

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM - 4th EUROPEAN GAMES ISTANBUL 2027

RUGBY EUROPE

RUGBY SEVENS

A. EVENTS

Men's Events (1)	Women's Events (1)
16-team tournament	16-team tournament

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Rugby

	Qualification Places	Total
Men	208 (16 teams)	208
Women	208 (16 teams)	208
Total	416	416

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per NOC

Event	Quota per NOC
Men	13 (1 team)
Women	13 (1 team)
Total	26 (2 teams)

Teams that have already confirmed a quota place for their NOC to the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 through 2027 World Rugby HSBC SVNS World Series for Men or Women are not eligible to participate in the respective event in the 2027 European Games.



Only World Rugby and Rugby Europe (Associate or Full member as of December 2026) members can take part in the Qualification.

The NOCs participating in the 2027 European Games must confirm their participation to the Olympic Games to World Rugby in case they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the 2027 European Games.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

C.1. Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules

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).

Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the EOC and the rules of Rugby Europe and World Rugby, may participate in the 2027 European Games.

C.2. Age requirements

All athletes participating in Rugby events in the 2027 European Games must comply with the provisions of the World Rugby Elite Rugby Age Guidelines <https://www.world.rugby/the-game/player-welfare/guidelines/age-grade>

C.3. Additional Rugby Europe criteria

All athletes must comply with World Rugby Rule 8 on Eligibility <https://www.world.rugby/organisation/governance/regulations/reg-8>

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The qualification system allows for the participation of the best athletes through a fair and transparent process within the framework of the Olympic Charter.

D.1. Qualification Places

Number of Quota Places	Men	Quota Place Allocation
16 teams	<p>Qualifying Event(s): Rugby Europe Sevens Series 2026 final ranking, comprised of the following divisions, by hierarchical order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RE Championships series - RE Trophy Series - RE Conference 1 - RE Conference 2 <p>Qualification Process: The best 16 teams of the Rugby Europe Sevens Series ranking (not already qualified after SVNS 2027 and member of World Rugby and Rugby Europe as of December 31st, 2026) will obtain a Quota place for their NOCs for the 2027 European Games</p>	NOC

Number of Quota Places	Women	Quota Place Allocation
16 teams	<p>Qualifying Event(s): Rugby Europe Sevens Series 2026 final ranking, comprised of the following divisions, by hierarchical order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RE Championships series - RE Trophy Series - RE Conference 1 <p>Qualification Process: The best 16 teams of the Rugby Europe Sevens Series ranking (not already qualified after SVNS 2027 and member of World Rugby and Rugby Europe as of December 31st, 2026) will obtain a Quota place for their NOCs for the 2027 European Games</p>	NOC

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The EOC will inform by email the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places by September 30th, 2026

By October 15th, 2026, eligible NOCs must inform, by email, the EOC whether or not they intend to use the allocated quota places and participate at the 2027 European Games.

By the end of the HSBC SVNS 2027 in May 2027, and no later than 48 hours before the conclusion of the tournament and the official release of the ranking, the EOC, in agreement with **Rugby Europe and World Rugby**, will **reallocate all unused quota places**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

Any unused quota place (including qualification places and host NOC places) will be allocated to the next best ranked NOC in qualification tournament in the respective event. This process will be repeated until all places are allocated.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
June/July 2026	RE Conference 1 Men and Women in Andorra 14-16 th June 2026 RE Conference 2 Men in Kosovo 14-16 th June 2026 RE Trophy leg 1 Men and Women in Makarska 5-7 th June 2026 RE Trophy leg 2 Men and Women in Chisinau 26-28 th June 2026 RE Championship leg 1 Men and Women in Hamburg 3-5 th July 2026 RE Championship leg 2 Men and Women in Split 24-26 th July 2026
30 September 2026	The EOC to confirm by email in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained
15 October 2026	The NOCs confirm to the EOC by email the use of the allocated quota places.

48 hours after the conclusion of the HSBC Sevens Series 2027	The EOC in agreement with World Rugby and Rugby Europe to start the reallocation process of all unused quota places
1 June 2027	European Games 2027 Sport Entries Deadline
3 June 2027	List of confirmed quota places announced
23 - 26 June 2027	Rugby Competition - European Games 2027

H. OLYMPIC GAMES LOS ANGELES 2028 QUALIFICATION

- The winners of both men's and women's events will earn a quota place for their NOC to the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028.
- Teams placed 2nd in both men's and women's events will qualify to the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament in June 2028.
- Teams placed 3rd may qualify to the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament in June 2028, however, this has not been decided yet by World Rugby. Only 2 Regions out of 6 will obtain an additional quota place