

ISF - Softball

Women

EVENT (1)**Women (1)**

1 tournament of 8 teams

ATHLETE QUOTA**TOTAL (Women)****120** (8 teams x 15 players)

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES - WOMEN

Event	Qualification	Total
2006 World Championships	The top 4 teams qualify for the Olympic Games	4 teams
Regional qualifying tournaments	<p>The winner of each of the 3 following qualifying tournaments qualifies 1 place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Europe and Africa - Pan-America (including North, South and Central America) - Asia and Oceania 	3 teams
Host nation	The host nation automatically qualifies 1 team	1 team
Total	Women	8 teams

International Softball Federation (ISF)

EVENT

8-team tournament for women

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota: 8 teams of 15 players
Total of 120 athletes

Maximum per NOC: 1 team of 15 players

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

The following teams will be qualified for the Olympic tournament:

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| 1. | <u>Host nation</u> | 1 |
| | The host nation of the Olympic tournament will be directly qualified | |
| 2. | <u>2006 World Championships</u> | 4 |
| | The first four placed teams from the 2006 World Championships | |
| 3. | <u>Regional qualifying tournaments</u> | 3 |

The other places for the Olympic Games will be determined by holding the following qualification tournaments, the winners of which will qualify:

Europe/Africa (1 place)

A qualifying tournament in Europe or Africa with teams from the European and African Region competing

Americas (1 place)

A qualifying tournament in the Americas region with teams from North, South and Central America competing

Asia/Oceania (1 place)

A qualifying tournament in the Asian or Oceania region with teams from Asia and Oceania competing

The regional qualifying tournaments will be open only to those teams which have not already qualified for the Olympic Games, and must be completed no later than 6 months prior to the Olympic Games.

The dates and sites of the regional qualifying tournaments will be confirmed by the ISF by 31 December 2006.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

27 August – 5 September 2006	World Championships, Beijing (CHN) <i>Teams that qualified: China (host nation), USA, Japan, Australia, Canada</i>
31 December 2006	ISF to confirm the dates and sites of regional qualifying tournaments
1 – 5 February 2007	Asia/Oceania Regional qualifying tournament in Tainan City (TPE) <i>Team that qualified: Chinese Taipei</i>
9 – 16 June 2007	Europe/Africa Regional qualifying tournament in Trieste (ITA) <i>Team that qualified: Netherlands</i>
19 – 23 August 2007	Americas Regional qualifying tournament in Caracas (VEN) <i>Team that qualified: Venezuela</i>
31 January 2008	All regional qualifying tournaments must be completed
30 June 2008	Deadline for NFs/NOCs to confirm the use of their qualification places
23 July 2008	Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

By 30 June 2008, all NFs/NOCs must confirm the use of their qualification places.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

If an NF/NOC does not use its qualification place, the place will be re-allocated to the next ranked team from the event at which the qualification place was allocated.