



FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE NATATION

Water Polo

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Event (1)	Women's Event (1)
12-team tournament	8-team tournament

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Water Polo:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	143 (11 teams)	13 (1 team)	156 (12 teams)
Women	91 (7 teams)	13 (1 team)	104 (8 teams)
Total	234 (18 teams)	26 (2 teams)	260 (20 teams)

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	13 (1 team)
Women	13 (1 team)
Total	26 (2 teams)

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.



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Additional IF Requirements:

Only the athletes who are eligible to participate at the official FINA Competitions, in accordance with the [FINA Rules](#), are entitled to participate in the Olympic Games.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in chronological order of qualification.

MEN

Number of Team Quota Places	Qualification Events
1 place	2015 World League The best ranked NOC from the 2015 World League will obtain a quota place. (FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.1.2)
2 places	16th FINA World Championships – Kazan 2015 The first two (2) best ranked NOCs from the 2015 World Championships will each obtain a quota place. If any one of these two (2) NOCs has already qualified from the 2015 World League (BL 9.3.10.1.2), the next best ranked NOC from the World Championships will obtain a quota place. (FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.1.3)
5 places	Continental Championships The best ranked NOC in each of the five (5) Continental Championships will each obtain a quota place. Should any of these NOCs have already obtained a quota place at the 2015 World League (BL 9.3.10.1.2) or at the 2015 World Championships (BL 9.3.10.1.3), then the next best ranked NOC from the respective continental championships will obtain a quota place. (FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.1.4) Should any of the Continental Championships not take place, a game may be organised to determine which NOC would represent the specific Continent. Should there only be one representative from a specific continent, this NOC will obtain a quota place.
1 place	Host Country The Host Country NOC will automatically obtain a quota place. (FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.1.5)
3 places	Olympic Games Qualification Tournament The three (3) best ranked NOCs at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament will each obtain a quota place. (FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.1.6)



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WOMEN

Number of Team Quota Places	Qualification Events
5 places	<p>Continental Championships/Host Country The best ranked NOC in each of the five (5) Continental Championships will each obtain a quota place except for the Host Country NOC which will be the representative of the Americas Continent (FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.3.2)</p> <p>Should any of the Continental Championships not take place, a game may be organised to determine which NOC would represent the specific Continent.</p> <p>Should there only be one representative from a specific continent, this NOC will obtain a quota place.</p>
3 places	<p>Olympic Games Qualification Tournament The three (3) best ranked NOCs at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament will each obtain a quota place.(FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.3.3)</p>

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) team quota place per gender.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, FINA will publish the results on its website (<http://www.fina.org/>) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have 21 days to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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Any unused quota places will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOCs according to the ranking of the Men's Olympic Games Qualification Tournament (FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.1.7) or the Women's Olympic Games Qualification Tournament (FINA Rule BL 9.3.10.3.4).



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REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Any unused Host Country quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC according to the ranking of the Continental Championships (for Americas)

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
June 2015	2015 FINA Water Polo World League
24 July 2015 – 9 August 2015	2015 FINA World Championships, Kazan (RUS)
7 - 15 August 2015	Americas – Pan Am Games, Toronto (CAN)
31 August 2015	FINA to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
21 September 2015	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to FINA
19 October 2015	Oceania – Continental Selection
16 - 20 December 2015	Asia – Qualification Tournament, Fushan (CHN)
10 - 23 January 2016	Europe – European Championships, Belgrade (SRB)
21 – 28 March 2016	Women's Olympic Games Qualification Tournament in Gouda (NED)
21 – 28 March 2016	Africa – Continental Selection (Women)
3 – 10 April 2016	Men's Olympic Games Qualification Tournament in Trieste (ITA)
3 – 10 April 2016	Africa – Continental Selection (Men)
22 April 2016	FINA to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
13 May 2016	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to FINA
21 May 2016	FINA to reallocate all unused quota places
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline