QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

World Athletics (WA)

ATHLETICS

A. EVENTS (48)	MEN (23)	WOMEN (23)	MIXED (2)
	Track and Field	**Track and Field**	**Track**
	100m (50)	100m (50)	4 x 100m Mixed Relay (16 teams)
	200m (40)	200m (40)	4 x 400m Mixed Relay (16 teams)
	400m (48)	400m (48)	
	800m (48)	800m (48)	
	1500m (45)	1500m (45)	
	5000m (42)	5000m (42)	
	10,000m (27)	10,000m (27)	
	110m Hurdles (40)	100m Hurdles (40)	
	400m Hurdles (40)	400m Hurdles (40)	
	3000m Steeplechase (30)	3000m Steeplechase (30)	
	4 x 100m Relay (16 teams)	4 x 100m Relay (16 teams)	
	4 x 400m Relay (16 teams)	4 x 400m Relay (16 teams)	
	High Jump (32)	High Jump (32)	
	Pole Vault (32)	Pole Vault (32)	
	Long Jump (32)	Long Jump (32)	
	Triple Jump (32)	Triple Jump (32)	
	Shot Put (32)	Shot Put (32)	
	Discus Throw (32)	Discus Throw (32)	
	Hammer Throw (32)	Hammer Throw (32)	
	Javelin Throw (32)	Javelin Throw (32)	
	Decathlon (24)	Heptathlon (24)	
	Road	**Road**	
	Half-Marathon Race Walk (48)	Half-Marathon Race Walk (48)	
	Marathon (70)	Marathon (70)	

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Athletics			Total
QUOTA	905	905	1810
HOST COUNTRY			
UNIVERSALITY PLACES			

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee

QUOTA PER NOC	Men	Women
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS	Maximum three (3) athletes per NOC	Maximum three (3) athletes per NOC
RELAY EVENTS	Maximum one (1) relay team per NOC	Maximum one (1) relay team per NOC

Individual Events.

NOCs may enter up to three (3) qualified athletes for each event on the athletics programme. In addition, NOCs that fulfil the maximum quota per event can nominate a maximum of one (1) reserve or Ap alternate qualified athlete for the same event.

Relay events

4x100m, **4x400m**	NOCs may enter one (1) team for each relay event. A total of four (4) athletes may be entered for a relay team. Should an NOC have entered a relay team and individual athletes in the corresponding individual event (100m and 400m), the entered individual athletes must be included in the total of four (4) athletes entered for the relay events. In addition, NOCs can nominate a maximum of two (2) Ap alternate athletes for each team.
4x100m Mixed Relay,4x400m Mixed Relay	NOCs may enter one (1) team for this relay event. A total of four (4) athletes, two (2) men and two (2) women, may be entered for the relay team. In addition, NOCs can nominate a maximum of two (2) Ap alternate athletes for each team.

B.3. Type of allocation of quota places

Quota places are allocated to the athlete(s) by name in all individual events (except the Marathons).

If an NOC has more than three (3) qualified athletes in individual events, the NOC can decide which of these athletes will receive the quota places.

For Marathons and Relay events, quotas are allocated to the NOCs.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

C.1. Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions), as well as the IOC Policy on the Protection of Female (Women's) Category in Olympic Sport and Guiding Considerations for International Federations and Sports Governing Bodies (the "Policy").

Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the Policy, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, as well as the rules or policies of World Athletics and IOC, including those related to eligibility, may participate in the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028.

C.2. Age requirements

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games LA28, athletes must fulfil the following age requirements:

Senior Athletes	Any athlete aged 20 on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2008 or earlier) may compete in any event, validated by the passport used for ACR registration.
U20 & U18 Athletes	Any athlete aged 16, 17, 18 or 19 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2009, 2010, 2011 or 2012) may compete in any event except the Marathon, validated by the passport used for ACR registration.
Athletes younger than 16	No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2013 or later) may compete at the Olympic Games LA28, validated by the passport used for ACR registration.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

D.1. Quota Places

Individual qualification

The below table outlines the maximum number of quota places available in each of the respective individual events.

Men	Event	Women
50	100m	50
40	200m	40
48	400m	48
48	800m	48
45	1500m	45
42	5000m	42
27	10,000m	27
40	110m/100m Hurdles	40
40	400m Hurdles	40
30	3000m Steeplechase	30
32	High Jump	32
32	Pole Vault	32
32	Long Jump	32
32	Triple Jump	32
32	Shot Put	32
32	Discus Throw	32
32	Hammer Throw	32
32	Javelin Throw	32
24	Decathlon / Heptathlon	24
48	Half-Marathon Race Walk	48
70	Marathon	70

Number of quota places	Qualification Events
1810 athletes (including relays, host country and universality places) Detailed number of athletes per event outlined above	**Qualification process:** **General** Regardless of the qualification pathway, the maximum quota per NOC per event must be respected, and the total number of athletes (in section B.) cannot be exceeded. An athlete can qualify in one of two ways: - By achieving the entry standard (see section I.) within the respective qualification period outlined below. The entry standards have been set with the objective of qualifying approximately 40% of the athletes. - The remaining 60% will qualify based on the World Athletics World Rankings within the ranking period. - Should more athletes than the quota by event achieve the entry standard, qualification will be limited to those with the best performance in the qualification period, and within the quota number, thus achieving the entry standard does not automatically guarantee a quota place. In this case no athletes will be qualified by World Rankings. **Qualification and Ranking period** - For all individual events (except 10,000m, Marathon, Combined Events and Race Walks): from 19 June 2027 to 18 June 2028. - For 10,000m, Combined Events, Race Walks and Relays: from 19 December 2026 to 18 June 2028. - For the Marathon: from 1 November 2026 to 30 April 2028. - The results of competitions whose last day falls within the applicable qualification and ranking periods will count entirely towards the qualification. - The results of National Senior Outdoor Championships, which start within the applicable qualification and ranking periods, will count towards the qualification if achieved no later than Thursday 22 June. **Marathon** - Any athlete ranked higher than the 56th athlete on the filtered Quota Place "Road to LA" list on 19 March 2028, will be considered qualified. - After 19 March 2028, the remaining 15 athletes will be determined by the same two criteria outlined above, without displacing the athletes qualified by 19 March 2028.

	- To note that the first 5 finishers at the Platinum Label Marathons held during the whole qualification period (1 November 2026 – 30 April 2028) will also be considered as having achieved the Entry Standard, and will be listed first on the Road to LA - Any NOC may choose to reallocate, at the time of the final entries, a quota place to an unqualified athlete provided the athlete in the whole qualification window (1 November 2026 – 30 April 2028) has achieved at least a 2:11:00h (men) / 2:29:00h (women) performance. **Race Walks** - The first 12 placed athletes at the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships Hefei (CHN) which will take place on 9 April 2028 shall automatically qualify for the Half Marathon Race Walk events at Olympic Games LA 2028. If a quota place is declined, it shall be allocated via the World Rankings. - The remaining 36 places will be allocated via the World Rankings. World Athletics will publish the official qualification monitoring tool (Road to LA) on the Stats Zone of the World Athletics website in autumn 2027. **Qualification events:** **General** All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Federations in conformity with World Athletics Rules and published in advance on the World Athletics Global Calendar. For Entry Standards, all performances must be achieved in a competition in World Rankings Category C and above. Only exception are Road Running performances (Marathon, 10km and 5km) which can also be achieved in World Athletics Label (Category E) Road Races. Performances achieved in competitions in the lower categories will still be valid for World Rankings. **Special conditions for validity of performances** - Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted. Exceptionally, in accordance with World Athletics Technical Rule 9, performances achieved in events of 5000m and 10,000m may be accepted in circumstances where there were insufficient athletes of one or both genders competing to justify the conduct of separate races and there was no pacing or assistance given by an athlete(s) of one gender to an athlete(s) of the other gender.

	- Performances which are wind-assisted or for which a wind reading is not available shall not be accepted for Entry Standard purposes (but will be valid for the World Athletics World Rankings with the appropriate adjustments). - Hand timing performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m Relay will not be accepted. - Short Track (indoor) performances for races of 200m and longer, will not be accepted for entry standards. - Entry Standards for the Discus Throw must be achieved within the confines of a traditional athletics stadium unless otherwise approved at least one month in advance by World Athletics Competition Unit. - Performances in running events conducted on an oversized Short Track (its length is greater than 201.2m [220 yards] but no greater than 400m) shall be valid and recognised as if they were achieved on a standard 400m track. - For the Combined Events at least one of these conditions must be met: o The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second. o The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 metres per second. - For the 5,000m and the 10,000m it is possible to achieve the entry standard in the equivalent road running distance (5km and 10km respectively). - For the Marathons (and other road races valid towards qualification), the below applies: o Performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course measured by a World Athletics /AIMS Grade "A" or "B" International Road Race Course Measurer with the measurement certificate established no more than 5 years before the date of the race. o For entry standards the overall decrease in elevation between the start and the finish shall not exceed 1:1000, i.e. 1m per km, while for World Rankings, in case of performances achieved on courses with a drop in elevation which exceeds 1:1000, a correction will be made in the result score from which points will be deducted depending on the drop. o For Entry Standards in the 5km and 10km, women's performances achieved in Mixed races will not be accepted. - For the Race Walks, the below applies: o Performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course measured by a World

	Athletics/AIMS Grade "A" or "B" International Road Race Course Measurer with the measurement certificate established no more than 5 years before the date of the race. ○ A minimum of 3 World Athletics qualified Judges must be on duty Track performances and performances achieved in competitions conducted with the penalty zone rule shall be accepted.

Relay qualification

Number of quota places	Qualification events
There shall be a maximum of **16** qualified teams in each relay event	**World Athletics Relays 2028** The first 14 placed NOCs at the World Athletics Relays which will be held in Bahamas on 22-23 April 2028 shall automatically qualify for the relay events at Olympic Games LA28. NOCs will have two opportunities to qualify at the World Athletics Relays, in case unsuccessful on day 1 another chance will be provided on day 2 of the competition. **World Athletics Performance list** The remaining teams will be selected according to World Athletics performance list for relays during the qualification period 19 December 2026 – 18 June 2028. For the results to be valid for qualification purposes, a minimum of two different international teams, representing at least two countries, must compete in the competition.

Universality Places (UP)

A specific UP application process and related deadlines will be communicated no later than December 2026. During this process, NOCs will be required to indicate the event in which the entry is requested, and the proof of the technical level and international participation of the nominated athlete. The Universality Places are part of the overall quota of 1810.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS

Following the end of the qualification period, World Athletics shall confirm the number of athletes having achieved the entry standard and shall subsequently determine the athletes qualified by virtue of their World Athletics World Rankings position as well as the relay teams.

The list of qualified athletes for each event, including the relay teams, shall be published in the Road to LA on the World Athletics website on 20 June 2028.

F. REALLOCATION

F.1. Reallocation of unused Quota Places

After publication of the qualified athletes on 20 June 2028, NOCs must inform World Athletics of their intention to use, or not, all their quota places, whether in individual or relay events. Similarly, NOCs must also inform World Athletics of any athletes (or relay teams) in the next best positions by World Rankings which would take an unused quota place, should it become available. For this purpose, NOCs (through their National Athletics Federations), must pre-enter their athletes and relay teams by the deadline of 22 June 2028 (midnight Monaco time). This pre-entry must be done using the World Athletics Event Entry System platform. Quota places, and eventual reallocations to next best by World Rankings, will only be allocated to athletes and relay teams which were pre-entered by the deadline.

During the period 23-24 June 2028, World Athletics will reallocate the declined quota places to the next highest ranked eligible athlete in the same event according to the World Athletics World Rankings, respecting the maximum quota by NOC per event.

If an allocated team relay quota place is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the NOC whose relay team has recorded the next fastest time in the qualification period in accordance with World Athletics' criteria for the qualification of relay teams. In case of a tie, the results will be separated by the thousands. If the tie remains, the best performance achieved in the 2028 World Athletics Relays will take precedence.

On 25 June 2028, World Athletics shall publish the last edition of the Road to LA with the final list of all qualified individual athletes and relay teams eligible for final entry. The reallocation process will end, and NOCs shall enter all athletes to LA28 by the entries deadline of 26 June 2028.

For the avoidance of doubt, there will be no further reallocation after the Final Entries deadline.

F.2. Reallocation of unused Universality Places

There will be no reallocation of Universality places

G. GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF RESERVE AND AP ALTERNATE ATHLETES

G.1. Reserve athletes

Reserve athletes are competing athletes who have an Aa accreditation and who are entered by their NOC in a specific event where they have qualified.

As reserve, they may be selected to replace another entered athlete in a different event until the time of the final confirmation for that event provided:

- The athletes were nominated as reserve for that event at the time of the final entry deadline 26th June 2028
- The athletes have achieved the entry standard or have qualified by virtue of their World Athletics World Rankings position (counting a maximum of 3 per NOC)
- the NOC quota for that event is respected

Reserve athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility.**

G.2. AP Alternate Athletes

Definition:
The Ap athlete policy, including the athlete's entitlements and the quota per team, is currently under review and will be updated no later than December 2026
Eligibility:
"Ap" athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes, as described in paragraph C, "Athlete eligibility".

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
1 November 2026	Start of the qualification and ranking period for Marathon
November 2026	• World Athletics to confirm the entry standards for all events. The standards will be distributed to all NOCs and NFs. • World Athletics to communicate UP application process
19 December 2026	Start of the qualification and ranking period for 10,000m, Combined Events, Race Walks and Relays.
19 June 2027	Start of the qualification and ranking period for all individual events (except 10,000m, Marathon, Combined Events and Race Walks).
19 March 2028	End of partial ranking period for Marathon
22 March 2028	World Athletics to announce allocated quotas by NOC in the Marathons.
9 April 2028	World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships 2028, Hefei, China
22-23 April 2028	World Athletics Relays 2028, Nassau Bahamas
30 April 2028	End of full ranking period for Marathon
TBC 202?	Deadline for NOCs with no qualified athletes to apply for unqualified entries (more details to be provided in December 2026).
18 June 2028	End of qualification and ranking period for all events (except Marathon).
20 June 2028	World Athletics to publish the updated edition of the Road to LA confirming: • list of athletes qualified by Entry Standard • list of quota places allocated to NOCs in the marathon • list of athletes qualified by World Rankings • list of qualified Relay Teams • list of approved Unqualified athletes • list of next best athletes and relay teams
22 June 2028	Deadline to decline a quota place for all events

23-24 June 2028	World Athletics to process results of any National Senior Outdoor Championships extending beyond 18 June and reallocate unused quota places in all events
25 June 2028	World Athletics shall publish the final edition of the Road to LA for all events with the final list of all athletes and relay teams eligible for final entry
26 June 2028	LA28 Sports Entries deadline
14 – 30 July 2028	Olympic Games LA28

I. ENTRY STANDARDS

MEN	Event	WOMEN
9.93	**100m**	10.96
19.95	**200m**	22.25
44.40	**400m**	49.90
1:43.00	**800m**	1:57.00
3:30.00	**1500m**	3:57.50
12:50.00	**5000m**	14:34.00
26:48.00	**10,000m**	30:30.00
13.18	**110m Hurdles/ 100m Hurdles**	12.58
48.00	**400m Hurdles**	54.00
8:07.50	**3000m Steeplechase**	9:06.00
2.32	**High Jump**	1.97
5.90	**Pole Vault**	4.80
8.30	**Long Jump**	6.90
17.35	**Triple Jump**	14.50
21.50	**Shot Put**	19.30
67.20	**Discus Throw**	65.00
78.50	**Hammer Throw**	74.00
85.50	**Javelin Throw**	63.80
8650	**Decathlon / Heptathlon**	6550
WRWTC	***Half-Marathon Race Walk***	*WRWTC*
2:05:00	**Marathon**	2:22:20