

# World Taekwondo Federation (WTF)

## EVENTS

### Men

Under 58kg  
(Not exceeding 58kg)

Under 68kg  
(Over 58kg & not exceeding 68kg)

Under 80kg  
(Over 68kg & not exceeding 80kg)

Over 80kg

### Women

Under 49kg  
(Not exceeding 49kg)

Under 57kg  
(Over 49kg & not exceeding 57kg)

Under 67kg  
(Over 57kg & not exceeding 67kg)

Over 67kg

## ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota: 62 men  
62 women  
4 places for Tripartite Commission Invitation athletes (gender not previously defined)  
Total of 128 athletes

Maximum per NOC: 2 men and 2 women, with a maximum of 1 athlete per weight category

## QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

### Attribution of qualification

Qualification is attributed to the respective NOC.

### Minimum prerequisite for qualification

An athlete must possess an official Kukkiwon Dan certification.

An athlete must be recommended by its pertinent member national association in order to enter for the qualification tournaments.

NOCs are required to confirm the entry of their athletes by no later than 15 February 2008.

### NF/NOC entry in qualification events

The maximum number of entries from an NF/NOC in qualification events may not exceed the number of available qualification places for the respective NF/NOC.

**QUALIFICATION SYSTEM IN DETAIL****1. World Taekwondo Qualification Tournament**

The first 3 placed athletes in the Olympic weight categories will qualify their NOC a place in the respective event.

3 men (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>) x four (4) weight categories: 12 men

3 women (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>) x four (4) weight categories: 12 women

**Total: 24 athletes**

**2. Continental Taekwondo Qualification Tournaments**

48 men's places and 48 women's places will be allocated through Continental Taekwondo Unions. The respective Unions shall conduct continental qualification tournaments to allocate the number of qualification places specified in the table below.

**Allocation of quota by continent**

<b>Continent</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Quota</b>
Asia	3 per weight category	3 per weight category	24
Europe	3 per weight category	3 per weight category	24
Pan America	3 per weight category	3 per weight category	24
Africa	2 per weight category	2 per weight category	16
Oceania	1 per weight category	1 per weight category	8

**Total: 96 athletes**

**3. Host nation**

The host nation shall not participate in any qualification tournament, as it shall be directly qualified in 2 weight categories for men and 2 weight categories for women.

1 man x 2 weight categories: 2 men

1 woman x 2 weight categories: 2 women

The host nation is required to inform the WTF and all member national associations of the weight categories that it wishes to participate in, no later than one month before the start of the World Qualification Tournament.

**Total: 4 athletes**

**4. Tripartite Commission (IOC-ANOC-WTF) Invitation places**

Four (4) Tripartite Commission Invitation places will be made available for eligible nations.

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 by July 2008.

**Total: 4 athletes**

**QUALIFICATION TIMELINE**

23 - 25 September 2007	World Taekwondo Qualification Tournament, Manchester (GBR)
15 November 2007	Deadline for the submission of requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places by all NOCs
November 2007 – January 2008	Continental Taekwondo Qualification Tournaments to be conducted
Early November 2007	African Taekwondo Qualification Tournament, <i>site to be confirmed</i>
Late November 2007	Asian Taekwondo Qualification Tournament, Ho Chi Minh City (VIE)
Mid-December 2007	Pan-American Taekwondo Qualification Tournament, Bogotá, D.C. (COL)
Late Dec 2007 or early Jan 2008	Oceania Taekwondo Qualification Tournament, <i>site to be confirmed</i>
Late January 2008	European Taekwondo Qualification Tournament, Istanbul (TUR)
Early February 2008	WTF to confirm qualification places for NFs/NOCs
15 February 2008	Deadline for NOCs to inform the WTF of their intention to use the acquired quota places
March 2008	WTF to confirm the reallocation of unused quota places
July 2008	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Invitation places to the NOCs
23 July 2008	Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

**DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES**

The WTF shall confirm to NFs/NOCs the qualification places they have achieved within two weeks of the final qualification tournament, sometime in early February 2008. By 15 February 2008, the respective NOCs must confirm to the WTF the use of qualification places achieved at the 2007 World Taekwondo Qualification Tournament and the Continental Taekwondo Qualification Tournaments. By 31 March 2008, the WTF hopes to confirm the reallocation of any unused places.

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS**

If an NOC qualified through the World Taekwondo Qualification Tournament relinquishes a qualification slot, the place will be allocated to the NOC of the next highest placed athlete in the respective weight category.

If an NOC qualified through a Continental Taekwondo Qualification Tournament relinquishes a qualification slot, the place will be allocated to the NOC of the next highest placed athlete at this continental qualification tournament in the respective weight category.

If the host nation does not use the available qualification places, or the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate the Invitation places, these places will be reallocated based on the results of the World Taekwondo Qualification Tournament.