QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

Paddle Worldwide (PWW)

SLALOM PADDLE 

A: EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN
	Kayak Single (MK1)	Kayak Single (WK1)
	Canoe Single (MC1)	Canoe Single (WC1)
	Kayak Cross (MX1)	Kayak Cross (WX1)

B: QUOTA PLACES

1. Total quota places for slalom			Total
QUOTA	40	40	80
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	1	1	2
UNIVERSALITY PLACES	0*	0*	0*
TOTAL	41	41	82

*Two Universality places are available in Paddle sports (Sprint Paddle and Slalom Paddle). The provisions for allocation of these places are set out in the Sprint Paddle Qualification System.

2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee

1 Athlete in Kayak Single **1 Athlete in Canoe Single** **1 Athlete in Kayak Cross**	3	3	**6**

B.2.1 A maximum of two athletes per NOC can participate in each event.

B.2.2 Athletes must compete in the event(s) that the NOC received their qualification quota and in the event(s) they are entered in by their NOC by the time of Sport Entries Deadline.

B.2.3 An athlete qualified and selected for the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 may be entered into as many events as selected by their NOC, provided that the maximum number of athletes per NOC per event is not exceeded.

3. Type of allocation of quota places

The quota places are allocated to the NOC through Olympic Qualification Ranking (Phase 1), Continental Qualification Competitions (Phase 2), and the Global Qualification Competition (Phase 3). The athlete quota places selected for the Olympic Games are not tied to the specific athlete who earned the place on behalf of the NOC.

4. Compulsory Entries at the LA28 Olympic Games:

B.4.1 If the maximum number of entries per NOC in any of the Kayak Cross events is not reached, the athletes entered by the same NOC in the Kayak Singles event of the respective gender must compete in Kayak Cross at the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028.

B.4.2 If the maximum number of entries per NOC in any of the Kayak Singles events is not reached, the athletes entered by the same NOC in the Kayak Cross event of the respective gender must compete in Kayak Singles at the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028.

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 Paddle Worldwide, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

C.1 Additional IF Requirements

C.1.1. For an NOC to be eligible to participate in the LA28 Olympic Games, it must participate in at least one Olympic event at any of the Olympic Qualification Ranking Competitions, Continental or the Global Qualification Competition.

C.1.2. To be eligible for a Universality place, an NOC must be listed either on the Canoe Singles, the Kayak Singles or the Kayak Cross Olympic Ranking on 31 December 2027.

C.1.3. To be eligible to earn quotas based on the Olympic Qualification Ranking, the athlete must be eligible to participate in the LA28 Olympic Games by 30 September 2027.

C.1.4. To be eligible to earn quotas at the Continental Qualification Competitions or the Global Qualification Competition, the athlete must be eligible to participate in the LA28 Olympic Games by the entry deadline of the respective Qualification Competition, at the latest.

D: QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

D.1. For the purposes of this qualification system, "Continental Qualification Competitions" shall refer to the following:

A. European Olympic Qualification Competition
B. Pan-American Olympic Qualification Competition
C. Asian Olympic Qualification Competition
D. African Olympic Qualification Competition
E. Oceania Olympic Qualification Competition

D.1.1 The order of quota distribution is quota allocation based on Olympic Qualification Ranking positions first (Phase 1), direct qualification from Continental Qualification Competitions second (Phase 2), direct qualification from Global Qualification Competition third (Phase 3).

	Number of quota places	Qualification events
MEN/WOMEN	**D1. Phase 1** **19 Men** **19 Women** (Total 38 athletes)	**Olympic Qualification Ranking (OQR) – Refer to ANNEX** The highest placed eligible athletes on the Kayak Singles, the Kayak Cross and the Canoe Singles Olympic Qualification Ranking lists will obtain athlete quota places for their NOC according to table in **D.3.1 (in ANNEX)**

D2. Phase 2 **15 Men** **15 Women** (Total 30 athletes)	**Continental Qualification Competitions – Refer to ANNEX** The highest placed eligible, not yet qualified athletes in all six Olympic events at the respective Continental Qualification Competition will be allocated a quota place each for their NOC.
D3. Phase 3 **6 Men** **6 Women** (Total 12 athletes)	**Global Qualification Competition – Refer to ANNEX** The top two highest placed eligible, not yet qualified athletes in each Kayak Cross, Canoe Singles and Kayak Singles events at the Global Qualification Competition will be allocated a quota place for their NOC
D4. Host Country Places **1 Male** **1 Female** (Total 2 athletes)	The host country will be allocated one athlete quota place for each gender, provisionally allocated in the following events: • Men's Kayak Singles or Kayak Cross • Women's Kayak Singles or Kayak Cross If the host country obtains an athlete quota place in any of these events from the Olympic Qualification Ranking or at the Continental or Global Qualification Competitions, the host country quota place for that gender will be reallocated in accordance with section **F.2. Reallocation of unused host country places**.
D5. Universality Places ***2 athletes**	Two Universality places are made available to eligible NOCs at the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 in Paddle sports. These places can be attributed to Sprint Paddle and/or Slalom Paddle athletes. 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. Detailed information on Universality Places is contained in the "Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games - Tripartite Commission Universality Places - Allocation Procedure" document.

E: CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

E.1. Confirmation of Quota Places

E.1.1. Within 10 days following the date of locking the Olympic Qualification Ranking, PWW will publish the results on its website and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places.

E.1.2. Within 10 days following the conclusion of each Continental or Global Qualification Competitions, PWW will publish the results on its website and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places.

E.1.3. The NOCs will then have up to five working days from that notification to confirm to PWW:

- That they wish to accept their allocated athlete quota place(s) or decline allocated quota place(s) and return it to PWW for reallocation to another NOC;

If a quota place is declined or not accepted within the required time frame, the athlete quota place will be returned for reallocation as outlined in section **F.1 Reallocation of Unused Quota Places.**

E.2. Confirmation of Host Country Places

The host country must confirm in writing to PWW five working days after the completion of their last qualification competition the use of its host country places.

F: REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

F.1. Reallocation of unused Quota Places

F.1.1. 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 in the same event to the next highest-ranked eligible NOC, not yet qualified, at the phase at which the quota place was obtained (Olympic Qualification Ranking or Continental or Global Qualification Competition), respecting the maximum quota per gender, per NOC (see **B.2**).

F.1.2. In the event that athlete quota places are not filled from the procedures outlined above, PWW Executive Committee will allocate the remaining athlete quota places to the next highest ranked eligible NOC not yet qualified in the sport of Paddle based on Olympic Qualification Ranking.

F.2. Reallocation of unused Host Country Places

F.2.1. Where the host country obtains an athlete quota place from the Olympic Qualification Ranking in Kayak or in Kayak Cross, the host country place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC, not yet qualified, in the Kayak singles or Kayak Cross event considered for that gender on the Olympic Qualification Ranking.

F.2.2. Where the host country obtains an athlete quota place through Continental or Global Olympic Qualification Competitions in Kayak Singles or in Kayak Cross, the host country place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC, not yet qualified, in the Kayak Singles or Kayak Cross event considered for that gender at the same competition.

F.3. Reallocation of unused Universality Places

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate a Universality place, it will be reallocated using the reallocation procedures outlined in the Slalom Paddle Qualification System section **F.1.**

E: QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	**20-25 July 2026**	2026 PWW Slalom Paddle World Championships, Oklahoma City, USA
	3-5 September 2026	2026 PWW Slalom Paddle World Cup Vaires-sur-Marne, FRA
	10-13 September 2026	2026 PWW Slalom Paddle World Cup, La Seu, ESP
	4-6 June 2027	2027 PWW Slalom Paddle World Cup Prague, CZE
	11-13 June 2027	2027 PWW Slalom Paddle World Cup Augsburg, GER
	13-15 August 2027	2027 PWW Slalom Paddle World Cup Lee Valley, GBR
	20-22 August 2027	2027 PWW Slalom Paddle World Cup Pau, FRA
	7-12 September 2027	2027 PWW Slalom PWW World Championships, La Seu, ESP
	30 September – 3 October 2027	2027 PWW Slalom Paddle World Cup Montgomery, USA
	3rd of October 2027	Olympic Qualification Ranking locked, allocation of quotas via Phase1
Inform and confirm	**Within ten (10) days after the locking**	PWW to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated athlete quota places no later than ten (10) working days after the ranking is published.
	Within five (5) working days after PWW notification of quota places	The NOCs to confirm to PWW the use of the allocated quota places.

Inform and confirm	**Within ten (10) days after the previous step**	PWW to reallocate all unused quota places.
Qualification	**2028**	2028 Slalom Paddle African Qualification Competition
	2028	2028 Slalom Paddle Asian Qualification Competition
	2028	2028 Slalom Paddle European Qualification Competition
	2028	2028 Slalom Paddle Oceania Qualification Competition
	2028	2028 Slalom Paddle Pan-American Qualification Competition
	2028	PWW Global Qualification Competition
Inform and confirm	**Within ten (10) days after the event**	PWW to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated athlete quota places no later than ten (10) working days after each Olympic Qualification Competition.
	Within five (5) working days after PWW notification of quota places	The NOCs to confirm to PWW the use of the allocated quota places.
	Within ten (10) days after the previous step	PWW to reallocate all unused quota places.
	TBC	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Universality places to the NOCs (where applicable)
	8 June 2028	PWW to reallocate any unused quota places.
Sport Entries deadline	**26 June 2028**	**LA28 Sport Entries deadline**
Games Time	**14-30 July 2028**	**LA28 Olympic Games**

ANNEX:

D.2 **Distribution of quotas by Olympic Qualification Ranking, at the Continental Qualification Competitions and from the Global Qualification Competition**

D.2.1. Each NOC can enter a maximum of three athletes in each event at every qualification competition.

D.2.2 An athlete may compete in one or more events at an Olympic Qualification Ranking Competition, a Continental Qualification Competition or the Global Qualification Competition.

D.2.3 An athlete can only obtain one quota place for their NOC. Once this is achieved, they are no longer eligible to be considered for any further athlete quota places, even if returned.

D.2.4. The initial distribution of quotas based on the Olympic Qualification Ranking positions and Continental and Global Qualification Competitions' results is as set out below, subject to:

(i) the limits on maximum number of quotas as specified in **B.2** above; and

(ii) any subsequent reallocation of quotas in accordance with the provisions of this Qualification System.

Events	Athlete quota places
Men	
MK1	14
MC1	17
MX1	10
Total Men	**41**
Women	
WK1	14
WC1	17
WX1	10
Total Women	**41**
Total (Men and Women)	**82**

D.3 Olympic Qualification Ranking (OQR)

D.3.1. The distribution of the 38 quotas that are available from the Olympic Qualification Ranking is set out in the table below, subject to the limits set out in **Section B.2.** and any subsequent reallocation in accordance with this qualification system.

Events	Athlete quota places
Men	
MC1	10
MK1	6
MX1	3
Total Men	**19**
Women	
WC1	10
WK1	6
WX1	3
Total Women	**19**
Total (Men and Women)	**38**

D.3.2 Principles of the Olympic Qualification Ranking:

- The ranking period runs from 20 July 2026 to 3 October 2027.
- There are six dedicated Olympic Qualification Ranking lists, one for each Olympic event
- The ranking list is nominal, each athlete is given a ranking based on their points.
- Maximum of five best results (highest points) of each athlete are counted for during the ranking period.
- The full list of Olympic Qualification Ranking Competitions is outlined in **paragraph G.**
- If two or more athletes have equal points on the Olympic Qualification Ranking, the following tie-breaker rules decide in ranking them:

    1. The athlete with the higher registered ranking point in the respective event from the 2027 Slalom Paddle World Championships will rank higher.
    2. The athlete with the higher registered ranking point in the respective event from the 2026 Slalom Paddle World Championships will rank higher.
    3. The athlete with the better 5th result in the respective event at the Olympic Qualification Ranking Competitions will rank higher

D.3.3 The distribution of quotas by the Olympic Qualification Ranking

D.3.3.1 Men and women quota allocation is identical.

D.3.3.2 The order of allocating quotas from the Olympic Qualification Ranking is as follows: Kayak Singles first, Kayak Cross second and Canoe Singles third.

The highest placed eligible athletes on the Kayak Singles, the Kayak Cross and the Canoe Singles Olympic Qualification Ranking lists will obtain athlete quota places for their NOC according to table in **D.3.1**.

D.3.3. In the situation that the Olympic Qualification Ranking needs to be locked at an earlier date than originally indicated, the Olympic quota allocation will be based on reverted standings to the termination of the last Olympic Qualification Ranking competition completed keeping a ratio of five out of nine competitions counted for, rounded up to the nearest whole number.

D.4. Continental Qualification Competitions

D.4.1 In Canoe Singles events only those NOCs are eligible to obtain quotas that have not obtained any Canoe Single quotas from the OQR in the corresponding gender. In the Kayak Singles events only those NOCs are eligible to obtain quotas that have not obtained Kayak Singles or Kayak Cross quotas from the OQR in the corresponding gender. In the Kayak Cross events only those NOCs are eligible to obtain quotas that have not obtained Kayak Singles or Kayak Cross quotas from the OQR in the corresponding gender.

D.4.2 Only eligible athletes are allowed to compete in the Kayak Cross events of the Continental Qualification Competition.

D.4.3 A minimum of three eligible NOCs must contest each athlete quota place at the Continental Qualification Competitions for the event to be valid. If there are less than three NOCs in any event, the athlete quota places will revert to Olympic Qualification Ranking. Any athlete quota place which is returned due to insufficient entries at any Continental Qualification Competition will be reallocated in the same event to the next highest ranked eligible NOC, not yet qualified on the respective Olympic Qualification Ranking

D.4.4 The order of running the events at the Continental Qualification Competitions is as follows: Kayak Cross first, Kayak Singles second and Canoe Singles third.

D.4.5 The initial distribution of quotas available at the Continental Qualification Competitions is set out in the table below, subject to:

(i) the limits on maximum quotas as specified in **B.2.** above; and

(ii) any subsequent reallocation of quotas in accordance with the provisions of this qualification system;

Events	Europe	Pan-America	Asia	Africa	Oceania	Total Quotas
MC1	1	1	1	1	1	5
MK1	1	1	1	1	1	5
MX1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Total Men						15
WC1	1	1	1	1	1	5

WK1	1	1	1	1	1	5
WX1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Total Women						15
Total (Men + Women)						**30**

D.4.6 The order of allocating quotas at the Continental Qualification Competitions is as follows: Kayak Cross first, Kayak Singles second and Canoe Singles third.

D.4.7 The highest placed eligible, not yet qualified athletes in all six Olympic events at the respective Continental Qualification Competition will be allocated a quota place each for their NOC.

D.4.8 Each NOC can earn a maximum of one athlete quota per gender between the Kayak Singles and the Kayak Cross events at the Continental Qualification Competition. Any NOC who has already obtained a quota place in the Kayak Cross event is not eligible for a quota place in the Kayak Singles event of the same gender. The Kayak Singles event quota will be allocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC, not yet qualified.

D.4.9. In the situation that a Continental Qualification Competition cannot be held, the Olympic Qualification Ranking will be used to determine the quota places for the continents concerned. Quota places will be allocated to the respective continents, for which the Olympic Qualification Competition could not be held, in accordance with **D.4.5**, with the highest placed eligible athletes earning the quota places for their NOC. In such cases, the order of allocation is according to **D.4.6** and **D.4.8**.

D.5 Global Qualification Competition

D.5.1 Entry at the Global Qualification Competition is restricted to the NOCs not having been allocated a quota during phase 1 or phase 2 in the event considered.

D.5.2 Only those athletes are eligible to earn quotas from the Global Qualification Competition who have not earned any from the Olympic Qualification Ranking or at the Continental Qualification Competitions.

D.5.3 Only eligible athletes are allowed to compete in the Kayak Cross events of the Global Qualification Competition.

D.5.4 A minimum of three eligible NOCs must contest each athlete quota place at the Global Qualification Competition for the event to be valid. If there are less than three NOCs in any event, the athlete quota places will revert to Olympic Qualification Ranking. Any athlete quota place which is returned due to insufficient entries at any Global Qualification Competition will be reallocated in the same event to the next highest ranked eligible NOC, not yet qualified on the respective Olympic Qualification Ranking

D.5.5 The order of running the events at the Global Qualification Competition is as follows: Kayak Cross first, Kayak Singles second and Canoe Singles third.

D.5.6 The initial distribution of quotas available at the Global Qualification Competition is set out in the table below, subject to:

(i) the limits on maximum quotas as specified in **B.2** above; and

(ii) any subsequent reallocation of quotas in accordance with the provisions of this qualification system;

Events	Athlete quota places
Men	
MC1	2
MK1	2
MX1	2
Total Men	**6**
Women	
WC1	2
WK1	2
WX1	2
Total Women	**6**
Total (Men and Women)	**12**

D.5.7 The order of allocating quotas at the Global Qualification Competition is as follows: Kayak Cross first, Kayak Singles second and Canoe Singles third.

D.5.8 The top two highest placed eligible, not yet qualified athletes in each Kayak Cross, Canoe Singles and Kayak Singles events at the Global Qualification Competition will be allocated a quota place for their NOC

D.5.9. In the situation that the Global Qualification Competition for Kayak Cross, Canoe Singles and Kayak Singles events cannot be held, then the Olympic Qualification Ranking for the relevant events will be used to determine athlete quota places with the highest placed eligible athletes earning the athlete quota places for their NOC in accordance with D.5.6 and D.5.7.