



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

International Judo Federation (IJF)



A. EVENTS	MEN (7)	WOMEN (7)	MIXED EVENTS (1)
	-60 kg	-48 kg	Mixed Team
	-66 kg	-52 kg	Women: -57 kg, -70 kg, +70 kg
	-73 kg	-57 kg	Men: -73 kg, -90 kg, +90 kg
	-81 kg	-63 kg	
	-90 kg	-70 kg	
	-100 kg	-78 kg	
	+100 kg	+78 kg	
B. QUOTA PLACES			
1. Total quota places for judo	Total		
QUOTA	171	171	342
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	7	7	14
MIXED TEAM EVENT INVITATION PLACES	6		6
UNIVERSALITY PLACES	10		10
TOTAL	186	186	372

2. Maximum number of athletes per *National Olympic Committee

QUOTA PER NOC*

7 (one per
individual
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14

*If an NOC is eligible to participate in the mixed team event, the NOC must form its mixed team from the athletes who qualified for an individual event (see mixed team invitation places).

3. Type of allocation of quota places

Quota places are allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

However, as per the IJF World Ranking List direct qualification method, if, within the same weight category, an NOC has more than one male athlete ranked in the top 17 of the World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period and/or more than one female athlete ranked in the top 17 of the World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period, the NOC can decide which of these athletes will receive the quota place.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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 the 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 the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of the IJF, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

Age requirements

- C.1** To be eligible to participate in the LA28 Olympic Games, athletes must have been born on or before 31 December 2013, as validated by the passport used for accreditation registration.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The **IJF World Ranking List** of the Olympic qualification period will be used to allocate the 342 qualification places in the hierarchical order of qualification as described in this section. It will also be used for seeding during the Olympic Games draw.

Mixed team:

Weight categories

Women: **-57 kg** (-48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg), **-70 kg** (-57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg), **+70 kg** (-70 kg, -78 kg, +78 kg)

Men: **-73 kg** (-60 kg, -66 kg, -73 kg), **-90 kg** (-73 kg, -81 kg, -90 kg), **+90 kg** (-90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg)

All NOCs with a full mixed team (i.e. they must have athletes able to compete in all six combined mixed team weight categories mentioned above) can enter the mixed team event.

All athletes who qualify in the individual competition can take part in the mixed team event (max. seven women, seven men), provided their NOC is eligible to participate in the mixed team event.

Number of quota places		Qualification events
MEN/WOMEN	D.1.1.	Direct qualification
	238 total athletes	Men: For each of the seven weight categories, the 17 highest-ranked athletes in the IJF World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period qualify directly, with a maximum of one athlete per NOC per weight category.
	119 x Men 119 x Women	Women: For each of the seven weight categories, the 17 highest-ranked athletes in the IJF World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period qualify directly, with a maximum of one athlete per NOC per weight category.
	D.1.2.	Continental qualification
	104 total athletes	An additional 104 athletes will qualify directly as per the IJF World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period, based on continental representation and in line with the following procedure:
	52 x Men 52 x Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For each continent as listed in the table below and based on the IJF World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period, a Continental Ranking List will be created, listing all the athletes from the relevant continent across all weight categories and genders according to their World Ranking points from the Olympic qualification period.

- Athletes with the highest number of points in the Continental Ranking List will qualify as per the following continental quota:

Continent	Quota Places Men	Quota Places Women	Quota Places Total
Africa	12	12	24
Europe	13	13	26
Asia	12	12	24
Oceania	4	4	8
Americas	11	11	22
Total	52	52	104

- A maximum of one athlete per NOC can qualify through continental qualification across all weight categories and genders.
- If a continent fails to use its full allocation, any remaining quota place will be allocated to the athlete of the corresponding gender with the most points, as per the IJF World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period, who has not yet qualified, irrespective of the continent, adhering to the maximum quota of one athlete per NOC per event. If there is more than one athlete with the same highest points, the IJF World Ranking List rules ([Section 3.2.1](#)) will be applied to decide which athlete is ranked higher.

D.1.3.

**6 total athletes
(men or women)**

Mixed team event invitation places

Each of the five continents has one mixed team event invitation place. The sixth (6th) Mixed Team event invitation place will be allocated to the highest-ranked eligible country from the Seniors Mixed Teams World Ranking List of the Olympic Qualification period.

Athletes who receive a mixed team event invitation place qualify automatically for both the individual and the mixed team event at the Olympic Games.

Rules for determining the applicable nation in each continent:

- Eligible countries are those with only five athletes qualified instead of the required six mixed team weight categories.
- The highest-ranked eligible country in each continent from the IJF Seniors Mixed Team World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period will obtain a quota place.
- If there is more than one eligible country with the same rank in the IJF Seniors Mixed Team World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period, the quota place will be obtained by the country with the athlete with the most points across all eligible individual weight categories for the missing mixed team category.

MEN/WOMEN		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a country obtains a mixed team event invitation place, the athlete with the most points in the individual World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period across all eligible weight categories qualifies for the missing team weight category. If there is more than one athlete with the same highest points, the IJF World Ranking List rules (Section 3.2.1) will be applied to decide which athlete is ranked higher.
	D.2. Host country places 14 total athletes 7 x Men 7 x Women	<p>The host country will be allocated 14 quota places, seven for men and seven for women in each individual event, as well as a participation place in the mixed team event, on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirements described under section C, “Athlete eligibility”, of this document.</p>
	D.3. Universality places 10 total athletes	<p>10 universality places are available to eligible NOCs at the LA28 Olympic Games.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Detailed information on universality places is contained in the "Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games – Tripartite Commission Universality Places – Allocation Procedure" document.</p>

E. CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of quota places

- E.1.** The IJF will publish the IJF World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period on its [website](#) by 15 June 2028.

The IJF will confirm to the NOCs the quota places they have obtained in writing. The NOCs will then have until 22 June 2028, i.e. five working days, to confirm to the IJF if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section G, “Qualification timeline”.

Confirmation of host country places

- E.2.** The host country must confirm to the IJF the use of its host country places in writing by 22 June 2028.

F. REALLOCATION

Reallocation of unused quota places

- F.1.** If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline (22 June 2028), or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:
- If the athlete qualified through direct qualification, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete as per the IJF World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period, in the same weight category and regardless of its continent, adhering to the maximum quota of one athlete per NOC per event.
 - If the athlete qualified through continental qualification, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete from that continent as per the Continental Ranking List, regardless of the athlete's weight category, adhering to the following principles:
 - A maximum of one athlete per NOC can qualify through continental qualification across all weight categories and genders.
 - Gender quotas must be adhered to in each continent, as per the table in section **D**, “**Qualification pathway**”.
 - If a continent fails to use its full allocation, any remaining quota place will be reallocated to the highest-ranked eligible athlete of the corresponding gender, as per the IJF World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period, who has not yet qualified, adhering to the maximum quota of one athlete per NOC per event.

The selection of reserve athletes will be strictly based on **the date and time of the official withdrawal announcement**. In other words, an athlete who is officially withdrawn will be immediately replaced by the next reserve from the direct or continental quota. In the event that two athletes are withdrawn at the same time (for example, in the same email from the same NOC), the direct quota athletes will always be replaced first, and continental quota athletes will be replaced second. The reallocation process must be completed no later than 30 minutes before the start of the draw.

Reallocation of unused mixed team event invitation places

- F.2.**
- If a mixed team event invitation quota place cannot be assigned to an eligible country, the quota place is allocated to the next eligible country from the same continent, following the same allocation rules.
 - If a mixed team event invitation quota place cannot be assigned to a continent, the quota place is allocated to the next eligible country across all continents, following the same allocation rules.
 - If a mixed team event invitation quota place cannot be assigned at all, the Tripartite Commission will reallocate the quota place.
 - If a mixed team event invitation quota place is returned, the rules for reallocation follow the above mixed team event invitation quota place procedures.
 - If a country which received a mixed team event invitation quota place cannot take part in the team event, the qualified athlete is eligible to compete in the individual event.

Reallocation of unused host country places

- F.3.** Unused host country places will be reallocated as per the process described for direct qualification in paragraph **F.1, “Reallocation of unused quota places”**, adhering to the maximum quota per gender and per NOC.

Reallocation of unused universality places

- F.4.** Any unused universality place(s) will be reallocated to the highest-ranked eligible athlete, as per the IJF World Ranking List of the Olympic qualification period, who has not yet qualified, regardless of the athlete’s weight category and gender, adhering to the maximum quota of one athlete per NOC per event.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	15 June 2026 – 12 June 2028	Qualification period (<i>for the full list of events, see the IJF Calendar</i>)
Confirmation and reallocation	15 June 2028	The IJF confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained, including the mixed team event invitation places.
	XXXXXXXX	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of universality places to the NOCs.
	22 June 2028	The NOCs to confirm to the IJF the use of the allocated quota places.
	23 June 2028	The IJF to reallocate all unused quota places.
	26 June 2028	The NOCs to confirm to the IJF the use of the allocated quota places.
Sports Entries Deadline	26 June 2028	LA28 sport entries deadline
Games Time	14 July – 30 July 2028	LA28 Olympic Games