



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

World Aquatics (AQUA)

SWIMMING 

Please refer to the Terminology Annex at the end of this qualification system document for specific definitions of the terms used.

A. EVENTS (41)	MEN (20)	WOMEN (20)	MIXED (1)
	50m Freestyle	50m Freestyle	4 x 100m Mixed Medley Relay
	100m Freestyle	100m Freestyle	
	200m Freestyle	200m Freestyle	
	400m Freestyle	400m Freestyle	
	800m Freestyle	800m Freestyle	
	1500m Freestyle	1500m Freestyle	
	50m Backstroke*	50m Backstroke*	
	100m Backstroke	100m Backstroke	
	200m Backstroke	200m Backstroke	
	50m Breaststroke*	50m Breaststroke*	
	100m Breaststroke	100m Breaststroke	
	200m Breaststroke	200m Breaststroke	
	50m Butterfly*	50m Butterfly*	
	100m Butterfly	100m Butterfly	
	200m Butterfly	200m Butterfly	
	200m Individual Medley	200m Individual Medley	
	400m Individual Medley	400m Individual Medley	
	4 x 100m Freestyle Relay	4 x 100m Freestyle Relay	
	4 x 200m Freestyle Relay	4 x 200m Freestyle Relay	
	4 x 100m Medley Relay	4 x 100m Medley Relay	

*New events (see Terminology Annex)

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for discipline		Total
QUOTA	To be confirmed*	830
UNIVERSALITY PLACES	To be confirmed*	

* The precise number of qualification places and universality places will not be known until a later date, in accordance with the timeline and milestones in section G, “Qualification timeline”. Further details are set out in section D, “Qualification pathway”.

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee

QUOTA PER NOC	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED
OVERALL MAXIMUM PER NOC	Maximum 26 athletes	Maximum 26 athletes	Athletes from within the maximum totals of 26 men and 26 women
EVENT-SPECIFIC MAXIMUM PER NOC	Maximum 2 athletes per event Maximum 1 relay team per event	Maximum 2 athletes per event Maximum 1 relay team per event	Maximum of 1 relay team per event

B.3. Type of allocation of quota places

In all individual events, the quota place is allocated to the athlete by name.
In relay events, 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 the 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 Aquatics, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

The eligibility conditions for athletes who apply for universality places are set out in section D (“Universality places”).

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

World Aquatics will allocate quota places at the LA28 Olympic Games in accordance with the following four-step order of priority:

1. World Aquatics will confirm quota places for athletes who have achieved an A Entry Standard and athletes who have received a direct qualification place in the new events: see section D (“Individual qualification”) below.
2. World Aquatics will allocate quota places to athletes in relays (Additional Relay Competitors): see section D (“Relay qualification”) below.
3. World Aquatics will allocate quota places to athletes who apply for and receive universality places: see section D (“Universality places”) below.
4. If any quota places are still available following the allocations in accordance with the first three steps, World Aquatics will allocate the remaining quota places to athletes who have achieved a B Entry Standard: see section D (“Individual qualification”) and section E (“Confirmation process for final quota places”) below.

Individual qualification

Qualification for individual events at the LA28 Olympic Games except for the new events

World Aquatics will establish two types of qualification time standards: an A Entry Standard and a B Entry Standard, of which the B Entry Standard will be the easier to achieve.

The A Entry Standard and B Entry Standard for men and women in each event are set out in section H, “Qualification time standards”.

The A Entry Standard and B Entry Standard can be achieved only at World Aquatics-approved Olympic qualification events during the qualification period from 1 March 2027 to 18 June 2028 (inclusive).

World Aquatics will establish a calendar with approved qualification events for individual entries. All competitions seeking approval as qualification events must apply through the relevant NF to World Aquatics by no later than 31 December 2026 for competitions in 2027, and no later than 30 September 2027 for competitions in 2028. The calendar will be published on www.worldaquatics.com and updated regularly throughout the period, with the final calendar published by 15 December 2027. The calendar will include, for example, competitions such as the World Aquatics Championships, continental championships, continental qualification events, and national championships and trials (although, for the avoidance of doubt, all competitions must submit a formal application for approval through the relevant NF to World Aquatics in accordance with this paragraph). If an application for qualification event approval is received after the relevant deadline stated above, World Aquatics will not consider the application (regardless of whether the same competition had been considered a qualification event in previous years or Olympic cycles).

Qualification for individual events at the LA28 Olympic Games that are new events

In each new event, six athletes will receive a direct qualification place based on their performances at the World Cup 2027. World Aquatics will announce the dates and host cities for the three World Cup 2027 competitions as soon as reasonably possible. The process to determine which athletes receive the direct qualification places will be as follows:

- At each of the three World Cup 2027 stops, competitions in two of the new events will be held:
 - The six athletes who finish in the first six places in the final of each new event will be offered a direct qualification place to compete in that new event at the LA28 Olympic Games.
 - If two or more athletes are tied for sixth place, each of the tied athletes will be offered a direct qualification place to compete in that new event at the LA28 Olympic Games.
 - The competition rules for the new events held at the World Cup 2027 will be set out and published by World Aquatics in a separate document.
- World Aquatics will confirm the direct qualification places for the new events at the LA28 Olympic Games as follows:
 - World Aquatics will formally confirm (via the athlete's NOC) the direct qualification place to compete in the relevant new event at the LA28 Olympic Games in writing on or before 1 December 2027.
 - The NOC must accept or reject the allocated quota place offer in writing on or before 1 February 2028.
 - Any allocations made by World Aquatics will be to the athletes whose performances earned them (and are not transferable to another athlete) but will be communicated via the athlete's NOC.
 - If an NOC declines an offer, officially withdraws (for any reason) from an event or fails to respond by the applicable deadline, and the six quota places in the new events have not all been allocated following a withdrawal or non-acceptance of a direct qualification place on or before 1 February 2028, the quota place(s) will be allocated in the following order of priority:
 1. To the athlete whose performance in the new event is ranked first in the world during the qualification period for the LA28 Olympic Games and whose time was achieved at a World Aquatics-approved qualifying event for the LA28 Olympic Games. If this athlete has already obtained a quota place through their NOC, refer to point 2 below.
 2. To the athlete who finished in seventh place in the final of the relevant event at the World Cup 2027.
 3. To the athlete who finished in eighth place in the final of the relevant event at the World Cup 2027.
 - Any allocation of a quota place as per the provision above must not exceed the maximum of two quota places for an NOC.
 - No offers will be made to athletes finishing in ninth place or lower at the World Cup 2027.

Additional athletes (i.e. beyond the six athletes who receive a direct qualification place to compete in a new event at the LA28 Olympic Games based on their performances at the World Cup 2027), who fall within the quota and are entered by their NOC, will also be entitled to compete in a new event at the LA28 Olympic Games if:

- A. the athlete has already qualified for the LA28 Olympic Games in an event other than a new event by:
 1. achieving the A Entry Standard,
 2. entering as an Additional Relay Competitor in a relay event for which the NOC has qualified, or
 3. achieving the B Entry Standard, being invited to take part in the LA28 Olympic Games and being already included in the quota; and
- B. the athlete has achieved the Minimum Time Standard in the relevant new event; and
- C. the NOC maximum of two athletes per individual event has not been exceeded.

For the avoidance of doubt, if an athlete has achieved the Minimum Time Standard in a new event in accordance with requirement (B), but requirement (A) has not been met, the athlete will not be entitled to compete in that new event at the LA28 Olympic Games.

Universality place athletes may enter a new event if it is their only event or, if they are not invited as a B Entry Standard athlete, as their additional event (see the universality places qualifying procedures in section D below). It is not necessary for a universality place athlete to achieve the relevant Minimum Time Standard.

The Minimum Time Standards for men and women in each new event are set out in section H, “Qualification time standards”. The Minimum Time Standard can be achieved only at World Aquatics-approved Olympic qualification events and during the qualification period from 1 March 2027 to 18 June 2028 (inclusive).

Qualification for individual events at the LA28 Olympic Games by achieving the A Entry Standard

An athlete who achieves the A Entry Standard in an individual event will qualify directly to participate in that individual event at the LA28 Olympic Games, provided they are entered by their NOC.

An athlete who achieves the A Entry Standard in an individual event may enter additional individual events that are not new events at the LA28 Olympic Games provided that (A) the athlete has achieved (at least) the B Entry Standard in that event, and (B) the NOC maximum of two athletes per individual event is not exceeded and both athletes are already counted in the quota.

An athlete who achieves the A Entry Standard in an individual event may enter additional individual events that are new events at the LA28 Olympic Games if the requirements set out above are met (see “Qualification for individual events at the LA28 Olympic Games that are new events”).

An athlete who achieves the A Entry Standard in only one individual event is permitted to enter and swim in one additional individual event (which may be a new event) even if the athlete has not met the relevant time standard for that event, provided that the NOC maximum of two athletes per individual event is not exceeded.

Each NOC with athletes who have achieved the A Entry Standard must confirm to World Aquatics which of these athletes will be entered by no later than 19 June 2028.

Qualification for individual events at the LA28 Olympic Games by achieving the B Entry Standard and by invitation from World Aquatics

At the end of the qualification period (18 June 2028), if the quota has not been reached by the combined total of athletes who have achieved an A Entry Standard, athletes who have qualified directly in new events, Additional Relay Competitors and athletes who have received universality places, World Aquatics will invite athletes who have achieved a B Entry Standard until the quota is reached, in accordance with the following process:

If there are 28 or more quota places available:

- 1) World Aquatics will invite one athlete in each of the 28 individual events (excluding the new events). In each such individual event, World Aquatics will invite the highest-ranked eligible athlete, as listed in the Modified World Ranking, who has achieved the B Entry Standard, provided that the invitation to the athlete would not cause the athlete’s NOC to exceed the NOC maximum of two athletes per individual event (in which case, World Aquatics would invite the next highest-ranked athlete who has achieved the B Entry Standard and who would not cause the NOC to exceed the maximum of two athletes per individual event).
- 2) If any of the 28 athletes referred to in point 1 of this process have already qualified for the LA28 Olympic Games in another event or events (and therefore already have a quota place), World Aquatics will invite the next highest-

ranked athlete in the relevant individual event, as listed in the Modified World Ranking, who has achieved the B Entry Standard, provided that the invitation to the athlete would not cause the athlete's NOC to exceed the NOC maximum of two athletes per individual event.

If an athlete appears more than once in the list of the 28 athletes referred to in point 1 of this process (i.e. that athlete is the highest-ranked athlete in more than one event), World Aquatics will invite that athlete and will also invite the next highest-ranked athlete, as listed in the Modified World Ranking, who has achieved the B Entry Standard in each of the relevant events and has not already qualified for the LA28 Olympic Games in another

event or events, provided that the invitation to the athlete would not cause the athlete's NOC to exceed the NOC maximum of two athletes per individual event and there are sufficient quota places remaining. If there are not sufficient quota places remaining to invite athletes in all individual events other than the new events, World Aquatics will fill the quota places that do remain by inviting the athlete(s) with the higher Modified World Ranking. If an athlete who receives the invitation has already been entered by an NOC as one of its Additional Relay Competitors, the NOC will be permitted to replace this athlete with a new Additional Relay Competitor.

If there are 27 or fewer quota places available (whether before or after points 1 to 3 of this process):

- 3) World Aquatics will use the criteria in points 1 to 3 of this process to identify 28 athletes, identify each athlete's Modified World Ranking, compare the respective Modified World Rankings of the 28 athletes, and invite the highest-ranked athletes in turn until the remaining quota places are filled. *For example, if there are 15 quota places available, the Modified World Rankings of the 28 athletes (one from each individual event) would be compared with each other, and World Aquatics would invite the 15 highest-ranked athletes.*
- 4) If, when comparing Modified World Rankings, two or more athletes in different individual events are tied for the final quota place, the tie will be broken by comparing the ratios of each athlete's fastest time to the A Entry Standard in each of these events. The A Entry Standard will be the numerator, and the athlete's fastest time will be the denominator. The athlete with the highest ratio (i.e. the ratio closest to 1.000) will be invited to take part in the LA28 Olympic Games by World Aquatics.
- 5) If two or more athletes in different individual events are still tied for the final quota place (after point 5 of this process), the tie will be broken by comparing the ratios of each athlete's fastest time to the world record in the event. The world record will be the numerator, and the athlete's fastest time will be the denominator. The athlete with the highest ratio (i.e. the ratio closest to 1.000) will be invited to take part in the LA28 Olympic Games by World Aquatics.
- 6) If two or more athletes in different individual events are still tied for the final quota place (after point 6 of this process), the tie will be broken by comparing the point scores from the World Aquatics Points Table for each athlete's fastest time in their event that caused the tie. The athlete with the highest points score from this table will be invited to take part in the LA28 Olympic Games by World Aquatics.
- 7) If two or more athletes in different individual events are still tied for the final quota place (after point 7 of this process), the tie will be broken by comparing the Modified World Rankings for each athlete's second-best event (not the event that caused the tie). The athlete with the highest Modified World Ranking in their second-best event will be invited to take part in the LA28 Olympic Games by World Aquatics.
- 8) If two or more athletes in the same event are tied with the exact same time and none of the tie-breakers listed above are applicable, and inviting all athletes involved in the tie would not lead to the quota being exceeded, then all athletes involved in the tie will be invited to take part in the LA28 Olympic Games by World Aquatics.

If two or more athletes in the same event are tied with the exact same time to the hundredth of a second and none of the tie-breakers listed above will break the tie, and this tie is for the final quota place, the tie will be broken by

comparing the times of the second-best event of each of the athletes involved in the tie. The second-best event will be determined by examining all the other events of each athlete and calculating the highest ratio when comparing it to the A Entry Standard. The A Entry Standard will be the numerator, and the athlete's fastest time in their second-best event will be the denominator. The athlete with the highest ratio (i.e. the ratio closest to 1.000) will be invited to take part in the LA28 Olympic Games by World Aquatics.

9) If two or more athletes in the same event are tied with the exact same time to the hundredth of a second and none of the tie-breakers listed above will break the tie, and this tie is for the final quota place, the tie will be broken by comparing the times of the second-best event of each of the athletes involved in the tie. In priority order:

A. The time in the second-best event for each of the athletes will be used to obtain the points score from the World Aquatics Points Table, and the athlete with the highest points score in that second-best event will be invited to take part in the LA28 Olympic Games by World Aquatics. If this does not break the tie, the following provision will be used.

B. The time in the second-best event for each of the athletes will be used to calculate the highest ratio when comparing it to the world record time in that event. The world record time will be the numerator, and the athlete's fastest time in their second-best event will be the denominator. The athlete with the highest ratio (i.e. the ratio closest to 1.000) will be invited to take part in the LA28 Olympic Games by World Aquatics.

An invited athlete who has achieved the B Entry Standard in only one individual event is permitted to enter and swim in one additional individual event (which may be a new event) even though the athlete has not met the relevant time standard for that event, provided that the NOC maximum of two athletes per individual event is not exceeded.

An invited athlete who has achieved the B Entry Standard in two or more individual events is permitted to enter and swim in those two or more individual events, which may include new events, provided the invited athlete has the Minimum Time Standard in the new event, and provided that the NOC maximum of two athletes per individual event is not exceeded.

Relay qualification

Each NOC may enter a maximum of one team in each relay event.

In each relay event at the LA28 Olympic Games, there will be a maximum of 12 directly qualified teams (except in the event of a tie at the relevant World Aquatics Championships - Budapest 2027 qualifying relay event, as further explained below). Once the relay team has qualified, the place is allocated to the NOC (rather than specific athletes).

The 12 relay teams that achieve the fastest performances in the heats in each relay event at the World Aquatics Championships - Budapest 2027 will qualify for the 12 NOC relay team places in the corresponding relay events at the LA28 Olympic Games. In the event of a tie for 12th place in a relay event, no swim-off will take place, and the tied teams will each be offered a relay team place in the corresponding relay event at the LA28 Olympic Games. If an NOC has a team qualified for a particular relay event but does not accept (for any reason) the invitation to participate in that relay event at the LA28 Olympic Games, World Aquatics will offer the relay team quota place to the NOC whose NF relay team achieved the next-fastest performance in the heats of the corresponding relay event at the World Aquatics Championships - Budapest 2027. However, if 13 relay teams were invited as a result of a tie for 12th place, and one of the invited teams declines the invitation to compete at the LA28 Olympic Games, no additional replacement team will be invited.

An NOC that receives and accepts one or more direct relay team places through qualification at the World Aquatics Championships - Budapest 2027 may enter Additional Relay Competitors in accordance with the following formulas:

- If the NOC enters one relay event, it may enter up to two Additional Relay Competitors.
- If the NOC enters two relay events, it may enter up to three Additional Relay Competitors.
- If the NOC enters three relay events, it may enter up to five Additional Relay Competitors.
- If the NOC enters four relay events, it may enter up to six Additional Relay Competitors.
- If the NOC enters five relay events, it may enter up to seven Additional Relay Competitors.
- If the NOC enters six or seven relay events, it may enter up to eight Additional Relay Competitors.

An NOC that does not have a team qualified for a particular relay event at the LA28 Olympic Games as a result of the World Aquatics Championships - Budapest 2027 may enter a team into that relay event if the NOC has a sufficient number of athletes qualified to compete at the Games in individual events to form a relay team. *For example, if an NOC does not have a team qualified for a particular relay event but it has four male athletes qualified in individual events, it would be entitled to enter a men's relay event.* The NOC must notify World Aquatics that it intends to enter a relay event via this route on or before 24 June 2028. NOCs entering relays via this route are not permitted to enter Additional Relay Competitors and cannot use the Additional Relay Competitor formula above.

An NOC may populate its relay teams using (A) athletes entered in individual events (whether or not these athletes have achieved the B Entry Standard for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered), and (B) Additional Relay Competitors. If an NOC has one of its Additional Relay Competitors subsequently receiving a B Entry Standard invitation after 19 June 2028, the NOC may replace that Additional Relay Competitor with a different athlete.

If an NOC that received and accepted one of the direct relay team places through qualification at the World Aquatics Championships - Budapest 2027 does not have enough athletes to field a relay team (i.e. fewer than four eligible athletes qualified through the A Entry Standard, new event, B Entry Standard invitation, and Additional Relay Competitor routes), the NOC will not be permitted to enter that relay event.

If the quota is reached (or exceeded) and an NOC that received and accepted one of the direct relay team places through qualification at the World Aquatics Championships - Budapest 2027 does not have enough athletes to field a relay team, any unused Additional Relay Competitor places will be returned to the quota to be reallocated through B Entry Standard places, and no additional replacement relay team (reserve) will be invited to take part.

If an NOC enters Additional Relay Competitors, each of these athletes must compete in either a heat or a final of one relay event. If an Additional Relay Competitor does not compete in such an event, the last relay team for which he or she was eligible to compete will be disqualified unless World Aquatics receives confirmation from the Chief Medical Officer of the LA28 Olympic Games (or his or her designee from the LA28 Olympic Games Medical Services team) that the Additional Relay Competitor has sustained a medical injury or has been the subject of a medical emergency. This confirmation must be received by the referee prior to the start time of that specific relay event.

For the avoidance of doubt: (A) the fact that an Additional Relay Competitor has been entered and/or is competing in an individual event during the LA28 Olympic Games will not be grounds to avoid the disqualification of a relay team if the athlete does not compete in a relay event as required, and (B) because an Additional Relay Competitor must compete in at least one relay event, that athlete is not required to achieve any minimum time standard.

An Additional Relay Competitor may also enter individual events that are not new events at the LA28 Olympic Games provided that (A) the athlete has achieved (at least) the B Entry Standard in that event, and (B) the NOC maximum of two athletes per individual event is not exceeded and both athletes are already counted in the quota. *For example, if an NOC had entered no athletes or one athlete in the men's 100m breaststroke and an Additional Relay Competitor has achieved at least the B Entry Standard in that event, the Additional Relay Competitor may enter and compete in the men's 100m breaststroke.*

An Additional Relay Competitor may also enter additional individual events that are new events at the LA28 Olympic Games if the requirements set out above are met (see “Qualification for individual events at the LA28 Olympic Games that are new events”).

Each NOC that has a team or teams qualified in one or more relay events at the LA28 Olympic Games must confirm to World Aquatics whether the qualified team(s) will participate in the relay event by no later than 8 November 2027. Each NOC that has a team or teams qualified in one or more relay events at the LA28 Olympic Games and that has confirmed the team’s participation must confirm to World Aquatics the identities of the Additional Relay Competitors by no later than 19 June 2028.

Universality places

An NOC may apply to World Aquatics for universality places as follows:

- An NOC may enter a maximum of two athletes (one man and one woman) if:
 - the NOC has:
 - no athlete who has achieved an A Entry Standard, and
 - no qualified relay team, and
 - no athlete who has achieved the B Entry Standard in an individual event and has been invited by World Aquatics to compete in that event at the LA28 Olympic Games,
 - provided that each of these athletes participated in one or more of:
 - the World Aquatics Championships - Budapest 2027, and/or
 - the World Cup 2027, and/or
 - the 2027 Asian Aquatics Championships (Asia), and/or
 - the 2027 Pan American Games (Americas), and/or
 - the 2027 Oceania Aquatics Championships (Oceania), and/or
 - the 2027 Africa Aquatics Championships (Africa), and/or
 - the 2028 European Aquatics-approved event (Europe), and/or
 - the LA28 Olympic Games Olympic Solidarity and/or 2027 and 2028 World Aquatics scholarship programmes.
- If (A) an NOC has one or more athletes who have achieved an A Entry Standard or who have achieved the B Entry Standard in an individual event and have been invited by World Aquatics to compete in that event at the LA28 Olympic Games, and (B) that athlete or those athletes are of one gender only, the NOC may enter one athlete of the other gender through a universality place.

If an NOC successfully applies to World Aquatics for a universality place for an athlete who achieved the B Entry Standard in an individual event but was not invited by World Aquatics to compete in that event at the LA28 Olympic Games, the athlete must be entered in the individual event in which the athlete achieved the B Entry Standard and may also be entered in one other individual event, including new events, even if he or she has not achieved the Minimum Time Standard for that new event.

If an NOC successfully applies to World Aquatics for a universality place for an athlete who did not achieve the B Entry Standard in any individual event, the athlete must be entered in only one individual event, in which they achieved the highest World Aquatics Points Table score applicable. The athlete may enter a new event even if he or she has not achieved the Minimum Time Standard for that new event.

World Aquatics will allocate universality places only to athletes who meet the following eligibility conditions:

- The LA28 Olympic Games must be the athlete’s first or second Olympic Games.
- The athlete must be younger than 30 years of age as of the first day of the swimming programme at the LA28 Olympic Games (i.e. as of 22 July 2028, 00:00 Los Angeles local time). For example, an athlete who turns 30

on or before 22 July 2028, 00:00 Los Angeles local time, would not be eligible for a universality place, whereas an athlete who turns 30 on or after 23 July 2028 would be eligible for a universality place.

- The male athlete and the female athlete entered by the NOC must be the male athlete and the female athlete who have respectively achieved the highest World Aquatics Points Table score in any individual event during the qualification period in an approved qualification event for any male athlete or female athlete (as applicable) affiliated to that NOC. An NOC may apply to the World Aquatics Executive by 1 May 2028 for an exemption from this criteria. An application for an exemption must be reasoned and supported by all relevant evidence. The World Aquatics Executive will determine the application in its absolute discretion.

An NOC must submit its application for universality places to World Aquatics for approval by no later than 11 June 2028. An NOC's application for universality places submitted to World Aquatics will be updated to reflect any changes to the eligible applicants from the date of submission until the end of the qualification period (18 June 2028).

World Aquatics will confirm the approved universality places to each NOC, copying in the LA28 Organising Committee and IOC Sport Entries team, by no later than 20 June 2028.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS

Confirmation for final quota places

At the end of the qualification period (18 June 2028), and after the deadlines have passed for NOCs to submit universality place applications to World Aquatics (11 June 2028), for NOCs to confirm A Entry Standard and Additional Relay Competitor athletes (19 June 2028) and for World Aquatics to confirm universality place allocations to NOCs (20 June 2028):

- If the quota has not been reached by the combined total of athletes who have achieved an A Entry Standard, Additional Relay Competitors and athletes who have received universality places, World Aquatics will invite athletes who have achieved a B Entry Standard until the quota is reached in accordance with the process set out in section D, "Qualification pathway" (see in particular "Qualification for individual events at the LA28 Olympic Games by achieving the B Entry Standard and by invitation from World Aquatics").
- If the quota has been reached (or exceeded) by the combined total of athletes who have achieved an A Entry Standard, Additional Relay Competitors and athletes who have received universality places, World Aquatics will not invite any athletes who have achieved a B Entry Standard.

If World Aquatics does invite any athletes who have achieved a B Entry Standard, it will do so by 24 June 2028. World Aquatics will make reasonable efforts to inform NOCs in a timely manner if one or more of their athletes are under consideration to be invited (so that the NOC is able to respond promptly to accept or decline an invitation), and an online tracking tool on the World Aquatics website will show which athletes have qualified in each event.

NOCs must confirm whether or not they wish to accept these invitation places, in accordance with the deadlines specified in section G, "Qualification timeline".

F. REALLOCATION

Reallocation of unused quota places

Relay events

If an NOC has a team qualified for a particular relay event but does not accept (for any reason) the allocated quota place(s) in that relay event at the LA28 Olympic Games, World Aquatics will reallocate the relay team quota place(s) in accordance with section D, “Relay qualification”.

B Entry Standard invitations

If the NOC of an athlete who has achieved the B Entry Standard and has been invited by World Aquatics to compete at the LA28 Olympic Games declines the invitation, the quota place will be reallocated to the next-highest eligible ranked athlete in the relevant event in the Modified World Ranking, provided that the invitation to the athlete would not cause the athlete’s NOC to exceed the NOC maximum of two athletes per individual event.

New events

If an NOC declines an offer, officially withdraws (for any reason) or fails to respond by the applicable deadline in relation to direct qualification places for a new event, World Aquatics will reallocate the quota place in accordance with section D (“Individual qualification”).

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	15 February 2027	World Aquatics to publish the confirmed list of World Aquatics-approved qualification events to be held in 2027.
	1 March 2027	Start of the period for athletes to achieve qualification time standards in individual events (the period includes and ends on 18 June 2028).
	26 June – 18 July 2027	World Aquatics Championships - Budapest 2027 (swimming held from 10 to 18 July 2027).
	October 2027	World Cup 2027, which will be the qualifying competition for the new events.
Confirmation	1 November 2027	World Aquatics to inform NOCs and NFs of the relay teams qualified for the LA28 Olympic Games via Budapest 2027.
	8 November 2027	Deadline for NOCs of qualified relay teams to confirm acceptance of the quota place.

Confirmation	1 December 2027	World Aquatics to inform NOCs and NFs of the athletes qualified for the new events at the LA28 Olympic Games via the World Cup 2027.
	15 December 2027	World Aquatics to publish the confirmed list of World Aquatics-approved qualification events to be held in 2028.
	1 January 2028	World Aquatics to publish the World Aquatics Points Table (2028).
	1 February 2028	Deadline for NOCs/NFs of athletes qualified for the new events to confirm acceptance of the athlete's place.
	1 May 2028	Deadline for NOCs to submit any requests concerning an exemption from the athlete universality place eligibility criteria to the World Aquatics Executive.
	11 June 2028	Deadline for NOCs to submit universality place applications to World Aquatics.
Qualification	18 June 2028	End of the period for athletes to achieve qualification time standards in individual events (period starting on 1 March 2027 and inclusive of 18 June 2028).
Confirmation and reallocation	19 June 2028	Deadline for NOCs to confirm A Entry Standard athletes and Additional Relay Competitors.
	20 – 24 June 2028	World Aquatics to issue additional B Entry Standard invitations and reallocate any unused quota places until the quota is reached.
	24 June 2028	Deadline for NOCs that have not secured relay qualification for the LA28 Olympic Games from Budapest 2027 to notify World Aquatics of their intention to enter a relay event.
	25 June 2028	World Aquatics to inform the LA28 Sport Entries Department of all allocated quota places.
Sport Entries deadline	26 June 2028	Sport entries deadline for the LA28 Olympic Games.
Games time	14 – 30 July 2028	The LA28 Olympic Games (swimming programme will be 22 – 30 July 2028).

H. QUALIFICATION TIME STANDARDS

Qualification time standards

- The following table outlines the qualification time standards (A Entry Standards and B Entry Standards) for the LA28 Olympic Games. The A Entry Standards are derived from a combination of results and data from Olympic Games and World Championships over previous years, and the B Entry Standards are determined by adding 1.0% to the A Entry Standard in each event.

Men's		Event	Women's	
A Entry Standard	B Entry Standard (+ 1% of A)		A Entry Standard	B Entry Standard (+ 1% of A)
21.69	21.91	50m Freestyle	24.56	24.81
47.86	48.34	100m Freestyle	53.60	54.14
1:45.83	1:46.89	200m Freestyle	1:56.43	1:57.59
3:45.46	3:47.71	400m Freestyle	4:06.27	4:08.73
7:47.04	7:51.71	800m Freestyle	8:26.71	8:31.78
14:51.62	15:00.54	1500m Freestyle	16:08.65	16:18.34
53.00	53.53	100m Backstroke	59.49	1:00.08
1:56.05	1:57.21	200m Backstroke	2:08.95	2:10.24
59.27	59.86	100m Breaststroke	1:06.10	1:06.76
2:09.35	2:10.64	200m Breaststroke	2:23.49	2:24.92
51.06	51.57	100m Butterfly	57.38	57.95
1:54.69	1:55.84	200m Butterfly	2:08.15	2:09.43
1:57.54	1:58.72	200m Individual Medley	2:09.90	2:11.20
4:11.52	4:14.04	400m Individual Medley	4:37.33	4:40.10

- The following table outlines the time standards (Minimum Time Standard for the new events) for athletes already included in the quota for the LA28 Olympic Games.

Men's	Event	Women's
Minimum Time Standard		Minimum Time Standard
25.35	50m Backstroke	28.59
27.71	50m Breaststroke	31.33
23.55	50m Butterfly	26.57

TERMINOLOGY ANNEX

In this qualification system document, the following terms are used with the meanings specified:

- **A Entry Standard** means a qualification time that directly qualifies an athlete for the LA28 Olympic Games, provided that the NOC enters the athlete in that specific event.
- **Additional Relay Competitor** means an athlete who is initially confirmed for the LA28 Olympic Games as an NOC's relay swimmer. After being counted within the quota, an Additional Relay Competitor may enter and swim in additional events provided the NOC observes the maximum number of entries per individual event and the time standards established for participation.
- **B Entry Standard** means a qualification time for each individual event that is slower than the A Entry Standard and that allows additional entrants into each event, specifically including B Entry Standard invited athletes and Additional Relay Competitors.
- **Minimum Time Standard** means a minimum time standard for the new events that will allow athletes who have qualified in other swimming events to be able to enter and swim in the new events.
- **Modified World Ranking** means the modified World Aquatics World Ranking as of 19 June 2028, which will be calculated by taking the fastest performance achieved by each athlete for each event to be held at the LA28 Olympic Games in the period from 1 March 2027 through to 18 June 2028 (inclusive), and by ranking these times from fastest to slowest. There is a limit in the Modified World Ranking as to the number of athletes from a specific NOC: up to two athletes per NOC will be included, and if an NOC would otherwise have more than two athletes included in the World Ranking, only the two fastest athletes in each event will be included in the Modified World Ranking. Only times achieved at World Aquatics-approved Olympic qualification events may be used for this Modified World Ranking. See below for the definition of World Ranking.
- **New events** mean the six new events to be held for the first time at the LA28 Olympic Games, which are the 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke and 50m butterfly for both women and men.
- **Quota** means the maximum number of athletes permitted by the IOC for swimming at the LA28 Olympic Games, which is 830 athletes.
- **Quota place** means a place that grants the right to participate at the LA28 Olympic Games and is obtained either by a specific athlete or by an NOC through specified competition results.
- **Universality place** means a quota place for an athlete who has not qualified directly with an A Entry Standard and who has not been invited with a B Entry Standard but who is allocated a quota place to participate in an individual event at the LA28 Olympic Games.
- **World Aquatics Points Table** means the points table published by World Aquatics on 1 January 2028.
- **World Ranking** means the World Aquatics World Ranking as of 19 June 2028, which will be calculated by taking the fastest performance achieved by each athlete for each event to be held at the LA28 Olympic Games from 1 March 2027 through to 18 June 2028 (inclusive), and by ranking these times from fastest to slowest. There is no limit in the World Ranking as to the number of athletes from a specific NOC. Only times achieved at World Aquatics-approved Olympic qualification events may be used for this World Ranking.