QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL (IFAF)

FLAG FOOTBALL 

A. EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN
	6-team tournament	6-team tournament

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for flag football			Total
QUOTA	50 (5 teams)	50 (5 teams)	100 (10 teams)
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	10 (1 team)	10 (1 team)	20 (2 teams)
TOTAL	60 (6 teams)	60 (6 teams)	120 (12 teams)
B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee			
QUOTA PER NOC	10 (1 team)	10 (1 team)	20 (2 teams)
B.3. Type of allocation of quota places			

Quota places are allocated to NOCs.

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 IFAF, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

Age requirements

C.1. All athletes must comply with the provisions of the IFAF Eligibility Guidance and be 18 years of age or older on 31 December 2028. Their age will be validated by the passport used for accreditation registration.

Additional IF requirements

C.2. To be able to compete in the qualification process, athletes must comply with the core eligibility requirements (age ranges, transgender policy and nationality) of IFAF.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

	Number of quota places	Qualification events (the qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification)
MEN/WOMEN	**D.1.** 10 men (1 team) 10 women (1 team) **20** **(2 teams)**	**Host country quota** The host country is guaranteed one quota place in the women's competition and one quota place in the men's competition. The guaranteed quota place for both the men's and women's team is subject to their ongoing participation in the 2026 IFAF World Championships and the 2027 continental championships, and their ongoing compliance with the IFAF rules and regulations.
	D.2. 20 men (2 teams) 20 women (2 teams) 40 (4 teams)	**IFAF World Championships, Düsseldorf (GER), 13-16 August 2026** The IFAF World Championships will feature 16 men's teams and 16 women's teams. The two highest-placed eligible teams in the World Championships, for each gender, will obtain one quota place for their NOC for the LA28 Olympic Games.
	D.3. 30 men (3 teams) 30 women (3 teams) 60 (6 teams)	**Olympic Q-Series** • 01-04 June 2028 in Montreal, Canada • 08-11 June 2028 in Orlando, United States The three highest-placed teams in the Olympic Q-Series, for each gender, will obtain one quota place for their NOC for the LA28 Olympic Games, representing a minimum of two continents. The Olympic Q-Series will be a 10-team tournament with the following quota of the best-ranked eligible teams from each 2027 IFAF continental championship: • two teams from the Americas Championship • two teams from the Africa Championship • two teams from the Asia Championship • two teams from the Oceania Championship • two teams from the European Championship Teams that have already obtained quota places for their NOC for the LA28 Olympic Games are not eligible to participate in the Olympic Q-Series. The Olympic Q-Series is a combined men's and women's tournament. If a national team declines entry, the next best-ranked national team from the continental championship will be invited.

E. CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of qualification places

E.1. IFAF will publish the results within three days of the event on its website: www.americanfootball.sport.

IFAF will confirm in writing to the NOCs the quota places they have obtained within three days of the last day of each event or ranking. The NOCs will then have two weeks to confirm to IFAF if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section **H, "Qualification timeline".**

Confirmation of host country places

E.2. The host country must confirm the use of its host country places to IFAF in writing by 17 August 2026.

F. REALLOCATION

Reallocation of unused qualification places

F.1. If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

If the team qualified through the 2026 IFAF World Championships, the quota place will go to the next highest-ranked eligible team from the 2026 IFAF World Championships.

If the team qualified through the Olympic Q-Series, the quota place will go to the next highest-ranked eligible team from the Olympic Q-Series.

This is applicable for both women and men.

Reallocation of unused host country places

F.2. If the host country NOC does not wish to use its allocated quota place, this will be reallocated to the highest-ranked eligible team from the 2026 IFAF World Championships.

This is applicable for both women and men.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	**13 – 16 August 2026**	IFAF World Championships (women and men); Düsseldorf, Germany
	17 August 2026	Host NOC to confirm the use of men's and women's host country places to IFAF
	By 19 August 2026	IFAF to confirm in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained
	By 2 September 2026	NOCs to confirm in writing to IFAF the use of the allocated quota places
	Date and venue to be determined in early 2026 **Scheduled to take place in spring / summer 2027*** *Northern hemisphere	2027 IFAF Americas Championship (women and men) 2027 IFAF European Championship (women and men) 2027 IFAF Africa Championship (women and men) 2027 IFAF Asia and Oceania Championship (women and men)
	Within three days of the events	IFAF to confirm in writing to the NOCs the places obtained at the Olympic Q-Series
	Within two weeks of the events	NOCs to confirm to IFAF their intention to participate in the Olympic Q-Series
	01-04 June 2028	**Q-Series:** Montreal, Canada
	08-11 June 2028	**Q-Series:** Orlando, United States
	Within three days of the event	IFAF to confirm in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained
	Within two weeks of the event	NOCs to confirm in writing to IFAF the use of the allocated quota places
	Within five days of the previous step	IFAF to reallocate all unused quota places
	26 June 2028	**LA28 Olympic Games sport entries deadline**
	14 July – 30 July 2028	**LA28 Olympic Games**