

**Fédération Internationale de Natation
(FINA)
Swimming annex - Marathon swimming**

EVENTS

10km	Men	Women
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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Athletes: 25 men
25 women
Total of 50 athletes

Maximum per NF/NOC: Two (2) Marathon Swimmers per event

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – ALL ENTRIES TO BE CONFIRMED BY FINA**NF/NOC Entries per Event****1. 5th FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships 2008**

The first ten (10) finalists from the 10km event – men and women – will qualify.

20 Marathon Swimmers (10 Men & 10 Women)

2. Continental Representation

The first eligible finisher in the 10km event – Men and Women – from each of the five (5) Continental Championships will qualify.

10 Marathon Swimmers (5 Men and 5 Women)

In the event that a NF/NOC has previously qualified one (1) or two (2) swimmers, the selection process will move to the next eligible finisher in the Continental Championships event to ensure that each of these competitions yields a competitor.

3. Host nation

One (1) male and one (1) female marathon swimmer from the Host nation, if not previously qualified, will qualify.

2 Marathon Swimmers (1 Man & 1 Woman)

If the Host nation qualifies two (2) athletes through the Point 1 above or one (1) athlete through the Point 2 above, then this slot will be added to Point 4 and allow it to yield an additional 10th qualification place.

4. FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier

NFs/NOCs not having qualified swimmers through points 1, 2 or 3 above may elect to send two (2) athletes per event. Each NF/NOC will qualify only one (1) athlete (per event). All remaining qualification places will be filled at this competition. The swimmers already qualified through points 1, 2 or 3 may participate in this competition.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

29 April – 4 May 2008	5 th FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships, Seville (ESP)
19 May 2008	NFs/NOCs to confirm to FINA the participation of their Marathon Swimmers
31 May – 1 June 2008	FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier, Beijing (CHN)
23 July 2008	Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

The NFs/NOCs must confirm to FINA the participation of their Marathon Swimmers not later than 19 May 2008.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

Should an NF/NOC not enter a qualified athlete, the unused quota place will be transferred to the next ranked athlete from the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier.