QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

World Taekwondo (WT)

TAEKWONDO

A. EVENTS

MEN (4)	WOMEN (4)
-58kg	-49kg
-68kg	-57kg
-80kg	-67kg
+80kg	+67kg

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for taekwondo			Total
QUOTA	60	60	**120**
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	2	2	**4**
UNIVERSALITY PLACES	2	2	**4**
TOTAL	**64**	**64**	**128**
B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC)			
QUOTA PER NOC	4 (one per event)	4 (one per event)	**8 (one per event)**

An NOC may qualify a maximum of four male and four female athletes through the WT Olympic Ranking and WT Grand Slam Champions Series, with a maximum of one athlete per weight category.

An NOC may qualify a maximum of two male and two female athletes through the Continental Qualification Tournaments with a maximum of one athlete per weight category.

B.3. Maximum number of athletes per event			
QUOTA PER EVENT	16	16	

B.4. Type of allocation of quota places

The quota place is allocated to the NOC. The selection of athletes for its allocated quota places is at the discretion of the NOC, subject to compliance with the eligibility requirements as per section C.

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 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 Taekwondo, 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 2011 (i.e. at least 17 years of age), in accordance with Article 4.1 of the WT Competition Rules and Interpretation, as validated by the passport used for ACR registration.

Additional IF Requirements

C.2. Athletes must also comply with the following general eligibility requirements.

To be eligible to participate in the LA28 Olympic Games, all athletes must:

- Hold a Kukkiwon Dan certificate
- Hold a WT Global Athlete Licence.

C.3. Athletes qualified via the WT Olympic Ranking and the WT Grand Slam Champions Series

In addition to the general eligibility requirements above, athletes qualifying through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series must meet the following requirements:

a. If the quota place for a weight category was obtained through the WT Olympic Ranking, the NOC may only enter an athlete who has been ranked within the top 20

of the WT Olympic Ranking published during the period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028.

b. If the quota place was obtained through the WT Grand Slam Champions Series, the NOC may only enter (an) athlete(s) ranked within the top 20 of the WT Grand Slam Champions Series Merit Points Standings published during the period from 1 January 2027 to 1 May 2028.

C.4. Athletes qualified via the Continental Qualification Tournaments.

If the quota place was obtained through the Continental Qualification Tournaments, the NOC may only enter (an) athlete(s) who meet(s) at least one of the following eligibility requirements:

a. A medal winner (1st, 2nd or 3rd place) at any events listed on the WT event calendar between 1 June 2026 and 31 May 2028; or
b. Achieved a top 20 ranking at least once in the WT World Ranking published between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2028; or
c. Advanced to round of 16 or higher at either the 2025 or 2027 WT World Taekwondo Championships; or
d. Advanced to the quarter-finals or higher at either Continental Taekwondo Championships held between 1 February 2026 and 31 May 2028 or at a Continental Taekwondo Qualification Tournament; or
e. Won national taekwondo championships held between 1 June 2026 and 31 May 2028.

C.5. Athletes qualified via the Universality Places or through the Host Country Places

Athletes who receive quota places through the Universality or Host Country allocation must meet the general criteria and also satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

a. A medal winner (1st, 2nd or 3rd place) at any event listed on the WT event calendar between 1 June 2026 and 31 May 2028; or
b. Achieved a top 20 ranking at least once in the WT World Ranking published between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2028; or
c. Advanced to round of 16 or higher at either the 2025 or 2027 WT World Taekwondo Championships; or
d. Advanced to the quarter-finals or higher at either Continental Taekwondo Championships held between 1 February 2026 and 31 May 2028 or at a Continental Taekwondo Qualification Tournament; or
e. Won national taekwondo championships held between 1 June 2026 and 31 May 2028.

D: QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification. Each athlete can obtain a maximum of one quota place for his/her NOC.

	Number of quota places	Qualification events
MEN / WOMEN	20 Men 20 Women (Total 40 athletes)	**D.1. Qualification through WT Olympic Ranking and WT Grand Slam Champions Series** A maximum of one athlete per weight category may obtain a quota place for their NOC through the WT Olympic Ranking or the WT Grand Slam Champions Series. An NOC may obtain a maximum of eight quota places - four for men and four for women - through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series WT Olympic Ranking: A total of 40 athletes (20 men and 20 women) will obtain a quota place for their respective NOCs through the WT Olympic Ranking. The highest five ranked athletes in each weight category in the WT Olympic Ranking published in January 2028 (reflecting results including 2027 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final) will each obtain one quota place for their NOC for the LA28 Olympic Games. In the event of a tie in the WT Olympic Ranking among qualifiers, the athlete who earned points at the higher graded event(s) will receive the quota place. The hierarchy of the grades is shown below:

Grade	Event
20	Olympic Games
14	World Taekwondo Championships
10	World Taekwondo GP Final
6	World Taekwondo GP Series, Youth Olympic Games
4	Continental Championships (two-year cycle) and Continental Multi-sport Games (four-year cycle), WT Women's Open Championships, World Taekwondo Junior Championships, World Taekwondo Under 21 Championships, World University Games
3	WT President's Cup
2	WT G2 tournaments, WT GP Challenge, CISM World Games, Continental Junior Championships, WT Grand Slam Challenge
1	WT G1 Tournaments, World University Championships, Multi-sport Games other than Continental multi-games with a four-year cycle, World Military Championships

MEN / WOMEN

4 Men
4 Women

(Total 8 athletes)

D.2. WT Grand Slam Champions Series:

A total of eight athletes (four men and four women) will obtain a quota place for their respective NOCs through the WT Grand Slam Champions Series.

The highest ranked athlete in each weight category in the WT Grand Slam Champions Series merit points standings published after the 2027 Grand Slam Champions Series will obtain one quota place for their NOC.

In the event of a tie in the WT Grand Slam Champions Series merit points standings among qualifiers, the athlete placed higher in the 2027 WT Grand Slam Champions Series will receive the quota place.

If the highest ranked athlete in the WT Grand Slam Champions Series merit points standings (published after the 2027 WT Grand Slam Champions Series) has already qualified through the WT Olympic Ranking pathway, the quota place will be reallocated to the second ranked athlete in the merit points standings. No further reallocation will occur beyond second place for this pathway.

Full details of the WT Grand Slam Champions Series merit points standings are available in the relevant WT documentation.

36 Men
36 Women

(Total 72 athletes)

D.3. Qualification through Continental Qualification Tournaments:

A total of 72 athletes (36 men and 36 women) will obtain a quota place for their respective NOCs through the five Continental Qualification Tournaments, as shown in the table below.

Only NOCs with fewer than two quota places per gender obtained through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series are eligible to participate in the Continental Qualification Tournaments.

If an NOC has qualified two or more male and two or more female athletes through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series, it may not participate in a Continental Qualification Tournament unless it declines one or more of the quota places obtained through the aforementioned pathways for the respective gender.

Quota Allocation by Continent:

Continent	Qualification places	Remarks
Africa	16	Two highest placed athletes per weight category
Asia	16	Two highest placed athletes per weight category
Europe	16	Two highest placed athletes per weight category
Oceania	8	Highest placed athlete per weight category
Pan America	16	Two highest placed athletes per weight category
Total	72	

MEN / WOMEN

In accordance with Article 6 of the WT Competition Rules, a minimum of four athletes must complete weigh-in and participate in matches in a given weight category at a Continental Qualification Tournament for the competition results to be considered official, and for a quota place to be allocated.

If this minimum participation requirement is not met, the corresponding quota place will be deemed unused and will be subject to reallocation in accordance with Section F.1 of the qualification system.

The host country is not eligible to participate in its respective Continental Qualification Tournament.

D.4. HOST COUNTRY QUOTA PLACES

The Host Country may obtain a maximum of eight quota places, four for male and four for female athletes, through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series.

The Host Country is guaranteed up to a total of four quota places: two for men and two for women, with a maximum of one athlete per weight category. These athletes will be seeded fourth in each of their selected weight categories, provided that the athletes meet the minimum eligibility requirements outlined in Paragraph C. Athlete Eligibility.

If the Host Country obtains quota places through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series, the number of guaranteed Host Country quota places will be adjusted by deducting the number of confirmed quota places obtained through those pathways, as follows:

- If the Host Country does not obtain any quota places in the men's categories through the process described in paragraphs D.1., D.2 and D.3., it may use a total of two men's Host Country quota places.
- If the Host Country obtains one quota place for a men's category through the process described in paragraphs D.1., D.2 and D.3., it may use a total of one men's Host Country quota place.
- If the Host Country obtains two or more quota places in the men's categories through the process described in paragraphs D.1., D.2 and D.3., it will not be entitled to use any men's Host Country quota places.
- If the Host Country does not obtain any quota places in the women's categories through the process described in paragraphs D.1., D.2 and D.3., it may use a total of two women's Host Country quota places.
- If the Host Country obtains one quota place in a woman's category through the process described in paragraphs D.1., D.2 and D.3., it may use a total of one women's Host Country quota place.
- If the Host Country obtains two or more quota places in the women's categories through the process described in paragraphs D.1., D.2 and D.3 it will not be entitled to use any women's Host Country quota places.

D.5 UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Four Universality places are made available to eligible NOCs at the LA28 Olympic Games. The allocation details (men's and women's) are as follows.

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 PROCESS

E.1 CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

After the Grand Slam Champions Series in December 2027, World Taekwondo will publish the results of all the qualifiers on its website and confirm in writing to the respective NOCs their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have two weeks to confirm to World Taekwondo if they wish to use the quota places as per section G. Qualification Timeline.

After each continental qualification tournament, World Taekwondo will publish the event results on its website and notify the respective NOCs in writing of their allocated quota places within five days of the tournament's conclusion. Each NOC will then have two weeks to confirm to World Taekwondo whether it will use the allocated quota places, as detailed in section G. Qualification Timeline.

E.2. CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country must confirm in writing to World Taekwondo by 30 September 2027 its use of the host country places. This confirmation must specify the two men's categories and two women's categories for which the host country will use its allocated quota places.

F. REALLOCATION

F.1. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

If use of an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the designated confirmation deadline or if it is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the quota place was obtained through the WT Olympic Ranking, it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible athlete in the same weight category based on the WT Olympic Ranking published in January 2028, which includes the results from the 2027 WT Grand Prix Final, while respecting the maximum number of quota places per NOC as defined in section B. Quota Places.

- If the quota place was obtained through the WT Grand Slam Champions Series and declined due to duplication (i.e. the athlete also qualified through the WT Olympic Ranking), the place will be reallocated to the NOC of the second-ranked athlete in the WT Grand Slam Champions Series merit points standings as published after the 2027 WT Grand Slam Champions Series. However, if this second-ranked athlete has also qualified through the WT Olympic Ranking, the quota place will not be reallocated to the third-ranked athlete in the Grand Slam Merit Points Standing. Instead, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete in the WT Olympic Ranking, in accordance with the reallocation process described above.
- If the quota place was obtained through a Continental Qualification Tournament, it will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible athlete in the same weight category at the respective Continental Qualification Tournament, respecting the maximum quota limits per NOC as specified in section B. Quota Places.

If a Continental Qualification Tournament is cancelled and its associated quota places are therefore not allocated, the unallocated quota places will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible athlete from the continent in question, based on the WT Olympic Ranking of each respective weight category as published in January 2028, which will include the results of the 2027 WT Grand Prix Final, and in compliance with the NOC quota limits outlined in section B. Quota Places.

If a quota place through a Continental Qualification Tournament remains unallocated due to fewer than four athletes competing in a weight category - for reasons including but not limited to no-shows, failed weigh-in, lack of eligible next ranked athletes or doping violations - the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- The place will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible athlete from any continent in the same weight category, based on the WT Olympic Ranking published in January 2028, which must reflect the results of the 2027 WT Grand Prix Final, and respecting the maximum quota allocation per NOC outlined in section B. Quota Places.

F.2. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the host country has already obtained quota places through the WT Olympic Ranking or WT Grand Slam Champions Series, the number of host country places will be reduced accordingly. Any unused Host Country places will be reallocated through the Universality places.

The same process applies should the host country decide not to use the available host country places or should the athlete(s) selected by the host NOC do not meet the minimum eligibility requirements; these places will then be reallocated through the Universality places.

F.3. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Any unused Universality places will be reallocated to the NOC of the next highest ranked eligible athlete in the same weight category based on the WT Olympic Ranking published in January 2028, which will reflect the results of the 2027 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC specified in section B. Quota Places. The process will be repeated until the quota has been filled for each gender.

G: QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	December 2027 (TBC)	Tai'an 2027 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final (Tai'an, China)
	December 2027 (TBC)	Wuxi 2027 World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series (Wuxi, China)
	6 January 2028	World Taekwondo Olympic Ranking published
	February – April 2028	Continental Qualification Tournaments (dates TBC)
Confirmation and Reallocation	30 September 2027	Confirmation of host country quota places
	1 October 2027 – 15 January 2028	Eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Universality places
	TBC	World Taekwondo confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained through WT Grand Slam Champions Series.
	11 January 2028	World Taekwondo confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained through WT Olympic Ranking.
	11 January 2028	The NOCs to confirm to World Taekwondo their use of the quota places allocated through WT Grand Slam Champions Series.
	12 January 2028	World Taekwondo to reallocate all unused quota places obtained through WT Grand Slam Champions Series.
	25 January 2028	The NOCs to confirm to World Taekwondo their use of the quota places allocated through the WT Olympic Ranking.
	30 January 2028	World Taekwondo to reallocate all unused quota places obtained through the WT Olympic Ranking.
	2 May 2028	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Universality places to the NOCs (where applicable).
	16 May 2028	World Taekwondo to reallocate any unused quota places.
Sport Entries deadline and Games Time	26 June 2028	**LA28 Olympic Games Sport Entries deadline**
	14 July – 30 July 2028	**LA28 Olympic Games**