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International Tennis Federation (ITF)

EVENTS

Men
Singles
Doubles

Women
Singles
Doubles

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota: 172 total athletes

Maximum per NOC: The maximum number of players per NOC shall be 6 men and 6 women, of which a maximum of 4 men and 4 women may compete in the individual events, and a maximum of 2 doubles pairs may compete in the doubles events.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Entries

Only National Tennis Associations which have been members of the ITF prior to 1 January 2008 may nominate players for participation in the 2008 Olympic Tennis Event. For the purposes of such eligibility, both Full and Associate Members of the ITF may participate.

Entry forms (by nation) will be sent by the ITF to all National Tennis Associations eligible to participate by no later than 5 February 2008. The completed Entry forms, endorsed by the respective NOC, are to be received by the ITF no later than 3 April 2008.

Draws

The singles events shall consist of a draw of 64 singles players, with a maximum of 4 players per NOC. The doubles events shall consist of a draw of 32 pairs, each comprising of players from the same nation, with a maximum of 2 pairs per NOC.

SINGLES

64 athletes for each of the men's singles and women's singles events will qualify as follows:

- 48 Direct qualifications, based on the recognised World Ranking of 9 June 2008
- 2 Tripartite Commission Invitation places
- 14 Final qualification places (ITF Places)

64 Total

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1. World Ranking, 9 June 2008

All athletes accepted (except Tripartite) by ITF for the Olympic Tennis Event gain entry on the basis of their position on the globally accepted 52-week rolling professional rankings for men and women. 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.

48 players will receive direct acceptance into the men's and women's singles events at the 2008 Olympic Tennis Event based on the recognised international singles computer rankings of 9 June 2008, with a maximum of 4 players per NOC.

A National Association/NOC which has more than 4 players eligible for direct acceptance into a singles event will have the right to select its 4 representatives from the 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 event.

2. Tripartite Commission (IOC-ANOC-ITF) Invitation places

Two (2) Tripartite Commission Invitation places will be made available for eligible nations in both the men's and women's singles events.

The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places is 15 November 2007. The allocation of Invitation places will be confirmed, in writing, to the NOCs from April – July 2008.

3. Final Qualification Places

14 final qualification places shall be determined by the ITF for the men's and women's singles events. Eight (8) of the fourteen will be selected solely on the recognised computer ranking. The remaining six (6) will be selected, based on the following factors:

- i) Recognised World Ranking
- ii) Whether the country is represented in the Tennis Event
- iii) Number of players on site
- iv) Geographical location

DOUBLES

1. World Ranking, 9 June 2008

Any doubles players ranked 10 or better based on the recognised international computer ranking of 9 June 2008 will have direct qualification for the respective men's or women's doubles events.

2. Final Qualification Places

The ITF will select doubles teams from doubles nominations received from National Associations for direct acceptance, taking into account the following factors, until a total of 172 places have been allocated in the Olympic tennis competitions:

- i) Recognised World Ranking
- ii) Whether the country is represented in the Tennis Event
- iii) Number of players on site
- iv) Geographical location.

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There may be a maximum of 2 pairs per NOC and maximum of 32 pairs in total.

3. Singles Players

Any player nominated and accepted for the singles event will automatically be eligible for selection for the doubles event.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

15 November 2007	Deadline for the submission of requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places by all NOCs
5 February 2008	Entry forms (by country) to be sent by the ITF to all National Tennis Associations eligible to participate
3 April 2008	National Tennis Associations to return completed Entry (by Country) forms, endorsed by their respective NOC, to the ITF
9 June 2008	Date of world ranking to determine direct qualification
April – July 2008	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Invitation places to the NOCs
12 June 2008	ITF to inform National Associations/NOCs of eligible players
23 June 2008	National Associations/NOCs to confirm the entry of eligible players and submit applications for final qualification places (ITF Places)
2 July 2008	ITF to inform National Associations/NOCs of final 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 no later than 12 June 2008, the ITF shall confirm to National Associations/NOCs the names of players eligible for direct qualification for singles and/or doubles based on the international computer rankings of 9 June 2008 .

By no later than 23 June 2008 the National Associations/NOCs shall advise the ITF which of their eligible players have been selected to compete in the singles and doubles competitions.

By no later than 3 July 2008 the ITF shall advise National Associations/NOCs of final qualification places.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

If any eligible players/pairs are not entered by the respective National Association/NOC by 23 June 2008, the places shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete/pair from the respective event up until 2 August 2008 when any withdrawal shall be replaced by players/pairs already on site.