



**QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28**

International Volleyball Federation (FIVB)

VOLLEYBALL 

A. EVENTS (2)	MEN (1)	WOMEN (1)
	12-team tournament	12-team tournament

B. QUOTA PLACES			
B.1. Total quota places for volleyball:			Total
QUOTA PLACES	11 teams (132 athletes)	11 teams (132 athletes)	22 teams (264 athletes)
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	1 team (12 athletes)	1 team (12 athletes)	2 teams (24 athletes)
TOTAL	12 teams (144 athletes)	12 teams (144 athletes)	24 teams (288 athletes)
B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee			
QUOTA PLACES PER NOC	1 team (12 athletes)	1 team (12 athletes)	2 teams (24 athletes)
B.3. Type of allocation of quota places			

Quota places are allocated to NOCs.

Each NOC must, on the recommendation of the corresponding National Federation, select its athletes in line with the criteria set forth in section **C, “Athlete eligibility”**.

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 FIVB, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

Anti-doping requirements

C.1. The FIVB will only allow the registration of clean athletes who have been tested between the qualification period starting on 26 June 2026 and ending on 26 June 2028.

Additional IF eligibility criteria

C.2. To be eligible to participate in the LA28 Olympic Games, all athletes must comply with the requirements set out in [Articles 1 to 5 of the FIVB Sports Regulations](#).

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

NOCs that would like to take part in the qualification events below must complete a registration form. The form must then be returned to the FIVB before the start of the respective qualifying pathway.

The qualification events are listed in chronological order of qualification. The 24 quota places (12 men's and 12 women's) for the LA28 Olympic Games are allocated as follows:

Number of quota places	Qualification events
MEN / WOMEN D.1. 10 competitions with 10 teams (120 athletes) (5 teams per gender/ continent allocated) 5 x men's teams (60 athletes) 5 x women's teams (60 athletes)	2026 volleyball continental championships (21 August – 27 September 2026) The highest-ranked team in the final standing of each of the five 2026 volleyball continental championships per gender is allocated a quota place for LA28. Competition format: total of 10 volleyball continental championship competitions – five per continent per gender held in 2026. – Varied competition formats, with one team per 2026 volleyball continental championship qualifying for the LA28 Olympic Games. – The USA (host quota place for the LA28 Olympic Games) will participate in the NORCECA continental championships.

Participants:

- Varied number of nations qualified for the volleyball continental championships through the respective continental qualifiers.

Women:

- Asian Volleyball Championship 2026 in CHN between 21 and 30 August;
- African Volleyball Championship 2026 in KEN between 23 August and 5 September;
- EuroVolley 2026 in TUR, CZE, AZE, SWE between 21 August and 6 September;
- South American Volleyball Championship 2026 in BRA between 8 and 13 September;
- NORCECA Volleyball Championship 2026 in DOM between 21 and 29 August. NB: The USA will participate in the 2026 continental championship but will already have a quota place for LA28 allocated as the host of the Games. For the sake of clarity:
 - The NORCECA continental event is played, with the USA participating, to its conclusion.
 - The top four teams (excluding the USA) then play a 1 v. 4, 2 v. 3 semi-final and subsequent final, where the winner qualifies for LA28.
 - The rankings of 1, 2, 3 and 4 are based on where the teams finish in the continental qualifier.

Men:

- Asian Volleyball Continental Championship 2026 in JPN between 4 and 13 September;
- African Volleyball Continental Championship 2026 in COD between 7 and 21 September;
- EuroVolley 2026 in ITA, BUL, FIN, ROM between 9 and 26 September;
- South American Volleyball Continental Championship 2026 in BRA between 15 and 20 September;
- NORCECA Volleyball Continental Championship 2026 in CAN between 11 and 19 September. NB: The USA will participate in the NORCECA Continental Championship 2026 but will already have a quota place for LA28 allocated as the host of the Games. For the sake of clarity:
 - The NORCECA continental event is played, with the USA participating, to its conclusion.
 - The top four teams (excluding the USA) then play a 1 v. 4, 2 v. 3 semi-final and subsequent final, where the winner qualifies for LA28.

The rankings of 1, 2, 3 and 4 are based on where the teams finish in the continental qualifier.

**6 teams
(72 athletes)**

3 x men's teams
(36 athletes)
3 x women's teams
(36 athletes)

Volleyball World Cup 2027 (20 August – 26 September 2027) – women and men

The three highest-placed teams in the final standing of the Volleyball World Cup 2027 per gender are allocated a quota place for the LA28 Olympic Games.

Competition format:

Phase 1: Pool phase (48 matches)

The 32 qualified teams, with eight pools of four teams each, compete in a round robin format.

Phase 2: Round of 16 (16 matches)

The top two teams from each pool (based on the team ranking system: number of wins, then points gained, set quotient, points quotient, team that won the last match, and finally standing in the World Ranking) qualify for the round of 16 and play in a single elimination format until the final match.

Phase 3: Quarter-finals (four matches)

Phase 4: Semi-finals (two matches)

Phase 5: Finals (two matches – gold medal and bronze medal play-offs)

Participants: 32 teams:

- One place: the host (up to four hosts possible)
- One place: current (2025) world champions
- 15 places in total for teams from the 2026 continental championships: the three highest-placed eligible teams in the 2026 continent championship final standing for each of the five continents
- 15 places for teams through the [FIVB Volleyball World Ranking](#) using the FIVB Volleyball World Ranking, up to 15 places will be allocated to eligible teams that have not yet qualified at the end of the 2026 national team season
- NB: If there is more than one host, the number of places allocated through the FIVB Volleyball World Ranking is reduced accordingly (i.e. if 2 Hosts, then 14 places are allocated through the WR)

Two Volleyball World Cups (one per gender) to be held in 2027:

1. Women:
 - Volleyball World Cup 2027 in USA & CAN, to be held from 20 August to 5 September
2. Men:
 - Volleyball World Cup 2027 in POL, to be held from 10 to 26 September

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World Ranking qualification pathway, June 2028

Using the [FIVB Volleyball World Ranking](#), three quota places will be allocated to eligible teams that have not yet qualified for the LA28 Games at the end of the preliminary phase of the Volleyball Nations League (VNL) 2028, on 11 June 2028 (date TBC) for women and 18 June 2028 for men. Priority will be given to:

- a. Teams from a continent without a qualified team
- b. Other teams not yet qualified

D.2.

Host country places

The host country will be allocated one quota place per gender (one team of 12 men and one team of 12 women) on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirements described in section **C**, “**Athlete eligibility**”, of this document.

E. CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of qualification places

- E.1.** Following each qualification event, the FIVB will publish the results on its website (www.fivb.com).

Ahead of each qualification milestone, the FIVB will notify the respective NOCs and NFs of their potential to qualify and ask for confirmation as to whether they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section **H**, “**Qualification timeline**”. If confirmation is not provided before the start of the qualifying pathway, the quota place obtained will be reallocated as per the procedure outlined in section **F**, “**Reallocation of unused qualification places**”.

Confirmation of Host Country Places

- E.2.** The host NOC must confirm in writing to the FIVB by 1 September 2026 the use of its host country places.

F. REALLOCATION

Reallocation of unused qualification places

- F.1.** If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC within the confirmation of quota places deadline as detailed in section **H**, “**Qualification timeline**”, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-placed non-qualified NOC at the event at which the quota place was allocated.

Reallocation of unused qualification places

- F.2.** Unused host country places will be reallocated via the World Ranking qualification pathway as at 11 June 2028 (date TBC) for women and 18 June 2028 for men; the top-ranked team not yet qualified will obtain one quota place for their NOC.

G. AP ATHLETES

Definition

- 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 participants are not part of the athlete quota as described in section **B**, “**Athlete quota**”. “Ap” alternate athletes could become competing athletes only under the conditions outlined in the IOC/LA28 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Eligibility

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

Quota

- G.3.** Each qualified team is entitled to two “Ap” athletes.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Confirmation	1 August 2026	Host country confirms use of the host country places to the FIVB
	1 August 2026	The NOCs with the potential to qualify through the 2026 volleyball continental championships confirm in writing to the FIVB the use of the allocated quota places
Qualification	21 – 29 August 2026	Women NORCECA Volleyball Championship 2026 in DOM
	21 – 30 August 2026	Women Asian Volleyball Championship 2026 in CHN
	21 August – 6 September 2026	Women EuroVolley 2026 in TUR, CZE, AZE, SWE
	23 August – 5 September 2026	Women African Volleyball Championship 2026 in KEN
	4 – 13 September 2026	Men Asian Volleyball Championship 2026 in JPN
	7 – 21 September 2026	Men African Volleyball Championship 2026 in COD
	9 – 26 September 2026	Men EuroVoley 2026 in ITA, BUL, FIN, ROM
	8 – 13 September 2026	Women South American Volleyball Championship 2026 in BRA
	11 – 19 September 2026	Men NORCECA Volleyball Championship 2026 in CAN
	15 – 20 September 2026	Men South American Volleyball Championship 2026 in BRA

Confirmation	1 September 2027	The NOCs with the potential to qualify through the Volleyball World Cups 2027 confirm in writing to the FIVB the use of the allocated quota places
Qualification	20 August - 5 September 2027	Volleyball World Cup 2027 for women in USA & CAN
	10 - 26 September 2027	Volleyball World Cup 2027 for men in POL
Confirmation	1 April 2028	The NOCs with the potential to qualify through the World Ranking confirm in writing to the FIVB the use of the allocated quota places
Qualification	11 June 2028 (date TBC)	World Ranking qualification pathway for women
	18 June 2028	World Ranking qualification pathway for men
Reallocation	No later than 26 June 2028	The FIVB reallocates all unused quota places
Sport Entries deadline	26 June 2028	LA28 sport entries deadline
Games Time	14 July – 30 July 2028	LA28 Olympic Games