



FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE NATATION

Synchronised Swimming

A. EVENTS (2)

Women's Events (2)

Duets
Teams

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Synchronised Swimming:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Women	95	9	104
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2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Women	9	Maximum one (1) team of nine (9) athletes Maximum one (1) duet of two (2) athletes
Total	9	

NOCs qualified in both the team and duet competitions may enter a maximum of nine (9) 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). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.



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Age Requirements: Athletes in Synchronised Swimming born on or after 31 December 2001 (younger than fifteen (15) years of age on 31 December 2016) shall not be permitted to compete at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, the World Championships or World Cups. (FINA Rule SS 3).

Additional IF Requirements:

Only the athletes who are eligible to participate at the official FINA competitions, in accordance with the [FINA Rules](#), are entitled to participate in the Olympic Games.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

QUALIFICATION PLACES

Team Qualification: 8 teams

Number of Team Quota Places	Qualification Events
5	FINA Rule BL 9.3.9.5.1 – Teams Continental Championships/Host Country The best ranked NOC in each of the five (5) Continental Championships will each obtain a quota place except for the Host Country NOC which will be the representative of the Americas Continent.
3	Olympic Games Qualification Tournament The three (3) best ranked NOCs at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament in Synchronised Swimming in the year of the Olympic Games will each obtain a quota place.

Duet Qualification: 24 duets (including 8 through team qualification)

Number of Duet Quota Places	Qualification Events
8	FINA Rule BL 9.3.9.5.2 - Duets Team Qualification The eight (8) NOCs qualified for the team competition (including the Host Country) will automatically qualify one (1) quota place for a duet.
5	Continental Championships The best ranked NOCs in each of the five (5) Continental Championships who have not qualified a team will each obtain a quota place.
11	Olympic Games Qualification Tournament The 11 best ranked NOCs at the Olympic Games Qualification Tournament in Synchronised Swimming who have not qualified a team will each obtain a quota place.



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country will have the right to enter one (1) team and one (1) duet in the Olympic Games.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, FINA will publish the results on its website (www.fina.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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Should an NF/NOC not enter a qualified team or duet, the unused quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked duet(s) (FINA Rule BL 9.3.9.5.2) or team (FINA Rule BL 9.3.9.5.1) not yet qualified, from the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Should the Host NOC decide not to enter a qualified team or duet, the unused quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked duet (FINA Rule BL 9.3.9.5.2) or team (FINA Rule BL 9.3.9.5.1) not yet qualified, from the Olympic Games Qualifying Tournament.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
2015 – 2016 (dates TBC)	Continental Championships (locations TBC)
April 2016 (dates TBC)	Synchronised Swimming Olympic Games Qualification Tournament
1 May 2016 (TBC)	FINA to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
15 May 2016	NOCs/NFs to confirm use of allocated quota places to FINA
TBC	FINA to reallocate all unused quota places
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline