



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM  
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION (BWF)

**BADMINTON** 

| A. EVENTS (5) | MEN (2) | WOMEN (2) | MIXED (1)     |
|---------------|---------|-----------|---------------|
|               | Singles | Singles   | Mixed Doubles |
|               | Doubles | Doubles   |               |

| B. QUOTA PLACES                       |    |    |       |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|-------|
| B.1. Total quota places for badminton |    |    | Total |
| QUOTA PLACES                          | 83 | 83 | 166   |
| HOST COUNTRY QUOTA PLACES             | 1  | 1  | 2     |
| UNIVERSALITY PLACES                   | 2  | 2  | 4     |
| TOTAL                                 | 86 | 86 | 172   |

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

|                      |   |   |    |
|----------------------|---|---|----|
| QUOTA PLACES PER NOC | 8 | 8 | 16 |
|----------------------|---|---|----|

|                                       | SINGLES                                    |   | DOUBLES                                  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| LA28 OLYMPIC RANKING AS OF 2 MAY 2028 | If all athletes are ranked, between 1 – 16 | Otherwise, one athlete listed in the rankings | If all pairs are ranked, between 1 and 8 | Otherwise, one pair listed in the rankings |
| MAXIMUM QUOTA PLACES PER EVENT        | 2 Quota Places (2 athletes)                | 1 Quota Place (1 athlete)                     | 2 Quota Places (4 athletes)              | 1 Quota Place (2 athletes)                 |

## B.3. Maximum number of athletes per event:

|                              | Men's Singles | Women's Singles | Men's Doubles | Women's Doubles | Mixed Doubles |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| NUMBER OF ATHLETES PER EVENT | 38*           | 38*             | 32 (16 pairs) | 32 (16 pairs)   | 32 (16 pairs) |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>172</b>    |                 |               |                 |               |

\* Before reallocation of quota places to the singles events, for athletes participating in both singles and doubles events.

## B.4. Type of allocation of quota places

Quota places are allocated to the athletes by name.

If an NOC has more athletes/pairs qualified in any event than its entitled number of quota places, based on the LA28 Olympic Ranking as of 2 May 2028, the NOC can decide to decline a quota place allocated to the highest ranked athlete/pair and choose a lower ranked eligible athlete/pair during the various phases of reallocation of quota places, as detailed in section **F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places**. The NOC will not however be able to enter a declined athlete/pair at the time of final entries should the lower ranked athlete/pair become unavailable.

## 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 the Badminton World Federation, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

### Additional IF eligibility criteria

#### C.1. Athletes must also comply with the following criteria:

All athletes must have played in a minimum of three tournaments in their respective event counting towards the LA28 Olympic Ranking during the Olympic qualifying period (3 May 2027 – 30 April 2028). This is also applicable to the universality places and the Continental Representation places, but not to the host country places.

All athletes must be ranked on the LA28 Olympic Ranking as of 2 May 2028. This is not applicable to the host country places.

## D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

### Men/Women/Mixed

The LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028 will be used to allocate the athlete quota places in Men's and Women's Singles, and Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles. Each LA28 Olympic Ranking list will be based on results achieved during the period from 3 May 2027 to 30 April 2028. Participation in any of the following events will count towards the respective LA28 Olympic Ranking during the qualification period:

- Thomas and Uber Cup Finals
- Sudirman Cup Finals
- World Championships
- Grade 2 BWF tour tournaments – Levels 1 to 6
- Grade 3 BWF Continental tour tournaments - International Challenge, International Series and Future Series
- Continental Championships (individual and team)
- Continental multi-sports games (individual events) – Asian Games, Pan American Games, European Games and African Games (if sanctioned during the qualification period)

- Any other international event sanctioned by the BWF and included in advance and with BWF approval as being part of the LA28 Olympic Ranking, except those explicitly excluded as per BWF regulations.

The BWF will allocate quota places in line with the following principles:

- Allocation of quota places (see section **D.1. Quota places**) for singles and doubles.
- Allocation of host country places in singles from LA28 Olympic Ranking or as notified by the host country by 8 May 2028 (see section **D.2. Host country places**).
- Allocation of universality places in singles (see section **D.3. Universality places**).
- Allocation of Continental Confederation Places (see section **D.1. Quota places**) for singles and doubles.

| Number of quota places  | Qualification events  |
|---|---|
| <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>MEN / WOMEN</b></p> <p><b>D.1.</b><br/><b>Singles</b><br/><b>Total 70</b><br/>35 Men<br/>35 Women</p> | <p><b>LA28 Olympic Ranking, 2 May 2028</b></p> <p>The LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028 will be used to allocate 35 individual quota places, per gender, to the highest ranked athletes, respecting the maximum quota allocation per NOC per event.</p> <p>The 35 quota places will include the Continental Representation Places.</p> <p>In each singles event, there must be at least two athletes from each of the five BWF Continental Confederations (Continental Representation Places) provided the player is ranked 250 or above (ranked between 1 and 250) in the LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028. If for a particular Continental Confederation there is no singles athlete qualified in an event, the athlete selected for a Continental Representation Place will be the highest ranked eligible athlete in the LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028 from the respective continent. An athlete receiving a universality place will not be considered as satisfying the minimum continental representation requirements in a specific singles event.</p> <p>An athlete receiving a host country place will not be considered as satisfying the minimum continental representation requirements in a specific singles event.</p> <p>As regards qualification in all events, no NOC can qualify athletes/pairs in more than two events through the Continental Representation Place system. If an NOC has athletes/pairs eligible in more than two events, the NOC must choose which athletes/pairs are qualified, and the athlete/pair quota place that has been declined will be offered to the next eligible athlete/pair.</p> <p>The NOC's choice will be considered as final.</p> |

If an athlete qualifies (and is selected) in more than one event, the resulting unused athlete quota place will be allocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete of the same gender in the singles event on the LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028. The offer of this quota place will however be conditional on the athlete who has qualified for more than one event being confirmed and entered by his/her NOC in the LA28 Olympic Games.

**Doubles**  
**Total 48 pairs**

The LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028 will be used to allocate 48 pairs quota places, to the 16 highest ranked pairs in each event, respecting the maximum quota allocation per NOC per event. The 48 pairs quota places will include the allocation of Continental Representation Places.

Men's  
Doubles: 16  
(32 athletes)

In each doubles event there must be at least one pair from each of the five BWF Continental Confederations (Continental Representation Place), which must be the highest ranked pair in the LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028 from the respective continent, provided the pair is ranked 50 or above (ranked between 1 and 50) in the LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028.

Women's  
Doubles: 16  
(32 athletes)

As regards qualification in all events, no NOC can qualify athletes/pairs in more than two events through the Continental Representation Place system. If an NOC qualifies athletes/pairs eligible in more than two events, the NOC must choose which athletes/pairs are qualified and the athlete/pair quota place(s) that has/have been declined will be offered to the next eligible athlete/pair. The NOC's choice will be considered as final.

Mixed  
Doubles: 16  
(32 athletes)

If an athlete qualifies (and is selected) in more than one event, the unused athlete quota place will be allocated to the next highest ranked athlete of the same gender in the singles event on the LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028. The offer of this quota place will however be conditional on the athlete who is qualified in more than one event being confirmed and entered by his/her NOC by the sport entries deadline of 26 June 2028.

**D.2. Host country places**

The host country will be allocated one quota place in the men's singles event and one quota place in the women's singles event, should the host country not have already obtained a quota place in the singles events, in either gender, via the LA28 Olympic Ranking.

Qualification of (a) doubles pair(s) through the LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028, as per the process described under section **D.1. Quota places**, will not prevent the host country from using the two host country quota places in the singles events.

The athlete(s) receiving the host country place(s) will be the highest ranked athlete(s) on the respective singles LA28 Olympic Ranking as of 2 May 2028. If there is no host country athlete on the LA28 Olympic Ranking, in the singles event(s), the host country will choose and confirm the respective athlete(s) to the BWF, at the latest by 8 May 2028.

**D.3. Universality places**

Four universality places are made available to eligible NOCs at the LA28 Olympic Games: two in the Men's Singles and two in the Women's Singles.

On 1 October 2027, the International Olympic Committee (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 for the sport concerned.

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**

- E.1.** The list of initially qualified athletes/pairs for each event (including Continental Representation Places, host country places and universality places) will be published as part of the LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028 at ([www.bwfbadminton.com](http://www.bwfbadminton.com)). The BWF will inform the respective NOCs/National Federations of their allocated quota places by no later than 10 May 2028.

NOCs will then have two weeks, until 24 May 2028, to confirm that they will use the quota places, as detailed in section G. Qualification Timeline.

## Confirmation of host country places

- E.2.** The host country must confirm in writing to the BWF by 8 May 2028 the use of its host country places.

## F. REALLOCATION

### Reallocation of unused quota places

- F.1.** If an allocated quota place (except for those pertaining to Continental Representation Places) is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline (24 May 2028) or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete/pair, based on the LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games. This process will be repeated in different phases until the quota places have been filled for each event and gender, and the confirmation deadlines for the reallocation phases will be decided by the BWF at its sole discretion.

If an NOC declines an athlete/pair's quota place in the first allocation phase, and then accepts a quota place for a lower ranked eligible athlete/pair in the reallocation phase, it will not be possible to enter the first athlete/pair at the time of final entries should the lower ranked athlete/pair become unavailable.

Reallocation of quota places due to an athlete being qualified in more than one event will be offered on a conditional basis, should the athlete qualified in more than one event no longer be available.

If an allocated quota place pertaining to Continental Representation Places is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline (24 May 2028) or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete/pair based on the LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games, from that same Continental Confederation.

This process will be repeated until the quota places have been filled for each respective Continental Confederation in the respective event/gender. If no athlete/pair is eligible for a Continental Confederation Places, the quota place will then be allocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete/pair based on the LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028.

### Reallocation of unused host country places

- F.2.** If the host NOC does not confirm the host country place(s) by the deadline of 8 May 2028, such unused host country place(s) will then be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete based on the LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games. The process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

## Reallocation of unused universality place

**F.3.** Any unused universality place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete of the same gender based on the LA28 Olympic Ranking of 2 May 2028.

## G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

| Period                        | Date                       | Milestone   |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Qualification                 | 3 May 2027 - 30 April 2028 | Ranking Period for the LA28 Olympic Ranking   |
|                               | 15 January 2028            | Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for universality places.   |
|                               | 30 April 2028              | End of the qualification period.  |
|                               | 2 May 2028                 | The LA28 Olympic Ranking is published.  |
| Confirmation and reallocation | 8 May 2028                 | Deadline for the host country to confirm in writing to the BWF use of the Host Country Places.                        |
|                               | TBD                        | The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of universality places to the NOCs (where applicable). |
|                               | 10 May 2028                | The BWF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places.   |
|                               | 19 May 2028                | NOCs to confirm in writing to the BWF use of their allocated quota places.  |
|                               | 23 June 2028               | Deadline for the BWF to reallocate all unused quota places.   |
| Sport Entries deadline        | 26 June 2028               | LA28 Olympic Games Sport Entries deadline   |
| Games Time                    | 14 - 30 July 2028          | LA28 Olympic Games  |