

	<h1 style="margin: 0;">WCF World Championships</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">A summary of the new entry procedure</p>	<p style="margin: 0; text-align: right;">Effective Date 7 May 2014 Version 1</p>
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These notes are intended to provide an overview of the new entry procedure for singles World Championships. The detail is set out in the WCF Sports Regulations Appendices 1 and 2. The Regulations prevail over these notes in the event of any perceived conflict.

Types of place

There are four types of place:

- Membership Places – 2 for Full Members, 1 for Associate Members, and a discretionary 1 for Observer Members. Hosts get up to 6 extra Membership Places.
- Wild Card Places – up to 2 awarded by the MC chiefly for development purposes, and up to 2 more awarded in a GCWC to the highest finishers in a U-21 GCWC.
- Qualifier Places – normally 4 for the highest finishers in a Qualifying Tournament.
- Ranking Places – all remaining places (usually about half the total places), awarded to the highest ranked players who want to play. Ranking is assessed by the highest grade achieved in the previous 12 months. Normally, players must have played at least 10 games in the previous 12 months to get a Ranking Place.

Entry procedure

- About 8-10 months before an event, the MC invites Members to participate.
- By a deadline (**Response Date**) set about 2 months later, Members must tell the MC:
 - If they want one or more Membership Places;
 - The names of their players who want to play; and
 - The names of players they want to nominate for a Wild Card, with reasons for the nomination if they wish.
- Developing Members should note that they could get 2 places, if they get a Wild Card for development purposes as well as a Membership Place.
- Players who are not eligible to represent a country can apply direct to the S-G.
- The date (**Allocation Date**) which fixes the ranking list used to allocate initial places is about 2 weeks after the Response Date.
- Shortly after the Allocation Date, the MC determines how many places there will be in total, how many Membership and Qualifier Places need reserving, which players will get Wild Cards, and which players will get initial Ranking Places. Only players nominated by the Response Date will get Wild Cards or initial Ranking Places.
- Members then have about a month to nominate whoever they wish for their Membership Places.

Replacement procedure

Broadly speaking, Members nominate replacements if a player with a Membership Place withdraws and other places are filled by the next person on the ranking list on the date the vacancy arises (which can include late entries).