# INTERNATIONAL RUGBY BOARD Rugby Sevens

# A. Events (2)

Men's events (1)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (1)	
6-team tournament for Men	6-team tournament for Women	

#### B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	6 teams	0	72 athletes
Women	5 teams	1 team	72 athletes
TOTAL	11 teams	1 team	144 athletes

	MAXIMUM QUOTA PER NOC
Men	1 team of 12 players*
Women	1 team of 12 players*
TOTAL	2 teams of 12 players*

<sup>\*</sup> According to the Nanjing 2014 Qualification Systems Principles, "Participation in team sports shall be limited to one women's and one men's team per NOC across team sports (Football, Handball, Hockey, and Rugby)."

## C. Athlete Eligibility

#### **ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 1997.

# D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY			
For each qualify to:  Athletes  NOCs	ing event, the qualification places obtained	d for the Youth Olympic Games v	vill be allocated
The IRB has six	Regional Associations as follows:		
	Asia	ARFU	
	Africa	CAR	
	Europe	FIRA-AER	
	North America and the Caribbean	NACRA	
	South America	CONSUR	
	Oceania	FORU	

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The qualification process for both the men's and women's YOG tournaments will be based on senior Sevens competition rankings. The final ranking of the IRB Rugby World Cup Sevens (RWC 7s) taking place in Moscow from 28 to 30 June 2013 will determine the qualification places as follows:

#### 1. Men's Qualification Process

Quot	Region	Allocation of qualification places
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1	Asia	Top ranked ARFU team at men's RWC 7s 2013
1	Africa	Top ranked CAR team at men's RWC 7s 2013
2	America	Top ranked CONSUR team and top ranked NACRA team at men's RWC 7s 2013
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1	Europe	Top ranked FIRA-AER team at men's RWC 7s 2013
1	Oceania	Top ranked FORU team at men's RWC 7s 2013

#### 2. Women's Qualification process

Quota	Region	Allocation of qualification places
1	Asia	Top ranked ARFU team at women's RWC 7s 2013. Should China be the top ranked ARFU team at the women's RWC 7s 2013, the next best ranked ARFU team will qualify.
1	Africa	Top ranked CAR team at women's RWC 7s 2013
1	Americas	Top ranked team at women's RWC 7s 2013 among CONSUR and NACRA teams
1	Europe	Top ranked FIRA-AER team at women's RWC 7s 2013
1	Oceania	Top ranked FORU team at women's RWC 7s 2013

#### **HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION**

The Host Country, China, will have automatic qualification to the women's tournament only.

#### E. Confirmation process for quota places

#### **CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUALIFICATION PLACES**

The IRB shall confirm qualified teams to NOCs immediately following the Rugby World Cup Sevens 2013.

NOCs will then have up to four weeks to confirm in writing after the completion of the Rugby World Cup Sevens 2013 to the IRB and NYOGOC that they will use the obtained places.

At the conclusion of the last qualifying event of the four team sports (Football, Handball, Hockey, and Rugby), the IRB will communicate in writing the final confirmation of qualification to the NOC.

#### **CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR HOST COUNTRY PLACES**

The Host Country shall confirm in writing to the IRB and NYOGOC the use of its automatically allocated place by 30 April 2013.

## F. Reallocation of unused quota places

#### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If an NOC decides not to accept a qualification place, or in the event that an NOC qualifies more than one women's and one men's team across all team sports (Football, Handball, Hockey and Rugby), the IRB will communicate in writing the confirmation of qualification to the NOC and the National Association of the next best ranked team at RWC7s 2013 from the same Region.

If the next best ranked team from the same Region does not accept the reallocated place or there are no more teams from the same Region available to accept the reallocated place, then the place will be

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allocated to the highest ranked RWC 7s 2013 team, not yet qualified, regardless of Region.

## **REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES**

If the Host Country NOC decides not to accept the invitation to participate in the women's tournament, then the place will be reallocated to the highest ranked team at the women's RWC 7s 2013 tournament from whichever of the two CONSUR and NACRA Regions that has not qualified a team.

# G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
March 2013	Validation of final allocation of Universality Places by YOG Tripartite Commission
1 April 2013 - 8 June 2014	YOG 2014 qualification period
30 April 2013	Deadline for Host Country to confirm in writing to the IRB and NYOGOC the use of its place
28 - 30 June 2013	Rugby World Cup Sevens (Moscow, RUS)
31 July 2013	Deadline for NOCs to confirm the use of their qualification places obtained through RWC 7s 2013
8 July 2014	Entries deadline by name for all sports
16 - 28 August 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Youth Olympic Games – Nanjing 2014

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