

International Triathlon Union (ITU)

EVENTS

Men: An Olympic distance competition (1.5km swim, 40km cycle, 10km run)

Women: An Olympic distance competition (1.5km swim, 40km cycle, 10km run)

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota: 50 men
50 women
Total of 100 athletes

Maximum per NOC: A maximum of 9 NOCs may have a maximum of 3 athletes per event. All other NOCs may have a maximum of 2 athletes per event.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Attribution of qualification places

NOCs will be attributed qualification places, as per the detailed selection criteria noted below, and will select from eligible athletes to fill these places. Athletes may not qualify their NOC more than 1 qualification place.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM IN DETAIL

a) Regional Olympic Qualifying Events

Olympic places 1 to 5 will be allocated to the NOC of the winner of each of the 5 regional Olympic Qualifying events, for a total of 5 men and 5 women.

The regional Olympic Qualifying events may take place any time between 1 August 2003 and the date of the 2004 Triathlon World Championships (scheduled for 7 May 2004).

5 places

b) 2004 Triathlon World Championships

Olympic places 6 to 8 (3 women and 3 men) will be allocated to the NOC of the top 3 finishers from the 2004 Triathlon World Championships. The athletes achieving these positions also gain eligibility for selection

If any of the top 3 finishers has already earned a place at the regional Qualifier, or the NOC of the athlete has already earned 3 places then the next highest finishing athlete in the 2004 World Championships earns the eligibility and their NOC a qualification place. This will continue until 3 places for men and 3 for women have been allocated, providing the athletes are within the 5% for men and 8% for women quality control cut-off time

3 places

c) ITU Triathlon World Ranking

Olympic places 9 to 47 will be allocated to the NOCs in order of the highest ranked athletes on the ITU World Rankings, at the date of 2004 Triathlon World Championships, who have not previously qualified their NOC a place

39 places

d) Host nation

Olympic place 48 (1 woman and 1 man) will be awarded to the host nation. If Greece achieves qualification through ITU competitions, place 48 will return to the ITU World Rankings. The minimum eligibility criteria also applies to the places allocated to the host nation

1 place

e) Tripartite Commission (IOC-ANOC-ITU) Invitation places

Olympic places 49 to 50 (for a total of 2 men and 2 women) will be allocated to Tripartite Commission Invitation places.

NOCs shall apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation places by 30 June 2002. The Tripartite Commission will identify a priority list of Invitation applications by 31 August 2002 and will confirm the allocation of Invitation places by 14 May 2004

The minimum eligibility criteria also applies to Invitation places

2 places

Maximum number of athletes per NOC

No more than 9 NOCs for men and 9 NOCs for women can earn 3 places. All other NOCs may have a maximum of 2 athletes each.

Minimum eligibility criteria

Athletes eligible for selection for the Olympic Games shall be only those adequately prepared for high level international competition and fill qualification positions gained by their NOC. Athlete eligibility will be gained by achieving a top 125 ITU Triathlon World Ranking (as of the 2004 Triathlon World Championships scheduled for 7 May 2004) or by winning a place for their NOC at the 2004 Triathlon World Championships.

| QUALIFICATION TIMELINE | |
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| 30 June 2002 | NOCs to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation places |
| 31 August 2002 | The Tripartite Commission will identify a priority list of Invitation applications |
| 1 August 2003 - 7 May 2004 | Period for regional qualifying events |
| <i>to be confirmed</i> | ITU African Olympic Qualifier, <i>site to be confirmed</i> |
| <i>to be confirmed</i> | 2003 Pan American Games, Dominican Republic (DOM) |
| <i>to be confirmed</i> | ITU Asian Olympic Qualifier, <i>site to be confirmed</i> |
| <i>to be confirmed</i> | ITU European Olympic Qualifier, <i>site to be confirmed</i> |

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| <i>to be confirmed</i> | ITU Oceania Olympic Qualifier, <i>site to be confirmed</i> |
| 7 May 2004 | 2004 Triathlon World Championships, <i>site to be confirmed</i> |
| 14 May 2004 | Tripartite Commission to confirm allocation of Tripartite Commission Invitation places |
| 14 May 2004 | ITU to inform NOCs of qualification places |
| 31 May 2004 | NOCs to inform ITU of use of qualification places |
| 30 June 2004 | ITU to confirm final allocation of qualification places |
| 21 July 2004 | Deadline for Athens 2004 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs |

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

The ITU shall inform NOCs in writing of all qualification places by 14 May 2004. NOCs must inform ITU and ATHOC of the use of their qualification places by 31 May 2004. Any unused qualification places will be reallocated following the process specified below, and by 30 June 2004, the ITU will confirm the final allocation of qualification places.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

All unused quota places will be reallocated through the ITU World Rankings, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specified in the qualification system above.