

The XXIX Olympic Games
Beijing, China 8 - 24 August 2008
1. EVENTS

Type	Male	Female
Track	100m 200m 400m 800m 1500m 5000m 10.000m 110m Hurdles 400m Hurdles 3000m Steeplechase 4 x 100m Relay 4 x 400m Relay	100m 200m 400m 800m 1500m 5000m 10.000m 100m Hurdles 400m Hurdles 3000m Steeplechase 4 x 100m Relay 4 x 400m Relay
Field	High Jump Pole Vault Long Jump Triple Jump Shot Put Discus Throw Hammer Throw Javelin Throw	High Jump Pole Vault Long Jump Triple Jump Shot Put Discus Throw Hammer Throw Javelin Throw
Combined	Decathlon (100m, Long Jump, Shot Put, High Jump, 400m, 110m Hurdles, Discus, Pole Vault, Javelin, 1500m)	Heptathlon (100m Hurdles, High Jump, Shot Put, 200m, Long Jump, Javelin, 800m)
Road	20km Race Walk 50km Race Walk Marathon	20km Race Walk Marathon

2. ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

- **2.1 Athlete quota:**
1100 men
900 women
Total of 2000 athletes (targeted number)
- **2.2 Maximum per NOC: Individual events**
An NOC may enter a maximum of 3 qualified athletes in each individual event if all entered athletes meet the A qualification standard for the respective event, or 1 athlete per event if they have met the B qualification standard only.

- **2.3 Relay events**
An NOC may enter a maximum of 1 qualified relay team in each relay event, with a maximum of 6 qualified athletes in accordance with IAAF Rule 170.17. Should an NOC have entered individual athletes and a relay team in the same distance, the entered individual athletes must be included in the total of 6 athletes entered for the relay events.
- **2.4 NOCs without qualified athletes**
NOCs without qualified athletes may enter a maximum of 1 male and 1 female in accordance with the specifications of the qualification system.

3. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

- **3.1 Qualification period**
Athletes must reach the qualification standards as set by the IAAF for each event from 1 January 2007 (1 September 2006 for marathon events, combined events and race walking events) until 23 July 2008 for individual events and from 1 January 2007 until 16 July 2008 for relay events in order to be eligible to participate in the athletic events of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

The NOCs must submit the names of all their athletes (even if they did not achieve their qualifying performances) on the official entry forms to the Organising Committee for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games by 23 July 2008. The entry process will then be considered closed.

In athletics, in the specific case that an athlete who has not reached the minimum qualification standard before this date reaches it between 23 and 30 July 2008, the NOC, if it so wishes, may make a request to the IOC in order that this athlete may be considered for entry. The request must be submitted by 31 July 2008 at the latest. The IOC will, in consultation with the IAAF, then evaluate each case specifically.

The final implementation of this system will be confirmed to NOCs in due course.

- **3.2 'A' qualifying standard - individuals**
The 'A' qualifying standard for individual events will be the more difficult standard. NOCs may enter more than 1 athlete, and a maximum of 3 athletes, per event only if all have met the 'A' qualifying standard. This qualification standard must be met between 1 January 2007 and 23 July 2008, with the exception of marathon events, combined events and race walking events, for which the qualification standard must be met between 1 September 2006 and 23 July 2008. These standards will be published by 1 December 2006.
- **3.3 'B' qualifying standard - individuals**
NOCs may enter a maximum of 1 qualified athlete per event if he/she has met the 'B' qualifying standard. This standard must be met between 1 January 2007 and 23 July 2008, with the exception of marathon events, combined events and race walking events, for which the qualification standard must be met between 1 September 2006 and 23 July 2008. These standards will be published by 1 December 2006.

- **3.4 Relay teams**

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 at IAAF recognised international events in the qualification period of 1 January 2007 to 16 July 2008. A total of 6 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 must be included in the total of 6 athletes entered for the relay events.

- **3.5 NOCs without qualified athletes**

NOCs for which no male or no female athlete has reached the required qualification standards will be allowed to enter their best male athlete and their best female athlete for 1 athletic event each, with the exception of the combined events, 10.000m and 3.000m steeplechase. This applies equally to unqualified female entries from an NOC with qualified males, and vice versa.

Athletes from NOCs which have requested such entries may reach the specified qualification standards between 30 June 2008 and 23 July 2008, in which case they would no longer be entitled to enter additional unqualified entries in the gender of the qualified athlete.

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. The athletes concerned must be competitive at international level, proven through participation at recognised IAAF international events.

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 30 June 2008 on the appropriate IAAF form. 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 Technical Delegates will confirm by 23 July 2008, in writing to NOCs the approval or otherwise of the entry of the specified athlete(s).

- **3.6 Ages**

For the Marathon Races and 50 km Walk Men, senior athletes only (any athlete aged 20 years and over on 31 December 2008) will be accepted.

Junior athletes (any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2008) may compete in any event except the Marathon Races and the 50km Race Walk.

Youth athletes (any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2008) may compete in any event except the Throws, Decathlon, 10.000m, Marathon and Race Walking.

Athletes younger than 16 years of age on 31 December 2008 CANNOT be entered in any event.

- **3.7 Reserve Alternate Athletes**

Should an NOC have 4 or more athletes who have reached the 'A' standard in a particular event, the NOC may nominate 3 athletes on 23 July 2008 to be accredited for the event, and also nominate a 4th athlete who would be considered as a reserve (alternate). This reserve could be selected to replace an entered athlete until the time of the technical meeting for the respective event, one day prior to the first competition in the event, and the accreditation status of the replaced athlete transferred to the newly entered athlete.

Should an NOC have 2 or more athletes who have reached the 'B' standard in a particular event, the NOC may nominate 1 athlete on 23 July 2008 to be accredited for the event, and also nominate a 2nd athlete who would be considered as a reserve (alternate). This reserve could be selected to replace an entered athlete until the time of the technical meeting for the respective event, one day prior to the first competition in the event, and the accreditation status of the replaced athlete transferred to the newly entered athlete.

- **3.8 Qualification events**

3.8.1 All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations and its National Member Federations.

3.8.2 Results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.

3.8.3 Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in the stadium, will not be accepted (see IAAF Rule 147).

3.8.4 Wind-assisted performances will not be accepted.

3.8.5 Hand timing performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m Hurdles and 400m Hurdles will not be accepted.

3.8.6 Indoor performances will be accepted.

3.8.7 A list of qualifying competitions for the [Marathons](#), the [Relays](#) and [Race Walking Events](#), which meet with the IAAF's qualifying criteria, will be produced and approved by IAAF by 1 February 2007 for the 2007 events and 1 February 2008 for the 2008 events.

3.8.8 The first 20 runners in the Men's Marathon and in the Women's Marathon in the World Championships in Athletics of Osaka 2007 will be considered as having met 'A' qualification standard.

4. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

- **1 September 2006**
Start of the period during which qualification standards for marathon events, combined events and race walk events may be achieved
- **1 December 2006**
IAAF to confirm the qualification standards for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games to be distributed to all NOCs and NFs
- **1 January 2007**
Start of the period during which qualification standards for individual and relay events may be achieved
- **1 February 2007**
Publication of the qualifying events for marathon, relay and walk for the 2007 season
- **1 February 2008**
Publication of the qualifying events for marathon, relay and walk for the 2008 season
- **30 June 2008**
Deadline for NOCs without qualified athletes to apply to the IAAF for entry places
- **16 July 2008**
End of qualification period of relay teams
- **23 July 2008**
IAAF to confirm in writing to NOCs and BOCOG approval of entries from nations without qualified athletes
- **23 July 2008**
IAAF to confirm in writing the list of 16 qualified teams for each relay event
- **23 July 2008**
NOCs to confirm to IAAF the use of their qualified relay entry positions
- **23 July 2008**
Deadline for athletes meeting qualification standards in individual events
- **23 July 2008**
Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs
- **31 July 2008**
Deadline for NOCs to make a request to the IOC that an athlete reaching the minimum qualification standard between 23 and 30 July 2008 be considered for entry.

5. DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

- **Individual events**

NOCs shall enter qualified athletes to BOCOG by the Entry by Name deadline of 23 July 2008. The entry process will then be considered closed. These entries shall be verified and approved by BOCOG in liaison with IAAF Technical Delegates.

In athletics, in the specific case that an athlete who has not reached the minimum qualification standard before this date reaches it between 23 and 30 July 2008, the NOC, if it so wishes, may make a request to the IOC in order that this athlete may be considered for entry. The request must be submitted by 31 July 2008 at the latest. The IOC will, in consultation with the IAAF, then evaluate each case specifically.

- **Relay Events**

Following the qualification deadline of 16 July 2008, the IAAF will confirm the list of 16 qualified teams for each relay event.

Should an NOC confirm to IAAF that they will not enter a qualified relay team, the qualification place will be reallocated to the NOC with a relay team which has recorded the next fastest time in an official IAAF international event in the specified period.

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Event	A	B
100 Metres	10.21	10.28
200 Metres	20.59	20.75
400 Metres	45.55	45.95
800 Metres	1:46.00	1:47.60
1500 Metres	3:36.60	3:39.00
5000 Metres	13:21.50	13:28.00
10,000 Metres	27:50.00	28:10.00
Marathon	2:15:00	2:18:00
3000 Metres Steeplechase	8:24.60	8:32.00
110 Metres Hurdles	13.55	13.72
400 Metres Hurdles	49.20	49.50
20 Kilometres Race Walk	1:23:00	1:24:30
50 Kilometres Race Walk	4:00:00	4:07:00
Decathlon	8000pts	7700pts
High Jump	2.30	2.27
Pole Vault	5.70	5.55

Long Jump	8.20	8.05
Triple Jump	17.10	16.80
Shot Put	20.30	19.80
Discus Throw	64.50	62.50
Hammer Throw	78.50	74.00
Javelin Throw	81.80	77.80
4x100 Metres Relay	Best 16 National Teams	
4x400 Metres Relay	Best 16 National Teams	

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6. QUALIFICATION STANDARDS - WOMEN

Event	A	B
100 Metres	11.32	11.42
200 Metres	23.00	23.20
400 Metres	51.55	52.35
800 Metres	2:00.00	2:01.30
1500 Metres	4:07.00	4:08.00
5000 Metres	15:09.00	15:24.00
10,000 Metres	31:45.00	32:20.00
Marathon	2:37:00	2:42.00
3000 Metres Steeplechase	9:46.00	9:55.00
100 Metres Hurdles	12.96	13.11
400 Metres Hurdles	55.60	56.50
20 Kilometres Race Walk	1:33:30	1:38:00
Heptathlon	6000pts	5800pts
High Jump	1.95	1.91
Pole Vault	4.45	4.30
Long Jump	6.72	6.60
Triple Jump	14.20	14.00
Shot Put	18.35	17.20
Discus Throw	61.00	59.00
Hammer Throw	69.50	67.00
Javelin Throw	60.50	56.00
4x100 Metres Relay	Best 16 National Teams	
4x400 Metres Relay	Best 16 National Teams	

