

# International Badminton Federation (IBF)

## 1. EVENTS

Men	Women	Mixed
Singles	Singles	Doubles
Doubles	Doubles	

## 2. ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota:                      86 men  
     86 women  
     Total of 172 players

Maximum per NOC:                The maximum number of players per NOC shall be three entries in each of the five events, provided each entry is qualified (see Regulations 3.2.1 to 3.2.14).

## 3. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

### 3.1 QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

The IBF ranking list of 1 May 2008 will be used to determine qualification for the following number of places in each event:

Men's singles	38	places
Women's singles	38	places
Men's doubles	32	places (16 pairs)
Women's doubles	32	places (16 pairs)
Mixed doubles	32	places (16 pairs)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>places</b>

### 3.2 DRAW SIZES

3.2.1 In singles the draw size will be a maximum of 64.

3.2.2 In doubles the draw size will be 16.

### 3.3 QUALIFICATION SYSTEM IN DETAIL

#### **IBF ranking list, 1 May 2008**

3.3.1 The IBF ranking list of 1 May 2008 will be used to allocate qualifying places until a total of 38 places in each singles event and 32 places (16 pairs) in each doubles event are allocated, including the requirements of Regulations 3.3.5 to 3.3.14.

#### **Players/pairs ranked 1 to 4**

3.3.2 Players/pairs ranked 1 to 4 in the IBF ranking list for each event will be taken in turn and will qualify unless a total of three players/pairs from any one NOC would thereby be exceeded in that event.

#### ***Attribution of qualification***

*An NOC may have more than three players/pairs ranked 1 to 4 in the IBF ranking list for a particular event. In such a case the NOC has the right to disregard ranking order of those players/pairs when determining its entries, and to select from any of the players/pairs ranked 1 to 4 in filling its three qualification places for the respective event. In the event of the withdrawal of a player/pair entered by that NOC, the NOC will be invited to replace the player/pair by another player/pair ranked 1 to 4.*

#### **Players/pairs ranked 5 to 16**

- 3.3.3 Players/pairs ranked 5 to 16 in the IBF ranking list for each event will be taken in turn and will qualify unless a total of two players/pairs from any one NOC would thereby be exceeded in that event.

***Attribution of qualification***

*An NOC may have more than two players/pairs ranked 1 to 16 in the IBF ranking list for a particular event. In such a case the NOC has the right to disregard ranking order when determining its entries and select from any of the players/pairs ranked 1 to 16 in filling its two qualification places for the respective event, provided each player/pair eventually selected would have qualified under Regulations 3.3.1 to 3.3.3.*

**Players/pairs ranked 17 and lower**

- 3.3.4 Players/pairs ranked 17 and lower in the IBF ranking list for each event will be taken in turn and will qualify unless a total of one player/pair from any one NOC would thereby be exceeded in that event.

**Host NOC**

- 3.3.5 The host NOC (China) shall be entitled to enter exactly two players in total in the Olympic competition, but more than two players are permitted if all the players have qualified under Regulations 3.3.1 to 3.3.4.
- 3.3.6 If Regulation 3.3.5 is not satisfied under Regulations 3.3.1 to 3.3.4, then the entitlement of two players shall be completed by the qualification of an additional player or players from the IBF ranking list(s) nominated by the Badminton Association of the People's Republic of China.
- 3.3.7 The player(s) qualifying for the host NOC will be the highest-ranked player(s)/pair in the nominated IBF ranking list(s) of 1 May 2008, or if there is no Chinese NOC player/pair in the nominated IBF ranking list, the winning player/pair in that event in the China National Championships most recently concluded prior to 1 May 2008.

**Continental representation**

- 3.3.8 In each event there shall be at least one player/pair from each of the five IBF Continental Confederations.
- 3.3.9 If, for a particular Continental Confederation, there is no player/pair qualified in an event under Regulations 3.3.2 to 3.3.4, the player/pair selected for the continental representation shall be the appropriate highest-ranked player/pair in the IBF ranking list of 1 May 2008.
- 3.3.10 If there is no Continental Confederation player/pair in the IBF ranking list of 1 May 2008 in a particular event, then the player/pair selected for continental representation shall be the winner(s) of the respective Continental Championships most recently concluded prior to 1 May 2008.

**Tripartite Commission (IOC–ANOC–IBF) Invitation places**

- 3.3.11 Two places in men's singles and two places in women's singles shall be used by the IOC Tripartite Commission to allocate Invitation places, in accordance with the general process of Tripartite Commission Invitations.
- 3.3.12 NOCs must apply for these invitation places prior to the deadline of 15 November 2007. The Tripartite Commission will by 31 January 2008 establish which invitation requests meet the identified general criteria of NOC delegation size and technical standard, and provisionally allocate places to one male and one female player. The final allocation of invitation places will be done from April – July 2008.
- 3.3.13 To be eligible to compete in the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, the players filling invitation places must be ranked in the top 100 in the IBF ranking list of 1 May 2008. Should these places not be allocated due to the technical level of the players, they will be added to the places allocated through the IBF ranking list of 1 May 2008.
- 3.3.14 A player filling an Invitation place will be regarded as satisfying the minimum continental representation in that event.

**Qualification period and events**

- 3.3.15 The IBF ranking list of 1 May 2008 will be based on results during the period 1 May 2007 to 30 April 2008.

Participation in any of the following will count towards the IBF ranking list during this period:

- Thomas Cup (all stages)
- Uber Cup (all stages)
- Sudirman Cup
- World Championships
- World Grand Prix tournaments
- World Grand Prix Finals
- Other Open tournaments (with prize money of US \$10,000 or over)
- International Championships
- Continental Championships (individual and team)
- Any other international event publicised by the IBF Council in advance as being included
- With prior IBF approval, individual and team events at other major multi-sport Games

*Note: National championships, friendly international matches, junior events and invitational events are not included. Full details of IBF-sanctioned events and their World Ranking gradings are contained in the IBF Calendar of Events, published on the IBF website [www.worldbadminton.net](http://www.worldbadminton.net).*

#### 4. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

1 May 2007	Start of period for the IBF ranking list of 1 May 2008
15 November 2007	Deadline for the submission of requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places by all NOCs
31 January 2008	Tripartite Commission provisionally allocates one male and one female invitation place
30 April 2008	End of period for the IBF ranking list of 1 May 2008
1 May 2008	IBF ranking list to be used to determine qualification
10 May 2008	IBF notifies Member Associations of qualified players/pairs
31 May 2008	Member Associations/NOCs confirm to IBF their selection of qualified players/pairs
11 June 2008	Reallocation of places where an NOC has not confirmed the entry of a player/pair qualified in the list of 10 May 2008
15 June 2008	IBF notifies Member Associations of further qualified players/pairs
29 June 2008	Reallocation of places where an NOC has not confirmed the entry of a player/pair qualified in the list of 11 June 2008
April – July 2008	The Tripartite Commission to confirm, in writing, the allocation of the Invitation places to the NOCs
23 July 2008	Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

#### 5. DATES/PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

- 5.1 The list of initially qualified players/pairs for each event will be published as part of the World Ranking List by the IBF and notified to the IOC and Member Associations no later than 10 May 2008. Member Associations are responsible for forwarding relevant information to their NOC.
- 5.2 Member Associations/NOCs have until 31 May 2008 to confirm that they will use the qualification places through the selection of qualified players/pairs.

#### 6. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

**Procedure if a qualified player/pair is not entered**

- 6.1 A further player or pair will be taken from the IBF ranking list if a Member Association or relevant NOC notifies the IBF either that the NOC is not selecting a qualified player/pair or that a player/pair is unable to compete through injury or other unavoidable occurrence. This reallocation of the qualification place shall respect the maximum numbers of places per NOC and the attribution of qualification noted in Regulations 3.3.2 and 3.3.3.
- 6.2 If an NOC has not confirmed by 11 June 2008 that it will be entering a given player/pair listed in accordance with Regulation 5.1, then the place will be reallocated to another player/pair under Regulation 6.1 in a supplementary list to be published on 15 June 2008. Similarly, if an NOC has not confirmed by 29 June 2008 that it will be entering a given player/pair from the 15 June 2008 supplementary list, then the place will be reallocated to another player/pair under Regulation 6.1.
- 6.3 The procedure to be used in Regulation 6.2 will apply until 21 July 2008.
- 6.4 If a player/pair cannot compete for a reason stated in Regulation 6.1, the substitute player/pair will be the next ranked player/pair as in Regulations 3.3.2, 3.3.3, and 3.3.4.
- 6.5 In implementing Regulation 6.4, the player/pair who has withdrawn will not count in any total of players/pairs from the relevant NOC (see attribution of qualification noted in Regulations 3.3.2 and 3.3.3).

**Reallocation of extra places between events**

- 6.6 IBF has discretion in allocating the events to be used for any extra places which arise because a player has qualified (and been selected by the player's NOC) in more than one event.

<b>7. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>
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**Participation in other events**

- 7.1 Players may only participate in events for which they have qualified as in Regulations 3.3.1 to 3.3.14.

**Interpretation**

- 7.2 The IBF Council will decide the interpretation of these Regulations in accordance with the Olympic Charter, and such decision shall be final.

**Amendment of Regulations**

- 7.3 The IBF Council has the authority (Rule 20) to amend these Regulations, in agreement with the IOC.