



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM  
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

World Rugby (WR)

# RUGBY SEVENS



A. EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN	
	12-team tournament	12-team tournament	
B. QUOTA PLACES			
B.1. Total quota places for discipline		Total	
QUOTA	132 (11 teams)	132 (11 teams)	264 (22 teams)
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	12 (1 team)	12 (1 team)	24 (2 teams)
TOTAL	144 (12 teams)	144 (12 teams)	288 (24 teams)
B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee			
QUOTA PER NOC	12 (1 team)	12 (1 team)	24 (2 teams)
B.3. Type of allocation of quota places			

The quota place is 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 Rugby, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

### Age Requirements

- C.1.** All athletes must comply with the provisions of the [Player Welfare Guidelines | World Rugby](#), validated by the passport used for ACR registration.

### Additional IF Requirements

- C.2.** To be eligible to participate in the LA28 Olympic Games, all athletes must comply with [World Rugby Regulation 8 – Eligibility requirements](#).

## D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Number of quota places	Qualification events
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**D.1. 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship for Men****4 Teams  
(48 athletes)**

The four highest ranked teams (excluding the USA) in the final rankings of the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship for Men will obtain one quota place for their NOC for the LA28 Olympic Games. Teams that qualify for LA28 through the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship will be ranked according to their final rankings at the conclusion of this event, and for the pool allocation for LA28.

It is intended that the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship for Men will consist of three tournaments, and will commence in April 2027 and finish by 6 June 2027. The number of tournaments in the SVNS World Championships and the dates of each tournament will be confirmed by 30 June 2026.

All athletes playing in the 2027 SVNS World Championship events for their relevant nation must be eligible to participate as outlined under Section C and its sub-sections of this document. This also includes the host country national team.

**D.2. 2027 World Rugby Regional Association Championship Tournaments for Men****6 teams\*  
(72 athletes)**

One team from each of the designated 2027 World Rugby Regional Association Championship Tournaments for Men will obtain a quota place for their NOC at the LA28 Olympic Games, as follows:

- Africa - 1 team
- Asia - 1 team
- Europe - 1 team
- North America - 1 team
- Oceania – 1 team
- South America - 1 team

All 2027 World Rugby Regional Association Championship Qualification Tournaments for Men are intended to take place between 7 June and 31 December 2027.

Teams that have already obtained quota places for their NOC for the LA28 Olympic Games through the 2027 SVSN World Championships for Men may participate in the Regional Championship tournaments being used for qualification.

The NOCs participating in the 2027 World Rugby Regional Association Championship Tournaments for Men must confirm their Olympic Games participation to World Rugby if they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the respective Tournaments used for qualification.

All athletes playing in the 2027 World Rugby Regional Association Championship Tournaments or series of events being used for qualification by their relevant nation must be eligible to participate as outlined under Section C and its sub-sections of this document. Any players representing their nations that have already qualified for LA28, or where the nation is not eligible for participation in LA28, need to comply only with [World Rugby Regulation 8 – Eligibility requirements](#).

**D.3.****1 team\*  
(12 athletes)****Final Olympic Repechage Tournament for Men**

The winner of the Final Olympic Repechage Qualification tournament for Men will obtain a quota place for their NOC at the LA28 Olympic Games.

The Final Olympic Repechage Tournament will be an 8-team tournament with a quota of the best ranked teams from each World Rugby Region invited to participate, and where all six regions will have one spot, and two regions will be allocated two spots. The quota and rankings will be based on regional performances at the relevant 2027 season World Rugby Sevens tournaments.

- Africa - 1 team
- Asia - 1 team
- Europe - 1 team
- North America - 1 team
- Oceania - 1 team
- South America - 1 team
- 2 regions TBC - 1 additional spot each

Teams that have already obtained quota places for their NOC at the LA28 Olympic Games are not eligible to participate in the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament.

The NOCs participating in the Final Olympic Repechage Qualification Tournament, must confirm their Olympic Games participation to World Rugby if they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament.

The tournament will take place at a convenient time between the end of the Regional Championships being used for qualification and June 2028.

\*If a team from the North America Region qualifies for LA28 at the World Rugby 2027 SVNS World Championship, the next highest ranked eligible NOC in the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament for Men will obtain a quota place for their NOC at the LA28 Olympic Games, and therefore the North American Championship being used for LA28 qualification will qualify a team only for the Final Olympic Repechage Qualification Tournament and not for LA28.

**MEN****D.4.****1 team  
(12 athletes)****Host Country**

The host country is guaranteed a quota place in the men's competition subject to ongoing and regular participation in World Rugby-approved international high-performance Rugby Sevens competitions by the men's team.

**D.5.  
4 teams  
(48 athletes)**

**2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship for Women**

The four highest ranked teams (excluding the USA) in the final rankings of the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship for Women will obtain one quota place for their NOCs at the LA28 Olympic Games. Teams that qualify for LA28 through the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship will be ranked according to their final rankings at the conclusion of this event, and for the pool allocation for LA28.

It is intended that the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship for Women will consist of three tournaments and will commence in April 2027 and finish by 6 June 2027. The number of tournaments in the SVNS World Championships and the dates of each tournament will be confirmed by 30 June 2026.

All athletes playing in the 2027 SVNS World Championship events for their relevant nation must be eligible to participate as outlined under Section C and its sub-sections of this document. This also includes the host country's national team.

**D.6.  
6 teams\*  
(72 athletes)**

**2027 World Rugby Regional Association Championship Tournaments for Women**

One team from each of the designated 2027 World Rugby Regional Association Championship Tournaments for Women will obtain a quota place for their NOC at the LA28 Olympic Games, as follows:

- Africa - 1 team
- Asia - 1 team
- Europe - 1 team
- North America - 1 team
- Oceania – 1 team
- South America - 1 team

All 2027 World Rugby Regional Association Championship Qualification Tournaments for Women are intended to take place between 7 June and 31 December 2027.

Teams that have already obtained quota places for their NOC at the LA28 Olympic Games through the 2027 SVSN World Championships for Women are able to participate in the Regional Championship tournaments being used for qualification.

The NOCs participating in the 2027 World Rugby Regional Association Championship Tournaments for Women must confirm their Olympic Games participation to World Rugby if they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the respective Tournaments used for qualification.

All athletes playing in the 2027 World Rugby Regional Association Championship Tournaments or series of events being used for qualification by their relevant nation must be eligible to participate as outlined under Section C and its sub-sections of this document. Any players representing their nations that have already qualified for LA28, or where the nation is not eligible for participation in LA28, need to comply only with [World Rugby Regulation 8 – Eligibility requirements](#).

**D.7.****1 team\*  
(12 athletes)****Final Olympic Repechage Tournament for Women**

The winner of the Final Olympic Repechage Qualification tournament for Women will obtain a quota place for their NOC at the LA28 Olympic Games.

The Final Olympic Repechage Tournament will be an 8-team tournament with a quota of the best ranked teams from each World Rugby Region invited to participate, and where all six regions will have one spot, and two regions will be allocated two spots. The quota and rankings will be based on regional performances at the relevant 2027 season World Rugby Sevens tournaments.

- Africa - 1 team
- Asia - 1 team
- Europe - 1 team
- North America - 1 team
- Oceania - 1 team
- South America - 1 team
- 2 regions TBC - 1 additional spot each

Teams that have already obtained quota places for their NOC at the LA28 Olympic Games are not eligible to participate in the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament.

The NOCs participating in the Final Olympic Repechage Qualification Tournament, must confirm their Olympic Games participation to World Rugby if they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament.

The tournament will take place at a convenient time between the end of the Regional Championships being used for qualification and June 2028.

\*If a team from the North America Region qualifies for LA28 through the World Rugby 2027 SVNS World Championship, the next highest ranked NOC in the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament for Women will obtain a quota place for their NOC at the LA28 Olympic Games, and therefore the North American Championship being used for LA28 qualification will qualify a team only for the Final Olympic Repechage Qualification Tournament and not for LA28. This will also be the case if three teams from the Oceania Region qualify through the World Rugby 2027 SVNS World Championship.

**WOMEN****D.8.****1 team  
(12 athletes)****Host Country**

The host country is guaranteed a quota place in the women's competition subject to ongoing and regular participation in World Rugby-approved international high-performance Rugby Sevens competitions by the women's team.

## E. CONFIRMATION

### Confirmation of Qualification Places

- E.1. World Rugby will publish the results of the event on its [website](#) within three days after the event. World Rugby will confirm in writing to the NOCs the quota places they have obtained within three days after the last day of each event. The NOCs will then have two weeks to confirm to World Rugby 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 World Rugby the use of its host country quota places by 30 June 2026.

## F. REALLOCATION

### Reallocation of unused Qualification Places

#### F.1. Men

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 as follows:

- If the team qualified through the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship for Men, the quota place will be reallocated to the next eligible best ranked team from the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship.
- If the team qualified through the Regional Championship Tournament being used for qualification, the quota place will be reallocated to the next eligible best ranked team from the same Regional Championship Tournament, subject to validation by the World Rugby Executive Board based on ongoing and regular participation of the team in World Rugby-approved international high-performance Rugby Sevens competitions.
- For the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament, the NOCs of all teams that have qualified to participate in the tournament must confirm prior to the tournament that the NOC will accept the qualification place. If due to exceptional circumstances the quota place cannot be filled, it will then be reallocated to the next eligible best ranked team from the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament.

#### Women

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 as follows:

- If the team qualified through the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship for Women, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team from the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship.
- If the team qualified through the Regional Championship Tournament being used for qualification, the quota place will be reallocated to the next eligible best ranked team from the same Regional Championship Tournament, subject to validation by the World Rugby Executive Board based on ongoing and regular participation of the team in World Rugby-approved international high-performance Rugby Sevens competitions.
- For the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament, the NOCs of all teams that have qualified to participate in the tournament must confirm prior to the tournament that the NOC will accept the qualification place. If due to exceptional circumstances the quota place cannot be filled, it will then be reallocated to the next eligible best ranked team from the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament.

## Reallocation of unused Host Country Places

### F.2. Men

If the host country NOC does not wish to use its allocated quota place, it will be reallocated to the next eligible highest ranked team from the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship for Men. Should the host country qualify through the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship for Men, the place will be reallocated to the next eligible highest ranked NOC, not yet qualified, from the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship for Men.

### Women

If the host country NOC does not wish to use its allocated quota place, it will be reallocated to the next eligible highest ranked team from the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship for Women. Should the host country qualify through the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship for Women, the place will be reallocated to the next eligible highest ranked NOC, not yet qualified, from the 2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championship for Women.

## G. AP ATHLETES

### Definition

- G.1. “Ap” athletes are non-competing athletes accredited in the “Ap” category who have different entitlements to competing athletes (accredited as “Aa”) as described in the Ap accreditation quotas and conditions outlined in the IOC ACR Annex 1 – Accreditation at the Olympic Games. These personnel are not part of the athlete quota as described in paragraph 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

- G.2. “Ap” alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes, as described in above paragraph C. Athlete Eligibility.

### Quota

- G.3. Each qualified team is entitled to two “Ap” athletes.

## H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	By 30 June 2026	NOC of USA to confirm use of Men's and Women's Host Country places to World Rugby
	By start June 2027 (men and women)	2027 World Rugby SVNS World Championships for Men and Women completed
	By TBC June 2027 (men and women)	World Rugby confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained
	By TBC June 2027 (men and women)	NOCs confirm to World Rugby their use of the allocated quota places
	By TBC June 2027 (men and women)	World Rugby to reallocate all unused quota places
	By 31 December 2027	<p>Africa Regional Association Championships to be used for Qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men TBC</li> <li>• Women TBC</li> </ul> <p>Asia Regional Association Championships to be used for Qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men TBC</li> <li>• Women TBC</li> </ul> <p>Europe Regional Association Championships to be used for Qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men TBC</li> <li>• Women TBC</li> </ul> <p>North America Regional Association Championships to be used for Qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men TBC</li> <li>• Women TBC</li> </ul> <p>Oceania Regional Association Championships to be used for Qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men TBC</li> <li>• Women TBC</li> </ul> <p>South America Regional Association Championships to be used for Qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men TBC</li> <li>• Women TBC</li> </ul>

<b>Confirmation and Reallocation</b>	<b>Within three days after the event</b>	World Rugby confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained
	<b>Two weeks after the event</b>	NOCs confirm to World Rugby their use of the allocated quota places
	<b>Within five days after the previous step</b>	World Rugby to reallocate all unused quota places
<b>Qualification</b>	<b>June 2028</b>	Final Olympic Repechage Tournament for Men and Women
<b>Confirmation and Reallocation</b>	<b>Within three days after the event</b>	World Rugby confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained
	<b>Two weeks after the event</b>	NOCs confirm to World Rugby their use of the allocated quota places
	<b>Within five days after the previous step</b>	World Rugby to reallocate all unused quota places
	<b>26 June 2028</b>	<b>LA28 Olympic Games Sport Entries deadline</b>
	<b>14 – 30 July 2028 (Rugby Sevens from 12 July)</b>	<b>LA28 Olympic Games</b>