



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020

WORLD BASEBALL SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION (WBSC)

Baseball/Softball

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Events (1)	Women's Events (1)
Baseball	Softball

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Baseball/Softball:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	5 teams (120 athletes)	1 team (24 athletes)	6 teams (144 athletes)
Women	5 teams (75 athletes)	1 team (15 athletes)	6 teams (90 athletes)
Total	10 teams (195 athletes)	2 teams (39 athletes)	12 teams (234 athletes)

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	1 team (24 athletes)	One (1) team per event
Women	1 team (15 athletes)	One (1) team per event
Total	2 teams (39 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) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Additional IF Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020:

- Baseball – An athlete must reach his 18th birthday any time prior to the start (Technical meeting) of the event
- Softball – An athlete must reach her 16th birthday any time prior to the start (Technical meeting) of the event



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

To be eligible to participate in the qualification events the following age requirements apply:

- Baseball – An athlete must reach his 18th birthday any time prior to the start (Technical meeting) of the event
- Softball – An athlete must reach her 16th birthday any time prior to the start (Technical meeting) of the event

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
2 teams (48 athletes)	WBSC Premier12, November 2019 The highest placed team from Asia/Oceania and the highest placed team from America at the WBSC Premier12 will obtain each one (1) quota place for their NOC.
2 teams (48 athletes)	Continental qualification events, February 2020 There will be two (2) continental qualification events, one (1) is a combined Africa and European qualification event and the other is for the Americas. Only teams that have not yet obtained a quota place through the WBSC Premier12 can take part in the continental qualification events. The highest placed team at the respective qualification event will obtain each one (1) quota place for their NOC.
1 team (24 athletes)	Final qualification event, March/April 2020 - tbc The highest placed team at the Final qualification event will obtain one (1) quota place for their NOC. Six (6) teams, runner up and third placed of America qualifier, runner up of Europe/Africa qualifier, the two highest not yet qualified teams from Asian Championships and the highest not yet qualified team from Oceanian Championships, are eligible to participate in the Final Qualification event.



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WOMEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
1 team (15 athletes)	Women's Softball World Championship, Chiba, Japan 2018 The highest placed team from the Women's Softball World Championship will obtain one (1) quota place for their NOC.
4 teams (60 athletes)	Continental qualification events, June – September 2019, tbc There will be three (3) continental qualification events. There will be a combined Asia and Oceania tournament, a combined Africa and European qualification event and the other is for the Americas. Only teams that have not yet obtained a quota place through the Women's Softball World Championship can take part in the continental qualification events. The highest placed team at the Africa/Europe and Asia/Oceania qualification event will obtain each one (1) quota place for their NOC, the highest two (2) placed Teams of the Americas Qualifier will obtain each one (1) quota place for their NOC.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) quota place per event.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, WBSC will publish the results on its website, wbsc.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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If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest placed team at the respective qualification event.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest placed team, not yet qualified, at the WBSC Premier12 for Baseball and to the next highest placed team, not yet qualified, at the Women's Softball World Championship for Softball.



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
July 2018	Women's Softball World Championship, Chiba, Japan
July-August 2019	Softball Continental Qualification America, TBC
July-August 2019	Softball Continental Qualification Asia/Oceania, TBC
September-October 2019	Softball Continental Qualification Europe/Africa, TBC
November 2019	WBSC Premier12
February 2020	Baseball Continental qualification event America, TBC
February-March 2020	Baseball Continental qualification event Europe/Africa, TBC
April - May 2020	Baseball Final Qualification Tournament
Immediately after event	WBSC to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
2 weeks after information received	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to WBSC
15 June 2020	WBSC to reallocate all unused quota places
6 July 2020	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline
24 July – 9 August 2020	Olympic Games Tokyo 2020