

National Federations of World Aquatics

Lausanne, 9 April 2024

Re : Modifications to Article D.3 of the Qualification System for Swimming

Dear Presidents and Secretary Generals,
Dear National Federation Members,

We trust this letter finds you well and in full confidence in your final preparation for the upcoming Olympic Games.

Please be advised that by decision of the World Aquatics Executive and Bureau, certain modifications to Article D.3 of the Qualification System for Swimming have been approved.

In this respect, we highlight that the male/female athlete with the highest World Aquatics Points Table score in any individual Olympic event, as achieved at a World Aquatics-approved qualification event during the qualification period, using the World Aquatics Points Table, 1st January 2024 edition, no longer needs to have competed in either of the World Aquatics Championships in Fukuoka (2023) or Doha (2024). The removal of such requirement now ensures, subject to exceptional circumstances assessed by the World Aquatics Executive, that the fastest athletes from each national federation represent their country in the Olympic Games.

The revised wording of Article D.3 of the Qualification System for Swimming is as follows:

D.3 UNIVERSALITY PLACES (UNQUALIFIED ATHLETES)

NOCs without any qualified athlete or relay team may enter a maximum of two (2) athletes – one (1) man and one (1) woman (Universality Places) in one (1) event each. Two athletes of the same gender entered via Universality are not permitted.

NOCs with no athletes who have achieved an OQT nor any athlete invited by World Aquatics through the OCT may enter a maximum of one (1) man and one (1) woman.

NOCs with athletes having achieved an OQT or invited by World Aquatics through the OCT in one (1) gender only may also enter one (1) universality swimmer in the other gender.

Athletes with an OCT achieved (but not invited via the OCT due to the quota being reached) may be invited through Universality Places and may be entered in up

to two (2) individual events. Those athletes who do not have an OCT will be limited to enter one (1) individual event only.

As outlined in Section C, Athletes Eligibility, an athlete entering through Universality will be limited to a maximum of up to two Olympic Games in their career or not being older than the age of thirty (30) years as of 1 January 2025.

Additionally, NOCs are obligated to enter the male athlete and the female athlete who have achieved the highest World Aquatics Points Table score in any individual Olympic event, as achieved at a World Aquatics-approved qualification event during the qualification period, using the World Aquatics Points Table, 1 January 2024 edition. Exceptions will be granted only for circumstances of (1) injury or retirement, with verification by the athlete and after review by World Aquatics, or (2) if there are doping control violations or disciplinary actions against this athlete; or (3) if, based on exceptional circumstances, an NOC and/or National Federation considers that another athlete on the World Aquatics Points Table should be selected, such NOC and/or National Federation should apply (in writing) for such consideration with the World Aquatics Executive **by 1 June 2024**. The decision of the World Aquatics Executive shall be final.

NOCs must submit their applications for Universality Places to World Aquatics for approval by **24 June 2024**. World Aquatics will confirm the Universality Places to NOCs by **3 July 2024**.

The complete Qualification System for Swimming may be found at www.worldaquatics.com.

A separate communication on the application process for the Universality Places involving the World Aquatics General Management System (GMS) will follow in due course.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact our office.

Respectfully yours,



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