

Athlete Allocation System

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RUGBY SEVENS - World Rugby (WR)

The information in this Athlete Allocation System is accurate as at 28 January 2022 but remains subject to change. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 and the subsequent impact to all international sporting calendars, the CGF and World Rugby will be closely monitoring this Athlete Allocation System to determine if any changes are necessary. For the avoidance of doubt, the CGF and World Rugby reserve the right to amend this Athlete Allocation System in any manner, and in their sole and absolute discretion, should it be deemed necessary to ensure a fair qualification pathway for all Athletes.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Rugby Sevens Athlete Allocation System includes three (3) key methods of qualification:

- 1. Host CGA**
Automatic Qualification
- 2. World Rugby Sevens Series (2018/2019 season and 2019/2020 season)**
Direct Qualification
- 3. World Rugby regional competitions**
Regional Qualification

2 MEDAL EVENTS (2)

a) Medal Events by Discipline

Men's Event	Women's Event
16 Teams	8 Teams

b) Maximum Number of Athletes and Team Officials by Commonwealth Games Association (CGA)

SPORT	Entries	Competitors	Team Officials
RUGBY Sevens	One (1) Men's Team	13 Athletes	3 Team Officials
	One (1) Women's Team	13 Athletes	3 Team Officials

3 QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK

REGULATIONS RELATING TO TEAM SPORTS

Entries

- CGF will advise CGA's in writing which have been selected to compete in the Men's and Women's Rugby Sevens competitions based on the respective qualification pathways, and in accordance with the timelines below.

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- The CGAs selected to compete in the Rugby Sevens competitions shall confirm their participation in writing within 7 days of notification.
- CGAs that do not accept the offer from the CGF, or do not respond within the required timeframes, will be replaced by the next eligible CGA not yet qualified as determined by World Rugby and CGF, in accordance with the qualification pathway.

SELECTION OF COMPETING CGA'S

CGA's not affiliated with World Rugby will be required to affiliate with World Rugby, or if not eligible to affiliate will be required to obtain approval from World Rugby before being eligible for qualification.

Teams will be selected to compete in accordance with the following process.

SPORT	Entries								
Rugby Sevens	<p>Sixteen (16) Men's Teams and Eight (8) Women's Teams will be selected by World Rugby (WR) to compete in the Rugby Sevens competitions.</p> <p>Host CGA (Men and Women)</p> <p>The Host CGA is eligible to enter one (1) Men's and one (1) Women's Team.</p> <p>WR will then determine the remaining Teams to be selected to compete based on the following pathways:</p> <p><u>Men</u></p> <p>Direct Qualification</p> <p>The top nine (9) CGAs on the WR Sevens Series standings (excluding the Host CGA) from the seasons 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 as at 31 March 2020 will be selected to compete.</p> <p>Regional Qualification</p> <p>The remaining six (6) CGAs will be determined by the following WR regional representation:</p> <table><tr><td>Asia</td><td>2 Qualifiers</td></tr><tr><td>Africa</td><td>2 Qualifiers</td></tr><tr><td>Oceania</td><td>1 Qualifier</td></tr><tr><td>North America</td><td>1 Qualifier</td></tr></table> <p>WR designated regional competitions will be used to determine qualifying CGAs. The top placed CGA nation(s) from the designated regional competitions not yet qualified will be selected to compete*</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, results will be adjusted to remove the Host CGA and CGAs qualified through the WR World Sevens Series, if applicable.</p> <p>The WR designated regional competitions will be concluded by 30 April 2022 and will be confirmed by no later than 01 July 2021.</p>	Asia	2 Qualifiers	Africa	2 Qualifiers	Oceania	1 Qualifier	North America	1 Qualifier
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Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process

Any qualification slots that are not used by the CGA will be reallocated as follows:

- An unused slot earned from the Host CGA method shall be reallocated to the next highest placed CGA not otherwise qualified on the WR World Sevens Series standings in accordance with the qualification framework. Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining on the WR World Sevens Series standings in accordance with the qualification framework, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and World Rugby.
- Any unused slots earned from the Direct Qualification method shall be reallocated to the next highest placed team not otherwise qualified on the WR World Sevens Series standings in accordance with the qualification framework. Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining on the WR World Sevens Series standings in accordance with the qualification framework, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and World Rugby.
- Any unused slots earned from the Regional Qualification method shall be reallocated to the next highest placed team not otherwise qualified from the respective regional qualification event. Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining from the respective regional qualification event, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and World Rugby.
- The CGF and World Rugby reserve the right not to reallocate the slot, in the case that the reallocation process results in the potential award of a slot to a CGA whose performance could compromise the safety and integrity of the competition.

4 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to represent a CGA, an athlete must;

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- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or WR or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, WR and the World Anti-Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed; and
- Have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution;
- Have complied with the minimum age regulations, as stipulated by WR.

5 TIMELINES

Date(s)	Milestones
31 March 2020	WR World Sevens Series date at which nine (9) Men's Teams and three (3) Women's Teams will be selected to compete
28 June 2021	CGF to notify the Host CGA and CGAs selected through the WR World Sevens Series of their participation in the Men's and Women's Rugby Sevens Events of the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
By 01 July 2021	WR to confirm Regional Qualification events
12 July 2021	Host CGA and CGAs selected through the WR World Sevens Series to confirm their participation in the respective Men's and Women's Rugby Sevens Events of the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
18 March 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive accreditation application forms submitted by CGAs
25 March 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entries by Number information.
April 2022	Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings
By 30 April 2022	WR regional competitions to determine the six (6) remaining Men's Teams and four (4) remaining Women's Teams to qualify to compete.
By 06 May 2022	CGF to confirm qualified CGAs through WR regional competitions
By 13 May 2022	CGA to confirm acceptance of qualification through WR regional competitions
By 18 May 2022	Re-allocation of returned qualification slots
29 June 2022	Deadline for CGA to register their Preliminary Squad in the B2022 Sport Entries System.
11 July 2022	Deadline for CGA to register their Final Squad. For the avoidance of doubt, to be selected in a Final Squad, athletes must be registered in the Preliminary Squad submitted in accordance with the B2022 Sport Entries Guide.
July 2022	Delegation Registration Meetings