



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020

WORLD BASEBALL SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION (WBSC)

Baseball/Softball

A. EVENTS (2)

| Men's Events (1) | Women's Events (1) |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Baseball | Softball |

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Baseball/Softball:

| | Qualification Places | Host Country Places | Total |
|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Men | 5 teams (120 athletes) | 1 team (24 athletes) | 6 teams (144 athletes) |
| Women | 5 teams (75 athletes) | 1 team (15 athletes) | 6 teams (90 athletes) |
| Total | 10 teams (195 athletes) | 2 teams (39 athletes) | 12 teams (234 athletes) |

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

| | Quota per NOC | Event Specific Quota |
|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Men | 1 team (24 athletes) | One (1) team per event |
| Women | 1 team (15 athletes) | One (1) team per event |
| Total | 2 teams (39 athletes) | |

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) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Additional IF Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020:

- Baseball – An athlete must reach his 18th birthday any time prior to the start (Technical meeting) of the event
- Softball – An athlete must reach her 16th birthday any time prior to the start (Technical meeting) of the event



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

To be eligible to participate in the qualification events the following age requirements apply:

- Baseball – An athlete must reach his 18th birthday any time prior to the start (Technical meeting) of the event
- Softball – An athlete must reach her 16th birthday any time prior to the start (Technical meeting) of the event

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN

| Number of Quota Places | Qualification Event |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 2 teams (48 athletes) | WBSC Premier12, November 2019 The highest placed team from Asia/Oceania, excluding Japan, and the highest placed team from America in the final standing of the WBSC Premier12 will obtain each one (1) quota place for their NOC. |
| 2 teams (48 athletes) | Continental qualification events, September 2019 and March 2020 There will be two (2) continental qualification events, one (1) is a combined Europe and Africa qualification event and the other is for the Americas. Only teams from the Americas that have not yet obtained a quota place through the WBSC Premier12 plus the two (2) highest placed teams in the 2019 PanAmerican Games can take part in the Americas continental qualification event. The highest placed team at the respective qualification event will obtain each one (1) quota place for their NOC. |
| 1 team (24 athletes) | Final qualification event, March 2020 The highest placed team at the Final qualification event will obtain one (1) quota place for their NOC. Six (6) teams, runner up and third placed of the Americas qualifier, runner up of Europe/Africa qualifier, the two highest-placed not yet qualified teams from 2019 Asian Championship and the highest-placed not yet qualified team from 2019 Oceanian Championship, are eligible to participate in the Final Qualification event. |



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WOMEN

| Number of Quota Places | Qualification Event |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 1 team (15 athletes) | Women's Softball World Championship, Chiba, Japan 2018 The highest placed team from the Women's Softball World Championship will obtain one (1) quota place for their NOC. |
| 4 teams (60 athletes) | Continental qualification events, July – September 2019 There will be three (3) continental qualification events. There will be a combined Asia and Oceania tournament, a combined Europe and Africa qualification event and the other is for the Americas. Only teams that have not yet obtained a quota place through the 2018 Women's Softball World Championship can take part in the continental qualification events. The highest placed team at the Europe/Africa and Asia/Oceania qualification event will obtain each one (1) quota place for their NOC, the highest two (2) placed teams of the Americas Qualifier will obtain each one (1) quota place for their NOC. |

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) quota place per event.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, WBSC will publish the results on its website, wbsc.org, and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places.

The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **G. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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If an allocated quota place 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 to the next highest placed team at the respective qualification event.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest placed team, not yet qualified, at the WBSC Premier12 for Baseball and to the next highest placed team, not yet qualified, at the 2018 Women's Softball World Championship for Softball.



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

| Date | Milestone |
|---|--|
| 2-12 August 2018 | Women's Softball World Championship, Chiba, Japan |
| 23-27 July 2019 | Softball Continental Qualification Europe/Africa, Utrecht, The Netherlands |
| 25 August - 1 September 2019 | Softball Continental Qualification Americas, Surrey, BC, Canada |
| 24-28 September 2019 | Softball Continental Qualification Asia/Oceania, Shanghai, China |
| 18-22 September 2019 | Baseball Continental Qualification Europe/Africa, Parma/Bologna, Italy |
| 2-17 November 2019 | WBSC Premier12 |
| 22-26 March 2020 | Baseball Continental Qualification America, Arizona, United States |
| 1-5 April 2020 | Baseball Final Qualification Event, Taichung, Chinese Taipei |
| Immediately after event | WBSC to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places |
| 2 weeks after information received | NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to WBSC |
| 15 June 2020 | WBSC to reallocate all unused quota places |
| 6 July 2020 | Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline |
| 24 July - 9 August 2020 | Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 |