

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 who 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

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| 20 August – 29 August 2006 | World Championships, Beijing (CHN) |
| 31 December 2006 | ISF to confirm the dates and sites of regional qualifying tournaments |
| TBD 2007 | Regional qualifying tournament in TBD |
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| 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.