



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

International Surfing Association (ISA)

SURFING 

A. EVENTS (2)	MEN	WOMEN
	Shortboard	Shortboard

B. QUOTA PLACES			
B.1. Total quota places for surfing			Total
QUOTA	22	22	44
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA PLACES	1	1	2
UNIVERSALITY PLACES	1	1	2
TOTAL	24	24	48
B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee			
QUOTA PER NOC	3	3	6

B.3. Type of allocation of quota places

Quota places are allocated to athletes by name for the following events:

- 2028 World Surf League Championship Tour
- 2027 ISA World Surfing Games
- 2027 Pan American Games
- 2027 European Surfing Championships
- 2026 Asian Games
- 2028 ISA World Surfing Games

Quota places are allocated by NOC for the following events:

- 2026 ISA World Surfing Games
- 2027 ISA World Surfing Games*

*The highest-ranked team per gender at the 2026 and 2027 ISA World Surfing Games will earn one place for their NOC. All other places earned at the 2027 ISA World Surfing Games are allocated by name. Please refer to section **D, “Qualification pathway”**, for details.

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 ISA, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

Age requirements

C.1. To be eligible to participate in the LA28 Olympic Games, all athletes must:

- Be in good standing with their National Federation and the ISA, in accordance with the ISA Rule Book in force at the time of the LA28 Olympic Games.
- Have fulfilled the minimum participation requirements in the 2027 ISA World Surfing Games and the 2028 ISA World Surfing Games. The exact details of these eligibility criteria are to be determined and confirmed by the ISA Executive Committee.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

Number of quota places	Qualification events
MEN	<p>D.1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 men</p> <p>World Surf League (WSL) Championship Tour (CT) between January and June 2028</p> <p>The five highest-ranked eligible athletes in the men’s 2028 WSL CT ranking as of 11 June 2028 – with a maximum of one per country – will obtain a quota place.</p> <p>If there are not five eligible athletes within the top 34 ranked athletes at the 2028 WSL CT, any remaining quota places will be allocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athletes at the 2028 ISA World Surfing Games.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">10 men</p> <p>2028 ISA World Surfing Games (WSG)</p> <p>The 10 highest-ranked eligible athletes – with a maximum of one per country – at the 2028 ISA WSG will obtain a quota place.</p> <p>If an NOC qualifies more than the maximum number of athletes that can qualify per NOC as set out in section B, the athlete quota place from the 2028 ISA WSG will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete not yet qualified.</p> <p>If there is a tie in the ranking when determining the highest-ranked eligible athlete, the athlete with the highest heat-score total from their final heat in the respective event will obtain the quota place.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">5 men</p> <p>Continental representation</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. 2027 ISA World Surfing Games</p> <p>The highest-ranked eligible athlete from Africa and Oceania will obtain one quota place each based on the results of the 2027 ISA WSG, subject to the athlete being within the ISA quality control ranking. The quality control ranking shall be defined by having finished within the top 25 overall in the open division at the 2027 ISA WSG.</p> <p>If no athlete from these continents finishes within the ISA quality control ranking at the 2027 ISA WSG, the place from the 2027 ISA WSG will be allocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete at the 2028 ISA WSG, regardless of continent.</p>

MEN		<p>ii. Asian Games 2026</p> <p>For Asia, the highest-ranked eligible athlete at the Asian Games 2026 will obtain one quota place.</p> <p>iii. Pan American Games 2027</p> <p>For the Americas, the highest-ranked eligible athlete at the Pan American Games 2027 will obtain one quota place.</p> <p>iv. European Surfing Championship 2027</p> <p>For Europe, the highest-ranked eligible athlete at the European Surfing Championship 2027 will obtain one quota place.</p> <p>If there is a tie in the ranking when determining the highest-ranked eligible athlete, the athlete with the highest heat-score total from their final heat in the respective event will obtain the quota place.</p>
	1 man	<p>2026 ISA WSG (Date TBC, no earlier than 11 June 2026)</p> <p>The NOC of the highest-ranked men’s team at the 2026 ISA WSG will obtain one quota place.</p>
	1 man	<p>2027 ISA WSG</p> <p>The NOC of the highest-ranked men’s team at the 2027 ISA WSG will obtain one quota place.</p> <p>If the highest-ranking men’s team at the 2027 ISA WSG is the same as at the 2026 ISA WSG, the quota place goes to the next highest-ranked men’s team at the 2027 ISA WSG</p>
WOMEN	5 women	<p>World Surf League Championship Tour between January and June 2028</p> <p>The five highest-ranked eligible athletes in the women’s 2028 WSL CT ranking as of 11 June 2028 – with a maximum of one per country – will obtain a quota place.</p> <p>If there are not five eligible athletes within the top 34 ranked athletes at the 2028 WSL CT, any remaining quota places will be allocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athletes at the 2028 ISA World Surfing Games.</p>
	10 women	<p>2028 ISA World Surfing Games</p> <p>The 10 highest-ranked eligible athletes – with a maximum of one per country – at the 2028 ISA WSG will obtain a quota place.</p> <p>If an NOC qualifies more than the maximum number of athletes that can qualify per NOC as set out in section B, the athlete quota place from the 2028 ISA WSG will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete not yet qualified.</p>

In the event that there is a tie in the ranking when determining the highest-ranked eligible athlete, the athlete with the highest heat-score total from their final heat in the 2028 ISA WSG will obtain the quota place.

5 women

Continental representation

i. **2027 ISA World Surfing Games**

The highest-ranked eligible athlete from Africa and Oceania will obtain one quota place each based on the results of the 2027 ISA WSG, subject to the athlete being within the ISA quality control ranking. The quality control ranking shall be defined by having finished within the top 25 overall in the open division at the 2027 ISA WSG.

If no athlete from these continents finishes within the ISA quality control ranking at the 2027 ISA WSG, the place from the 2027 ISA WSG will be allocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete at the 2028 ISA WSG, regardless of continent.

ii. **Asian Games 2026**

For Asia, the highest-ranked eligible athlete at the Asian Games 2026 will obtain one quota place.

iii. **Pan American Games 2027**

For the Americas, the highest-ranked eligible athlete at the Pan American Games 2027 will obtain one quota place.

iv. **European Surfing Championship 2027**

For Europe, the highest-ranked eligible athlete at the European Surfing Championship 2027 will obtain one quota place.

If there is a tie in the ranking when determining the highest-placed eligible athlete, the athlete with the highest heat-score total from their final heat in the respective event will obtain the quota place.

1 woman

2026 ISA WSG (date TBC, no earlier than 11 June 2026)

The NOC of the highest-ranked women's team at the 2027 ISA WSG will obtain one quota place.

If the highest-ranking women's team at the 2027 ISA WSG is the same as at the 2026 ISA WSG, the quota place goes to the next highest-ranked women's team at the 2027 ISA WSG.

1 woman

2027 ISA WSG

The NOC of the highest-ranked women's team at the 2027 ISA WSG will obtain one quota place.

If the highest-ranking women's team at the 2027 ISA WSG is the same as at the 2026 ISA WSG, the quota place goes to the next highest-ranked women's team at the 2027 ISA WSG.

D.2

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country is guaranteed one quota place per gender, on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirements described in section C of this document. The host country quota place will be allocated to the NOC of the United States of America only if the United States of America has not obtained any qualification places for the gender concerned.

D.3.

UNIVERSALITY PLACES

One universality place per gender is available to eligible NOCs at LA28.

On 1 October 2027, the 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.

In order to be eligible for consideration for universality places, athletes must be ranked amongst the top 40 places in the 2027 or 2028 ISA WSG.

Detailed information on universality places is contained in the "Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games – Tripartite Commission Universality Places – Allocation Procedure" document.

E. CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of quota places

On or before XX June 2028 (exact date TBC), the ISA will publish the results on its website, www.isasurf.org, and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places, which are conditional upon athletes having earned the allocated quota place and fulfilling all eligibility requirements. The NOCs will then have **two weeks** to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section H, "Qualification timeline".

Confirmation of host country places

The host country must confirm to the ISA the use of its host country places in writing by XX June 2028.

F. REALLOCATION

F.1. Reallocation of unused quota places

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the deadline for confirmation or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete at the corresponding event who has not yet qualified for LA28, adhering to the maximum number of quota places per NOC as specified in section B above.

If the athlete qualified through the 2027 ISA WSG continental qualifying event, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete from the same continent in the 2027 ISA WSG, provided that the athlete is within the ISA quality control ranking, and adhering to the maximum number of quota places per NOC as specified in section B above.

If no available athlete from the continents finishes within the ISA quality control ranking, the place will be allocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete at the 2028 ISA WSG not yet qualified, regardless of continent.

If the same athlete (or NOC) obtains a qualification place in more than one qualifying event, the athlete (or NOC) will retain the qualification place through the qualifying event that is higher in the qualification hierarchy, and the second place goes to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete (or NOC) in the qualifying event that is lower in the qualification hierarchy.

F.2. Reallocation of unused host country places

If athletes from the host country have earned one or several qualification places via the qualification pathway described in section D, “**Qualification pathway**”, above, the relevant host country place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete at the 2028 WSG, adhering to the maximum number of quota places per NOC as specified in section B above.

F.3. Reallocation of unused universality places

Any unused universality place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete of the same gender in the 2028 ISA WSG who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games, adhering to the maximum quota per gender and per NOC.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	September 2026 – June 2028	Qualification period
	TBC September/October 2026	2026 ISA World Surfing Games, location TBC
	Dates TBC 2027	2027 ISA World Surfing Games, El Salvador, date TBC
	Dates TBC 2028	2028 ISA World Surfing Games, location TBC
	Jan 2027 – June 2028	World Surf League Championship Tour
	16 July – 1 August 2027	Pan American Games, Lima, PER
	Dates TBC 2027	European Surfing Championships, location TBC
	19 September – 4 October 2026	Asian Games, Aichi, JPN
	On or before XX June 2028 (exact date TBC)	The ISA will publish the results on its website – www.isasurf.org – and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places, which are conditional upon athletes having earned the allocated quota place and fulfilling all eligibility requirements
Confirmation and reallocation	Within 15 days of receiving the confirmation of quota allocation	Deadline for NOCs to confirm to the ISA the use of allocated quota places
	Within five days of the previous step	The ISA to reallocate all unused quota places
	TBC July 2028	The ISA to reallocate any unused quota places
Sport Entries deadline	26 June 2028	LA28 Olympic Games sport entries deadline
Games Time	14 – 30 July 2028	LA28 Olympic Games