies Professional Golf (ALPG); Symetra Tour; Chinese Taipei Ladies Professional Golf Association (TLPGA) Tour; China Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour (CLPGA) and the Ladies European Access Series (LETAS) – as well as the Ladies' Golf Union (LGU), which administers the RICOH Women's British Open and the United States Golf Association (USGA) which conducts the U.S. Women's Open.

The OGR is calculated as follows: Each tournament earns a strength-of-field rating which determines how many ranking points will be awarded to top finishers. Points are awarded to players based on their finish positions in each event, with performances in stronger-field events earning more points in accordance with a points distribution table approved by the IGF.

Ranking points for each player accumulate over a two-year "rolling" period with the points awarded in the most recent 13-week period weighted at 100% of their original value. After the initial 13-week period, the points are devalued by 1.1% for each of the next 91 weeks before they drop entirely off the player's two-year record. Each player is then ranked according to his/her average number of points over the applicable two-year period, which is determined by dividing the total number of ranking points she/he has earned by the number of tournaments in which she/he has played during that time. There is a minimum divisor of 35 events for the Women's OGR over a two-year period. Whilst for the Men's OGR, there is a minimum divisor of 40 events and a maximum divisor of 52 events played over the rolling two-year period.

OGR ranking points to qualify for the Olympic Games, which are used to calculate the athlete's average number of points and the athlete's position on the OGR, can be earned during the period beginning 14 July 2014 and up to and including 11 July 2016.



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MEN/WOMEN

Number of Quota Places per Gender	Qualification Event
59	Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016 1- Athletes will first be selected by name within the top-15 on the Olympic Golf Rankings as of Monday, 11 July 2016 (following the conclusion of all eligible OGR events in the week immediately preceding), with no more than four (4) athletes per NOC. 2- Athletes will then be selected by name in order from 16th place onwards on the Olympic Golf Rankings as of Monday, 11 July 2016 (following the conclusion of all eligible OGR events in the week immediately preceding), up to a maximum of two (2) athletes per NOC and for NOCs not already having two (2) or more athletes within the top 15 on the Olympic Golf Rankings until the number of 59 athletes is reached, including continental places. 3- Each of the five (5) continents of the Olympic Movement will be guaranteed at least one (1) athlete in each of the Women's and Men's Competitions respectively, if not automatically qualified in accordance with the above (continental places). The continental places will be allocated to the highest ranked athlete(s) on the Olympic Golf Rankings from the continent(s) without representation.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed at least one (1) athlete in each of the Women's and Men's Competitions respectively, only if it does not qualify any athlete through the Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016. The athlete selected by name shall be the highest ranked athlete from the Host Country listed on the Olympic Golf Rankings. In the event there is no athlete from the Host Country listed on the Olympic Golf Rankings, the IGF will, in collaboration with the Host Country NOC, identify the athlete(s) to represent the Host Country.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The IGF will publish the current week's Olympic Golf Ranking at <http://www.igfgolf.org/> during the two-year qualification period prior to the qualification deadline. The qualification period will end on Monday 11 July 2016 and the IGF will publish the final Olympic Golf Rankings on Tuesday 12 July 2016, following the conclusion of all eligible OGR events in the week immediately preceding.

Upon publication of the final Olympic Golf Rankings, the IGF will send the confirmation of the quota places obtained in accordance with the qualification criteria outlined in Section D above to the respective NOCs, no later than Tuesday 12 July 2016 at 1700 US Eastern Time.

No later than Thursday, 14 July 2016 at 1700 US Eastern Time each NOC will confirm to the IGF the athlete places that they will use.

No later than Friday, 15 July 2016 at 1700 US Eastern Time will the IGF reallocate all unused quota places.



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F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, it will be reallocated to the highest ranked athlete by name on the Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016 not already qualified, and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event. No later than Friday, 15 July 2016 at 1700 US Eastern Time, the IGF will reallocate all unused quota places.

After 15 July 2016, and the final reallocation of unused quota, IGF will only reallocate an already confirmed quota place if an athlete is withdrawn by his/her NOC. Such replacement will only occur where there are urgent medical conditions preventing participation of an athlete, or otherwise on a case-by-case basis for exceptional circumstances.

The reallocation in this case will be based on a Reallocation Reserve List (by event) that IGF will publish on 12 July 2016. The Reallocation Reserve List is based on a continuation of the Olympic Golf Rankings and is calculated using the exact same criteria as per the qualification process. Such list clearly outlines, should an athlete withdraw, the next highest ranked athlete by name on the Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016 not already qualified and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event.

In the interest of ensuring a full playing field, every effort shall be made by the IGF to fulfil all quota places. Necessary reallocations will be made up until the time of the IGF Technical Meetings on Wednesday 10th August 2016 (men's competition) or Tuesday 16th August 2016 (women's competition).

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated by name, to the highest ranked athlete by name on the Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016 not already qualified and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event, no later than Friday, 15 July 2016 at 1700 US Eastern Time.

After 15 July 2016, and the final reallocation of unused quota, reallocation will be based on the Reallocation Reserve List (by event) that IGF will publish as of 12 July 2016, as outlined in the section above.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
14 July 2014 – 11 July 2016	Qualification period to earn OGR ranking points
11 July 2016	End of Olympic Golf Rankings qualification period
12 July 2016	Olympic Golf Rankings published & IGF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
14 July 2016	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to IGF
15 July 2016	IGF to reallocate all unused quota places
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries Deadline
10 August 2016	End of reallocation for the men's competition
16 August 2016	End of reallocation for the women's competition