

2020 ART Olympic Qualification FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

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Dear Federation:

During the 2017 ART World Championships in Montreal (CAN), a summary document of all questions and answers from the meeting and those collected afterward was promised. Please see below for a synopsis. This document is a tool to help improve understanding of the ART qualification process, not necessary for the simplified procedures of RG and TRA. The official qualification system document, available on the FIG website, is the document of precedence. We hope you find this helpful and good luck in qualifying to the 2020 Olympic Games.

1. Question: If a NOC qualifies as a team through the 2018 or 2019 World Championships (Criteria 1 and Criteria 2 respectively), can the NOC qualify two other athletes through the FIG Individual Apparatus World Cup Series (Criteria 5) and/or World Challenge Cups?

Answer: The World Challenge Cups are not part of the 2020 Olympic qualification system and cannot be used to earn a quota place. An NOC with a team qualified through the 2018 or 2019 World Championships has several opportunities to earn a maximum of two additional quota places. The first is the 2018-2020 Individual Apparatus World Cup Series (Criteria 5) where only one nominative quota place can be earned. The second is the 2020 Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6) where only one NOC quota place can be earned. The third is the 2020 Continental Championships (Criteria 7) where only one NOC quota place can be earned. Note, only gymnasts who did not participate actively (receive a score of 0 or higher) in the qualification of their team are eligible to earn an additional quota place through the 2018-2020 Individual Apparatus World Cup Series (Criteria 5) or 2020 Continental Championships (Criteria 7). Gymnasts who participated actively in the qualification of their team are eligible to earn an additional quota place for their NOC through the 2020 Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6).

2. Question: If a NOC qualifies as a team through the 2018 or 2019 World Championships (Criteria 1 and Criteria 2 respectively), two other athletes are guaranteed quota places to the 2020 Olympic Games?

Answer: No, there are no guaranteed additional quota places for a NOC qualifying a team through the 2018 World Championships (Criteria 1) or 2019 World Championships (Criteria 2). NOCs must use Criteria 5-7 in order to earn a maximum of two additional quota places.

3. Question: If a NOC qualifies a quota place for one athlete from the All-Around of the 2019 World Championships (Criteria 3), can the NOC later qualify additional athletes?

Answer: Yes, NOCs may earn additional (nominative) quota places after one athlete qualifies from the Individual All-Around of the 2019 World Championships (Criteria 3). The first opportunity to earn additional quota places is through the Individual Apparatus Finals of the 2019 World Championships (Criteria 4), where the NOC may earn a maximum of 3 additional nominative quota places. The second option is the

2018-2020 Individual Apparatus World Cup Series (Criteria 5), where only one additional nominative quota place may be earned. The third possibility is through the Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6) provided the NOC did not qualify a team to the Olympic Games, but finished in the 12 best ranked teams of the 2019 World Championships, and one additional NOC quota place could be earned. The fourth option is the 2020 Continental Championships (Criteria 7) where only one additional nominative quota place may be earned.

4. Question: What is the possibility to make all qualification competitions open for WAG athletes born in 2004 (turning 16 years in 2020)?

Answer: The FIG has very firm age requirements for senior athletes and offers no deviations in age for Olympic qualification. There are various qualification methods for athletes reaching the minimum age in 2020.

For NOCs Qualifying a Team: 1) These athletes may be included as part of a team determined by their NOC (qualified through Criteria 1 or Criteria 2). 2) These athletes may earn one additional nominative quota place through the 2020 Individual Apparatus World Cup Series (Criteria 5). 3) These athletes may be selected by their NOC for an additional NOC quota place earned through the 2020 Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6) whether they helped their NOC earn the additional quota place or not. 4) These athletes may be selected by their NOC for an additional NOC quota place earned through the 2020 Continental Championships (Criteria 7) whether they helped their NOC earn the additional quota place or not.

For NOCs Not Qualifying a Team: 1) These athletes may earn one additional nominative quota place through the Individual Apparatus World Cup Series (Criteria 5). 2) These athletes may be selected by their NOC for an additional NOC quota place earned through the Individual All Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6) whether they helped their NOC earn the additional quota place or not, provided the NOC did not qualify a team to the Olympic Games, but finished in the 12 best ranked teams of the 2019 World Championships. 3) These athletes may earn one additional nominative quota place through the 2020 Continental Championships (Criteria 7).

5. Question: If an NOC has two gymnasts that respectively rank first on two different apparatus through the Individual Apparatus World Cup Series, can the NOC select which gymnast that will receive the nominative quota place to the Olympic Games?

Answer: No, the NOC cannot determine which gymnast will receive the nominative quota place. There will be a tie-breaking procedure that determines which gymnast will receive the quota place.

6. Question: When will the tie-breaking procedures be published?

Answer: The tie-breaking procedures must be approved by the FIG Council in May 2018. The release of this information to the gymnastics' community will be made shortly afterward.

7. Question: Is it possible that the qualifying 2020 Continental Championships (Criteria 7) be held later than May?

Answer: No, the IOC has a very strict timetable, so no delay is possible in the qualification through the Continental Championships.

8. Question: The 2020 Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6) permits NOCs from the 12 best ranked teams of the 2019 World Championships, based on results of Qualifications, to participate with a maximum of one (1) athlete per NOC. Athletes may be different at each competition. If a NOC qualifies a team at the 2018 World Championships (Criteria 1), could the NOC be excluded from the 2020 Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6)?

Answer: Yes, a NOC could be excluded from participation in the 2020 Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6) if they do not finish in the 12 best ranked teams of the 2019 World Championships Qualifications.

9. Question: An athlete who competed actively with a team ranked in the top 12 of the 2019 World Championships Team Qualifications may participate to potentially earn an additional quota place for his/her NOC through the 2020 Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6). Does the NOC have to use an athlete from the qualifying team OR can the NOC use an athlete who was not part of the qualifying team?

Answer: NOCs qualified to participate in the 2020 Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6) can use any age eligible and FIG licensed athlete to earn an additional NOC quota place through the 2020 Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6). Athletes may even be different at each competition.

10. Question: Can an individual athlete with no team in the 2018 and 2019 World Championships (Criteria 1 or 2), and not qualified individually through the 2019 World Championships (Criteria 3 or 4), attempt to qualify through the 2018-2020 Individual Apparatus World Cup Series (Criteria 5), 2020 Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6), and/or 2020 Continental Championships (Criteria 7)?

Answer: The athlete may only qualify for a nominative quota place through the 2018-2020 Individual Apparatus World Cup Series (Criteria 5) and 2020 Continental Championships (Criteria 7) as only teams ranked in the top 12 of the 2019 World Championships Team Qualifications will be invited to take part in the 2020 Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6).

11. Question: Are individual apparatus athletes qualified to the 2020 Olympic Games (through Criteria 4 or 5) only permitted to participate on the apparatus in which they qualified?

Answer: No, all quota places earned for the 2020 Olympic Games allow for athletes to select the apparatus(es) where they will participate in Qualifications at the Olympic Games. Even athletes qualifying (individually) on just one apparatus may compete on as many as they desire (even complete the All-Around) in Qualifications. All athletes in Qualifications of the Olympic Games are eligible for all individual finals (AA or apparatus) and medals in the events where they participate. **Note: Pending final FIG Council approval**

12. Question: When does the qualifying start and end in the Individual Apparatus World Cups?

Answer: November 2018-March 2019 and November 2019-March 2020

13. Question: Why are the qualifying competition phases different for teams in the 2018 World Championships (Team Finals) and 2019 World Championships (Qualifications)?

Answer: Part of the reason for the change in the 2020 Olympic Qualification is to increase visibility and marketability of the sport. This is the first time the Olympic qualification will start almost two years before the Games. The 2018 World Championships will be a major television event with qualification through the Team Finals. This would be less attractive for television if Qualifications were used and the best teams were spread between multiple subdivisions. The 2019 World Championships will be used to qualify 9 additional teams to the Games. There will be more teams qualifying than the maximum number permitted for a Team Final, so the Qualification is necessary to earn the remaining quota places.

14. Question: If an athlete qualifies through the 2019 World Championships (Criteria 3)- best 20 WAG or best 12 MAG ranked AA from Qualifications and gets injured, would the quota place be lost by the NOC?

Answer: The unused quota places will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible All-Around athlete based on the results of the All-Around ranking list from Qualifications of the 2019 World Championships, allocated to the athlete by name, maximum one (1) athlete per NOC without a qualified team. Based on this reallocation principal, it is possible for a federation to regain the quota place only if they have another athlete meeting the requirements above.

15. Question: If an athlete was on a team which did not qualify at the 2018 World Championships (Criteria 1), and this athlete was not in the team which qualified the NOC at the 2019 World Championships, is this athlete eligible to earn an individual quota place through the Individual Apparatus World Cup Series (Criteria 5), Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6), or Continental Championships (Criteria 7)?

Answer: This athlete is eligible to earn an individual quota place (by name) through the Individual Apparatus World Cup Series (Criteria 5). This same athlete could also help earn an NOC quota place through Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6), and/or Continental Championships (Criteria 7).

16. Question: Can a reserve athlete (awarded a medal, given to reserve athletes at World Championships) with a team qualified at the 2019 World Championships (Criteria 2) earn an individual quota place through the Individual Apparatus World Cup Series (Criteria 5), Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6), or Continental Championships (Criteria 7)?

Answer: This reserve athlete, who did not compete actively (receive a score of 0 or higher), is eligible to earn an individual quota place (by name) through the Individual Apparatus World Cup Series (Criteria 5). This same athlete could also help earn an NOC quota place through Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6), and/or Continental Championships (Criteria 7).

17. Question: Can the 3 NOCs which qualified teams through the 2018 World Championships (Criteria 1) still earn individual quota places through the 2019 World Championships (Criteria 3 and Criteria 4) if they present different athletes from the 2018 qualified team?

Answer: No, the qualified teams from the 2018 World Championships (Criteria 1) may not earn any additional quota places for their NOC from the 2019 World Championships with different, or the same, athletes. They may only earn a maximum of two additional quota places through Criteria 5-7.

18. Question: From the 2019 World Championships (Criteria 4), the best three (3) ranked eligible athletes on each apparatus from Apparatus Finals will earn one (1) quota place allocated to the athlete by name with a maximum of three (3) athletes per NOC for all apparatus. What happens to the unused quota place(s) if any of the top 3 ranked athletes on any apparatus are not eligible for any of the available quota places?

Answer: The unused quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible athlete based on the results of Apparatus Finals of the 2019 World Championships up to rank 8. If the quota place cannot be reallocated based on this Criteria, it will be reallocated to the next best ranked eligible All-Around athlete based on the All-Around results from Qualifications of the 2019 World Championships. This quota place will be allocated to the athlete by name, maximum one (1) athlete per NOC.

19. Question: For qualification through the Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6), athletes may be different at each competition. How is the final ranking determined to award the additional NOC quota places?

Answer: The total points are awarded to the federations and are based on results from all four 2020 AA World Cup competitions. The final ranking will determine the 3 federations to be awarded an additional NOC quota place for the 2020 Olympic Games. The chart showing how points are distributed can be found in the official AA World Cup Rules. Any ties for quota places will be broken by specific procedures to be described in the in the official AA World Cup Rules.

20. Question: How is it possible for one NOC to qualify a maximum 7 total individual athletes to the 2020 Olympic Games?

Answer: Seven total quota places can be earned through: 1) 2019 World Championships AA (Criteria 3) maximum 1 quota place, 2-3-4) 2019 World Championships Individual Apparatus (Criteria 4) maximum 3 quota places, 5) 2018-2020 Individual Apparatus World Cup Series (Criteria 5) maximum 1 quota place, 6) 2020 Individual All-Around World Cup Series (Criteria 6) maximum 1 quota place (If the NOC did not qualify a team at the 2018 or 2019 World Championships (Criteria 1 and 2 respectively), but ranked in the top 12 teams at the 2019 World Championships) 7) Continental Championships AA (Criteria 7) maximum 1 quota place. Note: All quota places would be nominative, except the one earned through the Individual AA World Cup Series (Criteria 6).

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