

SCHEDULE 'A'

2012 OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION - ROWING

'FISA'

INTERNATIONAL ROWING FEDERATION

Rowing

A. Events (14)

MEN'S EVENTS (8)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (6)
Single Sculls (1x)	Single Sculls (1x)
Pairs (2-)	Pairs (2-)
Double Sculls (2x)	Double Sculls (2x)
Fours (4-)	Quadruple Sculls (4x)
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	Eights (8+)
Eights (8+)	Lightweight Events
Lightweight Events	Double Sculls (2x)
Double Sculls (2x)	
Fours (4-)	

B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	350	2	1	353
Women	194	2	1	197
TOTAL	544	4	2	550

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	28
Women	20
TOTAL	48

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.

D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY
<p>Attribution of quota places</p> <p>At the 2011 World Rowing Championships in Bled which serves as the first 2012 Olympic Games qualification opportunity, it is the NOC that qualifies the places in a certain event, not the rowers who participate in the event. The NOC may therefore enter a crew with different rowers in this event at the 2012 Olympic Games and these rowers may row in different events at the Olympic Games than those in which they competed in 2011. However, the rowers qualifying in a certain event at the three continental Olympic qualification regattas and the final Olympic qualification regatta in Lucerne must participate in that event if they participate at the Olympic Games. These rowers may also participate in another event in which their NOC has qualified provided they participate in the event mentioned in the previous sentence.</p>

NUMBER OF CREWS PER EVENT

The following numbers of crews will obtain a quota place for their NOC to participate in the respective events (subject to the reallocation of unused quota places):

Boat Class	2011 Worlds	Continental Qualification Regattas				Total Boats	Total Athletes
		Asia	Africa	Latin America	Final		
Men							
Single Sculls (1x)	11	6	4	6	3	30	30
Pairs (2-)	11	-	-	-	2	13	26
Double Sculls (2x)	11	-	-	-	2	13	26
Fours (4-)	11	-	-	-	2	13	52
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	11	-	-	-	2	13	52
Eights (8+)	7	-	-	-	1	8	72
Men Lightweight							
Double Sculls (2x)	11	3	1	3	2	20	40
Fours (4-)	11	-	-	-	2	13	52
Women							
Single Sculls (1x)	9	5	3	5	3	25	25
Pairs (2-)	8	-	-	-	2	10	20
Double Sculls (2x)	8	-	-	-	2	10	20
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	7	-	-	-	1	8	32
Eights (8+)	5	-	-	-	2	7	63
Women Lightweight							
Double Sculls (2x)	8	3	1	3	2	17	34
Host Nation Places						2	2
Tripartite Commission Places							4
Boats	129	17	9	17	28		
Athletes	402	23	11	23	85		550

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

The crews will be qualified through the following methods:

a) 2011 FISA World Rowing Championships in Bled (SLO)

Open to all NOCs whose NFs are members of FISA. An NOC whose NF's crew achieves a certain place at the 2011 World Championships will qualify and is permitted to select and enter a crew in that event in the 2012 Olympic Games. For the various events, the highest placed nations at the 2011 World Championships according to the places indicated below will qualify:

Boat Class	Men	Men Lightweight	Women	Women Lightweight
Single Sculls (1x)	11	-	9	-
Pairs (2-)	11	-	8	-
Double Sculls (2x)	11	11	8	8
Fours (4-)	11	11	-	-
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	11	-	7	-
Eights (8+)	7	-	5	-

b) FISA Continental Olympic Qualification Regattas and the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta

Crews achieving a certain placing indicated in the following table at the relevant Continental Qualification Regatta or at the Final Qualification Regatta will qualify and the NOC will be permitted to select and enter a crew in that event in the 2012 Olympic Games.

There will be three Continental Qualification Regattas, not all of which include all events, and a Final Qualification Regatta that are only open to certain countries and/or events, namely:

- Asia: Open to NOCs that are members of the Olympic Council of Asia;
- Africa: Open to NOCs that are members of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa;
- Latin America: Open to NOCs that are members of Organización Deportiva Panamericana, with the exception of USA and CAN;
- Final Regatta: Open to all NOCs except in the M1x; LM2x; W1x and LW2x events where the NOCs from Africa, Asia and Latin America are excluded (having already had second opportunity to qualify at the continental events).

Boat Class	Asia	Africa	Latin America	Final
Men				
Single Sculls (1x)	6	4	6	3
Pairs (2-)	-	-	-	2
Double Sculls (2x)	-	-	-	2
Fours (4-)	-	-	-	2
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	-	-	-	2
Eights (8+)	-	-	-	1
Men Lightweight				
Double Sculls (2x)	3	1	3	2
Fours (4-)	-	-	-	2
Women				
Single Sculls (1x)	5	3	5	3
Pairs (2-)	-	-	-	2
Double Sculls (2x)	-	-	-	2
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	-	-	-	1
Eights (8+)	-	-	-	2
Women Lightweight				
Double Sculls (2x)	3	1	3	2

- The NFs can only enter one crew per event at the Qualification Regattas and only in the events in which their NOC has not already qualified;
- FISA will only accept entries that are received by the fixed closing date. The entries should be accompanied by a letter from the NOC confirming that they are aware of the entered crews and that, if their crew(s) qualify, the NOC will be required to confirm their selection for the Olympic Games up to a deadline of two weeks after the date of the qualification regatta.
- The FISA Olympic Qualification Regattas will be held according to the FISA Championships System with heats, repechages, semi-finals and finals;
- The FISA Council shall select the sites of the four qualification regattas by the end of 2010;
- NOCs with crews who wish to qualify in an event that is not on the programme of the relevant Continental Qualification Regatta, or if the event in the Continental Qualification Regatta has been cancelled due to insufficient entries, may compete in the Final Qualification Regatta;
- In each event at all Qualification Regattas, there must be at least one more crew entered than may be qualified, otherwise the number of qualifiers will be reduced to one less than the number of crews starting. At least two crews must compete in the event. If the race is not held, then the entered crew(s) may subsequently enter the Final Qualification Regatta.

Alternate Athletes**Selection**

Alternate athletes may be selected to replace another entered athlete for the respective event in accordance with the FISA Rules of Racing.

Quota

- An NOC will be allocated one (1) Alternate Athlete for each men's 4-, 4X and 8+ that qualifies. However, if the NOC qualifies both a men's 4- and 8+, they will be allocated one (1) Alternate Athlete between both boats.
- An NOC will be allocated one (1) Alternate Athlete for each lightweight men's 4- that qualifies.
- An NOC will be allocated one (1) Alternate Athlete for each women's 4X and 8+ that qualifies.

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

In respect to the general qualification principles identified by the International Olympic Committee, provisions will be made to ensure the representation of the host nation by both male and female athletes. Should the host nation not have achieved a quota place, "host nation" places may be allocated to allow the entry of at least one male and one female rower from the Olympic host nation in the single sculls events, based on results at the 2011 World Championships and the final qualification event. If not used, these places will be considered "unused" and will be allocated in accordance with the paragraph "reallocation of unused host country quota places" below.

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**

Following each qualification event, FISA will inform the NOCs of any quota places obtained. FISA will inform the Host Country of any host nation places allocated after the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta. The FISA Executive Committee will inform the NOCs of any quota places obtained by the reallocation of unused IF quota places by 15 June 2012.

NOCs that have gained quota place(s) at the 2011 World Championships or at one of the three Continental Qualification Regattas must confirm the use of the places gained by 30 April 2012. NOCs that obtain quota places at the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta and Host Nation places obtained must be confirmed by 7 June 2012. NOCs that are allocated unused IF quota places following the final qualification event will be informed of any re-allocated places on 8 June 2012 and must confirm use of the place(s) by 22 June 2012

Confirmation is provided by the NOC entering the crews that will represent it in the Olympic Games rowing events to FISA. If the confirmed entry is not received by the relevant closing date, the quota place will be reallocated according to the processes described below in section F.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES**

If an NOC has qualified in a certain event, but does not select a boat in that event, or if it enters the same rowers in two events or if the host nation does qualify a male boat or a female boat or if no tripartite commission places are allocated, the places that are not used will be automatically restored to FISA.

The FISA Executive Committee shall allocate these places according to the principles below, in agreement with the IOC.

- In allocating the free places, the FISA Executive Committee is not restricted to the maximum number of qualified crews foreseen for each event, nor by the source of the unused seats. However, only NOCs whose rowers have competed in a crew at a Qualification Regatta will be eligible to be awarded these free places including the host nation and any Tripartite Commission Invitation applicants;
- In so far as possible, the free women's places should be allocated to women, and the free men's places to men;
- In principle, unused quota places shall be reallocated in accordance with the following priority:
- Following the deadline for NOCs to confirm use of places obtained in prior qualification regattas (30 April 2012), the FISA Executive Committee shall increase the number of boats that qualify in certain events at the Final Qualification Regatta based on the responses of the NOCs. At the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta in Lucerne, the Executive Committee shall allocate unused quota places after the final qualification event. In their decision, they will take into account , competitive results at this regatta and the need to ensure universality;
- Any unused places will be reallocated by the FISA Executive Committee by 8 June 2012.
- The decisions of the FISA Executive Committee in this regard will be final;

The FISA Executive Committee is empowered to deal with all unforeseen situations arising in relation to these rules, to fill any omissions and to interpret the rules in case of any disputes.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host Nation chooses not to use host nation places allocated to it, these places will be considered "unused" and will be allocated in accordance with the reallocation of unused IF quota places, as outlined above.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

Any unused places within the reserved quota of places will be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission. If the places cannot be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission, they will be assigned using the process in place to reallocate unused IF quota places as outlined above.

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
31 December 2010	FISA to determine location of Olympic Qualification Regattas
28 August - 4 September 2011	2011 World Rowing Championships (Bled, SLO)
1-3 November 2011	FISA African Olympic Qualification Regatta (Alexandria, EGY)
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.
22 - 25 March 2012	FISA Latin American Olympic Qualification Regatta (Ponce, PUR)
26 - 29 April 2012	FISA Asian Olympic Qualification Regatta (Chungju, KOR)
7 May 2012	Closing date for entries for the Final Qualification Regatta
14 May 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for NOCs to confirm to FISA use of quota places gained at the 2011 World Championships and Continental Qualification Regattas in Asia, Africa and Latin America • FISA to confirm allocation of any additional quota places for the Final Qualification Regatta
20 - 23 May 2012	Final Olympic Qualification Regatta (Lucerne, SUI)
24 May 2012	FISA confirms quota places from the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta to the NOCs.
7 June 2012	Deadline for NOCs to confirm to FISA use of quota places gained at the Final Qualification Regatta and Host Nation places.
8 June 2012	FISA Executive Committee to reallocate unused IF quota places.
15 June 2012	FISA to inform NOCs of any quota places obtained by the reallocation of unused IF quota places.
22 June 2012	Deadline for NOCs to confirm to FISA use of quota places gained through reallocation of unused IF quota places.
1 May - 9 July 2012	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Invitation places to the NOCs
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms

SCHEDULE 'B'
2012 OLYMPIC TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA
ROWING CANADA AVIRON/CANADIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Schedule 'B' of the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) / Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) selection agreement represents the internal nomination procedures of RCA. These criteria, along with Schedule 'A', set forth the method by which RCA will determine its Olympic Team nominations for submission to the COC. Therefore, if Rowing Canada Aviron qualifies for entry in the Olympic Games in accordance with International Rowing Federation (FISA) Olympic Qualification System as outlined in Schedule 'A', athletes nominated by RCA to the COC for membership on the 2012 Olympic Team must be those who qualify for nomination in accordance with Section II of Schedule 'B' entitled "INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES".
- 1.2 RCA may nominate to the COC up to the maximum number permitted by Olympic entry regulations in each event, and overall.
- 1.3 RCA's nominations to COC are to be announced on May 29th, 2012 and are subject to further reallocation of entry places by FISA (see Schedule 'A').
- 1.4 The announcement of the 2012 Olympic Team is not official until communicated by the COC.
- 1.5 Final decisions on the nomination process, and the nomination of crews and staff to the COC for the 2012 Olympic Games, rests with the RCA High Performance Director (HPD).
- 1.6 Once the COC accepts those athletes nominated by RCA according to 1.1 above, it is up to RCA to decide the actual athletes to be entered in events at the Olympic Games, (see Section III, below).
- 1.7 At any time, RCA may produce an addendum to Schedule 'B' to clarify the terms of Schedule 'B' or to address other issues which may have been overlooked initially or have unexpectedly arisen. All changes must be made in writing to be effective. Athletes will be informed by the RCA of any changes made to Schedule 'B'.

SECTION II – RCA INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

2.1 SELECTION PRINCIPLE

The objective of the National Team Selection Policy is to select crews that have potential to achieve RCA's National Team goal, the ultimate aim of which is to win gold medals at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. In this policy, the term "crews" includes single scullers.

The following outlines RCA's internal process to determine final athlete nominations to the COC for the 2012 Olympic Games. Athletes must follow all the steps below in order to be considered for nomination.

2.2 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for Olympic or Pan American Team selection, an athlete must:

1. Be a Canadian citizen (Rule 42 of the Olympic Charter).
2. Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before March 1st, 2013
3. Be in compliance with all relevant IF, and IOC (or PASO) requirements for eligibility.
4. Sign and submit the COC Athlete Agreement and Eligibility Conditions Form no later than May 1st, 2012 (cannot be later than COC nomination deadline).
5. Sign and submit the RCA Athlete Agreement no later than January 31st, 2012
6. Be a member in good standing with RCA.
7. Sign a Letter of Intent as indicated in section 2.3

2.3 LETTER OF INTENT

- 2.3.1 Athletes, including coxswains must indicate in writing to Rowing Canada Aviron their interest in trying out or being considered for the 2012 Olympic Team. Letters (or e-mail confirmation) must be sent to the National Team Manager by November 1, 2011.

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Email: parfitt@rowingcanada.org

2.4 SELECTION CAMP:

- 2.4.1 The list of invited athletes to the selection camp will be posted November 14th, 2011. Only athletes invited to this camp may attend. RCA Program Coaches are to nominate their invitation list to the High Performance Director for approval. Invitations to athletes will be extended by the High Performance Director based on:

- 2011 racing results
- Attendance at and performance in the 2011 National Rowing Championships, November 11-13th in Welland, ON.
- Results in the RCA Athlete Monitoring Program
- Compatibility with other athletes
- Rowing and/or sculling technique
- Coachability
- Meeting COC, IOC and FISA citizenship requirements

2.4.2 Athletes who competed and qualified boats based upon the FISA Olympic qualification criteria at the 2011 FISA World Championships, or subsequent FISA Olympic qualification regattas, must comply with the RCA National Training Centre attendance regulations. Qualification of a crew through the 2011 World Rowing Championships process does not pre-qualify athletes within that crew for 2012 Olympic team nomination.

2.5 CREW NOMINATIONS:

2.5.1 Crews will be formed in the camp by the respective RCA Program Coach. Only crews formed and nominated by the National Team Program Coaches shall be considered for nomination to the COC for the 2012 Olympic Team.

2.5.2 Crews will be formed based on:

- a) Athlete's 2011/12 winter training performances,
- b) Athlete's racing performance in 2011 and 2012,
- c) Athlete's results in the 2011 and 2012 RCA Athlete Monitoring Program and other coach specific testing,
- d) Athlete's rowing and/or sculling technique,
- e) Athlete's coachability and
- f) Athlete's compatibility with other athletes

2.5.3 Lightweight athletes must be prepared to meet the following weight maximums by April 1st 2012:

Lightweight Men:	75 kg
Lightweight Women:	60 kg

Lightweight athletes selected to a crew must also be prepared to meet the following FISA weight averages, per crew, as directed by the High Performance Director and Program Coach for selection time trials and selection events that will decide inclusion on to a World Cup, World Championship and or Olympic Team:

Lightweight Men: 70 kg
Lightweight Women: 57 kg

2.5.4 Crews will be nominated for National Team selection by the RCA Program Coaches to the High Performance Director for consideration and review. Only crews nominated by the RCA Program Coaches shall be considered for selection. The coach nominations will be reviewed the RCA selection panel. The final decision to nominate a crew to the COC for the 2012 Olympic Games shall rest with the High Performance Director. Crews will be nominated for the 2012 Olympic Games based upon performance at 2012 FISA World Cup Regattas.

2.6 ALTERNATES SELECTION:

2.6.1 The HPD will designate alternates as requested by Program Coaches and as necessary for crews selected to attend the 2012 FISA World Cup regattas, the FISA Olympic Qualifying Regatta and the 2012 Olympic Games. These alternates must be invited to the RCA Selection Camp.

2.6.2 Alternates will be selected based on:

- a) Athlete's winter training performances
- b) Athlete's racing performance in 2011 and 2012,
- c) Athlete's results from 2011 and 2012 to the RCA Athlete Monitoring Program,
- d) Athlete's rowing and/or sculling technique,
- e) Athlete's coachability and
- f) Athlete's compatibility with other athletes
- g) Athlete's compatibility with crews they are supporting

2.6.3 The number of alternates attending the 2012 Olympic Games will be dependent on the number of places allocated to COC by FISA.

2.7 SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

2.7.1 If, because of injury, illness, prohibitive causes or extenuating circumstances, an athlete is unable to meet all of the requirements in this selection procedure, that athlete may still be considered for the Olympic Selection Camp, World Cups, the FISA Olympic Qualifying Regatta and the Olympic Games if he/she advises the High Performance Director of such injury, illness, cause or circumstance as soon as possible. The athlete must obtain the HPD's permission in writing to forego the relevant requirements outlined in this selection procedure and must maintain contact with the HPD and the Program Coach throughout the period away from the selection camp (including medical rehabilitation information provided if appropriate). Assessment by an approved RCA Physician may be required.

2.8 COXSWAINS SELECTION

2.8.1 Coxswains interested in being considered for the team will be nominated by the National Program Coach based on the following criteria:

- a) Athlete and coach input on ability,
- b) Coxswain's past racing experience and results,
- c) Coxswain's compatibility with athletes in a selected crew,
- d) Coxswain's compatibility with coach of the selected crew and
- e) Coxswain's commitment to the program.

2.8.2 Coxswains nomination to the COC will be subject to the same nomination procedures as outlined in 2.5 above.

2.9 STAFF SELECTION

2.9.1 The RCA HPD will act as the 2012 Olympic Team Leader for Rowing. Selection of 2012 Olympic Team Coaches and Staff will be determined by the RCA HPD from current RCA staff. If it is required to select from outside existing staff, a notice will be posted on the RCA website and coaches will be selected from the list of applicants based on the posted selection criteria.

2.9.2 To be recognized as an official coach on the 2012 Olympic Team, coaches must be members in good standing with the Coaches of Canada as indicated in the COC Coach Recognition Policy.

SECTION III - ENTRY AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES:

3.1 Entry at the Olympic Games will be in accordance with FISA rules and regulations.

3.2 Athletes nominated to the COC for the 2012 Olympic Games will be entered in events based on the decision of the RCA Program Coaches in consultation with High Performance Director.

SECTION IV - APPEALS TO RCA INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES:

4.1 Athletes, coaches, coxswains and crews may appeal any decision during the selection process that affects their selection for the 2012 Olympic Team by June 2nd, 2012 in accordance with the RCA Appeal Policy:

(http://www.rowingcanada.org/sites/rowingcanada/files/rca_appealpolicy.pdf)