

Qualification – The World Games 2017 Orienteering

The IOF has 40 female and 40 male places at The World Games 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland. As of 1st November 2016, the following have qualified and accepted qualification for The World Games 2017 in orienteering. 30 female and 30 male spots are thus taken:

- **Poland** (2 men, 2 women) – qualified as host nation
- **Austria** (2 men, 2 women) – qualified through WOC 2016
- **Czech Republic** (2 men, 2 women) – qualified through WOC 2016
- **Denmark** (2 men, 2 women) – qualified through WOC 2016
- **Estonia** (2 men, 2 women) – qualified through WOC 2016
- **Finland** (2 men, 2 women) – qualified through WOC 2016
- **France** (2 men, 2 women) – qualified through WOC 2016
- **Great Britain** (2 men, 2 women) – qualified through WOC 2016
- **Hungary** (2 men, 2 women) – qualified through WOC 2016
- **Norway** (2 men, 2 women) – qualified through WOC 2016
- **Russia** (2 men, 2 women) – qualified through WOC 2016
- **Sweden** (2 men, 2 women) – qualified through WOC 2016
- **Switzerland** (2 men, 2 women) – qualified through WOC 2016
- **Ukraine** (2 men, 2 women) – qualified through WOC 2016
- **Maja Alm (Denmark)** – through winning the Sprint competition at WOC 2016
- **Jerker Lysell (Sweden)** – through winning the Sprint competition at WOC 2016
- **Tove Alexandersson (Sweden)** – through winning the Middle and Long Distance competitions at WOC 2016
- **Matthias Kyburz (Switzerland)** – through winning the Middle Distance competition at WOC 2016

(The men's Long Distance champion at WOC 2016, Olav Lundanes (Norway) has declined his place).

Regional qualification

The IOF is offering additional places to the regions who did not qualify themselves directly from WOC 2016 as follows:

Africa (1+1): 1 female and 1 male athlete from **South Africa** are offered additional spots. If any of these places are declined, reserves should be taken from the global pool of athletes.

Asia (2+2): reigning Asian champions in the Sprint and Middle Distance are offered additional spots. These spots are personal and non-transferable. They are **Ting Hsuan Wang (TPE – Women's Sprint)**, **Cheng Hsun Liu (TPE – Men's Sprint)**, **Elmira Moldasheva (KAZ – Women's Middle Distance)*** and **Yuta Tanikawa (JPN – Men's Middle Distance)**. If any of these personal places are declined, the place will be offered to an athlete from **China** since they are the reigning Sprint Relay Asian Champions. If China declines, the remaining places should be offered to **Hong Kong** (2nd in ASOC Sprint Relay, then **Japan** (next best nation in ASOC). If the 2+2 Asian regional places are still not taken, remaining places should be taken from the global pool of athletes.

North America (2+2): through their performance in WOC 2016, 2 female and 2 male athletes from **Canada** are offered additional spots. If any of these places are declined, the **United States of America** should be asked to take them. If they also decline, reserves should be taken from the global pool of athletes.

Oceania (2+2): through their performance in WOC 2016, 2 female and 2 male athletes from **New Zealand** are offered additional spots. If any of these places are declined, **Australia** should be asked to take them. If they also decline, reserves should be taken from the global pool of athletes.

South America (2+2): reigning South American champions in the Sprint and Middle Distance are offered additional spots. They are **Franciely de Siqueira Chiles (BRA – Women’s Sprint and Middle Distance)**, **Carlos Henrique Souza de Araujo (BRA – Men’s Sprint)** and **Sidnaldo Farias Sousa (BRA – Men’s Middle Distance)**. The remaining woman’s spot and any declined personal place should be offered to **Brazil** as the best nation in SAOC 2016. If Brazil declines, the remaining places should be offered to **Chile** as the next best nation in SAOC 2016. If the 2+2 South American regional places are still not taken, remaining places should be taken from the global pool of athletes.

*: Kazakhstan should meet their membership obligations before this personal place is taken.

Remaining places, global pool of athletes

At least 1 female and 1 male places will remain to be offered by the IOF to nations who have not qualified for The World Games orienteering by means listed above. These places are personal and non-transferable. These places are distributed through Orienteering World Ranking and Sprint Orienteering World Ranking positions as of 1st November 2016 12:00 CET. Each nation may qualify a maximum of 1 female and 1 male athlete through this process. In case of a tie, the Orienteering World Ranking position is superior.

The direct qualifiers through these rules are **Anastasia Denisova from Belarus** (21st in the Sprint Orienteering World Ranking) and **Andreu Blanes from Spain** (18th in the Sprint Orienteering World Ranking).

If some of the places through means above are declined, the reserve list is as follows:

	Women	Men
1	Inga Dambe – LAT (WR – 42)	Yannick Michiels – BEL (Sprint WR – 22)
2	Carlotta Scalet – ITA (Sprint WR – 42)	Jonas Vytautas Gvildys – LTU (Sprint WR – 24)
3	Susen Lösch – GER (WR – 56)	Nicolas Simonin – IRL (Sprint WR – 30)
4	Gabija Razaityte – LTU (WR – 62)	Edgars Bertuks – LAT (WR – 32)
5	Hanny Allston – AUS (WR – 64)	Kiril Nikolov – BUL (WR – 38)
6	Laura Vike – LAT (WR – 66)	Vilius Aleliunas – LTU (Sprint WR – 49)
7	Natasha Key – AUS (Sprint WR – 69)	Arturs Paulins – LAT (Sprint WR – 50)
8	Antoniya Grigirova – BUL (Sprint WR – 76)	Andrea Seppi – ITA (Sprint WR – 55)
9	Christine Kirchlechner – ITA (WR – 79)	Ivan Sirakov – BUL (Sprint WR – 56)
10	Rachel Effeney – AUS (Sprint WR – 80)	Tomas Hendrickx – BEL (Sprint WR – 58)
11	Tekle Emilije Gvildyte – LTU (Sprint WR – 92)	Andris Jubelis – LAT (WR – 63)
12	Anna Serrallonga Arques – ESP (WR – 95)	Algirdas Bartkevicius – LTU (Sprint WR – 64)

Feedback

Feedback for accepting regional places, regional reserve places, global qualification places and global reserve places should reach the IOF Office by 15th December 2016. On 16th December 2016, the IOF Office publishes the list of qualified nations and athletes on the IOF website with 2-2 reserve places with regards to possible injuries.