



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD - LA28

WORLD BASEBALL SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION (WBSC)

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL



A. EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN
	Baseball	Softball

B. QUOTA PLACES			
B.1. Total quota places for baseball		Total	
QUOTA	5 teams (120 athletes)	5 teams (75 athletes)	10 teams (195 athletes)
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	1 team (24 athletes)	1 team (15 athletes)	2 teams (39 athletes)
TOTAL	6 teams (144 athletes)	6 teams (90 athletes)	12 teams (234 athletes)
B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee			
QUOTA PER NOC*	1 team (24 athletes)	1 team (15 athletes)	2 teams (39 athletes)
B.3. Type of allocation of quota places			

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

*One team per event

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 the World Baseball Softball Confederation, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

Age Requirements

C.1. To be eligible to participate in the LA28 Olympic Games:

- Baseball – An athlete must turn 18 in the year in which the competition takes place, validated by the passport used for ACR registration.
- Softball – An athlete must turn 16 in the year in which the competition takes place, validated by the passport used for ACR registration.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

	Number of quota places	Qualification events (The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.)
MEN	D.1. 1 team (24 athletes)	Host Country Places The Host Country is guaranteed one quota place per event.
	D.2. 2 teams (48 athletes)	World Baseball Classic, March 2026 The two highest placed (but not yet qualified) teams from the Americas in the final standing of the World Baseball Classic 2026 will each obtain one quota place for their NOC.
MEN	D.3. 2 teams (48 athletes)	WBSC Premier12, November 2027 The highest placed team from Asia and the highest placed team from Europe or Oceania in the final standing of the WBSC Premier12 will each obtain one quota place for their NOC.

	D.4. 1 team (24 athletes)	Final Qualification Event – no later than March 2028 <p>The highest placed team in the Final Qualification Event will obtain one quota place for their NOC.</p> <p>Six teams, the two highest placed (but not yet qualified) teams from the latest edition of the Asia Championship, the two highest placed (but not yet qualified) teams from the latest edition of the European Championship, the highest placed (but not yet qualified) team from the latest edition of the Africa Championship and the highest placed (but not yet qualified) team from the latest edition of the Oceania Qualifier are eligible to take part in the Final Qualification Event.</p>
WOMEN	D.5. 1 team (15 athletes)	Host Country Places <p>The Host Country is guaranteed one quota place per event.</p>
	D.6. 1 team (15 athletes)	Women's Softball World Cup Finals 2027 <p>The highest placed team from the Women's Softball World Cup Finals 2027 will obtain one quota place for their NOC.</p>
	D.7. 3 teams (45 athletes)	Continental qualification events, XXX 2027 <p>There will be three continental qualification events.</p> <p>There will be a combined Asia and Oceania tournament, a combined Europe and Africa qualification event, and one for the Americas.</p> <p>The highest placed team at the Europe/Africa, the Asia/Oceania and the Americas qualification events will each obtain one quota place for their NOC.</p>
	D.8. 1 team (15 athletes)	Final Qualification Event – no later than March 2028 <p>The runner-up and third placed team in the Europe/Africa (two teams), Asia/Oceania (two teams), and Americas (two teams) qualification events can take part in the Final Qualification Event.</p>

E. CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of Qualification Places

After each qualification event, the WBSC will publish the results on its website, wbsc.org, and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places.

The NOCs will then have two weeks to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph H. Qualification Timeline.

F. REALLOCATION

F.1. Reallocation of unused Qualification Places

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest placed team at the respective qualification event.

F.2. Reallocation of unused Host Country Places

An unused Host Country Place for Baseball will be reallocated to the next highest placed eligible team which has not yet qualified, at the WBSC Premier12 2027.

Unused Host Country Place for Softball will be reallocated to the next highest placed eligible team which has not yet qualified, at the Women's Softball World Cup Finals 2027.

G. AP ATHLETES

G.1. Definition

Ap athletes are non-competing athletes accredited in the “Ap” category who have different entitlements to competing athletes (accredited as “Aa”) as described in the Ap accreditation quotas and conditions outlined in the IOC Accreditation Guide. These personnel are not part of the athlete quota as described in paragraph B. Quota Places. Ap alternate athletes could become competing athletes only under the conditions outlined in the IOC/Los Angeles 2028 Late Athlete Replacement policy.

G.2. Eligibility

Ap alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes, as described in paragraph C. Athlete Eligibility.

G.3. Quota

In baseball, each qualified team is entitled to four Ap athletes.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	March 2026	World Baseball Classic 2026
	2027	Softball Continental Qualification Americas, Surrey, BC, Canada
	2027	Softball Continental Qualification Asia/Oceania
	2027	Softball Continental Qualification Europe/Africa
	November 2027	WBSC Premier12
	No later than March 2028	Baseball Final Qualification Event
	No later than March 2028	Softball Final Qualification Event
Information and Confirmation	Straight after event	WBSC to inform NOCs/NFs of allocated quota places
	Two weeks after information received	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to WBSC
	26 May 2028	WBSC to reallocate all unused quota places
Games time	26 June 2028	LA28 Olympic Games Sport Entries deadline
	14 to 30 July 2028	LA28 Olympic Games