INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION Tennis

A. Events (5)

Men's events (2)	Women's events (2)	MIXED EVENTS (1)
Singles Doubles	Singles Doubles	Mixed Doubles

B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES	TOTAL
Men	84	2	86
Women	84	2	86
TOTAL	168	4	172

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	6
Women	6
TOTAL	12

C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

Any tennis player is eligible for nomination to the Olympic Tennis Event provided he/she is in good standing with his/her National Association and the International Tennis Federation.

D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Entries

Only NOCs with National Associations which have been members of the ITF prior to 1 January 2012 may nominate players for participation in the 2012 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 NOCs and National Associations eligible to participate by no later than 6 February 2012. The completed entry forms, endorsed by the respective NOC and NA, are to be received by the ITF no later than 2 April 2012.

Draws

The singles events shall consist of a draw of 64 singles players, with a maximum of 4 players per NOC. The men's and women's doubles events shall consist of a draw of 32 teams, each comprising of players from the same nation, with a maximum of 2 teams per NOC. The mixed doubles event shall consist of a draw of 16 teams, each comprising of players from the same nation, with a maximum of 2 teams per NOC.

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SINGLES

64 players for the men's and women's singles events will qualify as follows:

- 56 Direct Acceptances, based on the recognised World Ranking of 11 June 2012
- 6 Final qualification places (ITF Places)
- 2 Tripartite Commission Invitation places

64 Total

World Ranking, 11 June 2012

All players 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. 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.

56 players will receive direct acceptance into the singles events at the 2012 Olympic Tennis Event based on the recognised international singles computer rankings of 11 June 2012, with a maximum of 4 players per NOC.

An NOC/National Association which has more than 4 players eligible for direct acceptance into a singles event should select its 4 highest ranked eligible players based on the computer rankings. Any player nominated and accepted for the singles event will automatically be eligible for selection for the men's, women's and mixed doubles events.

Final Qualification Places (ITF Places)

Final qualification places (ITF places) shall be determined by the ITF for the singles events, based on the following factors:

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

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DOUBLES

32 teams for the men's and women's doubles events will qualify as follows:

- 24 Direct Acceptances
- 8 Final qualification places (ITF Places)
- 32 Total

World Ranking, 11 June 2012

The ITF will select doubles teams from doubles nominations received from NOCs/National Associations for direct acceptance, taking into account the recognised international singles and doubles computer rankings of 11 June 2012 and the number and names of players already accepted into the singles events. A maximum of 4 players, 2 doubles teams, from any one NOC may compete in the men's and women's doubles events.

Any doubles players ranked 10 or better based on the recognised international computer ranking of 11 June 2012 will have direct qualification for the doubles event, providing:

- i) their nominated partner has a recognised international singles or doubles ranking on 11 June 2011
- ii) they and their partner have been nominated as a doubles team by their respective NOC/national association, and
- the nomination does not bring the total number of competitors from that country to more than six (6)

Final Qualification Places (ITF Places)

The ITF will select the remaining men's and women's doubles teams from doubles nominations received from NOCs/National Associations, taking into account the following factors, until a total of 172 places have been allocated in the Olympic Tennis Event:

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

Singles Players

Any player nominated and accepted for the singles event will automatically be eligible for selection for the men's, women's and mixed doubles events.

MIXED DOUBLES

16 teams for the mixed doubles event will qualify as follows:

- 12 Direct Acceptances
- 4 Final qualification places (ITF Places)

16 Total

Mixed doubles teams will be selected from players that have been nominated for the singles and/or doubles events and will therefore already be on-site. The deadline for entry will be on-site, with entry forms to be submitted to the ITF by 11am on 31 July 2012.

World Ranking, 11 June 2012

The ITF will select mixed doubles teams taking into account the recognised international singles and doubles computer rankings of 11 June 2012. A maximum of 4 players, 2 doubles teams, from any one NOC may compete in the mixed doubles event.

Final Qualification Places (ITF Places)

The ITF will select the remaining mixed doubles teams from doubles nominations received from NOCs/National Associations, taking into account the following factors:

- Recognised World Ranking
- ii) Geographical location

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

Four (4) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available for eligible NOCs.

On 1 November 2011, the International Olympic Committee will contact all those NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places.

The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places is 16 January 2012. In relation to the end of the qualification period, the Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the respective NOCs between 1 May and 9 July 2012.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the – Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Information Paper for NOCs – which is included in the Games of the XXX Olympiad, London 2012 Qualification and Participation Criteria.

E. Confirmation process for quota places

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

By no later than 14 June 2012, the ITF shall confirm to NOCs/National Associations the names of players eligible for direct acceptance for singles and/or doubles based on the international computer rankings of 11 June 2012. At this time the ITF will send out the application form for final qualification places (ITF places).

By no later than 21 June 2012 the NOCs/National Associations shall advise the ITF which of their eligible players have been selected to compete in the singles and doubles competitions. This is also the deadline to submit the application form for final qualification places (ITF places) to the ITF.

By no later than 28 June 2012 the ITF shall advise NOCs/National Associations of final qualification places (ITF places).

F. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

If any eligible players/teams are not entered by the respective NOC/National Association by 21 June 2012, the places shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked player/team up until 20 July when any unused quota places shall be replaced by players/teams already on site.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

Any unused places within the reserved quota of places will be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission. If the Tripartite Commission is unable to allocate all of the places, the remaining places will be allocated using the process outlined above to reallocate unused IF quota places.

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE	
1 November 2011	IOC will contact all NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	
16 January 2012	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	
6 February 2012	Entry forms (by country) to be sent by the ITF to all NOCs/National Associations eligible to participate	
2 April 2012	NOCs/National Associations to return completed Entry forms (by country) to the ITF	
1 May - 9 July 2012	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Invitation Places to NOCs	
11 June 2012	Date of ITF ranking to determine direct qualification (the first ranking after the conclusion of Roland Garros)	
14 June 2012	ITF to inform NOCs/National Associations of eligible players and send out application form for final qualification places (ITF places)	
21 June 2012	NOCs/National Associations to confirm the entry of eligible players and submit applications for final qualification places (ITF Places)	
28 June 2012	ITF to inform NOCs/National Associations of final qualification places (ITF places)	
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms	
31 July 2012	Deadline for ITF to receive on-site entries into the Mixed Doubles Event by 11am.	

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