

Games of the XXXIII Olympiad, Paris 2024

Qualification System Principles

Introduction

In order to participate in the Olympic Games, athletes and teams will have to comply with the Olympic Charter as well as with the rules of the relevant International Federation. Bye-law to Rule 40 of the Olympic Charter stipulates that each IF needs to establish its sport's rules for participation in the Olympic Games, including qualification criteria in accordance with the Olympic Charter.

All relevant information related to the qualification process for a sport/discipline in the Olympic Games should be included in the respective qualification system per sport.

Qualification systems are the regulations established by International Federations (IF) that consist of rules, procedures and criteria for participation in competitions of the Olympic Games Paris 2024 subject to final selection by each National Olympic Committee (NOC) upon recommendation of the respective National Federation (NF). These Qualification Systems must conform to the Qualification System Principles (QSP) set forth below (as approved by the IOC Executive Board in October 2021).

Each qualification system shall be clear and easy to comprehend for NOCs/NFs, athletes and coaches and should leave no room for interpretation.

The application of the qualification criteria lies with the IFs, their affiliated national federations and the NOCs in the fields of their respective responsibilities. The NOCs have the exclusive authority for the representation of their respective countries at the Olympic Games.

Across all the sports the qualification systems are there to ensure the participation of all 206 NOCs with a minimum of one (1) man and one (1) woman in their delegation at the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

All qualification systems for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 should be developed based on the following principles:

- Each qualification system must follow the official IOC approved template and shall not be published in any other format without prior IOC approval. The official qualification system for each sport/discipline shall be accessible on Olympics.com
- Each qualification system shall establish the rules for fair and equal opportunities for all athletes / teams (including for refugee athletes) to obtain a quota place/qualify for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 with no form of discrimination in the framework of the Olympic Charter.
- Each qualification system shall include the qualification pathway, allocation process, reallocation process and timeline for qualification events.
- Each qualification system must determine the maximum number of athletes per NOC for each event.
- Each qualification system must ensure that the overall athlete quota and by gender approved by the IOC Executive Board shall not be exceeded.
- Each qualification system must guarantee the participation of world's best athletes based on Field of Play performances. It must clearly outline the minimum level of performance to be achieved in order to obtain a quota place.



- Each qualification system shall ensure continental representation across the respective sport.
- Each qualification system must ensure a minimum number of universality places (formerly known as tripartite commission invitation places) these may be subject to minimum eligibility criteria. This is not applicable for team sports.
A detailed universality places allocation procedure will be published in February 2022.
- Each qualification system shall ensure the participation of the Host Country, this may be subject to the attainment of a minimum level of performance by athletes or teams.
- Each qualification system must indicate any sport-specific eligibility criteria (such as age, technical requirements and anti-doping).
- Each qualification system shall provide more than one (1) opportunity for the athletes/teams to qualify.
- Each qualification system must indicate if the quota place is allocated to the athlete by name or to the NOC. The NOCs have the exclusive authority for the representation of their respective countries at the Olympic Games even if the quota is allocated to the athlete by name.
- Each qualification system shall contain a timeline for qualification. No qualification period for any sport/discipline may exceed a period of 24 months (two years).
- The sport entries deadline for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 is Monday 8 July 2024 (tbc with Paris 2024 in February 2022). For those sports/disciplines that allocate the quota to the athlete by name, a clear reallocation process post-sport entries deadline will have to be included in each qualification system. This reallocation process has to be completed no later than 48 hours, unless exceptionally agreed otherwise, prior to the start of the competition in the respective discipline. For those sports/disciplines with allocation to the NOC a Late Athlete Replacement policy will be developed and published by the time of the Chef De Mission seminar.

Qualification events

- International Federations (IFs) shall use existing IF events in the calendar for qualification where possible.
- All qualifying events taking place under the auspices of the IF or their continental or regional associations, the IF and the organiser of the event must ensure that the Olympic Charter, including the principle of non-discrimination, is respected.
- The qualification systems should not necessitate extensive and expensive travel requirements.
- All qualification events must be completed by no later Sunday 23 June 2024.



Communication

- IFs must communicate directly with NOCs, at the same time as with their respective NFs as well as with the Paris 2024 Sport department when confirming and distributing the allocated quota places and list of qualified athletes.
- The confirmation of a NOC, by the authorised NOC representative, to reject or accept the allocated quota places must be done in writing via email or letter or via any other official way of communication and this is considered final and cannot be reversed.
- Each qualification system shall indicate the timeline for an NOC to confirm or decline a quota place. As a minimum each NOC shall have five (5) working days to respond to the IF.

Change management and issue resolution

- Qualification systems once agreed by the IOC and IFs, shall not be changed. In exceptional circumstances, should an IF require to amend their qualification system, a request can be submitted to the IOC for review. Any changes other than changes to qualification event locations or dates shall be approved by the IOC Executive Board.
- Once the IOC confirms the amendments, a revised system will be published. IFs have the responsibility to communicate any amendments to the NOCs and NFs via their official communication channels. A change log will be kept and regular newsletters to NOCs will serve to update in case of amendments via the IOC NOCnet.
- Any dispute arising between an IF and a NOC in connection with the interpretation or execution of a qualification system should be resolved through direct consultation with the IOC administration. The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) shall be the last step for the resolution of such disputes.
- The IOC EB is authorised to delegate the decision making of amendments to qualification systems per discipline to the IOC administration.
- The IOC Executive Board reserves the right to revoke the Olympic Qualification status of a qualification event in case it is felt that any of the above principles have not been met or the Olympic Charter not being adhered to.