



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
XXXIV OLYMPIC GAMES – LA28

WORLD LACROSSE (WL)

LACROSSE



A. EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN	
	6-NOC team tournament	6-NOC team tournament	
B. QUOTA PLACES			
B.1. Total NOC quota places for lacrosse			Total
NOC QUOTA	55 (5 NOC teams)	55 (5 NOC teams)	110 (10 NOC teams)
HOST COUNTRY NOC QUOTA ⁽¹⁾	11 (1 NOC team)	11 (1 NOC team)	22 (2 NOC teams)
TOTAL	66 (6 NOC teams)	66 (6 NOC teams)	132 (12 NOC teams)
B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC)			
QUOTA PER NOC ⁽²⁾	11 (1 NOC team)	11 (1 NOC team)	22 (2 NOC teams)
B.3. Type of allocation of NOC quota places			

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

⁽¹⁾ Subject to the host country NOC teams being selected by their NOC and both NOC teams participating in the Continental Qualifiers (D.2) and the World Lacrosse Sixes Championships (D.3).

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 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 World Lacrosse, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

Age requirements

- C.1.** The lower limit age is 16 years of age for men and 15 years of age for women as of the day prior to the start of competition, validated by the passport used for ACR registration.

Additional IF requirements

- C.2.** Athletes must represent a full or multi-nation member of World Lacrosse in good standing. Full or multi-nation members of World Lacrosse must be part of an IOC-recognised NOC.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Number of NOC quota places	Qualification events
MEN/WOMEN D.1. 2 NOC teams (1 NOC team per gender)	Host country places <p>The host country of the LA28 Olympic Games is guaranteed a NOC quota of one NOC team per gender, provided they participate in the Continental Qualifier and the World Lacrosse Sixes Championships. This host country NOC quota place will satisfy the minimum allocation requirement of one NOC quota place for the Pan-American Lacrosse Association (PALA CF).</p> <p>If the host country does not participate in the World Lacrosse Sixes Championships, thereby not fulfilling the eligibility requirements for the host country NOC quota, or declines the guaranteed obtained NOC quota place at a later stage, the NOC quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible NOC team from the World Lacrosse Sixes Championships as per section F.2. Reallocation of unused host country places.</p>

D.2. Qualification for the World Championship*

*No Olympic NOC quota is being allocated as it is a qualification pathway for the World Championship

Continental Qualifiers:

All full members or multi-nation members of World Lacrosse in good standing have an opportunity to participate in their regional qualifier. Based on final placement in these regional qualifiers, 16 NOC teams qualify for the World Lacrosse Sixes Championship.

Note: as Great Britain takes part in the LA28 Olympic Games, only one British nation, Great Britain, will be considered for NOC quota allocation. No other constituent nations or territories of the United Kingdom shall be considered for NOC quota allocation.

The split of the Continental Federations (CF) is the following:

- African Association of Lacrosse (AAL)
 - Top 1 NOC team qualifies for the World Lacrosse Sixes Championship
- Asia-Pacific Lacrosse Union (APLU)
 - Top 5 NOC teams qualify for the World Lacrosse Sixes Championship
- European Lacrosse Federation (ELF)
 - Top 5 NOC teams qualify for the World Lacrosse Sixes Championship
- Pan-American Lacrosse Association (PALA)
 - Top 5 NOC teams qualify for the World Lacrosse Sixes Championship

D.3. 8 NOC teams (4 NOC teams per gender)**World Lacrosse Sixes Championships: 16 NOC teams compete, 4 NOC teams qualify**

Excluding the host country, the highest placed four NOC teams obtain a NOC quota place for their respective NOC ensuring at least one per CF.

- To be eligible to obtain a NOC quota place you must place in the top 12.
- If the host country accepts the guaranteed NOC quota place, the minimum of one per CF applies only to the African Association of Lacrosse (AAL), Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union (APLU) and European Lacrosse Federation (ELF).

Based on final rank, the next six eligible NOC teams obtain participation rights for the final qualifying tournament

- If the maximum of three NOC teams from any CF is met at the World Lacrosse Sixes Championship, no NOC teams from that CF would move on to participating in the Final Qualifying Tournament.

D.4. 2 NOC teams (1 NOC team per gender)**Final Qualifying Tournament: 6 NOC teams compete, 1 NOC team qualifies**

- Schedule format: Round robin format with final game #1 v #2.
- The highest placed eligible NOC team obtains one NOC quota place for their respective NOC.
- The remaining five NOC teams are ranked in case reallocation is required.

E. CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of qualification places

- E.1.** Following the World Lacrosse Sixes Championship, within five days the respective NOCs of the four NOC teams that obtained a qualification NOC quota place will be notified and given 15 days to accept the allocated place.

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Confirmation of host country places

- E.2.** Participation of the host country NOC team in the World Lacrosse Sixes Championships is considered an acceptance of the host country guaranteed NOC quota place.

World Lacrosse must confirm in writing to the host country the confirmation of the NOC quota place after the host country participation in the World Lacrosse Sixes Championships and the host country must confirm in writing via email to World Lacrosse at krogers@worldlacrosse.sport the use of its host country NOC quota place.

F. REALLOCATION

Reallocation of unused qualification places

- F.1.** If a qualified NOC team from the World Lacrosse Sixes Championships declines an obtained NOC quota place, the unused NOC quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC team from the World Lacrosse Sixes Championship.

- If the NOC team declining the NOC quota place is the only NOC team from a particular CF, the NOC quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC team from that CF, unless the maximum of three qualified NOC teams for that CF has been met, then the reallocation will go to the next highest ranked eligible NOC team from the World Lacrosse Sixes Championships independent of the CF.
- If the NOC team declining the NOC quota is not the only NOC team from a particular CF, the NOC quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC team, regardless of the CF, unless the maximum of three qualified NOC teams for that CF has been met, then the reallocation will go to the next highest ranked eligible NOC team from the World Lacrosse Sixes Championships independent of the CF.

If a qualified NOC team from the Final Qualifying Tournament declines the obtained NOC quota place, the place will be reallocated to the next highest eligible ranked NOC team from the Final Qualifying Tournament., unless the maximum of three qualified NOC teams for that CF has been met, then the reallocation will go to the next highest ranked eligible NOC team from the Final Qualifying Tournament independent of the CF.

Reallocation of unused host country places

- F.2.** If the host country does not participate in the World Lacrosse Sixes Championships, thereby not fulfilling the eligibility requirements for the host country NOC quota, or declines the guaranteed obtained NOC quota place at a later stage, the NOC quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC team from the World Lacrosse Sixes Championship, independent of the CF
- If the maximum of three qualified NOC teams for that CF has been met, then the reallocation will go to the next highest ranked eligible NOC team from the World Lacrosse Sixes Championships from the next eligible CF.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Information	September 2026 – April 2028	Qualification period
Qualification	September/October 2026 (tbc)	Pan-American Continental World Championship Qualifier
	5-10 October 2026	Asia-Pacific Continental World Championship Qualifier
	2-18 November 2026	European Continental World Championship Qualifier
	5-11 or 12-17 (tbc) December 2026	African Continental World Championship Qualifier
	October/November 2027	World Lacrosse Sixes Championships
	March/April 2028	Final Qualifying Tournament
Information and Confirmation	5 days after the event	World Lacrosse to inform NOCs/NFs of allocated NOC quota places
	Within two weeks after the NOC quota notification	NOCs to confirm use of allocated NOC quota places to World Lacrosse
	May 2028	World Lacrosse to reallocate all unused NOC quota places
	26 June 2028	LA28 Olympic Games Sport Entries deadline
	14 to 30 July 2028	LA28 Olympic Games