



OVERVIEW OF INDIVIDUAL WTTC QUALIFICATION STRUCTURE

The below described procedure shows the order of priority of the qualification.

Continental quotas: A dynamic method (details below) will be used to determine the number of quota places per Continent (both for singles and doubles). For the Dynamic Formula calculation and allocation of numbers per Continent Week 33/2024 of the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking (ITTF TTWR) is used.

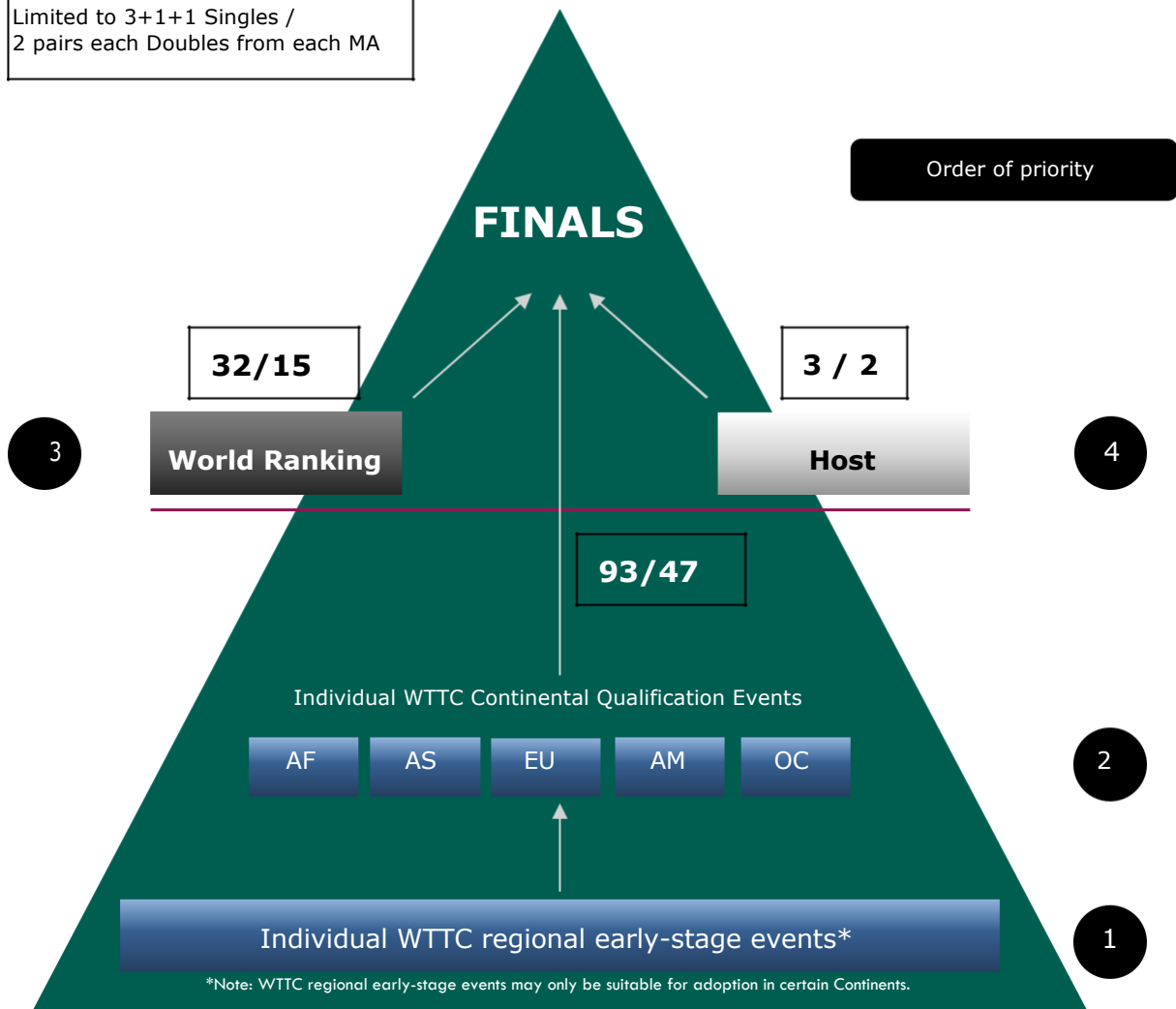
World Ranking: Thirty-two (32) singles and fifteen (15) doubles places will be allocated according to Week 8/2025 of the ITTF TTWR.

Host Member Association quotas: The Host Member Association (Host) is guaranteed three (3) singles and four (4) doubles places. If the Host qualifies fewer than three (3) singles players and two (2) doubles pairs from the Continental or World Ranking quotas, they will be allocated the difference.

In case the Host qualifies players/pairs at the Continental Stage, the equivalent number of quota places (with a maximum of three (3) singles / two (2) doubles) will be added to the same Continent's quota places. The Host is not guaranteed any Host quota for the +1+1 players for singles, only if eligible based on the relevant regulation and qualification process. For the allocation of the Host quotas, Week 8/2025 of the ITTF TTWR is used.



Limited to 3+1+1 Singles /
2 pairs each Doubles from each MA



ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION RULES

The qualification process will be governed, in addition to the ITTF Statutes where applicable, by the following rules:

MA singles quota (3+1+1 rule): each Member Association (MA) should be limited to a maximum of three (3) players qualifying for the WTTC Finals, with the exception of those with a player in the top 100 ITTF TTWR (who will be allocated one (1) extra place) and a player in the top 20 ITTF TTWR (who will be allocated one (1) further extra place). This is known as the 3+1+1 rule. For calculation purposes only World Title eligible players are considered and Week 33/2024 of the ITTF TTWR is used for this edition.

MA doubles quota (4/4/2 rule) - each Member Association (MA) can have a maximum of four (4) players for Men's Doubles, four (4) players for Women's Doubles and four (4) players for Mixed Doubles (two (2) men and two (2) women) with a maximum of two combined pairs (per event) with another MA per doubles event.

An Association's players are eligible to participate in each stage, provided that their Association has entered players and teams in the earlier stages. If a continent elects to hold a Regional Stage, participation is not mandatory to be eligible to take part in later stages.

DYNAMIC FORMULA

A dynamic formula is used to determine the number of places allocated to each Continent for qualification via the Continental Quotas to the WTTC Finals. This means that the allocation per Continent can vary from year to year and thus rewards high performance and participation. The dynamic formula comprises three weighted metrics:

- **Universality:** each Continent receives at least one direct qualification to the WTTC Finals. This does not have a weighting, as instead of contributing to the outcome of the dynamic formula it acts as an insurance policy to ensure all Continents have at least one player or pair in each event.
- **Performance:** this is based on the top 256 individuals in the ITTF TTWR (individual doubles rankings are used for doubles) with the top five ranked players (top four players are used for doubles) per MA considered. This is to reflect the previously explained 3+1+1 singles and 4/4/2 doubles rules.
- **Active participation:** to reward Continents for participating in ITTF/WTT and other international events. An MA is considered as active if it has one player in the ITTF TTWR. This can be achieved by participating in at least one WR event.

*The ITTF developed a software tool to help stakeholders of table tennis understand the above-mentioned dynamic formula. The tool is available for **illustration purposes**, and it's updated frequently. You can find it here: <https://wttc-quota.appspot.com/>*

QUALIFICATION METHOD FOR DOUBLES

Following the 4/4/2 rule, the qualification of doubles is based on the ITTF TTWR (Doubles Pairs rankings). The method of the qualification is to qualify the highest eligible pairs. In case a player is qualified in more than one pair, he or she is initially eligible to qualify only through the highest ranked pair.

REPLACEMENT POLICY

Replacement by entry deadlines:

- Replacements that will take place before the final entries' deadline (to be defined on the Event Prospectus) will be reallocated to the appropriate quota (Continental or World Ranking) equivalent to the original quota withdrawn.
- Replacements that will take place after the final entries' deadline (to be defined on the Event Prospectus) will be reallocated through the ITTF TTWR Week 8/2025 equivalent to the original quota withdrawn.
- 10 reserve singles players and 5 reserve pairs in each of the Doubles will be notified following the final entries' deadline so they can start the process of visa for travel to the host country and be ready to replace players/pairs who may withdraw.
- Replacements past the final entries deadlines and prior to the draws will take place as far as possible based on the above. ITTF reserves the right to fill last minute vacant places with the next eligible players/pairs onsite (foreign or local) or otherwise byes.
- Cancellations past the final entries' deadlines will be subject to ranking penalties as per the ITTF TTWR Regulations valid at the time.

Replacement of Singles and Doubles by MA:

- **Singles:** according to the Proposition by ETTU* (approved by the 2020 BoD and amended by the 2021 BoD following a proposition by JTJA), MAs have the authority to nominate the players to the WTTC Finals, therefore replacement of the players is allowed until the given deadline published in the Event Prospectus. If an MA withdraws a participant without replacing him/her (at the same time as the cancellation takes place), the quota will be reallocated to the Continental quota or the World Ranking quota as appropriate at the time the cancellation takes place.
- **Doubles:** For the doubles' quota allocated to the MA, the MA has the authority to change the quota pairing until the given deadline published in the Event Prospectus. If an MA withdraws a pair without replacing the pair (at the same time as the cancellation takes place), the quota will be reallocated to the Continental quota or the World Ranking quota as appropriate at the time the cancellation takes place.

***Proposition by ETTU in 2020 and amended by JTJA in 2021**

(Approved by the 2020 BoD and amended by the 2021 BoD following a proposition by JTJA)

Players/pairs qualifying for the Finals are not individually qualified but gain places for their Association which has the right to nominate according to the qualified number of places for the Finals.

If the Association is not able to comply, the vacant place will go to the highest ranked player/pair not yet qualified from another Association.

Replacement of combined pairs (pairs from different Member Associations):

- **Same continent:** in case a combined pair decides to withdraw from the competition, the quota will be reallocated to the next highest ranked pair from the same continent (eligible and not yet qualified) if the replacement happens before the entry deadline or otherwise through the World Ranking to the next highest ranked pair if the replacement takes place after the entry deadline.
- **Continental mixed pair** (mixed pairs consisting of different continents can only qualify via the World Ranking quota): for continental mixed pairs that qualify via the World Ranking quota and reject the quota, the quota will be reallocated to the next highest ranked pair from the ITTF TTWR (eligible and not yet qualified).

All event related deadlines will be published in the Event Prospectus in due time.



INDICATIVE BASIC TIMELINE

1. Regional & Continental Events* – Feb to Oct 2024
2. Dynamic Formula for definition of Continental quota numbers – Week 33/2024 WR
3. Eligible maximum Singles players numbers per MA (3+1+1) – Week 33/2024 WR
4. Host quotas – Confirmed or otherwise allocated Week 8/2025 WR
5. WR quotas Allocation – Week 8/2025
6. Final Entry Deadline – 17 March 2025
7. 2025 WTTC Finals – 17 to 25 May 2025

Subsequent details on the WTTC Finals entry and replacement deadlines will be released in due time.

**Information about all regional and continental events, part of the 2025 WTTC pathway, are available through each Continental Federation.*

**ANNEX 1****Continental quota numbers (Week 33/2024 ITTF WR)**

*The below are lists of potential maximum numbers do **not** form any guarantee of a quota allocation. Only indicated for information. Qualified players/pairs lists will be produced separately, and only eligible players/pairs will be considered following all qualification pathways clauses.

EVENT	AFRICA	ASIA	EUROPE	AMERICAS	OCEANIA
MS	11	26	35	15	6
WS	11	29	35	12	6
MD	7	15	14	8	3
WD	6	15	16	7	3
XD	5	14	17	8	3



ANNEX 2

Eligible maximum Singles players numbers per MA (Week 33/2024 ITTF WR)

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MA	Men's Singles	
BRA	5	
CHN		
EGY		
FRA		
GER		
JPN		
KOR		
NGR		
SLO		
SWE		
TPE		
ARG		4
AUS		
AUT		
BEL		
CAN		
CGO		
CHI		
CRO		
CUB		
DEN		
ECU		
ENG		
ESP		
GRE		
HKG		
IND		
IRI		
KAZ		
LUX		
MEX		
POL		
POR		
PUR		
ROU		
SEN		
SGP		
SVK		
USA		
OTHERS	3	

MA	Women's Singles
CHN	5
FRA	
GER	
JPN	
KOR	
ROU	
TPE	
AUS	4
AUT	
BRA	
CAN	
CRO	
CZE	
EGY	
ESP	
HKG	
HUN	
IND	
ITA	
LUX	
NED	
NGR	
POL	
POR	
PRK	
PUR	
SGP	
SRB	
SWE	
THA	
TUR	
UKR	
USA	
VAN	
WAL	
OTHERS	3



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