

# IOC REFUGEE OLYMPIC TEAM



## A TEAM POWERED BY SOLIDARITY

At the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in October 2015, confronted with the global refugee crisis that has seen millions of people in the world displaced, IOC President Thomas Bach announced the creation of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team – the first of its kind – to take part in the Olympic Games Rio 2016.

Supported by Olympic Solidarity, a team of 10 athletes competed in Brazil, inspiring the world with the strength of their human spirit and sending a message of hope to millions of forcibly displaced people in the world.

Following this historical participation, refugee athlete scholarships were established. They are fully funded by the IOC through its Olympic Solidarity programme dedicated to refugee athletes. 56 refugee athletes benefited from Olympic Solidarity Scholarships ahead of Tokyo 2020, 74 ahead of Paris 2024. Through this programme, Olympic Solidarity helps refugee athletes not only to train with the aim of qualifying for the Olympic Games, but also to continue their sporting career and build their future.

The scholarships as well as the Refugee Olympic Team are managed by the Olympic Refugee Foundation (ORF). The ORF was established by the IOC to ensure that young people affected by displacement thrive through sport. Through its work, the Foundation has ensured that almost 400,000 young people affected by displacement are able to access sport, and reap the benefits of doing so.

As a result of Recommendation 11 of Olympic Agenda 2020+5, the strategic roadmap of the IOC and the Olympic Movement approved in March 2021, the IOC decided that there will be a Refugee Olympic Team for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

29 athletes competed as part of the Refugee Olympic Team Tokyo 2020 and 36 athletes will be competing in Paris.

## IOC REFUGEE OLYMPIC TEAM RIO 2016

**10** **ATHLETES**  
4 women · 6 men

**3** **SPORTS**  
Athletics · Judo · Swimming

**5** **HOST NOCS\***  
Belgium · Brazil · Germany ·  
Kenya · Luxembourg  
\* National Olympic Committees

Anjelina Nadai Lohalith · Athletics  
James Nyang Chiengjiek · Athletics  
Paulo Amotun Lokoro · Athletics  
Popole Misenga · Judo  
Rami Anis · Swimming  
Rose Nathike Lokonyen · Athletics  
Yiech Pur Biel · Athletics  
Yolande Bukasa Mabika · Judo  
Yonas Kinde · Athletics  
Yusra Mardini · Swimming

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## IOC REFUGEE OLYMPIC TEAM TOKYO 2020



### 29 ATHLETES

#### REPRESENTING

### 12 SPORTS

Athletics · Aquatics ·  
Badminton · Boxing ·  
Canoeing · Cycling ·  
Judo · Karate ·  
Shooting Sport ·  
Taekwondo ·  
Weightlifting ·  
Wrestling

#### AND LIVING IN

### 13 HOST NOCS

Austria · Belgium ·  
Brazil · Canada ·  
France · Germany ·  
Israel · Kenya ·  
Netherlands · Portugal ·  
Trinidad and Tobago ·  
Switzerland ·  
United Kingdom.

Abdullah Sediqi · Taekwondo  
Ahmad Badreddin Wais · Cycling  
Aker Al Obaidi · Wrestling  
Alaa Maso · Swimming  
Anjelina Nadai Lohalith · Athletics  
Aram Mahmoud · Badminton  
Cyrille Fagat Tchatchet II · Weightlifting  
Dina Pouryounes Langeroudi · Taekwondo  
Dorian Keletela · Athletics  
Eldric Samuel Sella Rodriguez · Boxing  
Hamoon Derafshipour · Karate  
Jamal Abdelmaji Eisa Mohammed · Athletics  
James Chiengjiek Nyang · Athletics

Kimia Alizadeh · Taekwondo  
Luna Solomon · Shooting  
Masomah Ali Zada · Cycling  
Paulo Amotun Lokoro · Athletics  
Popole Misenga · Judo  
Rose Lokonyen Nathike · Athletics  
Saeid Fazloulou · Canoe  
Sanda Aldass · Judo  
Thachlowini Melake Gabriyesos · Athletics  
Wael Shueb · Karate  
Wessam Salamana · Boxing  
Yusra Mardini · Swimming

International Judo Refugee  
Athletes to complete the Refugee  
Mixed Team are:

Ahmad Alikaj · Judo  
Dahouk Muna · Judo  
Javad Mahjoub · Judo  
Nigara Shaheen · Judo

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## IOC REFUGEE OLYMPIC TEAM PARIS 2024

As of 2 May 2024



## REPRESENTING 100+ MILLION DISPLACED PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD



The Refugee Olympic Team official acronym is EOR, based on the French name: Equipe Olympique des Réfugiés.

During the Opening Ceremony, the team will march with the Olympic flag in second position, immediately after Greece.

For all official representations of the team (including any medal ceremonies), the Olympic flag will be raised and the Olympic anthem will be played.

The Chef de Mission is Refugee Olympic Team Tokyo 2020 cyclist and member of the IOC Athletes' Commission, Masomah Ali Zada. During the Games, she will be assisted by Deputy Chef de Mission Bernadette Raymonde Castel Stephen from UNHCR.

Like all the other 206 NOCs taking part in the Olympic Games, the team will stay at the Olympic Village.

## IOC REFUGEE OLYMPIC TEAM PARIS 2024



Adnan Khankan  
*Judo*



Alaa Maso  
*Swimming*



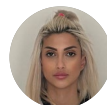
Amir Ansari  
*Cycling*



Amir Rezanejad  
*Canoe*



Cindy Ngamba  
*Boxing*



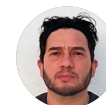
Dina Pouryounes Langeroudi  
*Taekwondo*



Dorian Keletela  
*Athletics*



Dorsa Yavarivafa  
*Badminton*



Edilio Centeno Nieves  
*Sport of Shooting*



Eyuru Geburu  
*Cycling*



Farida Abaroge  
*Athletics*



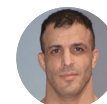
Farzad Mansouri  
*Taekwondo*



Fernando Jorge  
*Canoe*



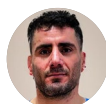
Hadi Tiranvalipour  
*Taekwondo*



Iman Mahdavi  
*Wrestling*



Jamal Abdelmaji  
*Athletics*



Jamal Valizadeh  
*Wrestling*



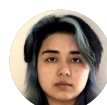
Kasra Mehdipournejad  
*Taekwondo*



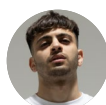
Luna Solomon  
*Sport of Shooting*



Mahboubeh Barbari Zharfi  
*Judo*



Manizha Talash  
*Breaking*



Matin Balsini  
*Swimming*



Mohammad Alsalami  
*Athletics*



Mohammad Rashnonezhad  
*Judo*



Muna Dahouk  
*Judo*



Musa Suliman  
*Athletics*



Nigara Shaheen  
*Judo*



Omid Ahmadisafa  
*Boxing*



Perina Lokure  
*Athletics*



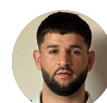
Ramiro Romero  
*Weightlifting*



Saeid Fazloul  
*Canoe*



Saman Soltani  
*Canoe*



Sibghatullah Arab  
*Judo*



Tachlowini Gabriyessos  
*Athletics*



Yahya Al Ghotany  
*Taekwondo*



Yekta Jamali Galeh  
*Weightlifting*

36 ATHLETES

REPRESENTING

12 SPORTS

Athletics · Badminton · Breaking · Boxing · Canoe · Cycling · Judo · Shooting · Swimming · Taekwondo · Wrestling

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