QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)

TABLE TENNIS 

A. EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED
	Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Mixed Doubles
	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Teams

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for table tennis			Total
QUOTA PLACES	82	82	164
HOST COUNTRY PLACES	3	3	6
UNIVERSALITY PLACES	1	1	2
TOTAL	86	86	172
B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee			
QUOTA PLACES PER NOC	3	3	6

B.3. Maximum number of athletes per NOC per event

	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED
SINGLES	2	2	
DOUBLES	2 (one pair of two athletes)	2 (one pair of two athletes)	
MIXED DOUBLES	1 pair (one additional pair if NOC ranked in top 8)	1 pair (one additional pair if NOC ranked in top 8)	4 (2 pairs, with two athletes per gender)
MIXED TEAMS	3	3	6 (one team of three athletes per gender)

B.4. Type of allocation of quota places

Quota places are allocated to athletes by name for the singles events.
For the men's doubles, women's doubles, mixed doubles and mixed team events, quota places are allocated to NOCs. A mixed team quota entitles the NOC to two singles quota places per gender.

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 ITTF, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

Additional IF eligibility criteria

Qualification is open to all athletes selected by their Member Association (MA) and approved by their NOC to take part in the Olympic Games. To be eligible to participate in the LA28 Olympic Games, all athletes must:

- Comply with the rules of the ITTF as they appear in the latest ITTF Statutes (click here).
- Comply with the eligibility criteria established by the ITTF for Olympic competitions (click here).
- For universality quota places, athletes must have appeared on any ITTF Ranking List from 31 May 2027 to 1 June 2028.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Number of quota places		Events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification for LA28. 86 athletes per gender will qualify as follows:
MEN / WOMEN	**Mixed Team qualification**	
	D.1.1. **5 teams** **(30 athletes)**	The highest-placed NOC in each continental qualification event will obtain one mixed team quota place (three athletes of each gender per NOC). Each ITTF Continental Federation should identify an existing event to be their qualification event. Quota places are allocated as per the continental quotas table below (D.1.25).
	D.1.2. **6 teams** **(36 athletes)**	The six highest-placed teams (not already qualified) at the 2027 Mixed Team World Cup will each obtain one team quota place (three athletes of each gender per NOC).
	D.1.3. **2 teams** **(12 athletes)**	The two highest-ranked teams (not already qualified) as per the Mixed Team World Ranking of January 2028 will each obtain one team quota place (three athletes of each gender per NOC).
	D.1.4. **1 team** **(6 athletes)**	The host country is guaranteed one team (if it has not already qualified through the qualification pathway).
	D.1.5. **2 teams** **(12 athletes)**	An additional two mixed teams from among the NOCs with the maximum number of players already qualified in either the singles, doubles or mixed doubles will be allocated quota places. *See Note 1 and D.4, “Allocated places”.

	*Note 1 Selection will be based on the following order of priority: i. At least three men and three women qualified. ii. At least three men and two women, or two men and three women, qualified. iii. Two men and two women qualified. A tiebreaker will be used if the number of eligible teams exceeds the remaining available places. This will be based first on the total number of singles players, then on the highest world-ranked player (male or female) based on the WR of the week of allocating the Team Quota place, week of 15 May 2028
Mixed doubles qualification	
D.1.6. **5 pairs** **(10 athletes)**	The highest-placed pair in each continental qualification event will obtain one mixed doubles quota place. Each ITTF Continental Federation should identify an existing event that will be used to determine their representative, with a maximum of one pair per NOC.
D.1.7. **4 pairs** **(8 athletes)**	Four (4) mixed doubles pairs at a designated qualification event organized between 15 March and 7 May 2028 will obtain one mixed doubles quota place. Only eligible pairs (athletes from the same NOC) from NOCs not already qualified may enter this event, with a maximum of one pair per NOC.
D.1.8. **2 pairs** **(4 athletes)**	The two highest-ranked eligible pairs in the Mixed Doubles World Ranking of 13 March 2028 – who have not already qualified and are from different NOCs than those already qualified will obtain one mixed doubles quota place.
D.1.9. **1 pair HC** **(2 athletes)**	The host country is guaranteed one mixed doubles quota place, if it has not qualified through the qualification pathway.

D.1.10. **4 pairs** **(8 athletes)**	To allocate the last 4 mixed doubles quota. NOC's that have 2 pairs in the Top 8 of the WR at the time of the allocation, will receive a second quota place when all 4 athletes (2 doubles pairs) are among the 6 quota places (3 per gender) per NOC. If this is not the case, the quota place will go to the next mixed double pair. The additional mixed doubles pairs, from NOCs with at least one qualified male player in singles and at least one qualified female player in singles, will be allocated places. If there are fewer than four pairs who meet these criteria, additional pairs will be selected from among teams that have not qualified in mixed doubles. The Mixed Doubles World Ranking positions will be used as a tiebreaker in each case. See D.4, “Allocated places”.
Men’s doubles qualification	
D.1.11. **5 pairs** **(10 athletes)**	The highest-placed pair in each continental qualification event will obtain one men’s doubles quota place. Each ITTF Continental Federation should identify an existing event that will be used to determine their representative.
D.1.12. **4 pairs** **(8 athletes)**	Four (4) doubles pairs at a designated qualification event organized between 15 March and 7 May 2028 will obtain one men’s doubles quota place. Only eligible pairs (athletes from the same NOC) from NOCs not already qualified may enter this event, with a maximum of one pair per NOC.
D.1.13. **2 pairs** **(4 athletes)**	The two highest-ranked eligible pairs in the Men’s Doubles World Ranking of 13 March 2028 – who have not already qualified and are from different NOCs than those already qualified will obtain one men’s doubles quota place.
D.1.14. **1 pair HC** **(2 athletes)**	The host country is guaranteed one men’s doubles quota place, if it has not qualified through the qualification pathway.
D.1.15. **4 pairs** **(8 athletes)**	Four additional men’s doubles pairs, from NOCs with two qualified male players in singles, will be allocated quota places. If there are fewer than four pairs who meet this criteria, additional pairs will be selected from among teams that have not qualified in men’s doubles. The Men’s Doubles World Ranking positions will be used as a tiebreaker in each case. See D.4, “Allocated places”.
Women’s doubles qualification	
D.1.16. **5 pairs** **(10 athletes)**	The highest-placed pair in each continental qualification event will obtain one women’s doubles quota place. Each ITTF Continental Federation should identify an existing event that will be used to determine their representative.

D.1.17. **4 pairs** **(8 athletes)**	Four (4) women's doubles pairs at a designated qualification event organized between 15 March and 7 May 2028 will obtain one women's doubles quota place. Only eligible pairs (athletes from the same NOC) from NOCs not already qualified may enter this event, with a maximum of one pair per NOC.
D.1.18. **2 pairs** **(4 athletes)**	The two highest-ranked eligible pairs in the Women's Doubles World Ranking of 13 March 2028 – who have not already qualified and are from different NOCs than those already qualified will obtain one women's doubles quota place.
D.1.19. **1 pair HC** **(2 athletes)**	The host country is guaranteed one women's doubles quota place, if it has not qualified through the qualification pathway.
D.1.20. **4 pairs** **(8 athletes)**	Four additional women's doubles pairs – from NOCs with two qualified female players in singles – will be allocated quota places. If there are fewer than four pairs who meet this criteria, additional pairs will be selected from among teams that have not qualified in women's doubles. The Women's Doubles World Ranking positions will be used as a tiebreaker in each case. See D.4, "Allocated places".
Singles qualification	
D.1.21. **32 athletes**	Each NOC with a team that has qualified through the team qualification pathway will obtain two quota places per gender.
D.1.22. **21 athletes**	As determined by each continent, 21 athletes will obtain a quota place either through a continental qualification event or through the Singles World Ranking.
D.1.23. **Up to 10 athletes**	Up to 10 athletes will be allocated a quota place, either through the Singles World Ranking of 5 June 2028, or where the athletes have already qualified in doubles only, subject in all cases to the maximum quota per NOC. *See Note 2 and D.4, "Allocated places".
D.1.24. **1 universality place**	One universality place will be allocated to an eligible NOC.

*Note 2

The maximum quota will be 10, depending on the number of quota places available after the allocation of the men's, women's, and mixed doubles quotas.

Continental quotas table

D.1.25.

Continent	Teams	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Doubles	Singles
Africa	1	1	1	1	4
Americas	1	1	1	1	4
Asia	1	1	1	1	6
Europe	1	1	1	1	6
Oceania	1	1	1	1	1

D.2 **Host country places**

The host country will be guaranteed:

- One mixed team quota place
- Two men's singles quota places
- Two women's singles quota places
- One men's doubles quota place
- One women's doubles quota place
- One mixed doubles quota place

The host country will automatically qualify for the above, on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirements described in section **C, "Athlete eligibility"**, of this document.

D.3	**Universality places** Two universality places, one per gender, are available to eligible NOCs for the LA28 Olympic Games. 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. Detailed information on universality places is contained in the "Games of the XXXIV Olympiad, Los Angeles 2028 – Olympic Games Universality Places – Allocation Procedure and Regulations" document.
D.4	**Allocated places** <u>Teams</u> An additional two mixed teams will be selected among NOCs with the maximum number of players already qualified in either singles, doubles, or mixed doubles, in the following order of priority: i. At least three men and three women qualified. ii. At least three men and two women, or two men and three women, qualified. iii. Two men and two women qualified. If the number of eligible teams exceeds the remaining number of available places, the allocation will be based first on the total number of singles players, then on the highest world-ranked singles player (male or female) at the time of the allocation. Teams will be allocated places immediately following the completion of all qualifying events in singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles, and World Ranking allocation for doubles. <u>Men's and women's doubles</u> Four additional pairs in men's doubles and women's doubles will be selected from among NOCs with two qualified players in singles, and from among players in teams that have not qualified for doubles. The superior ranking in the respective Men's and Women's Doubles World Rankings will be used as a tiebreaker in each case.

Mixed doubles

To allocate the last 4 mixed doubles quota. NOC's that have 2 pairs in the Top 8 of the WR at the time of the allocation, will receive a second quota place when all 4 athletes (2 doubles pairs) are among the 6 quota places (3 per gender) per NOC. If this is not the case, the quota place will go to the next mixed double pair. The remaining mixed doubles pairs will be selected from among NOCs with two qualified players in singles, and from among players in teams. The superior ranking in the respective Mixed Doubles World Rankings will be used as a tiebreaker in each case.

Singles

Following the team allocation mentioned above, singles qualification quota places can be allocated to players from the relevant NOC. Additional singles players – if they are required to attain the maximum of 86 players per gender – will be allocated places based on the respective Singles World Rankings of 5 June 2028. If there are fewer than 64 players per gender for singles, additional players from among the men's, women's or mixed doubles players already qualified will be allocated places, based on the highest ranking in the respective Singles World Rankings of 5 June 2028, and adhering to a maximum of two singles players per NOC.

E. CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of qualification places

E.1. The ITTF will publish the results of the respective qualification events within two days of the event on its website (ITTF.com).

The ITTF will confirm in writing to the NOCs – within two days of the conclusion of each qualification event or the publication of the World Ranking – the quota places they have been allocated. The NOCs will then have one week to confirm to the ITTF 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 in writing to the ITTF the use of its allocated host country places by the respective deadlines for teams, men's doubles, women's doubles, mixed doubles, and singles.

F. REALLOCATION

Reallocation of unused quota places

F.1. Team events:

If an allocated continental quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline, or if it is declined or unused by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible team from that continent's team qualification event.

If a 2027 Mixed Team World Cup quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline, or if it is declined or unused by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible team from the 2027 Mixed Team World Cup.

If either of the two additional quota places are not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline, or if they are declined or unused by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible team as described in D.4 above.

Men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles:

If an allocated continental quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline, or if it is declined or unused by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible pair from the continent in the relevant continental doubles qualification event that has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games.

If an allocated World Ranking quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline or is declined or unused by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible pair not yet qualified as per the relevant World Doubles Ranking on 13 March 2028.

Singles:

If an allocated continental quota place for an athlete from an NOC without a qualified team is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline, or is declined or unused by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete from the same continent's singles qualification event.

If an allocated quota place for an athlete from an NOC without a qualified team is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline or is declined or unused by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete, from any NOC, following the 5 June 2028 World Singles Ranking.

Reallocation of unused host country places

F.2. Unused host country places will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete/pair/team in the relevant World Ranking List that has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games (May 2028 World Team Ranking for team events; 22 May 2028 for doubles; 5 June 2028 for singles events), adhering to the maximum quota per gender and per NOC.

Reallocation of unused universality places

F.3. Any unused universality place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete of the same gender in the World Ranking of 5 June 2028 who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games, adhering to the maximum quota per gender and per NOC.

G. AP ALTERNATE ATHLETES

Definition

"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, "Quota places"**. "Ap" alternate athletes could become competing athletes only under the conditions outlined in the IOC/Los Angeles 2028 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Eligibility

"Ap" athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in section **C, "Athlete eligibility"**.

Quota

Each NOC with a qualified team is entitled to one "Ap" alternate athlete of each gender.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 Jun – 31 Oct 2027	All continents – continental mixed team qualification event
	20 – 22 Jun 2027	European Continental Qualification Event for Mixed Team, Istanbul (TUR)
	15 Nov – 20 Dec 2027	Mixed Team World Cup (XT qualification events)
	Jan 2028	Mixed Team World Ranking -Allocation of 2 Mixed Teams
	1 Jun 2027–28 Feb 2028	All continents – continental qualification event for mixed doubles
	1 Jun 2027–28 Feb 2028	All continents – continental qualification event for men's and women's Doubles
	4 Jan – 28 Feb 2028	All continents – continental qualification events for singles
	13 Mar 2028	Men's, women's and mixed doubles WR allocation
	15 Mar – 7 May 2028	Mixed doubles world qualification event
	15 Mar – 7 May 2028	Men's and women's doubles world qualification event
	15 May 2028	Allocation for mixed team quota place 15 & 16
	15 May 2028	Reallocation of singles places from the two allocated mixed teams
	22 May 2028	Allocation of places for additional men's, women's and mixed doubles pairs
	5 Jun 2028	Singles WR selection and/or allocation
	Within two days of each of the events	The ITTF confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained

	One week after each of the events	The NOCs to confirm to the ITTF the use of the allocated quota places
	Within five days of the previous step	The ITTF to reallocate all unused quota places
	Within two days of the WR publication	The ITTF to confirm in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained
	One week after each event	The NOCs to confirm to the ITTF the use of the allocated quota places
	Within five days of each previous step	The ITTF to reallocate all unused quota places
	TBD	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of universality places to the NOCs (where applicable)
	15 Jun 2028	The ITTF to reallocate any unused quota places
Sport entries deadline	**26 Jun 2028**	**LA28 Olympic Games sport entries deadline**
Games time	**14 – 30 Jul 2028**	**LA28 Olympic Games**