

INTRODUCTION

This document outlines the competition structure for the reformed Team World Table Tennis Championships (WTTC) and explains the qualification pathway for each Continent for the 2022 Teams WTTC Finals.

There is some variation in the qualification structures per Continent to reflect the different circumstances per Continent; however, it is expected that these variations will reduce over time.

Considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the world, in 2022 Continental Stages will precede the WTTC Finals, while the Intercontinental Stage quotas will be reallocated.

As per the decision of the ITTF Executive Committee, no Regional Stage was hosted in 2021 as part of the 2022 Teams WTTC Finals.

OVERVIEW OF TEAM WTTC COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Continental Stage – 33 Teams will qualify from the Continental Stage. The Continental quota allocation is the following: 4 for Africa, 10 for Asia, 11 for Europe, 6 for PANAM, and 2 for Oceania. Numbers are according to the [2020 BoD Proposition 28](#).

Host nation - is guaranteed. If the host nation is already qualified through the Continental Stage, the host quota will be reallocated to the Continental ranking.

Intercontinental qualification – As per the decision of the ITTF Executive Committee, in 2022 no Intercontinental Stage will be held. To allocate the remaining six (6) places, after consultations with the representatives of the Continents, the ITTF considered two different methods and approved the following allocation method:

From the six (6) quotas

- Five (5) would be reallocated to the Continents. The five (5) quotas per gender will be distributed in the following way:
 - Europe (1): The highest-ranked, not-yet qualified team from the European Championships 2021, according to the World Team Ranking published after the 2021 EC Final Stage
 - Asia (1): Position 11 at the 2021 Asian Championships
 - PANAM (1): The winner of the consolation at the 2021 PANAM Championships
 - Africa (1): The winner of the consolation (position 5) at the 2021 African Championships
 - Oceania (1): The highest-ranked, not-yet qualified teams from the World Team Ranking January 2022

- The sixth quota will be allocated to the highest ranked not-yet qualified team from the World Team Ranking January 2022

Decision making process – To ensure a transparent process, based on the recommendation of the FEWG Chairman and the ITTF Competition Department, the ITTF President delegated the decision to the newly formed ITTF Council. The item was discussed on the first ITTF Council meeting (16 January 2022) and a decision was made after the Executive Committee meeting on 29 January 2022.

QUALIFICATION RULES

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

Member Association quota limitation - each MA should be limited to a maximum of one (1) Team per gender.

Reallocations and cancellations

If a Member Association withdraws its team(s) from the event, the quota(s) will be reallocated to the appropriate quota. If the quota re-allocation is not feasible for any reason, the quota will be reallocated from the Team World Ranking January 2022.

More information on the key replacement timelines to be published in the Prospectus.

2022 TEAMS WTTC QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q3 /4 2022
Events			<p>1-7 September 2021 African Championships Cameroon</p> <p>28 September – 5 October 2021 Asian Championships Qatar</p> <p>28 September – 4 October 2021 European Championships Romania</p>	<p>13-19 November 2021 PANAM Championships Peru</p>		<p>30 September - 9 October 2022 WTTC Finals Chengdu, China</p>

Continental Events | **WTTC Finals**

AFRICA

Quota allocation

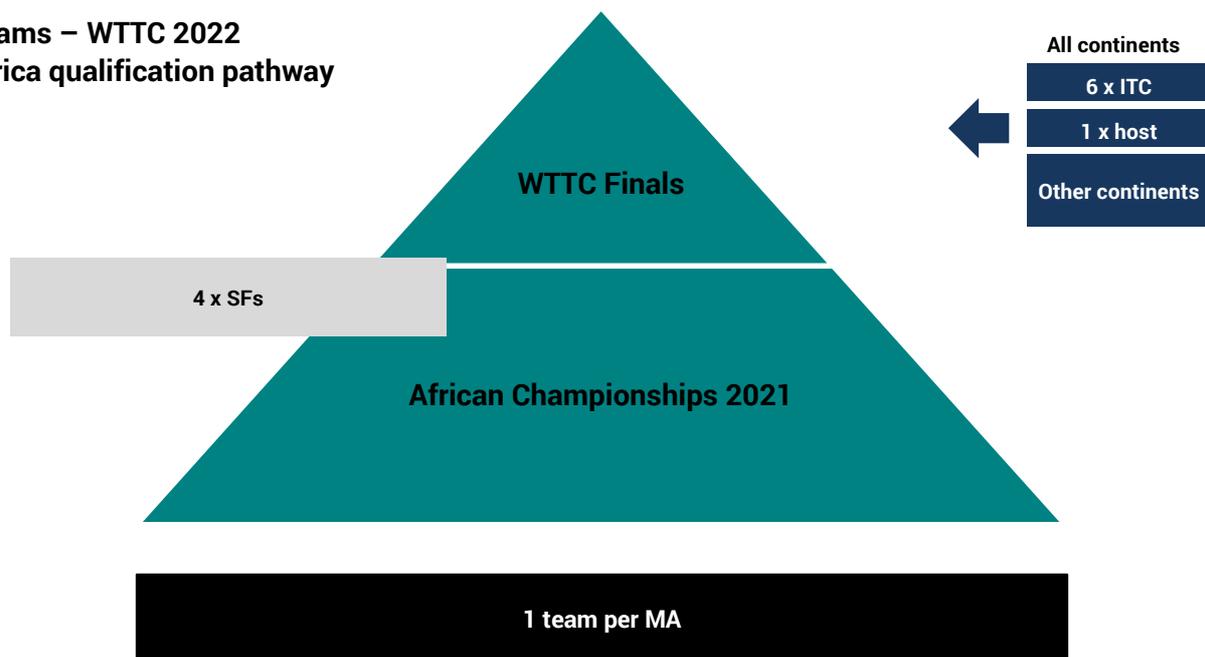
The Continental Stage of the 2022 WTTC Finals for Africa is the 2021 African Championships organized in Younde, Cameroon (1-7 September, 2021).

Continental Stage and qualification to the Finals

Four (4) teams from Africa qualify through the Continental Stage. The four (4) participating teams from the Semifinals qualify to the 2022 Team WTTC Finals.

Additional one (1) Intercontinental quota: The winner of the consolation (position 5) will qualify to the 2022 Team WTTC Finals.

Teams – WTTC 2022
Africa qualification pathway



ASIA

Quota allocation

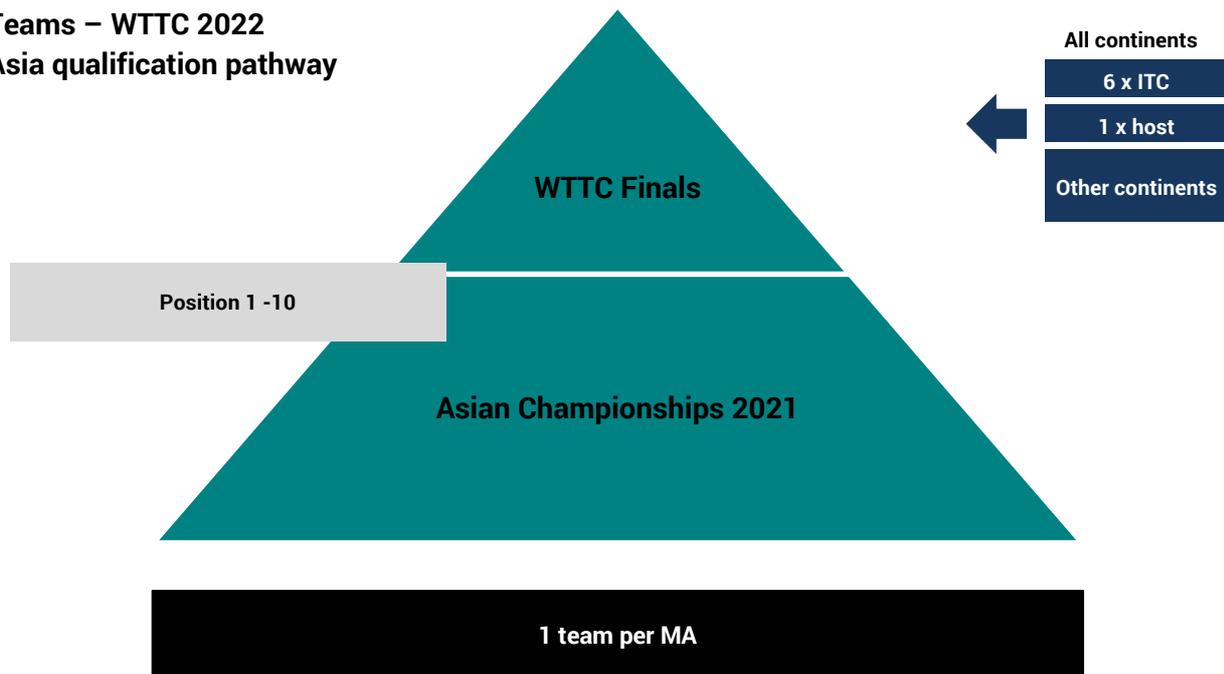
The Continental Stage of the 2022 WTTC Finals for Asia is the 2021 Asian Championships organized in Doha, Qatar (28 September – 5 October, 2021).

Continental Stage and qualification to the Finals

Ten (10) teams from Asia qualify through the Continental Stage. Teams in Position 1-10 qualify to the 2022 Team WTTC Finals.

Additional one (1) Intercontinental quota: The team which finished in position 11 will qualify to the 2022 Team WTTC Finals.

Teams – WTTC 2022 Asia qualification pathway



EUROPE

Quota allocation

The Continental Stage of the 2022 WTTC Finals for Europe is the 2021 European Championships held in Cluj, Romania (28 September – 3 October, 2021).

Continental Stage and qualification to Finals

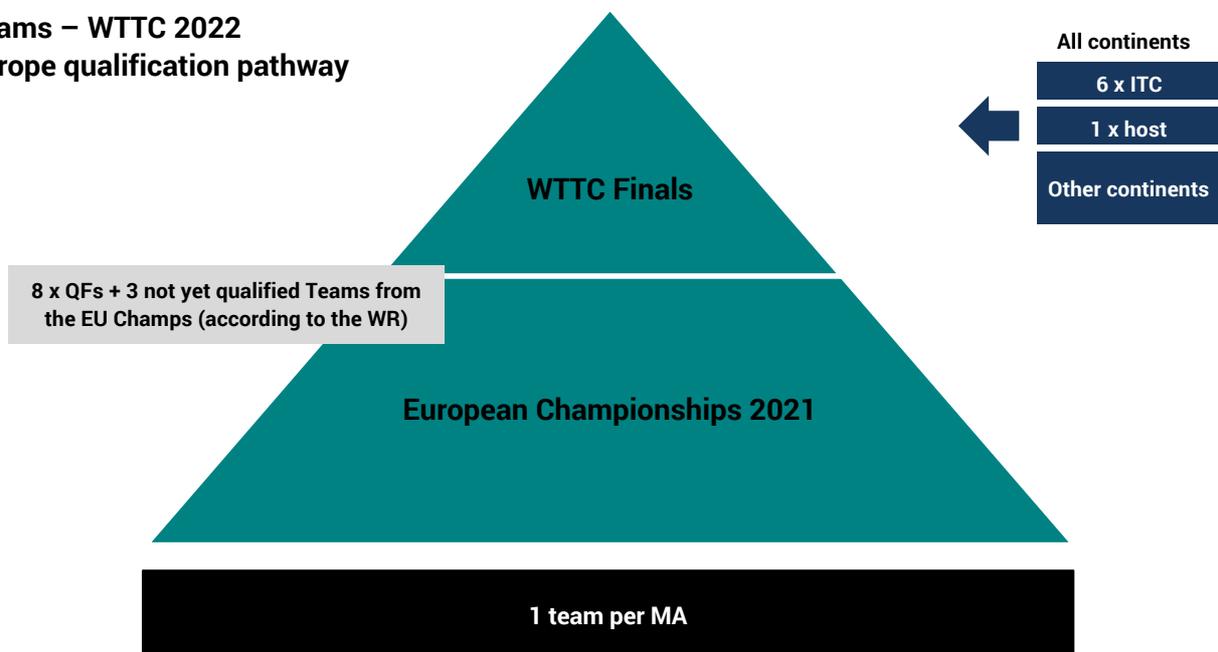
Eleven (11) teams from Europe qualify through the Continental Stage.

The eight (8) quarterfinalists of the Continental Stage event qualify automatically, while the remaining three (3) quotas should be received by the three highest-ranked (according to the World Team Ranking published after the 2021 EC Final Stage), not-yet qualified teams from the 2021 European Championships.

Additional one (1) Intercontinental quota: The highest-ranked not-yet qualified team according to the World Team Ranking published after the 2021 EC Final Stage will qualify to the 2022 Team WTTC Finals.

Teams – WTTC 2022

Europe qualification pathway



OCEANIA

Quota allocation

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions in Oceania, the World Team Ranking January 2022 will be used to allocate the quotas.

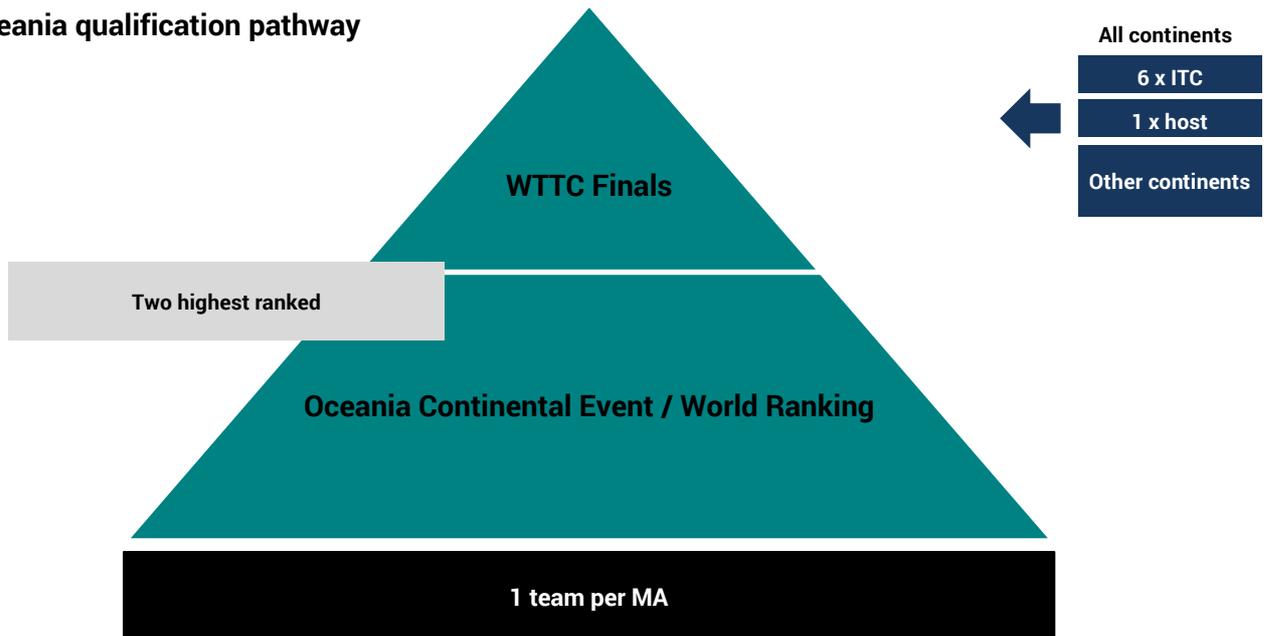
Continental Stage and qualification to the Finals

Two (2) teams from Oceania will qualify through the Continental Stage. The two (2) highest-ranked teams from Oceania will qualify to the 2022 Team WTTC Finals.

Additional one (1) Intercontinental quota: One (1) highest-ranked not-yet qualified team will qualify to the 2022 Team WTTC Finals.

Teams – WTTC 2022

Oceania qualification pathway



PANAM

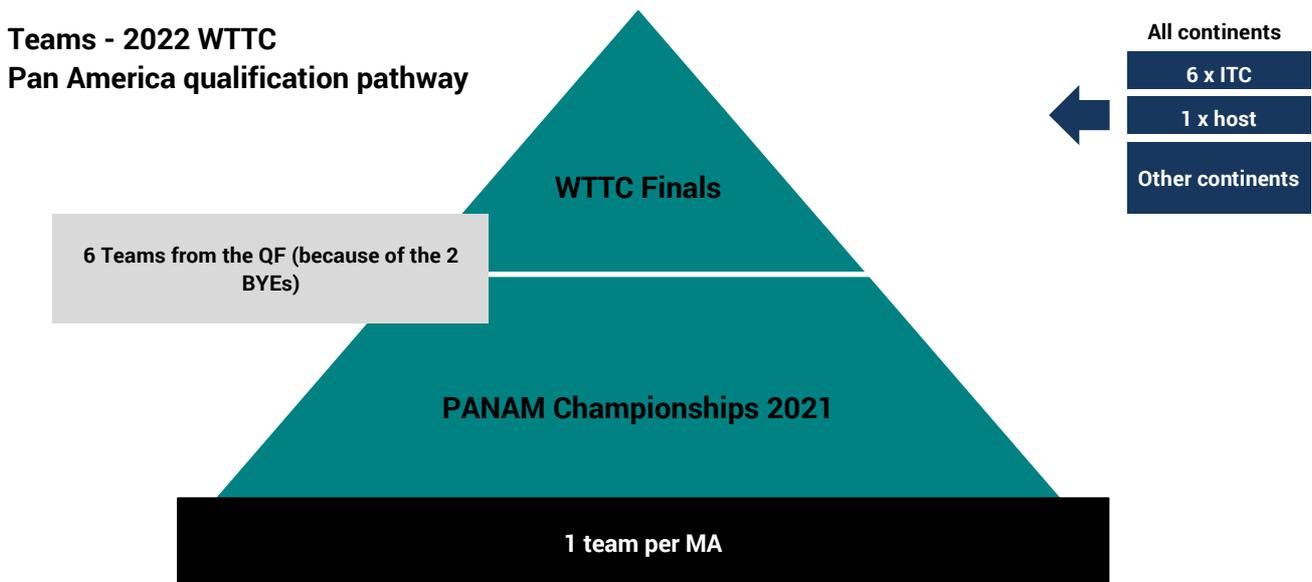
Quota allocation

The Continental Stage of the 2022 WTTC Finals for PANAM is the PANAM Championships held in Lima, Peru (13-19 November 2021).

Continental Stage and qualification to Finals

Six (6) teams from PANAM qualify through the Continental Stage. The six (6) quarterfinalists (2 BYEs in the QF) qualify to the 2022 Team WTTC Finals.

Additional one (1) Intercontinental quota: The winner (1) of the consolation will qualify to the 2022 Team WTTC Finals.



Disclaimer

Please note that all information set forth in this document is valid at the time of publication. In case the event is further postponed due to Covid-19 the information is subject to a full review.