



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD – RIO 2016

UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE

Mountain Bike

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Event (1)	Women's Event (1)
Cross-country	Cross-country

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Mountain Bike:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	49	1	0*	50
Women	29	1	0*	30
Total	78	2	0*	80

*please refer to section "Qualification Pathway - Tripartite Commission Invitation Places"

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	3
Women	2
Total	5

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

Age Requirements:

All athletes participating in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games must be born on or before 31 December 1997.

Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes must:

- Hold a valid license issued by a National Federation.
- Have a least 10 UCI points in the Individual UCI ranking, Cross-country, of 25 May 2015 or 25 May 2016.



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

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America	NOC ranked 1	1	1
Asia	NOC ranked 1	1	1
Oceania	NOC ranked 1	1	1
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If an NOC obtains a quota place through the Individual Ranking from the 2015 Continental Championships, but has already qualified through the UCI Olympic Qualification Ranking, the next best ranked NOC in the respective continental championships ranking will be attributed the quota place.

In case no NOC is eligible for the quota place allocation according to the above process, the quota place will be allocated to the next best ranked NOC from the same continent on the UCI Olympic Qualification Ranking. If no NOC is eligible, the quota place will then be allocated to the next best ranked NOC on the UCI Olympic Qualification Ranking, which has not yet obtained a quota place.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) quota place for men and one (1) quota place for women.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

On 15 October 2015, the International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2016.

In Mountain Bike, no Tripartite Commission Invitation Places will be directly allocated as part of the athletes' quota. Tripartite Commission Places may be offered to NOCs within the reallocation process for unused qualification places in individual events, once the initial quota allocation has been completed, as described in paragraph **F. Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places**.

The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the concerned sport.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the "*Games of the XXXI Olympiad, Rio 2016 - Olympic Games Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations*".

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

On 25 May 2016, the final UCI Olympic Qualification Ranking will be published on the UCI website (www.uci.ch/), and by 01 June 2016 UCI will inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have 14 days to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.



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F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission as a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place.

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate the unused qualification place, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

If the athlete qualified through the UCI Olympic Qualification Ranking, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC in the UCI Olympic qualification ranking, which has not yet obtained a quota place.

If the athlete qualified through the Individual Ranking from the 2015 Continental Championships, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC from the respective continent in the UCI Olympic qualification ranking, which has not yet obtained a quota place. If no NOC is eligible, the quota place will then be allocated to the next best ranked NOC on the UCI Olympic Qualification Ranking, which has not yet obtained a quota place.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Places will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC in the UCI Olympic qualification ranking, which has not yet obtained a quota place.

G. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE USE OF RESERVE ATHLETES

RESERVE ATHLETES

Reserve athletes are competing athletes who have an Aa accreditation and who are entered by their NOC in a specific cycling event where the NOC has a quota place and the athlete has met the required eligibility criteria. As reserve, they may be selected to replace another entered athlete in a different cycling discipline/event until the time of the final confirmation for that event provided they have met the required eligibility criteria and that the NOC quota for that event is respected.



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H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
25 May 2014 – 24 May 2016	UCI Olympic Qualification Ranking period
25 May 2014 to 24 May 2015	Period during which results are counted toward UCI ranking by nation of 25 May 2015
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2015 TBD* by 15 July 2014	African Continental Championship, (TBD*) American Continental Championship, (TBD*) Asia Continental Championship, (TBD*) Oceania Continental Championship, (TBD*)
15 January 2016	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
25 May 2016	UCI Olympic Qualification Ranking published
1 June 2016	UCI to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
15 June 2016	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to UCI
30 June 2016	UCI to reallocate all unused quota places
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline

*To Be Determined