



Tokyo 2020 Olympic qualification and selection

This version of the Modern Pentathlon Internal Nominations Process (INP) was approved on September 28, 2020 and replaces the version of the INP approved on October 8, 2019 and any other previous version of this INP as it relates to the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Pentathlon Canada is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact obtaining quota spots for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games and/or domestic nomination of athletes for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, Pentathlon Canada will respect these published Internal Nomination Procedures as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Internal Nomination Procedure. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Internal Nomination Procedure, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Pentathlon Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

This INP is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of an unforeseen injury or other unanticipated or unforeseen circumstances. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Pentathlon Canada's control do not allow competition or nomination to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied.

In the event of such unforeseen circumstances the High Performance Director will, where possible, consult with the High Performance Committee to determine if the circumstances justify competition or nomination should take place in an alternative manner. In such circumstances, the High Performance Director shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

The international federation (IF) of modern pentathlon, the UIPM, has approved and published a [Qualification System](#) for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The allocation of places is specified below:

UIPM Qualification System Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Modern Pentathlon

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Event (1)	Women's Event (1)
Individual Competition	Individual Competition

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Modern Pentathlon:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	33	1	2	36
Women	33	1	2	36
Total	66	2	4	72

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	2
Women	2
Total	4

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete by name. NOCs with more than two (2) qualified athletes have the authority to decide which two (2) qualified athletes they will enter.

The **UIPM Qualification System** identifies the following pathways for athletes to qualify for Tokyo 2020:

- 1. World Cup Final 2019** – One (1) quota place will be awarded to the highest-placed athlete of each gender.
- 2. Continental Championships** – A total of twenty (20) quota places per gender will be awarded via the continental championships to be held in 2019. The relevant continental championship is the Pan American Games (PAG), which took place in Lima, Peru in July 2019.
- 3. Senior World Championships (WCH) 2019** – Three (3) quota places will be awarded to the three highest placed athletes of each gender. If an athlete has previously gained qualification through the World Cup Final or Continental Championships, their WCH quota place will be allocated to the highest-ranked non-qualified athlete on the UIPM Olympic World Ranking List on June 14, 2021.
- 4. Senior World Championships 2021** – Three (3) quota places will be awarded to the three highest placed athletes of each gender. If an athlete has previously gained qualification through the World Cup Final or Continental Championships, their quota place will be allocated to the highest-ranked non-qualified athlete on the UIPM PWR list on June 14, 2021.
- 5. UIPM Olympic World Ranking List** as of 14 June 2021 – Six (6) quota places for each gender will be awarded to the highest-ranked non-qualified athletes on the UIPM Olympic World Ranking list as of 14 June 2021.

In addition, the host country is allocated one (1) quota place per gender and two (2) quota places are reserved for Tripartite Commission requests, which must be made by National Olympic Committees (NOCs) by 17 January 2021. Should those Tripartite places not be allocated, those two (2) additional quota places per gender will most likely be made available to the highest-ranked non-qualified athletes on the UIPM Olympic World Ranking list as of June 14, 2021.

Pan American Games – continental championships for Canada

The Pan American Games (PAG) in Lima, Peru in July 2019 is a direct continental qualifier for Canada for Tokyo 2020. PAG is a selection competition for Pentathlon Canada; the selection documents including timelines can be found in Appendix C.

Five (5) Tokyo 2020 Olympic quota places will be allocated to athletes competing in the individual competition at PAG with a maximum of one (1) quota place per gender per NOC, in the following order:

- Two (2) highest places NORCECA
- Two (2) highest places South America (SA)
- Highest-place Pan American not in top 2 per NORCECA/SA

As Canada is a member nation of NORCECA, a Canadian athlete is eligible for the one of the two NORCECA places and for the one Pan American place. If the two highest-placed NORCECA athletes in the PAG are Canadian, the quota place goes to the higher placed Canadian athlete.

In the case that the athlete who obtained one (1) of the quota places through the PAG/Continental Championships has already qualified via the 2019 UIPM World Cup Final or 2019 UIPM WCH, the quota place will be allocated to the next highest placed athlete, not yet qualified, at the PAG.

For Canada, this means that if a Canadian athlete earns a quota place at either the 2019 World Cup (WC) Final or the 2019 WCH, then any quota place earned by the same athlete at PAG will be given to the next highest-placed non-qualified athlete at PAG.

If this next highest-placed athlete is Canadian, then that athlete earns the quota place, giving Canada a total of two earned quota places for Tokyo 2020.

UIPM Olympic World Ranking List

The UIPM Olympic World Ranking List (OWRL) is compiled from points earned at eligible ranking competitions taking place during the period June 1, 2019 to June 13, 2021 the calendar of which events will be established and fixed by UIPM. Ranking on the list is by the total number of points earned in the athlete's top three performances in OWRL competitions.

UIPM [Rule 1.12.8](#) for Olympic World Ranking competitions

In Olympic Ranking competitions counting towards the Olympic Pentathlon World Ranking list (OPWR) the maximum number allowed is 4 pentathletes per nation per gender. If there are free places, the host nation may compete with 6 athletes per gender. Olympic Pentathlon World Ranking (OPWR) eligible competitions, which are not Continental Championships, must be open to all UIPM nations, organized for individuals of both genders with qualification and finals of 36; and have applied by the

deadline to be included in the Olympic Ranking calendar.

Access to UIPM Olympic World Ranking List competitions for Pentathlon Canada athletes

1. **World Championships** are by *selection only* per the current Internal Nomination Procedure (INP). If entry places are not filled by National Team athletes, additional athletes will be selected in order based the competition selection policy.
2. **World Cup** competition places will be *prioritized* to NT athletes; if additional places are available, the additional athlete will be selected based on the competition selection policy.
3. **Olympic World Ranking List competitions** (non-WCH/non-WC) are open to all athletes regardless of NT standing. Entries for these competitions are limited to four per NF.

Competition Selection Policy:

If an athlete is planning to attend an open competition that earns Olympic World Ranking List points, registration must be done through Pentathlon Canada on the UIPM registration system. Interested athletes must submit their intentions to compete 6 weeks prior to the competition or 2 days prior to the entry deadline (whichever comes first). Where there are more interested athletes than spots available for the competition, the Canadian entries will be allocated based on the current world ranking list. If there is a tie, then the athlete with the highest eligible pentathlon score in any competition where PWR points were allocated will be given priority. Athletes who submit their interest to attend after the selection above will be eligible to compete if there are spots available.

Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for Olympic selection, athletes must fulfill these conditions:

- 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.
- Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before December 31, 2021
- Be in good standing with Pentathlon Canada.
- Possess a current UIPM license and riding certificate.
- Read, sign and return the Pentathlon Canada Athlete Agreement by February 15, 2021.
- Sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Tokyo 2020 Conditions of Participation form by June 30, 2021
- Notify Canada Pentathlon High Performance Director, Ian Soellner by email: ian.soellner@gmail.com of their intent to participate in the selection process by February 15, 2021.
- Compete at their respective provincial championships in 2020, dates to be announced, unless an exemption has been granted as per the INP.
- Compete at the most recent Canadian National Pentathlon Championships, dates to be announced, unless an exemption has been granted as per the INP.

Athlete Selection

For Tokyo 2020, there is a limit of two athletes per gender per NOC. If as of June 14, 2021, there are more than two Canadian athletes of one gender who have earned quota spots, Pentathlon Canada has the authority to select from that group of athletes.

To ensure athlete selection is based on current performance indicators for optimal performance at Tokyo 2020, athletes will be ranked, (top 2 men and 2 women) based on results they have achieved at their most recent event listed on the Olympic World Ranking List. In the event of an equal ranking the athlete with the higher pentathlon score will be ranked highest.

In the event of a tie between two or more Canadian athletes on the Olympic World Ranking List, UIPM Rule 1.19.3 will be applied to break the tie and establish hierarchical order.

Should a qualified athlete suffer an injury or event that causes a significant interruption in training, the athlete must provide the Pentathlon Canada High Performance Director with objective information from their medical practitioner and coach that outlines the adaptive training protocol and expected recovery timelines. Should an athlete be deemed medically unfit to train or compete by their medical practitioner, Pentathlon Canada will advise the UIPM prior to or following the nomination date.

Pentathlon Canada High Performance Director will notify selected athletes either by phone or email by June 15, 2021.

Athletes must confirm their participation in the Tokyo 2020 Games with Pentathlon Canada by June 21, 2021. This date may be amended per any unforeseen changes in COC deadlines.

Performance Readiness

“Competitive ready” is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying.

Athletes must agree to participate in any Pentathlon Canada designated camps related to this event.

Once selected to the 2020 Olympic Games Team, all athletes will be expected to be training towards the goal of achieving an equal or superior performance to their qualifying results.

Appeals

Appeals will be conducted according to the [Pentathlon Canada Appeals Policy](#). Appeals may be submitted in writing to the Pentathlon Canada High Performance Director, Ian Soellner email: ian.soellner@gmail.com

Coaching and staff selection

Pentathlon Canada High Performance Committee (Ian Soellner, High Performance Director; Joshua Riker-Fox, National Next Generation Development Coach; Shelley Callaghan, Executive Director) has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including the team leader and/or coach(s) for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. The Pentathlon Canada High Performance Committee nominated head coach must satisfy the expectations and requirements of the Canadian Olympic Committee. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting

athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections are subject to COC approval and Pentathlon Canada's budget. Qualifying athletes will be consulted in this decision. All incurred costs will be paid by the athlete or individual attending the Olympic Games.

The Coach shall be a member in good standing with Pentathlon Canada and

- be a member in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada, and
- have a valid passport that does not expire on or before December 31, 2021, and
- Sign, submit and comply with the COC Support Staff Agreement and Tokyo 2020 Conditions of Participation form by June 30, 2021.

The Pentathlon Canada-nominated head coach must satisfy the expectations and requirements of the Canadian Olympic Committee.

During the actual competition period onsite at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games all final decision-making authority will reside with the head coach.

Any Questions with regards to the selection process may be directed to the Pentathlon Canada Executive Director: Shelley Callaghan email: executivedirector@pentathloncanada.ca

Timelines and important dates

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milest
23-24 February 2019	African Championships - African Qualifying Competition, Cairo (EGY)
27-30 June 2019	2019 World Cup Final (Tokyo, JPN)
26 July – 11 August 2019	Pan-American Games – Pan-American Qualifying Competition (Lima, PER)
6-11 August 2019	European Championships, European Qualifying Competition (Bath, GBR)
2-9 September 2019	2019 UIPM World Championships (Budapest, HUN)
1 October 2019	IOC will invite all eligible NOCs for submitting their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places

11-21 November 2019	Asian Championships - Asian Qualifying Competition (Wuhan, CHN)
11-21 November 2019	Oceania Championships – Oceania Qualifying Competition (Wuhan, CHN)
17 January 2020	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
In relation to end of qualification period for each sport	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
7-13 June 2021	2021 UIPM World Championships (Minsk, BLR)
14 June 2021	UIPM Olympic World Ranking List published
14 June 2021	UIPM Olympic Qualification system closes
15 June 2021	UIPM to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
21 June 2021	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to UIPM
22 June 2021	UIPM to confirm the reallocation of any unused quota places
28 June 2021	NOCs to confirm use of reallocated quota places to UIPM
29 June 2021	UIPM reallocation period closes
5 July 2021	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline
23 July to 8 August 2021	Olympic Games Tokyo 2020