



**GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD RIO 2016**  
**Rio de Janeiro, BRA**  
**12-21 August 2016 (Athletics)**

**Qualification System and Entry Standards**

*Please also refer to the "Approved Qualification Systems for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games" published by the IOC in April 2014.*

**INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES**

**An athlete can qualify in one of two ways**

- Achieve the entry standard within the qualification period
- Be invited by the IAAF as the best ranked athlete(s) at the end of the qualification period to fill the remaining quota places by event, and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event. For this purpose, for each individual event, the IAAF shall publish, on 12 July 2016, specific "IAAF World Ranking Lists for Olympic Games Qualification" with the athletes who have achieved the best performances in the respective qualification periods.

NB: Qualification in the 5000m, 10,000m and Road Events (Race Walks and Marathon) will be administered by entry standards only (and not by invitation).

**Quota Places by Event**

Events	Target Number
100m <i>(after Preliminary Round for unqualified athletes)</i>	56
200m	56
400m, 800m	48
1500m, 3000mSC	45
100mH, 110mH, 400mH	40
Field Events, Combined Events	32
5000m, 10,000m, Marathon, Race Walks	Entries administered by Entry Standard only – no invitation by rankings

**Qualification events**

- All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National 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 competitions in track events will not be accepted. Exceptionally, in accordance with IAAF Rule 147, performances achieved in events of 5000m and 10,000m may be accepted in circumstances where there were insufficient athletes of one or both genders competing to justify the conduct of separate races and there was no pacing or assistance given by an athlete(s) of one gender to an athlete(s) of the other gender.
  - **Wind-assisted** performances will not be accepted.

- Hand timing performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m Relay will not be accepted.
- **Indoor performances** for all field events and for races of 200m and longer, will be accepted.
- For the running events of 200m and over (including combined events), performances achieved on **oversized tracks** shall not be accepted.
- For the Race Walks, track performances (20,000m or 50,000m) shall be accepted.
- In the case of **Marathons & Race Walks**, performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course certified by the IAAF and conducted in accordance with IAAF Rules.
  - In the case of Race Walks, performances achieved at Race Walk Events staged at International Competitions defined under IAAF Rule 1.1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) or (j) are valid towards the achievement of the Entry Standards providing the following conditions (where applicable) are respected:
    - the course is (or will be) measured by an IAAF/AIMS Grade “A” or “B” International Road Race Course Measurer;
    - a minimum of 3 International or Area Race Walking Judges are on duty.
  - Performances achieved at International Competitions defined under IAAF Rule 1.1 (i), or at National Competitions, are valid towards the achievement of the Entry Standards ONLY if the Member Federation concerned submits a specific application to the IAAF. The application letter, indicating the date, venue and programme of events of the Competition, must confirm that the above conditions will be respected. Applications for 2015 that have already been submitted for the Beijing World Championships do not need to be submitted again and are listed on the IAAF website. Applications for National Permit competitions which are held after 10 August 2015 (end of Beijing 2015 qualification period) and in 2016, to be added to the list of qualifying opportunities, must be submitted to the IAAF using the application form provided before the race is conducted. The contact person for any matters related to qualifying race walk courses is Mr Carlo de Angeli, IAAF Competitions Senior Manager: [carlo.de-angeli@iaaf.org](mailto:carlo.de-angeli@iaaf.org)
- The first 20 runners in the Men’s Marathon and in the Women’s Marathon in the IAAF World Championships Beijing 2015 and the top 10 finishers at the IAAF Gold Label Marathons in 2015 and 2016 (held during the qualification period) will also be considered as having achieved the entry standard.

**Entry Standards** (as approved by IAAF Council in April 2015)

WOMEN	EVENT	MEN
11.32	100m	10.16
23.20	200m	20.50
52.00	400m	45.40
2:01.00	800m	1:45.80
4:06.00	1500m	3:36.00
15:20.00	5000m	13:25.00
32:15.00	10,000m	28:00.00

2:42:00	Marathon	2:17:00
9:45.00	3000m SC	8:28.00
13.00	100mH/110m H	13.47
56.20	400m H	49.40
1.94	High Jump	2.29
4.50	Pole Vault	5.70
6.70	Long Jump	8.15
14.20	Triple Jump	16.90
17.80	Shot Put	20.50
61.00	Discus Throw	66.00
71.00	Hammer Throw	78.00
62.00	Javelin Throw	83.00
6200	Heptathlon/Decathlon	8100
1:35:00	20km Race Walk	1:24:00
	50km Race Walk	4:03:00

*The Entry Standards may be subject to revision, if necessary, in November 2015.*

#### **Qualification period**

- 10,000m, Marathon, Race Walk and Combined Events: 1 January 2015 to 11 July 2016
- All other events: 1 May 2015 to 11 July 2016

#### **Unqualified Athletes**

- NOCs with no male or female qualified athlete or relay team 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.
- This applies equally to unqualified female entries from an NOC with qualified males, and vice versa.
- Acceptance of unqualified entries in Field Events and Road 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 such athletes, a specific application form indicating the event in which the entry is requested and the proof of the technical level and international participation of the nominated athlete must be submitted to the IAAF. The IAAF shall subsequently confirm, in writing to NOCs, with a copy to the Rio 2016 Sport Entries Department, the approval or otherwise of the entry of the specified athlete(s).
- The application forms of all unqualified athletes must be submitted by NOCs to the IAAF no later than 4 July 2016.

#### **RELAY TEAMS**

##### **A relay team can qualify in one of two ways**

- Finish among the first eight placed teams at the IAAF World Relays Bahamas 2015
- Be invited by the IAAF as the best ranked teams to fill the remaining quota places by event according to IAAF World Ranking List of 12 July 2016 based on the aggregate of the two fastest times achieved by national teams in the qualification period. For the results to be valid for qualification purposes, a minimum of two different international teams, representing at least two countries, must compete in the race.

The IAAF will inform the NOCs of each of these national teams of their eligibility to compete in the Olympic Games relay competitions.

**Quota Places by Event**

There shall be a maximum of 16 qualified teams in each relay event.

**Qualification period:** Teams must record the two fastest times during the following prescribed period:

- 1 January 2015 to 11 July 2016