

Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) Swimming

EVENTS

Men

50m freestyle
100m freestyle
200m freestyle
400m freestyle
1'500m freestyle
100m backstroke
200m backstroke
100m breaststroke
200m breaststroke
100m butterfly
200m butterfly
200m individual medley
400m individual medley
4 x 100m freestyle relay
4 x 200m freestyle relay
4 x 100m medley relay
10km marathon swim (see annex)

Women

50m freestyle
100m freestyle
200m freestyle
400m freestyle
800m freestyle
100m backstroke
200m backstroke
100m breaststroke
200m breaststroke
100m butterfly
200m butterfly
200m individual medley
400m individual medley
4 x 100m freestyle relay
4 x 200m freestyle relay
4 x 100m medley relay
10km marathon swim (see annex)

ATHLETE / NF/NOC QUOTA

Athlete numbers: The target for swimming is 800 athletes

Maximum per NF/NOC: Individual events – An NF/NOC may enter a maximum of two (2) qualified athletes in each individual event if both entered athletes meet the A qualification standard for the respective event, or one (1) athlete per event if they have met the B qualification standard only

Relay events - For relay events, an NF/NOC may enter a maximum of one (1) qualified relay team

NF/NOCs without qualified athletes – NFs/NOCs may enter swimmers regardless of time standard as follows:

- having no swimmer qualified: one (1) man and one (1) woman
- having one swimmer qualified: one (1) swimmer of the other sex

provided that:

- the swimmer(s) participated in the 12th FINA World Championships – Melbourne 2007
- FINA will decide which swimmers will be invited to take part at the Olympic Games based on their performance.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM**1. 'A' and 'B' qualifying standard - individuals***FINA Rule BL 8.3.6.1*

For each individual event at the Olympic Games the FINA Bureau will establish Standard Entry Times on two levels: A and B, of which B shall be easier to achieve. If a National Federation/NOC enters only one swimmer per event all swimmers entered must meet the qualifying B standard time. If two swimmers are entered in the same event, both of them must meet the qualifying A standard time. Standard entry times can only be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.

2. NFs/NOCs without qualified athletes*FINA Rule BL 8.3.6.2*

National Federations/NOCs may enter swimmers regardless of time standard as follows:

- having no swimmer qualified: one man and one woman
- having one swimmer qualified: one swimmer of the other sex

provided that:

- the swimmer(s) participated in the 12th FINA World Championships – Melbourne 2007
- FINA will decide which swimmers will be invited to take part at the Olympic Games based on their performance.

NFs/NOCs without qualified entries must submit their applications for entries to FINA for approval by **15 June 2008**.

3. Relay teams*FINA Rule BL 8.3.6.3*

Each NF/NOC may enter only one team in each relay event. All swimmers entered in individual events can be used in relays. In the Olympic Games, not more than sixteen (16) teams can be entered in each relay competition. The top twelve (12) finishers at the 12th FINA World Championships – Melbourne 2007 shall be qualified based upon the results achieved. The four (4) other teams shall be selected by FINA on the basis of the fastest times achieved in the fifteen-month period before the Olympic Games in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA.

The NFs/NOCs must confirm to FINA the participation of their qualified relay team by no later than **31 May 2008**.

Each NF/NOC may enter additional swimmers for the relays only, provided that they have achieved the 'B' standard for the stroke and distance.

The following formula shall apply:

One (1) relay	- two (2) extra swimmers
Two (2) relays	- four (4) extra swimmers
Three (3) relays	- six (6) extra swimmers
Four (4) relays	- ten (10) extra swimmers
Five (5) relays	- twelve (12) extra swimmers
Six (6) relays	- sixteen (16) extra swimmers

FINA A & B QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS

		A - 2 Entries			B - 1 Entry		
		M	S	1/100	M	S	1/100
MEN'S STANDARD	50 Freestyle	00	22	35	00	23	13
	100 Freestyle	00	49	23	00	50	95
	200 Freestyle	01	48	72	01	52	53
	400 Freestyle	03	49	96	03	58	01
	800 Freestyle						
	1500 Freestyle	15	13	16	15	45	12
	100 Backstroke	00	55	14	00	57	07
	200 Backstroke	01	59	72	02	03	91
	100 Breaststroke	01	01	57	01	03	72
	200 Breaststroke	02	13	69	02	18	37
	100 Butterfly	00	52	86	00	54	71
	200 Butterfly	01	57	67	02	01	79
	200 I. M.	02	01	40	02	05	65
	400 I. M.	04	18	40	04	27	44

WOMEN'S STANDARD	50 Freestyle	00	25	43	00	26	32
	100 Freestyle	00	55	24	00	57	17
	200 Freestyle	01	59	29	02	03	47
	400 Freestyle	04	11	26	04	20	05
	800 Freestyle	08	35	98	08	54	04
	1500 Freestyle						
	100 Backstroke	01	01	70	01	03	86
	200 Backstroke	02	12	73	02	17	38
	100 Breaststroke	01	09	01	01	11	43
	200 Breaststroke	02	28	21	02	33	40
	100 Butterfly	00	59	35	01	01	43
	200 Butterfly	02	10	84	02	15	42
	200 I. M.	02	15	27	02	19	97
	400 I. M.	04	45	08	04	55	06

Qualification period

The qualifying time standards must be obtained at any of the specified competitions held in the period **15 March 2007 to 15 July 2008**.

Qualification events

Qualifying time standards must be obtained at any of the following competitions:

- Continental Championships
- National Olympic Trials, to be approved in advance by FINA
- International Competitions, to be approved in advance by FINA

Only times achieved at FINA recognised competitions can be accepted as entry times for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

15 March 2007	Start of the qualifying time period
17 March – 1 April 2007	12 th FINA World Championships, Melbourne (AUS)
5 – 20 July 2007	All Africa Games, Algiers (ALG)
13 – 29 July 2007	Pan American Games, Rio de Janeiro (BRA)
2008	Oceania Championships, <i>date and location to be confirmed</i> ASIA, <i>date and location to be confirmed</i>
31 May 2008	NFs/NOCs to confirm to FINA the participation of their qualified relay teams
15 June 2008	NFs/NOCs without qualified entries to submit their application to FINA for approval
2008	European Swimming Championships, Eindhoven (NED), <i>date to be confirmed</i>
15 July 2008	Conclusion of the qualifying time period
23 July 2008	Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

NFs/NOCs must confirm to FINA the participation of their qualified relay team by **no later than 31 May 2008**.

NFs/NOCs shall submit the entry forms for their qualified athletes and teams to BOCOG by the **deadline of 23 July 2008**. These entries shall be verified and approved by BOCOG in liaison with FINA.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

If a qualified relay team will not participate at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, FINA will select the next relay team on the basis of the fastest time achieved in the period of **15 March 2007 to 15 July 2008**.

**Fédération Internationale de Natation
(FINA)
Swimming annex - Marathon swimming**

EVENTS

10km	Men	Women
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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Athletes: 25 men
 25 women
 Total of 50 athletes

Maximum per NF/NOC: Two (2) Marathon Swimmers per event

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – ALL ENTRIES TO BE CONFIRMED BY FINA

NF/NOC Entries per Event

1. 5th FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships 2008

The first ten (10) finalists from the 10km event – men and women – will qualify.

20 Marathon Swimmers (10 Men & 10 Women)

2. Continental Representation

The first eligible finisher in the 10km event – Men and Women – from each of the five (5) Continental Championships will qualify.

10 Marathon Swimmers (5 Men and 5 Women)

In the event that a NF/NOC has previously qualified one (1) or two (2) swimmers, the selection process will move to the next eligible finisher in the Continental Championships event to ensure that each of these competitions yields a competitor.

3. Host nation

One (1) male and one (1) female marathon swimmer from the Host nation, if not previously qualified, will qualify.

2 Marathon Swimmers (1 Man & 1 Woman)

If the Host nation qualifies two (2) athletes through the Point 1 above or one (1) athlete through the Point 2 above, then this slot will be added to Point 4 and allow it to yield an additional 10th qualification place.

4. FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier

NFs/NOCs not having qualified swimmers through points 1, 2 or 3 above may elect to send two (2) athletes per event. Each NF/NOC will qualify only one (1) athlete (per event). All remaining qualification places will be filled at this competition. The swimmers already qualified through points 1, 2 or 3 may participate in this competition.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

29 April – 4 May 2008	5 th FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships, Seville (ESP)
19 May 2008	NFs/NOCs to confirm to FINA the participation of their Marathon Swimmers
31 May – 1 June 2008	FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier, Beijing (CHN)
23 July 2008	Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

The NFs/NOCs must confirm to FINA the participation of their Marathon Swimmers not later than **19 May 2008**.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

Should an NF/NOC not enter a qualified athlete, the unused quota place will be transferred to the next ranked athlete from the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier.