QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

International Fencing Federation (FIE)

FENCING

A. EVENTS (12)	MEN (6)	WOMEN (6)
	Individual Foil	Individual Foil
	Individual Épée	Individual Épée
	Individual Sabre	Individual Sabre
	Team Foil	Team Foil
	Team Épée	Team Épée
	Team Sabre	Team Sabre

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for fencing			Total
QUOTA PLACES	102	102	204
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA		6	6
UNIVERSALITY QUOTA	1	1	2
TOTAL		212	212

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee			
QUOTA PLACES PER NOC	9 athletes, 1 team of 3 athletes per team event	9 athletes, 1 team of 3 athletes per team event	18

SPECIFIC QUOTA* PER EVENT	1 team of 3 athletes per team event or 1 athlete in individual event	1 team of 3 athletes per team event or 1 athlete in individual event	

*Also refer to section D.3, “Host country places”.

B.3. Maximum number of athletes per event

Per men’s individual event: Men’s Foil, Men’s Épée, Men’s Sabre	Minimum 34 athletes: 10 athletes qualified through individual qualification, plus 24 athletes – eight teams of three athletes – qualified through team qualification. Maximum 37 athletes. The number of participants in each individual event may vary from 34 to 37 depending on: - The distribution of host country places across the events; and - The allocation of universality places by the Tripartite Commission. The maximum number of participants in each individual event may not exceed 37 under any circumstances.
Per women’s individual event: Women’s Foil, Women’s Épée, Women’s Sabre	Minimum 34 athletes: 10 athletes qualified through individual qualification, plus 24 athletes – eight teams of three athletes – qualified through team qualification. Maximum 37 athletes. The number of participants in each individual event may vary from 34 to 37 depending on: - The distribution of host country places across the events; and - The allocation of universality places by the Tripartite Commission. The maximum number of participants in each individual event may not exceed 37 under any circumstances.
Per men’s team event: Men’s Foil, Men’s Épée, Men’s Sabre	Minimum of eight teams and maximum of nine teams in each team event: eight teams qualified through the team qualification system, plus a potential host country team, depending on the distribution of host country places across the events. Each team is composed of three athletes.
Per women’s team event: Women’s Foil, Women’s Épée, Women’s Sabre	Minimum of eight teams and maximum of nine teams in each team event: eight teams qualified through the team qualification system, plus a potential host country team, depending on the distribution of host country places across the events. Each team is composed of three athletes.

B.4. Type of allocation of quota places

Quota places are allocated to athletes by name in the following individual events:

- men's sabre, men's foil, men's épée, women's sabre, women's foil and women's épée for athletes from NOCs that did not qualify through team qualification = 60 places.

Universality places are allocated by the Tripartite Commission.

Quota places are allocated to NOCs in the following events/scenarios:

- teams in the women's sabre, women's foil, women's épée, men's sabre, men's foil and men's épée = 144 places;
- host country places = six places (see also host country places).

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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 the Manipulation of Competitions), as well as the IOC Policy on the Protection of the 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, the conditions of participation established by the IOC, as well as the rules or policies of the FIE, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

Age Requirements

C.1. Athletes must comply with the minimum age requirement (set out in article o.29.1 of the FIE Organisation Rules) and adhere to the FIE Statutes and Rules.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Number of quota places	Qualification events
MEN / WOMEN	**Team qualification: men's sabre, men's foil, men's épée, women's sabre, women's foil, women's épée** **MEN / WOMEN** A total of 144 quota places (48 teams; eight teams per event) will be allocated between the team events in the men's sabre, men's foil, men's épée, women's sabre, women's foil and women's épée. The eight teams in each of the six events will be composed of three athletes and will qualify as follows:

MEN / WOMEN

D.1.

144 athletes (48 teams)

FIE Official Senior Team Ranking List of 1 April 2028

The Senior Team Ranking List for each weapon is established according to the number of points obtained as per article o.109 of the FIE Organisation Rules, during the competitions below (from 1 April 2027 to 1 April 2028):

1. senior team World Cup competitions
2. senior team World Championships
3. senior team continental championships

- The four highest-ranked teams for each weapon in the FIE Official Senior Team Ranking of 1 April 2028, irrespective of which zone they are from, qualify for the Olympic Games.
- The highest-ranked team for each weapon from each of the four FIE zones (Africa, the Americas, Asia-Oceania and Europe) among the teams ranked 5th to 24th on the FIE Official Senior Team Ranking of 1 April 2028 qualify for the Olympic Games.
  If a zone is not represented in the above-mentioned ranking positions, the next highest-ranked team in the FIE Official Senior Team Ranking of 1 April 2028 will qualify for the Olympic Games, irrespective of its FIE zone.

Individual qualification: men's sabre, men's foil, men's épée, women's sabre, women's foil and women's épée

MEN / WOMEN

The three athletes from each NOC who have qualified to participate in a team event also qualify to participate in the corresponding individual event. An additional 60 quota places (i.e. 10 quota places per event for athletes from 10 different NOCs) will be distributed between the individual men's sabre, individual men's foil, individual men's épée, individual women's sabre, individual women's foil and individual women's épée. NOCs that have not qualified in a team event can qualify a maximum of one athlete in the corresponding individual event through one of the following individual qualification pathways:

D.2.

60 athletes

Team qualification

For each weapon, the 24 athletes – three athletes in each of the eight teams – who have qualified through team qualification also qualify to participate in the individual competition for their weapon. For the sake of clarity, these 24 athletes are not included among the 60 quota places referred to below.

FIE Individual Senior Adjusted Official Ranking (AOR) List by zone of 1 April 2028

The Individual Official Ranking List is established according to the number of points obtained as per article o.108 of the FIE Organisation Rules, during the competitions below (from 1 April 2027 to 1 April 2028):

MEN / WOMEN

1. individual Grand Prix competitions
2. individual senior World Cup competitions
3. satellite competitions
4. individual senior World Championships
5. individual senior continental championships

For each individual weapon, the Individual Adjusted Official Ranking (**AOR**) is the FIE **Individual** Official Ranking (as above) modified as follows:

The names of all the athletes, by NOC and by weapon, who have qualified through the team qualification are removed. For the other NOCs, only the highest-ranked athletes by NOC, by zone and by weapon are kept.

The two highest-ranked eligible athletes in the **FIE Individual Senior AOR** – with a maximum of one athlete per NOC per weapon – will qualify by name for the Olympic Games.

The four highest-ranked eligible athletes in the **FIE Individual Senior AOR by zone** – with a maximum of one athlete per NOC per weapon – will qualify by name for the Olympic Games, as follows:

- One from Europe
- One from Asia-Oceania
- One from the Americas
- One from Africa

Qualification through the Individual Senior AOR by zone is exclusively for NOCs that do not have any athletes qualified for the weapon concerned through team qualification or through the **FIE Individual Senior AOR**.

FIE zonal qualifying events

The four highest-ranked athletes in the zonal qualifying events – with only one athlete per NOC per weapon – will qualify by name for the Olympic Games, as follows:

- One from Europe
- One from Asia-Oceania
- One from the Americas
- One from Africa

Only NOCs that have not had an athlete qualify through the team qualification, the **FIE Individual Senior AOR** or the **FIE Individual Senior AOR by zone** for the weapon concerned can participate in the respective zonal qualifying events, with a maximum of one athlete per NOC per weapon.

An NOC may not have more than three athletes per weapon qualify for the Olympic Games under any circumstances.

MEN / WOMEN	D.3. 6 athletes	**Host country quota places** In addition to its possible qualification through the qualification process described above, the host NOC will be allocated six quota places, to be distributed between team and individual events as it sees fit, but adhering to the maximum quota of athletes per NOC and per event, and on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirements described under section C, "Athlete eligibility", of this document. If the host NOC adds a team in a team event, it can: • either use two quota places if it has one qualified athlete in the corresponding individual event; or • use three quota places if it has no qualified athlete in the corresponding individual event. The three athletes making up the team of the host NOC in any team event also participate in the corresponding individual event.
	D.4. 1 man 1 woman	**Universality quota places** Two universality places, one per gender, are available to eligible NOCs at the LA28 Olympic Games. On 1 October 2027, the IOC will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for universality places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2028. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of universality places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period. Detailed information on universality places is contained in the "Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games – Tripartite Commission Universality Places – Allocation Procedure" document.

E. CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of qualification places	
E.1.	The FIE will publish the list of the athletes and teams qualified on its website by 8 May 2028. On 8 May 2028, the FIE will confirm in writing to the NOCs/NFs the quota places obtained through team qualification and the names of the athletes who have qualified through individual qualification. The NOCs must confirm to the FIE by midnight (GMT+1) on 31 May 2028 the use of team quota places and the participation of each athlete qualified by name. From 1 June 2028, the FIE will reallocate the quota places that have not been confirmed by the NOCs – see the section on "Reallocation of unused quota places" below.

Confirmation of host country places

E.2. The host NOC must confirm in writing to the FIE if it will use its host country places, and for which events and genders, by 19 May 2028.

In exceptional circumstances, the reallocation period for individual and team events can be extended until 48 hours prior to the team leaders' meeting (date TBC, midnight GMT+1), with the agreement of the IOC, LA28, the NOCs involved and the FIE, provided that the athletes are included in the long list of athletes submitted by their respective NOCs to LA28 by the accreditation deadline and that participation is logistically possible.

F. REALLOCATION

Reallocation of unused qualification places

F.1. If an allocated team or individual quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline of 31 May 2028 or is declined by the NOC, or if an athlete has become ineligible in accordance with section C, "Athlete eligibility", or due to a sanction by the FIE, the quota place will be reallocated as follows, adhering to the maximum quota per NOC and per event in section B above:

- If the athlete qualified through the Individual Senior AOR, the quota place will be reallocated, for the same weapon, to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete in the Individual Senior AOR whose NOC does not have any athletes qualified for the weapon concerned.
- If the athlete qualified through the Individual Senior AOR by zone, the quota place will be reallocated, for the same weapon, to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete from the same zone in the Individual Senior AOR by zone whose NOC does not have any athletes qualified for the weapon concerned.
- If the athlete qualified through a zonal qualifying event, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete, for the same weapon, at the same zonal qualifying event, whose NOC does not have any athletes qualified for the weapon concerned.
- If a team qualified through the FIE Official Senior Team Ranking List across all zones, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked team in the FIE Official Senior Team Ranking List.
- If a team qualified through the FIE Official Senior Team Ranking List by zone, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked team in the FIE Official Senior Team Ranking List from the same zone.

Reallocation of unused host country places

F.2. Unused host country places will be allocated to the FIE and to the Tripartite Commission as follows:

- Six unused host country places: three places will be allocated to the FIE and three places will be allocated to the Tripartite Commission.
- Five unused host country places: two places will be allocated to the FIE and three places will be allocated to the Tripartite Commission.

- Four unused host country places: two places will be allocated to the FIE and two places will be allocated to the Tripartite Commission.
- Three unused host country places: one place will be allocated to the FIE and two places will be allocated to the Tripartite Commission.
- Two unused host country places: one place will be allocated to the FIE and one place will be allocated to the Tripartite Commission.
- One unused host country place: the place will be allocated to the Tripartite Commission.

Any unused host country place(s) allocated to the Tripartite Commission will be used to grant additional universality places.

Any unused host country place(s) allocated to the FIE will be assigned to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete in the Individual Senior AOR as of 1 April 2028, across all weapons and all FIE zones.

These place allocations by the FIE or the Tripartite Commission will strictly adhere to the following provisions:

- the maximum number of athletes in each individual event (37) must not be exceeded; and
- the NOC concerned must not have an athlete already qualified in the corresponding individual event.

Reallocation of unused universality places

F.3. If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate universality places, the unallocated place will be assigned by the FIE to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete in the Individual Senior AOR as of 1 April 2028, across all weapons and all FIE zones, while strictly adhering to the following provisions:

- the maximum number of athletes in each individual event (37) must not be exceeded; and
- the NOC concerned must not have an athlete already qualified in the corresponding individual event.

G. Ap athletes

Ap athletes

G.1. Ap athletes are non-competing athletes accredited in the "Ap" category who have different entitlements from competing athletes (accredited as "Aa"), as described in the "Ap" accreditation quotas and conditions outlined in "IOC ACR Annex 1 – Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Detailed Specification". These individuals are not part of the athlete quota as described in section B, "Quota places". Ap alternate athletes can become competing athletes only under the conditions outlined in the IOC/LA28 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

G.2. Ap athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes, as described in section C, "Athlete eligibility".

G.3. Each participating team has the right to one Ap athlete per team event.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 April 2027	Start of the qualification period
	1 April 2028	Closure of the FIE official senior rankings
	12 – 30 April 2028	Zonal qualifying events
	30 April 2028	End of the qualification period
Confirmation and reallocation	8 May 2028	The FIE confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained
	19 May 2028	The host country confirms in writing if it will use its host country quota places, and for which events and genders
	21 – 25 May 2028	Deadline to confirm universality places
	31 May 2028	The NOCs to confirm to the FIE the use of the allocated quota places
	1 June 2028	The FIE to reallocate all unused quota places
	25 June 2028	Deadline for NOCs to provide to the FIE the names of the three athletes who will be making up the teams, and the names of the Ap athletes for each team
Sport Entries deadline	26 June 2028	**LA28 Olympic Games sport entries deadline**
Games Time	14 – 30 July 2028	**LA28 Olympic Games**