



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM  
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

World Sailing (WS)

# SAILING



A. EVENTS (10)	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED EVENTS
	Windsurfing	Windsurfing	Dinghy
	Kite	Kite	Multihull
	Dinghy	Dinghy	
	Skiff	Skiff	

  

B. QUOTA PLACES			
B.1. Total quota places for sailing			Total
QUOTA	156	156	312
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA PLACES	7	7	14
UNIVERSALITY PLACES	2	2	4
TOTAL	165	165	330

  

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee			
QUOTA PER NOC	7	7	14
EVENT-SPECIFIC QUOTA	1 boat per event	1 boat per event	

### B.3. Type of allocation of quota places

Quota places are allocated to the NOC.

## 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 Sailing, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

### Age Requirements

- C.1.** Athletes under 18 years of age, validated by the passport used for ACR registration, must present a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form to the OCOG by the time of their Delegation Registration Meeting.

### Additional IF eligibility criteria

- C.2.** Athletes must also comply with the following criteria:
- a. Must be registered as a World Sailing Sailor and provide their Sailor Identification Number to the OCOG during the entry process.
  - b. Must have appeared on the official World Sailing World Ranking List for their qualified Class at any time between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2028.
  - c. Must have competed in at least one of the Olympic qualification events mentioned in section **D. Qualification Pathway** or the 2026 or 2028 Olympic Class World Championships in their qualified Event.
  - d. Must be fully paid members of the relevant international class association as required by their rules.
  - e. Must hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability with a minimum coverage per incident of EUR 2,000,000, or equivalent, if deemed to be the "person in charge".

## D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

<b>Quota places</b>		<b>Qualification events</b>
<b>MEN / WOMEN</b>	<b>D.1.</b>	<b>Quota Places</b>
	34 Men 34 Women (Total 68 boats)	<p><b>2027 World Sailing Championships, Fortaleza, Brazil, 20 - 22 January 2027</b></p> <p>The highest placed NOCs in each of the one person Sailing events at the 2027 World Sailing Championships will be qualified as per the quotas in the table <b>D.1.2</b> below.</p>
	8 x Men 8 x Women 16 x Mixed (Total 32 boats)	<p><b>2027 World Sailing Championships, Gdynia, Poland, 6 - 16 July 2027</b></p> <p>The highest placed NOCs in each of the two-person events.</p> <p>Sailing events at the 2027 World Sailing Championships will qualify athletes as per the quotas in the table <b>D.1.2</b> below.</p>
	24 x Men 24 x Women 12 x Mixed (Total 70 boats)	<p><b>2027 Continental Qualification events, various</b></p> <p>The highest placed NOCs from each continent not already qualified at the 2027 World Sailing Championships in each of the 10 sailing events at the respective continental qualification competitions (as defined in the qualification events supporting document on available on the World Sailing website, will qualify as per the quotas in the table <b>D.1.2</b> below.</p>
<b>MEN / WOMEN</b>	21 x Men 21 x Women 7 x Mixed (Total 49 boats)	<p><b>2028 Last Chance Regatta, location and date TBC</b></p> <p>The highest placed NOCs not already qualified at the 2027 World Sailing Championships or the 2027 Continental Qualification events in each of the 10 sailing events at the 2028 Last Chance Regatta will qualify as per the quotas in the table <b>D.1.2</b> below.</p>

2 x Men  
2 x Women  
(Total 4 boats)

### Emerging Nations – 2028 Last Chance Regatta, location and date TBC

The highest placed NOCs who are current members of the World Sailing Emerging Nations Programme (as defined in the Emerging Nations supporting document on available on the World Sailing website) not already qualified at the 2027 World Sailing Championships, the 2027 Continental Qualification events, or the 2028 Last Chance Regatta in each of the four sailing events at the 2028 Last Chance Regatta will qualify as per the quotas in the table below.

#### D.1.2 Quota Allocation Table

	2027 Sailing World Championships	Africa	Asia	Central and South America	Europe	North America and Caribbean	Oceania	2028 Last Regatta	Emerging Nations
M Windsurfing	10	1	1	1	2	1	1	6	1
W Windsurfing	10	1	1	1	2	1	1	6	1
M Kite	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	
W Kite	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	
M Dinghy	16	2	4	3	4	3	2	5	1
W Dinghy	16	2	4	3	4	3	2	5	1
M Skiff	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	
W Skiff	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	
MX Dinghy	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	
MX Multihull	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	

#### D.1.3

Where two boats have a tied final rank at a qualification event and only one boat quota place is available, the tie will be broken in favour of the boat with the higher Qualification Series or equivalent rank.

#### D.2.

##### HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country will be allocated 14 athlete quota places, seven for men and seven for women athletes. The host country will automatically have one boat qualified in each of the 10 sailing events on condition that the athletes entered meet the eligibility requirements described in section **C. Athlete Eligibility** of this document. The host country NOC must also have at least one boat competing in the respective event during the 2027 Sailing World Championships or the relevant continental qualification event.

### D. 3.

### UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Four Universality Places are available to eligible NOCs at the LA28 Olympic Games: two men's dinghy and two women's dinghy.

On 1 October 2027, the International Olympic Committee (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 for the sport concerned.

## E. CONFIRMATION

### Confirmation of quota places

- E.1.** World Sailing will publish the results of the event on its website (sailing.org) within seven working days after the last day of the qualification event.

World Sailing will confirm in writing to the NOCs the quota places they have obtained within 10 working days after the last day of each qualification event.

The NOCs will then have until midnight London (UK) time on the date in the table below to confirm to World Sailing if they wish to use these quota places, using the World Sailing confirmation form via the method instructed, as detailed in section **G. Qualification Timeline**.

Qualification pathway	Confirmation date
2027 World Sailing Championships	
Host Country	TBD (ahead of LCR)
2027 Continental Qualification Events	
2028 Last Chance Regatta	
Emerging Nations	Two weeks from date of invitation
Universality Places	

NOCs must enter all athletes for the LA28 Olympic Games by the entries deadline in section **G. Qualification Timeline**.

Quota places not confirmed by the deadline will be deemed declined and reallocated as per section **F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places**.

### Confirmation of host country places

- E.2.** The host country must confirm in writing to World Sailing its use of the host country places, in accordance with the procedure and date defined in **E.1** above.

## F. REALLOCATION

### F.1. Reallocation of unused Quota Places

**F.1.1.** If the NOC does not confirm or declines an allocated quota place by the confirmation of quota place deadline (see section E. Confirmation Process for Quota Places), the quota place will be reallocated in accordance with the table below, respecting the maximum quota per gender and per NOC.

**F.1.2.** If a qualification event cannot be completed by the confirmation date set out in section E. Confirmation Process for Quota Places, the quota places from this qualification event will be reallocated in accordance with the table below.

Qualification pathway	Reallocation
2027 World Sailing Championships Host Country	The quota place will be added to the event's 2028 Last Chance Regatta quota places.
2027 Continental Qualification Events	<p><u>Step 1</u> The quota place will be reallocated to the event's next highest ranked Developing Nation not already qualified. A developing nation is an NOC that did not qualify, regardless of acceptance of the place, in either of the last two Olympic Sailing Competitions. This includes NOCs that have been offered a reallocated quota place. See the list below of NOCs defined as Developing Nations for each sailing event for the LA 2028 Olympic Sailing Competition.</p> <p><u>Step 2</u> The quota place will be added to the event's 2028 Last Chance Regatta quota places.</p>
2028 Last Chance Regatta	<p><u>Step 1</u> The quota place will be reallocated to the event's next highest ranked NOC not already qualified, at the 2028 Last Chance Regatta.</p> <p><u>Step 2</u> The quota place will be reallocated to the event's highest ranked NOC not already qualified, at the event's most recent Class World Championships.</p> <p><u>Step 3</u> The quota place will be reallocated to the Dinghy Event of the same gender and reallocated at this Dinghy Event of the 2028 Last Chance Regatta to the highest ranked NOC not already qualified.</p> <p><u>Step 4</u> The quota place will be reallocated to the Windsurfing Event of the same gender and reallocated at this Dinghy Event of the 2028 Last Chance Regatta to the highest ranked NOC not already qualified.</p>

	<u>Step 5</u> The last resort process is defined below in section <b>F.1.3.</b>
Emerging Nations	<u>Step 1</u> The quota place will be reallocated at the 2028 Last Chance Regatta to the event's next highest ranked Emerging Nation not already qualified.
	<u>Step 2</u> The quota place will be added to the event's 2028 Last Chance Regatta quota places.

**F.1.3.** Should the entire reallocation process above be exhausted and athlete quota places remain available with reasonable time to meet the Sport Entry qualification deadline, the World Sailing Executive Office will take advice from the respective Class and prepare a ranked candidate list of NOCs with eligible named athletes for the World Sailing Board to select sufficient athletes to fill these athlete quota places. The candidate list will be prepared in the following order:

1. Athletes of the original event quota place
2. Athletes of the opposite gender in the same event (not applicable for mixed events)
3. Athletes of the original gender for the Dinghy Event
4. Athletes of the opposite gender for the Dinghy Event
5. Athletes of the original gender for the Windsurfing Event
6. Athletes of the opposite gender for the Windsurfing Event
7. Athletes of the same gender for any fleet racing event

**F.1.4.** The criteria, definition and eligible NOCs for Emerging Nations quota places are defined in the relevant supporting document available on the World Sailing website.

**F.1.5.** If an NOC enters the same athlete in a one-person event and a two-person event, an additional boat quota place will then be added to the same one-person event at the 2028 Last Chance Regatta, respecting the total athlete quota.

**F.1.6.** If an NOC enters the same athlete in two one-person events or the same two athletes in two two-person events, an additional boat quota place will then be added to the same event at the 2028 Last Chance Regatta for the event that was qualified lower in the qualification hierarchy (see section D. Qualification Pathway), respecting the total athlete quota. If the quota places are obtained at the same qualification event, the event in which the athlete's World Sailing Ranking is the lowest in the first rankings released after the 2028 Last Chance Regatta will have an additional boat quota place added at the 2028 Last Chance Regatta, respecting the total athlete quota. If the athletes' World Sailing Rankings are equal, the IF Delegates will then decide which event the additional quota place is assigned to at the 2028 Last Chance Regatta based on which event they think the athletes' "second" event is.

**F.2. Reallocation of unused host country places**

**F.2.1.** Unused host country place(s) will be reallocated to the 2028 Last Chance Regatta in the respective event, respecting the maximum quota per gender and per NOC.

### F.3. Reallocation of unused universality places

- F.3.1.** Any unused Universality place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked universality place eligible athlete of the same gender in the event who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games, respecting the maximum quota per gender and per NOC. If no such athlete is available, the quota place will be reallocated to the highest-ranked eligible athlete of the alternate gender, and if still not allocated, it will revert to the Last Chance Ranking for the same event.
- F.3.2.** The highest-ranked eligible athlete regardless of the continent will obtain the quota place, respecting the maximum Universality Place quota per NOC. The process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.
- F.3.3.** If the Universality place reallocation process is exhausted and a quota place remains, the quota place will be added to the event's 2028 Last Chance Regatta quota.

### G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	22 – 30 January 2027	2027 World Sailing Championships, Fortaleza, BRA
	12 February 2027	World Sailing confirms to the NOCs in writing the quota places obtained at the 2027 World Sailing Championships.
	6 - 16 July 2027	2027 World Sailing Championships, Gdynia, POL
	30 July 2027	World Sailing confirms to the NOCs in writing the quota places obtained at the 2027 World Sailing Championships.
	12 February 2027	World Sailing confirms to the MNAs in writing the athletes selected for the World Sailing Emerging Nations programme.
	1 October 2027	The International Olympic Committee (IOC) invites all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Universality places.
	15 January 2028	The NOCs submit their requests for Universality places.
	TBD	African Continental Qualifier, Name, Location, City
	TBD	Asian Continental Qualifier, Name, Location, City
	TBD	Central and South American Continental Qualifier, Name, Location, City
	TBD	European Continental Qualifier, Name, Location, City

Qualification	TBD	North America and Caribbean Continental Qualifier, Name, Location, City
	TBD	Oceania Continental Qualifier, Name, Location, City
	By 10 working days after the qualifier	World Sailing confirms to the NOCs in writing the quota places obtained.
Confirmation and Reallocation	TBD	The NOCs to confirm to World Sailing their use of the allocated quota places.
	TBD	World Sailing to reallocate all unused quota places.
Qualification	TBD	2028 Last Chance Regatta, Name, Location, City
Confirmation and Reallocation	By 10 working days after the qualifier	World Sailing confirms to the NOCs in writing the quota places obtained at the 2028 Last Chance Regatta.
	Two weeks after the invitation	The NOCs confirm to World Sailing their use of the allocated quota places.
	Within five days after each previous step	World Sailing to reallocate all unused quota places.
	After the Last Chance Regatta, Date TBC	The Tripartite Commission to confirm the allocation of Universality Places to the NOCs in writing (where applicable).
Sport Entries deadline	<b>26 June 2028</b>	<b>LA28 Olympic Games Entries deadline</b>
Games Time	<b>1 - 30 July 2028</b>	<b>LA28 Olympic Games</b>

## H. ANNEX

### H.1.

All World Sailing supporting documents can be found on the World Sailing website [World Sailing](#), including:

- Developing Nations criteria, definition and list
- Emerging Nations criteria, definition and list
- World Sailing Member National Authorities by Continent
- World Sailing Olympic Qualification Event Requirements
- World Sailing Olympic Qualification Events and validity standards for quota allocation