



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

International Basketball Federation (FIBA)

BASKETBALL



A. EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN
	12-team tournament	12-team tournament

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for basketball			Total
QUOTA PLACES	132 (11 teams)	132 (11 teams)	264 (22 teams)
HOST COUNTRY PLACES	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 (NOC)			
QUOTA PLACES PER NOC	12 (1 team)	12 (1 team)	24 (2 teams)
B.3. Type of allocation of quota places			

Quota places are allocated to NOCs.

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).

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 FIBA, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

Additional IF eligibility criteria

Only athletes who are eligible to participate in the main official competitions of FIBA, in accordance with the FIBA [Internal Regulations](#) applicable at the relevant point in time, are entitled to participate in the Olympic Games.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Number of quota places		Qualification events														
MEN	D.1.1. 1 team (12 athletes)	Host country – United States* The host country of the Olympic Games will be allocated one quota place. * Subject to FIBA Central Board decision: the FIBA Central Board will decide in 2027 if the automatic qualification place is granted to the men’s team of the host country.														
	D.1.2. 7 teams (84 athletes)	The teams that qualify directly through the FIBA Basketball World Cup (FBWC) 2027**														
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Total	7															
	** The best teams from the respective continents, based on the final official classification of the FBWC 2027.															

**D.1.3.
4 teams
(48 athletes)**

The teams that qualify through the four FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments 2028

There will be two rounds in the qualifying tournaments for LA28. The first round, the FIBA Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournaments (FOPQTs), will be played at the continental level, and the second round, the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments (FOQTs), at the global level.

A. Participation in the FOPQTs 2027

1. 34 teams from the first and second round of the previous FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers are eligible to participate in the FOPQTs as follows:
 - The 27 teams that played in the second round of the previous FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers but did not qualify for the FBWC; and
 - The seven highest-ranked teams in the FIBA Ranking (as of March 2027) from among the teams that did not qualify for the second round of the previous FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers.

Qualified through the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers	
Continent	Number of teams
Africa	6
Americas	6
Asia (including Oceania)	6
Europe	16
Total	34

2. The competition format for each region will be decided by the FIBA Central Board. Five teams from the FIBA Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournaments will qualify directly for the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments as follows:
 - Africa: one team
 - Americas: one team
 - Asia (including Oceania): one team
 - Europe: two teams
3. In the event that a qualified team withdraws, is suspended, or is otherwise unable to participate in a FOPQT, FIBA may invite the highest-ranked eligible non-qualified team from the same continent, based on the FIBA Ranking (as of March 2027), to replace it. If the replacement team or another qualified team is also unable to participate, FIBA may, upon approval by the FIBA Central Board, invite another eligible team or adjust the number of participating teams and the competition format accordingly. This procedure may be applied more than once, as necessary, to ensure the integrity and feasibility of the qualification tournament.

B. Participation in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments (FOQTs) 2028

1. 24 teams, representing all continents, are eligible to participate in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments 2028 as follows:

Directly qualified through the FBWC 2027 per region	
Africa (the best-placed team not directly qualified for the Olympic Games)	1
Americas (the best-placed team not directly qualified for the Olympic Games)	1
Asia (including Oceania) (the best-placed team not directly qualified for the Olympic Games)	1
Additional teams directly qualified through the FBWC 2027	
The best-placed teams not directly qualified for the Olympic Games	16
Qualified through the FOPQTs 2027	
Africa	1
Americas	1
Asia	1
Europe	2
Total	24

2. The highest-placed teams from Africa, the Americas and Asia/Oceania (three in total) not directly qualified for the Olympic Games through the FIBA Basketball World Cup will be invited to participate in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments.
3. The 16 highest-placed teams not directly qualified for the Olympic Games through the FIBA Basketball World Cup, regardless of their continent of origin, will be invited to participate in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments.
4. The highest-placed teams not yet qualified through the FIBA Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournaments (one from Africa, one from the Americas, one from Asia/Oceania and two from Europe) will be invited to participate in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments.
5. In the event that a qualified team withdraws, is suspended, or is otherwise unable to participate in a FOQT, FIBA may invite the highest-ranked eligible non-qualified team from the same continent, based on the most recent FIBA Ranking at the moment of the withdrawal, to replace it. If the replacement team or another qualified team is also unable to participate, FIBA may, upon approval by the FIBA Central Board, invite another eligible team or adjust the number of participating teams and the competition format accordingly. This procedure may be applied more than once, as necessary, to ensure the integrity and feasibility of the qualification tournament.
6. The 24 participating teams will be divided into four tournaments of six teams each, via a draw.
7. Each tournament will be hosted by one of the six participating national federations. The draw for the FOQTs will be made before the host national federations are determined.
8. In principle, each continent will host one FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament.
9. The winner of each tournament will qualify for the men's Olympic basketball tournament.

The NOCs/NFs participating in the FOQTs must confirm their participation in the Olympic Games to FIBA – if they obtain a quota place – at the same time as registering their teams for the FOQTs, by 30 November 2027.

D.1.4.
1 team
(12
athletes)

Host nation – United States*

The host country of the Olympic Games will be allocated one quota place.

*Subject to FIBA Central Board decision: the FIBA Central Board will decide in 2027 if the automatic qualification place is granted to the women's team of the host country.

D.1.5.
1 team
(12 athletes)

The champion of the previous FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup (FWBWC) 2026 qualifies directly**

** If the winner of the most recent edition of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup is also the host nation (and subject to the direct qualification of the host nation), only this one team will qualify directly, and 11 teams will qualify through the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

D.1.6.
10 teams
(120
athletes)

The teams that qualify through the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments (FWOQT)

There will be two rounds in the qualifying tournaments for the LA28 Olympic Games. The first round, the FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournaments (FWOPQTs), will be played at the global level, and the second round, the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments (FWOQTs), at the global level as well.

A. Participation in the FWOPQT

1. The eight teams that did not qualify for the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2026 through the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Qualifying Tournaments 2026 will qualify for the FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournament.
2. In the event that a qualified team withdraws, is suspended, or is otherwise unable to participate in a FWOPQT, FIBA may invite the highest-ranked eligible non-qualified team from the same continent, based on the FIBA Ranking (as of March 2026), to replace it. If the replacement team or another qualified team is also unable to participate, FIBA may, upon approval by the FIBA Central Board, invite another eligible team or adjust the number of participating teams and the competition format accordingly. This procedure may be applied more than once, as necessary, to ensure the integrity and feasibility of the qualification tournament.
3. The tournament will be hosted by one of the participating national federations. The top team will qualify for the FWOQTs.

B. Participation in the FWOQT

- 16 teams, representing all continents/geographical regions, qualify for the FWOQTs as follows:

Qualified through the FWOPQT** and through the 2027 FIBA Women's Continental Cups

Continent	Total number of teams
Africa (the two best classified teams from the last FIBA Women's AfroBasket)	2
Americas (the four best classified teams from the last FIBA Women's AmeriCup)	4
Asia (including Oceania) (the four best classified teams from the last FIBA Women's Asia Cup)	4
Europe (the six best classified teams from the last FIBA Women's EuroBasket)	6
Total	16

** The slot for the winner of the FWOPQT will be deducted from the number of slots awarded to teams that qualify through the relevant FIBA Women's Continental Cup. For example: if the FWOPQT winner is a team from Europe, the five best classified teams from the last FIBA Women's EuroBasket will qualify, in addition to the FWOPQT winner – to make a total of six teams from Europe.

- The above numbers will include the Olympic Games host country* and the FWBWC 2026 winner.
- 16 participating teams will be divided into four tournaments of four teams each.
- Each tournament will be hosted by one of the four participating national federations. The draw for the FWOQTs will be made before the host national federations are determined.
- To adhere to the universality principle, at least one of the groups should contain two teams from the same continent/geographical region, as decided by FIBA.
- The three highest-placed teams in each of the tournaments will qualify for the women's Olympic basketball tournament. If the Olympic Games host country or the FWBWC winner is in the group (these two teams cannot be drawn in the same group), these teams will qualify directly along with two of the remaining teams from the respective groups, based on the results.
- In the event that a qualified team withdraws, is suspended, or is otherwise unable to participate in a FWOQT, FIBA may invite the highest-ranked eligible non-qualified team from the same continent, based on the FIBA Ranking (as of August 2027), to replace it. If the replacement team or another qualified team is also unable to participate, FIBA may, upon approval by the FIBA Central Board, invite another eligible team or adjust the number of participating teams and the competition format accordingly. This procedure may be applied more than once, as necessary, to ensure the integrity and feasibility of the qualification tournament.

* Subject to FIBA Central Board decision.

The NOCs/NFs participating in the FWOQTs must confirm their participation in the Olympic Games to FIBA – if they obtain a quota place – at the same time as registering their teams for the FWOQTs, by 30 September 2027.

E. CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of qualification places

- E.1.** FIBA will publish the final results after each qualification event on its official [website](#) and inform the qualified NOCs/NFs accordingly.

The NOCs will then have two weeks from the official notification to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph G, “Qualification Timeline”.

For the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments and FIBA Women’s Olympic Qualifying Tournaments, the NOCs/NFs must confirm their participation in the Olympic Games to FIBA, should they qualify, at the same time as registering their teams for these qualifying tournaments, namely by 30 September 2027.

F. REALLOCATION

Reallocation of unused quota places

F.1. Men

The following applies in the event that a quota place for the LA28 Olympic Games: i) is not confirmed by the NOC concerned within the applicable deadline, ii) is declined, or iii) is unable to be used by the NOC, for any reason whatsoever, after it has been accepted. In such cases, the quota place will be offered to the NOC of the highest-ranked eligible team based on the FIBA Men’s World Ranking (as of March 2028), as follows:

1. If the non-participating team was the only qualified team from its FIBA Zone, the quota place will be offered to the highest-ranked eligible team from the same FIBA Zone.
2. If at least one other team from the same FIBA Zone as the non-participating team has already qualified, the quota place will go to the highest-ranked eligible team, regardless of its FIBA Zone.

Women

The following applies in the event that a quota place for the LA28 Olympic Games: i) is not confirmed by the NOC concerned within the applicable deadline, ii) is declined, or iii) is unable to be used by the NOC, for any reason whatsoever, after it has been accepted. In such cases, the quota place will be offered to the NOC of the highest-ranked eligible team based on the FIBA Women’s World Ranking (as of March 2028), as follows:

1. If the non-participating team was the only qualified team from its FIBA Zone, the quota place will be offered to the highest-ranked eligible team from the same FIBA Zone.
2. If at least one other team from the same FIBA Zone as the non-participating team has already qualified, the quota place will go to the highest-ranked eligible team, regardless of its FIBA Zone.

Reallocation of unused host country places

- F.2.** In the event that automatic qualification places are not granted to the host country by the FIBA Central Board, or if the host country declines the automatic qualification places or is unable to use them for any reason whatsoever, FIBA will reallocate these places to:

Men

The next highest-placed team from the FBWC 2027 (the best classified among those teams not directly qualified for the Olympic Games). If the host country accepts the host country place and is also one of the two best-placed teams from the Americas at the FBWC 2027, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-placed team from the Americas at the FBWC 2027.

Women

The next best-placed team from the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments, adhering to universality principles.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	17 – 23 August 2026	FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournaments
	4 – 13 September 2026	FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2026, GER
	16 – 27 June 2027	FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2027, BEL, FIN, SWE, LTU
	3 – 11 July 2027	FIBA Women's AmeriCup 2027 (subject to change)
	11 – 18 July 2027	FIBA Women's Asia Cup 2027 (subject to change)
	23 July – 1 August 2027	FIBA Women's AfroBasket 2027 (subject to change)
	14 – 22 August 2027	FIBA Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournaments
	27 August – 12 September 2027	FIBA Basketball World Cup 2027, QAT
	10 – 13 February 2028	FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments 2028
Confirmation	30 November 2027	NOCs to confirm to FIBA use of allocated quota places for women's and men's events

Confirmation	28 February 2028	NOCs to confirm to FIBA use of allocated quota places following FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments 2028
Qualification	26 June – 2 July 2028	FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments 2028
Confirmation	2 July 2028	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to FIBA following the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments 2028
Sport Entries deadline	26 June 2028	LA28 Olympic Games sport entries deadline
	2 July 2028	LA28 Olympic Games sport entries deadline for four men's teams qualified through the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments 2028
Games Time	14 – 30 July 2028	LA28 Olympic Games
	12 – 30 July 2028	Basketball Tournament