



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020

BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION (BWF)

Badminton

A. EVENTS (5)

Men's Events (2)	Women's Events (2)	Mixed Event (1)
Singles Doubles	Singles Doubles	Mixed Doubles

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Badminton:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	82	1	3	86
Women	82	1	3	86
Total	164	2	6	172

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC (across all 5 events):

	Quota per NOC
Men	8
Women	8
Total	16

NOC event specific quota:

	Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists as of 4 th May 2021	Maximum Quota Places per event
Singles	If all athletes are ranked 1 - 16	2 Quota Places (2 athletes)
	If one (1) athlete is included in the BWF Ranking	1 Quota Place (1 athlete)
Doubles	If all pairs are ranked 1 - 8	2 Quota Places (4 athletes)
	If one (1) is included in the BWF Ranking	1 Quota Place (2 athletes)



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3. Number of athletes per event

	Initial Number of Athletes per Event*
Men's Singles	38
Women's Singles	38
Men's Doubles	32 (16 pairs)
Women's Doubles	32 (16 pairs)
Mixed Doubles	32 (16 pairs)
Total	172

*Before reallocation of quota places to Singles for athletes participating in both Singles and Doubles events

4. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

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

If an NOC has more athletes/pairs qualified in any event than its entitled number of Quota Places, according to the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists as 4 May 2021, the NOC can decide to decline a Quota Place allocated to the highest ranked athlete/pair and choose a lower ranked eligible athlete/pair during the different phases of reallocation of Quota Places, as detailed in paragraph **F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places**. The NOC will however not be able to enter a declined athlete/pair at the time of final entries, should the lower ranked athlete/pair become unavailable

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) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Additional IF Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, all athletes (including athletes receiving Tripartite Commission Invitation Places) must have played in a minimum of three (3) tournaments in their respective event counting towards the World Ranking Lists during the Olympic qualifying periods (29 April 2019-15 March 2020 & 4 January 2021-2 May 2021) and be registered in the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 4 May 2021.



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

MEN / WOMEN / MIXED

The Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 4 May 2021 will be used to allocate the athletes Quota Places in Men's and Women's Singles, and Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles. Each list will be based on results achieved during the period 29 April 2019 to 15 March 2020 & 4 January 2021 - 2 May 2021. Participation in any of the following events will count towards the respective Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists during the qualification period:

For period 29 April 2019 to 15 March 2020 – any of the following tournaments:

- Thomas & Uber Cup
- Sudirman Cup
- World Championships
- Grade 2 BWF tour tournaments – Levels 1 to 6
- Grade 3 BWF Continental tour tournaments - International Challenge, International Series & Future Series
- Continental Championships (individual and team)
- Continental Multi sports games – Pan America Games, European Games, and African Games
- Any other international event sanctioned by BWF and included in advance and with BWF approval as being part of the World Ranking Lists

For period 4 January 2021 to 2 May 2021 – the following eligible tournaments if hosted within the period*:

TOURNAMENT	CATEGORY/LEVEL	HOST
Lingshui China Masters 2021	Grade 2 – Level 6	CHN
German Open 2021	Grade 2 – Level 5	GER
Portuguese International Championships 2021	Grade 3 – International Series	POR
KaBaL International Karviná 2021	Grade 3 – International Series	CZE
Swiss Open 2021	Grade 2 – Level 5	SUI
Giraldilla 2021	Grade 3 – Future Series	CUB
North Harbour International 2021	Grade 3 – Future Series	NZL
Vietnam International Challenge 2021	Grade 3 – International Challenge	VIE
Orleans Masters 2021	Grade 2 – Level 6	FRA
India Open 2021	Grade 2 – Level 4	IND
Waikato International 2021	Grade 3 – International Series	NZL
Polish Open 2021	Grade 3 – International Challenge	POL
Canadian International Challenge 2021	Grade 3 – International Challenge	CAN
Malaysia Open 2021	Grade 2 – Level 3	MAS
Osaka International Challenge 2021	Grade 3 – International Challenge	JPN
Finnish Open 2021	Grade 3 – International Challenge	FIN
Singapore Open 2021	Grade 2 – Level 4	SIN
Dutch International 2021	Grade 3 – International Series	NED
Croatian International 2021	Grade 3 – Future Series	CRO
Peru International 2021	Grade 3 – International Series	PER
2021 European Championships	Continental Individual Championships	
Badminton Asia Championships 2021	Continental Individual Championships	
Pan Am Individual Championships 2021	Continental Individual Championships	



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- Badminton Asia Team Championships 2021**

* Some of the listed eligible tournaments may not be hosted within the period 4 January 2021 to 2 May 2021, but no replacement tournaments will then be included. If they are hosted at a later date outside of the extended qualification period they will not be included in the Race to Tokyo rankings.

** Only players from China Badminton Association and Hong Kong Badminton Association will be awarded points in the men's and women's singles and doubles events but not the mixed doubles event from the Badminton Asia Team Championships 2021 as these players were deprived of the option to play in the 2020 Badminton Asia Team Championships due to the COVID-19 situation.

BWF will allocate quota places satisfying the following principles:

- Allocation of Qualification Places (see section "Qualification Places" for Singles and Doubles")
- Allocation of Host Country Places in singles from World Ranking Lists or as notified from the Host Country before 12 May 2021 (see section "Host Country Places")
- Allocation of Tripartite Places in singles (see section "Tripartite Commission Invitation Places")
- Allocation of Continental Confederation Places (see section "Qualification Places" for Singles and Doubles")



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Singles

Number of Individual Quota Places	Qualification Event
<p>68 Men's: 34 Women's: 34</p>	<p><u>BWF Race to Tokyo Ranking list of 4 May 2021</u></p> <p>The BWF Race to Tokyo Ranking List of 4 May 2021 will be used to allocate 34 individual quota places per gender to the highest ranked athletes, respecting the maximum quota allocation per NOC per event.</p> <p>The 34 quota places will include the Continental Representation Places.</p> <p>In each singles event, there shall be at least one (1) athlete from each of the five (5) BWF Continental Confederations (Continental Representation Places). If for a particular Continental Confederation there is no singles athlete qualified in an event, the athlete selected for Continental Representation Place shall be the highest ranked athlete in the BWF Race to Tokyo ranking list of 4 May 2021 from the respective continent.</p> <p>An athlete receiving a Tripartite Commission Invitation place shall be considered as the athlete satisfying the minimum continental representation in a specific Singles event.</p> <p>An athlete receiving a Host Country Place shall not be considered as satisfying the minimum continental representation in a specific Singles event.</p> <p>Considering qualification in all events, no NOC can qualify athletes/pairs in more than two (2) events through the Continental Representation Place system. If an NOC has athletes/pairs eligible in more than two (2) events, then the NOC must choose which athletes/pairs are qualified and the athlete/pair Quota Place declined will be offered to the next eligible athlete/pair. The NOC's choice will be considered as final.</p> <p>If an athlete qualifies (and is selected) in more than one (1) event, then the resulting unused athlete Quota Place will be allocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete of the same gender in the singles event on the BWF Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 4 May 2021. The offer of this Quota Place will however be conditional on the athlete who is qualified in more than one (1) events being confirmed and entered by his/her NOC in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.</p>

Doubles

Number of Pairs Quota Places	Qualification Event
<p>48 pairs</p> <p>Men's Doubles: 16 (32 athletes)</p> <p>Women's Doubles: 16 (32 athletes)</p>	<p>The Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 4 May 2021 will be used to allocate 48 Pairs Quota Places, to the 16 highest ranked pairs in each event, respecting the maximum quota allocation per NOC per event. The 48 pairs Quota Places will include the allocation of Continental Representation Places.</p> <p>In each doubles event there shall be at least one (1) pair from each of the five (5) BWF Continental Confederations (Continental Representation Place), which</p>



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Mixed Doubles: 16 (32 athletes)	<p>shall be the highest ranked pair in the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 4 May 2021 from the respective.</p> <p>Continent, provided the pair is ranked 50 or above (ranked between 1-50) in the BWF Race to Tokyo Ranking list of 4 May 2021.</p> <p>Considering qualification in all events, no NOC can qualify athletes/pairs in more than two events through the Continental Representation Place system. If a NOC have athletes/pairs eligible in more than two (2) events, then the NOC must choose which athletes/pairs are qualified and the athlete/pair Quota Place declined will be offered to the next eligible athlete/pair. The NOC's choice will be considered as final.</p> <p>If an athlete qualifies (and is selected) in more than one (1) event, then the unused athlete quota place will be allocated to the next highest ranked athlete of the same gender in the singles event on the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 4 May 2021. The offer of this Quota Place will however be conditional on the athlete who is qualified in more than one (1) events being confirmed and entered by his/her NOC in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.</p>
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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host NOC (Japan) is entitled to one (1) Host Country Place in Men's Singles and one (1) Host Country Place in Women's Singles should the Host Country not qualify any quota place in each Singles event.

Qualification of doubles pair(s) through the Race to Tokyo Ranking List of 4 May 2021 as per the process described under Qualification Places shall not prevent the Host NOC from using the two (2) Host Country places in Singles.

The athletes receiving Host Country Places will be the highest ranked athlete(s) on the respective Single's Race to Tokyo Ranking List(s) of 4 May 2021. If there is no Host NOC athlete on the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists, the NOC will choose and confirm the respective athletes to BWF, at the latest by 12 May 2021.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Six (6) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available to eligible NOCs at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020: three (3) in the Men's Singles and three (3) in the Women's Singles.

On 14 October 2019, the International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2020. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the concerned sport.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the "*Games of the XXXII Olympiad, Tokyo 2020 - Olympic Games Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations*".



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E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The list of initially qualified athletes/pairs for each event (including Continental Representation Places, Host Country Places and Tripartite Commission Invitation Places) will be published as part of the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 4 May 2021 at (www.bwfbadminton.org). BWF will inform the respective NOCs/National Federations of their allocated quota places by no later than 14 May 2021.

NOCs will then have two (2) weeks, until 28 May 2021 to confirm that they will use the quota places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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If an allocated Quota Place (except for those pertaining to Continental Representation Places) is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline (28 May 2021) or is declined by the NOC, the Quota Place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete/pair according to the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 4 May 2021, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games. This process will be repeated in different phases until the Quota Places have been filled for each event and gender and the confirmation deadlines for the reallocation phases will be decided by BWF at its sole discretion.

If an NOC declines an athlete/pair's quota place in the first allocation phase, and then accepts a quota place for a lower ranked eligible athlete/pair in the reallocation phase, it will not be possible to enter the first athlete/pair at the time of final entries, should the lower ranked pair become unavailable.

If an allocated quota place for the purpose of Continental Representation Places is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of Quota Place deadline (28 May 2021) or is declined by the NOC, the Quota Place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete/pair according to the Race to Tokyo Ranking List of 4 May 2021, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games, from that same Continental Confederation. This process will be repeated until the Quota Places has been filled for each respective Continental Confederation in the respective event/gender. If no athlete/pair is eligible for the Continental Confederation Places then the Quota Place will be allocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete/pair according to the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 4 May 2021.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host NOC does not confirm the Host Country Places by the deadline 28 May 2021 then such unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete according to the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 4 May 2021, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games. The process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.



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REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, it will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete of the same gender according to the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 4 May 2021, who has not yet qualified, from the same continent in case Continental Representation is affected, for the Olympic Games. Should the rejection of the Tripartite Commission Invitation Place not affect the continental representation, the highest ranked disregarding the continent will obtain the quota place. The process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
29 April 2019 to 15 March 2020 & 4 January 2021 to 2 May 2021	Ranking Periods for the Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists
TBD*	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
15 March 2020 2 May 2021	End of first qualification period End of second qualification period
4 May 2021	Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists published
12 May 2021	Deadline for the Host Country to confirm in writing Host Country Places to BWF
TBD*	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
14 May 2021	BWF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
28 May 2021	NOCs to confirm in writing the use of allocated quota places to BWF
By 5 July 2021	BWF to reallocate all unused quota places. Reallocation of Quota Places due to athletes qualified in more than one event will be conditional on the athletes qualified in more than one event will not become unavailable.
5 July 2021	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline
23 July – 8 August 2021	Olympic Games Tokyo 2020