2004 OLYMPIC GAMES REGATTA
International Rowing Federation
(FISA)

EVENTS

Boat Class	Men	Men Lightweight	Women	Women Lightweight
Single Sculls (1x)	x		x	
Pairs (2-)	x		x	
Double Sculls (2x)	x	x	x	x
Fours (4-)	x	x		
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	x		x	
Eights (8+)	x		x	

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota: 358 men
192 women
Total of 550 athletes

Maximum per NOC: 1 boat per event

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Attribution of qualification

At the World Championships qualification regatta in Milan in 2003 it is the NOC that qualifies in a certain event, not the rowers who participated in the event. The NOC can therefore enter a crew containing different rowers in this event at the 2004 Olympic Games.

The rowers who have achieved qualification for an NOC in a certain event at one of the four continental qualification regattas in 2004, must participate in that event if they participate at the Olympic Games. They may also participate in another event in which their NOC has qualified.

Reserve rowers

NOCs will not be granted additional quota places for reserve rowers. However an ill or injured rower may be replaced in accordance with the FISA Rules of Racing and have his/her accreditation transferred to the replacement.

NUMBER OF CREWS PER EVENT

The following numbers of crews are entitled to participate in the Olympic Regatta as follows (subject to the reallocation of unused quota places):

		Continental Qualification Regattas				
Boat Class	**2003 Worlds**	**Asia**	**Africa**	**Latin America**	**Final**	**Total**
Men						
Single Sculls (1x)	11	6	4	6	3	30
Pairs (2-)	11	–	–	–	2	13
Double Sculls (2x)	11	–	–	–	3	14
Fours (4-)	11	–	–	–	2	13
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	11	–	–	–	2	13
Eights (8+)	7	–	–	–	2	9
Men Lightweight						
Double Sculls (2x)	11	3	–	3	4	21
Fours (4-)	11	–	–	–	2	13
Women						
Single Sculls (1x)	9	5	2	5	3	24
Pairs (2-)	8	–	–	–	2	10
Double Sculls (2x)	8	–	–	–	2	10
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	7	–	–	–	1	8
Eights (8+)	5	–	–	–	2	7
Women Lightweight						
Double Sculls (2x)	9	3	–	3	2	17
Total	**130**	**17**	**6**	**17**	**32**	**202**

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

The crews will be qualified through the following methods:

a) 2003 FISA World Rowing Championships in Milan (ITA)

An NOC whose NF's crew achieves a certain place at the 2003 World Championships will qualify and is permitted to select and enter a crew in that event in the 2004 Olympic Games. For the various events, the highest placed nations at the 2003 World Championships according to the places indicated below will qualify:

Boat Class	Men	Men Lightweight	Women	Women Lightweight
Single Sculls (1x)	11	–	9	–
Pairs (2-)	11	–	8	–
Double Sculls (2x)	11	11	8	9
Fours (4-)	11	11	–	–
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	11	–	7	–
Eights (8+)	7	–	5	–

b) FISA Olympic Continental Qualification Regattas in May 2004

An NOC whose NF's crews achieve a certain place indicated in the following table at the relevant Continental Qualification Regatta will qualify and will be permitted to select and enter a crew in that event in the 2004 Olympic Games.

There will be four Qualification Regattas, not all of which include all events, and which are only open to certain countries, namely:

Asia: Open to NOCs who are members of the Olympic Council of Asia;

Africa: Open to NOCs who are members of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa;

Latin America: Open to NOCs who are members of Organización Deportiva Panamericana, with the exception of USA and CAN;

Final Regatta: Open to all NOCs except in the M1x; LM2x; W1x and LW2x events where the NOCs from Asia and Latin America as well as to M1x and W1x from Africa are excluded.

Boat Class	Asia	Africa	Latin America	Final
Men				
Single Sculls (1x)	6	4	6	3
Pairs (2-)	–	–	–	2
Double Sculls (2x)	–	–	–	3
Fours (4-)	–	–	–	2
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	–	–	–	2
Eights (8+)	–	–	–	2
Men Lightweight				
Double Sculls (2x)	3	–	3	4
Fours (4-)	–	–	–	2
Women				
Single Sculls (1x)	5	2	5	3
Pairs (2-)	–	–	–	2
Double Sculls (2x)	–	–	–	2
Quadruple Sculls (4x)	–	–	–	1
Eights (8+)	–	–	–	2
Women Lightweight				
Double Sculls (2x)	3	–	3	2

- The NFs can only enter one crew per event at the Qualification Regattas and only in the events in which their NOC has not already qualified;
- FISA will only accept entries that are received by the fixed closing date and that are accompanied by a commitment from the NOC confirming that, if the entered crews qualify, the NOC will select them for the Olympic Games. The NOCs from Asia, Africa and Latin America must confirm by 31 May, 2004 that they have actually selected their crews that qualified at the Qualification Regattas;
- The FISA Olympic Qualification Regattas will be held according to the FISA Championships System with heats, repechages, semi-finals and finals;

- The FISA Council shall select the sites of the four qualification regattas by the end of 2002;
- NOCs with crews who wish to qualify in an event that is not on the programme of the relevant Continental Qualification Regatta, or if the event in the Continental Qualification Regatta has been cancelled due to insufficient entries, may compete in the Final Qualification Regatta;
- In each event at all Qualification Regattas, there must be at least one more crew entered than may be qualified, otherwise the number of qualifiers will be reduced to one less than the number of crews starting. At least two crews must compete in the event. If the race is not held, then the entered crew(s) may subsequently enter the Final Qualification Regatta.

c) Host nation qualification

In respect to the general qualification principles identified by the International Olympic Committee, provisions will be made to ensure the representation of the host nation by both male and female athletes. Should the host nation not have achieved a qualification place, unused quota places may be allocated by the FISA Executive Committee to allow the entry of the best crew from the Olympic host nation, based on results at the 2003 World Championships and the final qualification event.

d) Tripartite Commission (IOC-ANOC-FISA) Invitation places

NOCs may apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation places in accordance with the identified timeline. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places is 15 November 2003. The allocation of Invitation places will be confirmed, in writing, to the NOCs by July 2004. Should unused quota places be made available following the 31 May 2004 deadline, these places may be allocated to the Invitation place applicants by the Tripartite Commission, pending an assessment of their technical level by FISA. This technical level will be based on performance at qualification events.

Further information on Invitation places is contained in the Information Paper for NOCs distributed with the qualification system manual.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

30 June 2002	NOCs to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation places.
31 August 2002	The Tripartite Commission will identify a priority list of Invitation applications which meet the identified criteria.
31 December 2002	FISA to determine location of Olympic Qualification Regattas
24-31 August 2003	2003 FISA World Rowing Championships, Milan, Italy
15 November 2003	Deadline for the submission of requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places by all NOCs
May 2004	FISA Asian Olympic Qualification Regatta, *(location to be confirmed by 31 December 2002)*
May 2004	FISA Latin American Olympic Qualification Regatta, *(location to be confirmed by 31 December 2002)*
May 2004	FISA African Olympic Qualification Regatta *(location to be confirmed by 31 December 2002)*
31 May 2004	Deadline for NOCs to confirm to FISA use of qualification places gained at the 2003 World Championships and Continental Qualification Regattas in Asia, Africa and Latin America
31 May 2004	Closing date for entries for the Final Qualification Regatta
10 June 2004	FISA to confirm allocation of any additional qualification places for the Final Qualification Regatta
13 - 16 June 2004	Final Olympic Qualification Regatta *(location to be confirmed)*
30 June 2004	FISA to confirm reallocation of any available places arising from the final qualification regatta
July 2004	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Invitation places to the NOCs
21 July 2004	Deadline for the Athens 2004 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

By the closing date of 31 May 2004, NOCs must confirm the use of qualification place(s) they have gained at the 2003 World Championships or at one of the three Continental Qualification Regattas held during May 2004, by entering the crews that will represent it in the Olympic Games rowing events to FISA. If the confirmed entry is not received by this date, or if it is made by the NF but not countersigned by the NOC, the qualification place(s) gained will be lost and FISA may allocate the relevant free places in accordance with the process specified below.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

Following the 31 May 2004 confirmation deadline, if an NOC has qualified in a certain event, but does not select a crew in that event, or if it enters the same rowers in two events, the seats that are not used will be automatically restored to FISA.

The FISA Executive Committee may allocate these places either to the host nation, final qualification event or to the Tripartite Commission Invitation places, according to the paragraphs below, in agreement with the IOC.

– In allocating the free places, the FISA Executive Committee is not restricted to the maximum number of qualified crews foreseen for each event, nor by the source of the unused seats. However, only NOCs whose rowers have competed in a crew at a Qualification Regatta will be eligible to be awarded these free places including the host nation and any Tripartite Commission Invitation applicants
– In so far as possible, the free women's places should be allocated to women, and the free men's places to men
– Available places may be attributed to the host nation to guarantee its representation in both genders. This possibility only applies if the host nation has not already qualified in a men's and women's event through the World Championships and the Qualification system
– A limited number of available places may be allocated by the Tripartite Commission (IOC- ANOC-FISA) to Invitation places, in accordance with the process noted earlier in this document
– The decisions of the FISA Executive Committee in this regard will be final

– The allocation of the available places for the Final Qualification Regatta will be made by 10 June 2004
– Any available places arising from the Final Qualification Regatta will be reallocated by the FISA Executive Committee by 30 June 2004

The FISA Executive Committee is empowered to deal with all unforeseen situations arising in relation to these rules, to fill any omissions and to interpret the rules in case of any disputes.