



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM  
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

WORLD BASEBALL SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION (WBSC)

# BASEBALL/SOFTBALL



A. EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN
	Baseball	Softball

## B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for baseball			Total
QUOTA	5 teams (120 athletes)	5 teams (75 athletes)	10 teams (195 athletes)
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	1 team (24 athletes)	1 team (15 athletes)	2 teams (39 athletes)
TOTAL	6 teams (144 athletes)	6 teams (90 athletes)	12 teams (234 athletes)

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

QUOTA PER NOC*	1 team (24 athletes)	1 team (15 athletes)	2 teams (39 athletes)
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## B.3. Type of allocation of quota places

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

\*One team per event

## C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must 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 comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

### Age Requirements

**C.1.** To be eligible to participate in the LA28 Olympic Games:

- Baseball – An athlete must be at least 18 years old in the year in which the competition takes place, validated by the passport used for ACR registration.
- Softball – An athlete must be at least 16 years old in the year in which the competition takes place, validated by the passport used for ACR registration.

## D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Number of quota places		Qualification events (The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.)
MEN	<b>D.1.</b> 1 team (24 athletes)	<b>Host Country Places</b>  The Host Country is guaranteed one quota place per event.
	<b>D.2.</b> 2 teams (48 athletes)	<b>World Baseball Classic, March 2026</b>  The two highest placed (but not yet qualified) teams from the Americas in the final standing of the World Baseball Classic 2026 will each obtain one quota place for their NOC.
	<b>D.3.</b> 2 teams (48 athletes)	<b>WBSC Premier12, November 2027</b>  The highest placed team from Asia and the highest placed team from Europe or Oceania in the final standing of the WBSC Premier12 will each obtain one quota place for their NOC.
MEN	<b>D.4.</b> 1 team (24 athletes)	<b>Final Qualification Event – no later than March 2028</b>  The highest placed team in the Final Qualification Event will obtain one quota place for their NOC.  Six teams, the two highest placed (but not yet qualified) teams from the latest edition of the Asia Championship, the two highest placed (but not yet qualified) teams from the latest edition of the European Championship, the highest placed (but not yet qualified) team from the latest edition of the Africa Championship and the highest placed (but not yet qualified) team from the latest edition of the Oceania Qualifier are eligible to take part in the Final Qualification Event.

WOMEN	<b>D.5.</b> <b>1 team</b> <b>(15 athletes)</b>	<b>Host Country Places</b>  The Host Country is guaranteed one quota place per event.
	<b>D.6.</b> <b>1 team</b> <b>(15 athletes)</b>	<b>Women's Softball World Cup Finals 2027</b>  The highest placed team from the Women's Softball World Cup Finals 2027 will obtain one quota place for their NOC.
	<b>D.7.</b> <b>3 teams</b> <b>(45 athletes)</b>	<b>Continental qualification events, XXX 2027</b>  There will be three continental qualification events.  There will be a combined Asia and Oceania tournament, a combined Europe and Africa qualification event, and one for the Americas.  The highest placed team at the Europe/Africa, the Asia/Oceania and the Americas qualification events will each obtain one quota place for their NOC.
	<b>D.8.</b> <b>1 team</b> <b>(15 athletes)</b>	<b>Final Qualification Event – no later than March 2028</b>  The runner-up and third placed team in the Europe/Africa (two teams), Asia/Oceania (two teams), and Americas (two teams) qualification events can take part in the Final Qualification Event.  The highest placed team at the Final Qualification Event will obtain one quota place for their NOC.

## E. CONFIRMATION

### E.1. Confirmation of Qualification Places

After each qualification event, the WBSC will publish the results on its website, [wbsc.org](http://wbsc.org), and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places.

The NOCs will then have two weeks to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph H. Qualification Timeline.

### E.2. Confirmation of Host Country Places

The Host NOC must confirm the use of the host country places to the WBSC following the publication of this Qualification System on the WBSC & IOC websites.

## F. REALLOCATION

### F.1. Reallocation of unused Qualification Places

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest placed team at the respective qualification event.

## F.2. Reallocation of unused Host Country Places

An unused Host Country Place for Baseball will be reallocated to the next highest placed eligible team which has not yet qualified, at the WBSC Premier12 2027.

Unused Host Country Place for Softball will be reallocated to the next highest placed eligible team which has not yet qualified, at the Women's Softball World Cup Finals 2027.

## G. AP ATHLETES

### G.1. Definition

Ap athletes are non-competing athletes accredited in the “Ap” category who have different entitlements to competing athletes (accredited as “Aa”) as described in the Ap accreditation quotas and conditions outlined in the IOC Accreditation Guide. These personnel are not part of the athlete quota as described in paragraph B. Quota Places. Ap alternate athletes could become competing athletes only under the conditions outlined in the IOC/Los Angeles 2028 Late Athlete Replacement policy.

### G.2. Eligibility

Ap alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes, as described in paragraph C. Athlete Eligibility.

### G.3. Quota

In baseball, each qualified team is entitled to four Ap athletes.

## H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	March 2026	World Baseball Classic 2026
	April 2027	Women's Softball World Cup Finals
	2027	Softball Continental Qualification Americas
	2027	Softball Continental Qualification Asia/Oceania

	<b>2027</b>	Softball Continental Qualification Europe/Africa
	<b>November 2027</b>	WBSC Premier12
	<b>No later than March 2028</b>	Baseball Final Qualification Event
	<b>No later than March 2028</b>	Softball Final Qualification Event
<b>Information and Confirmation</b>	<b>Straight after event</b>	WBSC to inform NOCs/NFs of allocated quota places
	<b>Two weeks after information received</b>	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to WBSC
	<b>26 May 2028</b>	WBSC to reallocate all unused quota places
<b>Games time</b>	<b>26 June 2028</b>	<b>LA28 Olympic Games Sport Entries deadline</b>
	<b>14 to 30 July 2028</b>	<b>LA28 Olympic Games</b>