

IBAF – Baseball

Men

EVENT (1)	Men (1) 8 team tournament	
ATHLETE QUOTA	TOTAL (Men)	192 (8 teams x 24 athletes)
MAXIMUM PER NOC	1 team of 24 athletes	

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES - MEN

Event	Qualification	Total
Qualifying Tournaments	Places will be attributed at qualifying tournaments as follows:	
	Americas The first 2 teams qualify	2 teams
	Asia The first team (other than the Host nation) qualifies	1 team
	Europe The first team qualifies	1 team
	Final Olympic Qualifying Tournament The first three teams qualify. Participants are as follows: Oceania Champion, Africa Champion, 3 rd and 4 th from Americas Qualifying Tournament, 2 nd and 3 rd from Asian Qualifying Tournament (or 3 rd and 4 th places should China win or finish second in that Tournament, or 2 nd and 4 th places should China finish third in that Tournament) and 2 nd and 3 rd from European Qualifying Tournament	3 teams
Host nation	The host nation will directly qualify	1 team
Total	Men	8 teams

International Baseball Federation (IBAF)

EVENT

8-team tournament for men

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota: 8 teams of 24 players
Total of 192 athletes

Maximum per NOC: 1 team of 24 players

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Host nation

1 place is reserved for the host nation 1

Qualifying Tournaments

Americas 2

The **2006 Americas Olympic Qualifying Tournament** will be a competition of twelve (12) teams, from which two (2) teams will qualify to participate in the 2008 Olympic Baseball Tournament. The 12 teams eligible to compete in this Qualifying Tournament were determined at three zonal tournaments in October/November 2005, four teams qualifying from each tournament.

Asia 1

The **2007 Asian Olympic Qualifying Tournament** will be a competition of six (6) teams, from which one (1) team will qualify to participate in the 2008 Olympic Baseball Tournament. Should China, as Olympic Games host nation, win this Qualifying Tournament, the team finishing in second place shall qualify for the Olympic Games.

Those teams finishing in the first four places at the preceding Asian Championships are eligible to compete in this Qualifying Tournament. The remaining two of the six teams eligible to compete in this Qualifying Tournament will be determined at the 2007 Asian Cup, B Category.

Europe 1

The **2007 European Olympic Qualifying Tournament** will be a competition of twelve (12) teams, from which one (1) team will qualify to participate in the 2008 Olympic Baseball Tournament.

Those teams finishing in the first ten places at the preceding European Championships, A category, are eligible to compete in this Qualifying Tournament. The remaining two of the 12 teams eligible to compete in this Qualifying Tournament will be determined at the 2006 European Championships, B category.

Final Olympic Qualifying Tournament (*) 3

The final three qualifying places will be determined through a competition of the following eight (8) teams: 2007 Oceania Champion, 2007 Africa Champion, 3rd and 4th places from the 2006 Americas Olympic Qualifying Tournament. 2nd and 3rd places from the 2007 Asian Olympic Qualifying Tournament (or 3rd and 4th places should China win or finish second in that Tournament, or 2nd and 4th places should China finish third in that Tournament) and 2nd and 3rd places from the 2007 European Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

Total 8

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

7-16 October 2005	Caribbean Zone, 17 teams, played in San Juan, PUR
13-23 November 2005	North and Central America Zone, 6 teams, played in Arizona, USA
18-27 November 2005	South America Zone, 6 teams, played in Guayaquil, ECU
July-August 2006	European Championship B category, group 1, 12 teams, played in Belgium
July-August 2006	European Championship B category, group 2, 12 teams, played in Russia
25 August – 7 September 2006	Americas Olympic Qualifying Tournament , Havana, CUB
7-16 September 2007	European Olympic Qualifying Tournament , Barcelona, ESP
October-November 2007	Asian Cup, B category, 8 teams, location to be confirmed
26 November – 1 December 2007	Asian Olympic Qualifying Tournament , Taipei City, TPE
2007	Africa Championship, location to be confirmed
2007	Oceania Championship, location to be confirmed
April-early May 2008	Final Olympic Qualifying Tournament (*) , location to be confirmed.

DATES/PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

The qualified NFs/NOCs from the continental Olympic qualifying tournaments must confirm their participation at the Olympic Games within two weeks of the date that qualification was achieved.

The NFs/NOCs qualified to participate in the Final Olympic Qualifying Tournament (*) must, at the time of registration, confirm to IBAF that, in the event of qualification, their team will participate in the Olympic baseball tournament.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

If an NF/NOC withdraws a qualified team, the next placed team in the respective Continental Tournament will replace the withdrawn team.