



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD – RIO 2016

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION

Tennis

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 Tennis:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	84	-	2	86
Women	84	-	2	86
Total	168	-	4	172

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	6*	4 athletes per Singles event 2 teams per Doubles event
Women	6*	4 athletes per Singles event 2 teams per Doubles event
Total	12*	

*Quotas per NOC subject to finalisation pending agreement with the ATP and WTA (to be confirmed in 2014).

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

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

An NOC/National Association which has more than four (4) players eligible for direct acceptance into a singles event must select its four (4) highest ranked eligible players based on the computer rankings. Any player nominated and accepted for the singles event will automatically be eligible for selection for the doubles and mixed doubles events though there is no guarantee of a place.



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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.

Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes must be in good standing with their National Association and the ITF. In addition, athletes must meet the minimum requirements regarding participation in Davis Cup/Fed Cup competitions, as per ITF regulations (link to be provided in due course).

Only NOCs with National Associations which have been members of the ITF prior to 1 January 2016 may nominate players for participation in the 2016 Olympic Tennis Event. For the purposes of such eligibility, both Full and Associate Members of the ITF may participate.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Nation Participation Forms will be sent by the ITF to all NOCs and National Associations (NA) eligible to participate by no later than 5 February 2016. The completed Nation Participation Forms, endorsed by the respective NOC and NA, are to be received by the ITF no later than 1 April 2016.

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN / WOMEN

Singles Qualification

Number of Quota Places per gender	Qualification Event
62 <i>(excluding Tripartite Commission Invitation Places)</i>	<p>The singles events shall consist of a draw of 64 singles players, with a maximum of four (4) players per NOC.</p> <p><u>SINGLES</u></p> <p>64 players for the men's and women's singles events will qualify as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 56 Direct Acceptances, based on the recognised World Ranking of 6 June 2016 6 Final Qualification Places (ITF Places) 2 Tripartite Commission Invitation Places <hr/> <p>64 Total</p>



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World Ranking, 6 June 2016

All players accepted (except Tripartite Commission Invitation Places) by ITF for the Olympic Tennis Event gain entry on the basis of their position on the globally accepted 52-week rolling professional rankings. These represent the qualification system for all tennis events, with graded points awarded for all tournaments played. These tournaments, each one essentially an Olympic Qualifying event, are played on all recognised tennis surfaces, indoors and outdoors, annually and are a true measure of tennis performance across a calendar year.

56 players will receive Direct Acceptance into the singles events at the 2016 Olympic Tennis Event based on the recognised international singles computer rankings of 6 June 2016, with a maximum of four (4) players per NOC.

Final Qualification Places (ITF places)

Final Qualification Places (ITF places) will be allocated according to the below (in priority order):

1. Host Country Representation – if the Host Country does not have a representative via Direct Acceptance, its best ranked athlete based on the international singles rankings of 6 June 2016 shall qualify.
2. Regional Representation – if any of the six (6) ITF Regional Associations do not have a representative via Direct Acceptance, the best ranked athlete from that region will gain a Final Qualification Place, provided they are within the top 300 on the international singles rankings of 6 June 2016.
3. Gold Medallist/Grand Slam Champion (max two (2) quota places) - a player who has not achieved Direct Acceptance but who has previously won a Gold Medal in the Olympic Singles competition or who has won a Grand Slam singles title will qualify, provided his/her ranking is within the top 200 on the international singles rankings of 6 June 2016 and provided the quota per NOC has not already been filled. If more than two (2) athletes are eligible, places will be allocated according to the athlete with the higher number of titles. Should two (2) eligible athletes have the same number of titles, the athlete ranked highest on the 6 June 2016 international singles ranking will qualify.
4. Universality (max two (2) quota places) - if any places remain, these will be allocated to the next best ranked player on the international singles rankings of 6 June 2016 from an NOC that has no representation in that singles event.

In the unlikely event that the quota is not complete via the above criteria, the ITF will select players, in consultation with the IOC, to complete the draw.



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Doubles Qualification

Number of Quota Places per gender	Qualification Event						
<p>32 teams (64 athletes)</p>	<p>The men’s and women’s doubles events shall consist of a draw of 32 teams, each comprising of players from the same NOC, with a maximum of two (2) teams per NOC.</p> <p>32 teams for the men’s and women’s doubles events will qualify as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">24</td> <td>Direct Acceptances</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">8</td> <td>Final Qualification Places (ITF Places)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 5px;"> <p>32 Total</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>World Ranking, 6 June 2016</p> <p>Any doubles players ranked 10 or better based on the recognised international computer ranking of 6 June 2016 will gain Direct Acceptance for the doubles event, providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) their nominated partner has a recognised international singles or doubles ranking on 6 June 2016 ii) they and their partner have been nominated as a doubles team by their respective NOC/National Association, and iii) the nomination does not bring the total number of competitors from that NOC to more than six (6) <p>A further 14 teams will gain Direct Acceptance based on their combined world rankings (using the players’ singles or doubles rankings, whichever is better).</p> <p>Final Qualification Places (ITF Places)</p> <p>Following allocation of the Direct Acceptances in the Doubles if the quota of 86 athletes per gender has been reached, the remaining Final Qualification Places will be taken by the highest ranked teams already qualified in the singles events but not yet qualified in the doubles. If the quota has not been reached the places will be allocated according to the below (in priority order):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Host Country Representation – if the Host Country does not have a team qualified via Direct Acceptance, they will qualify one team providing the combined rankings of the players do not exceed 500 on the international singles and doubles rankings of 6 June 2016. 2. Regional Representation – if any of the six (6) ITF Regional Associations do not have a team qualified via Direct Acceptance, the best ranked team from that region will gain a Final Qualification Place, provided their combined rankings do not exceed 300 on the international singles and doubles rankings of 6 June 2016. Priority will be given to the region with the least representation in the singles events. 3. If there are any places remaining, these will be allocated to the next best ranked team based on the international singles and doubles rankings of 6 June 2016 not already qualified. 	24	Direct Acceptances	8	Final Qualification Places (ITF Places)	<p>32 Total</p>	
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MIXED

Doubles Qualification

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event			
<p>16 teams (32 athletes)</p>	<p>The mixed doubles event shall consist of a draw of 16 teams, each comprising of players from the same nation, with a maximum of two (2) teams per NOC.</p> <p>16 teams for the mixed doubles event will qualify as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>12 Direct Acceptances</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 Final Qualification Places (ITF Places)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black;">16 Total</td> </tr> </table> <p>Mixed doubles teams will be selected from players that have been nominated for the singles and/or doubles events and will therefore already be on-site. The deadline for entry will be on-site, with entries to be submitted to the ITF by 11am on 9 August 2016.</p> <p>World Ranking, 6 June 2016</p> <p>The ITF will select mixed doubles teams taking into account the recognised international singles and doubles computer rankings of 6 June 2016. A maximum of four (4) players, two (2) doubles teams, from any one NOC may compete in the mixed doubles event.</p> <p>Final Qualification Places (ITF Places)</p> <p>Final Qualification Places (ITF places) will be allocated according to the below (in priority order):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Host Country Representation – if the Host Country does not have a team qualified via Direct Acceptance, they will qualify a team providing the combined rankings of the players do not exceed 500 on the international singles and doubles rankings of 6 June 2016. 2. Regional Representation – if any of the six (6) ITF Regional Associations do not have a team qualified via Direct Acceptance, the best ranked team from that region will gain a Final Qualification Place, provided their combined rankings do not exceed 300 on the international singles and doubles rankings of 6 June 2016. Priority will be given to the region with the least representation in the singles events. 3. If there are any places remaining, these will be allocated to the next best ranked team based on the international singles and doubles rankings of 6 June 2016 not already qualified. 	12 Direct Acceptances	4 Final Qualification Places (ITF Places)	16 Total
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TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Four (4) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available to eligible NOCs at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, two (2) in each of the men's and women's singles events.

The International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places (date TBC). 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 (date TBC).

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the "*Rio 2016 - Tripartite Commission Invitation Places – Allocation Procedure*".

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

By no later than 9 June 2016, the ITF shall confirm to NOCs/National Associations the names of players eligible for Direct Acceptance for singles and/or doubles based on the international computer rankings of 6 June 2016. At this time the ITF will send out the application form for Final Qualification Places (ITF places).

By no later than 16 June 2016 the NOCs/National Associations shall confirm to the ITF the entry in singles and doubles of those athletes qualified by name to compete. This is also the deadline to submit the application form for Final Qualification Places (ITF places) to the ITF. The application form is also confirmation of entry for any athlete who subsequently gains an ITF place.

By no later than 23 June 2016 the ITF shall advise NOCs/National Associations of Final Qualification Places (ITF places).

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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If an allocated quota place(s) is not confirmed by the NOC/National Association by the confirmation of quota place deadline (16 June 2016) or is declined by the NOC/National Association, the quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest ranked player/team in the ITF World Ranking of 6 June 2016.

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 using the process outlined above to reallocate unused quota places.



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
Date tbc	IOC will contact all NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
Date tbc	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
5 February 2016	Nation Participation Forms to be sent by the ITF to all NOCs/National Associations eligible to participate
1 April 2016	NOCs/National Associations to return completed Nation Participation Forms (by country) to the ITF
Date tbc	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Invitation Places to NOCs
6 June 2016	Date of ITF ranking to determine Direct Acceptances (the first ranking after the conclusion of Roland Garros)
9 June 2016	ITF to inform NOCs/National Associations of eligible players and send out application form for Final Qualification Places (ITF places)
16 June 2016	NOCs/National Associations to confirm the entry of eligible players and submit applications for Final Qualification Places (ITF Places)
23 June 2016	ITF to inform NOCs/National Associations of Final Qualification Places (ITF places)
By 18 July	ITF to reallocate all unused quota places
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline
9 August 2016	Deadline for ITF to receive on-site entries from NOCs into the Mixed Doubles Event by 11am.

Note: In order to ensure the most competitive draws for the doubles events in Rio, the IOC reserves its right to adjust the quota accordingly.