QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI)

MOUNTAIN BIKE

A. EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN
	Cross-country	Cross-country

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for discipline			Total
QUOTA	34	34	68
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA PLACES	1	1	2
UNIVERSALITY PLACES	1	1	2
TOTAL	36	36	72
B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee			
QUOTA PER NOC	2*	2*	4*

* A maximum of one male athlete and/or one female athlete who is using a quota place from another cycling discipline may be entered in the mountain bike race, provided that the maximum total number of athletes per NOC in the mountain bike race does not exceed two for men and two for women, and provided that the eligibility criteria are met in accordance with section C. Such additional entries can be submitted by the NOCs concerned only during the five-day period preceding the sport entries deadline, i.e. from 22 June to

26 June 2028 (once all quota places for the four cycling disciplines concerned have been allocated as per section D of their respective qualification systems, and all unallocated quota places have been reallocated as per section F of their respective qualification systems). The obligations imposed on NOCs by article 11.1.002 of the UCI Regulations will also apply to entries in the mountain bike race when the athlete entered is using a quota place from another cycling discipline.

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 the UCI, 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 2009 (i.e. be at least 19 years old or reaching this age in 2028), as validated by the passport used for accreditation registration.

Additional IF requirements

C.2. To be eligible to participate in the LA28 Olympic Games, all athletes must:

- Hold a valid UCI licence issued by a UCI member national federation.
- Have at least 10 UCI points in the UCI Mountain Bike Cross-country Individual Ranking of 30 May 2028.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Number of quota places	Qualification events The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.
MEN / WOMEN **D.1.** **36 x Men** **36 x Women**	**QUOTA PLACES** **UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking as of 30 May 2028**

Per gender:

D.1.1

27 x Men
27 x Women

UCI Road World Ranking by nation	Athletes qualified per NOC	Total number of athletes
NOCs ranked 1 to 8	2	16
NOCs ranked 9 to 19	1	11
Subtotal:		27

The UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking is based on the addition of points acquired in events which are taken into consideration in the UCI ranking by nation for cross-country during the qualification period, by cumulating the points over two distinct periods: from 27 April 2026 to 30 May 2027, and from 31 May 2027 to 29 May 2028. For continental mountain bike championships, a maximum of two results in the qualification period are included; if three or more continental championship events are held in this period in a continent, only the two results closest in time to the end of the qualification period are used for that continent (for individual results and cross-country team relay results). The events included in the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking can be found here.

The UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking is calculated by summing up the points of the three highest-placed athletes from each NOC in a ranking that includes all events which are taken into account in the UCI Cross-country Individual Ranking over each of the aforementioned periods.

Tied NOCs have their relative positions determined by their highest-placed athlete in the ranking, which includes all events that are taken into account in the UCI Cross-country Individual Ranking over the qualification period.

Minimum allocation per continent (Europe and Oceania)

For Europe and Oceania, if the continent does not have at least one NOC represented, the last available quota place(s) through the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking will be allocated – with a maximum of one quota place per NOC – to the highest-ranked NOC from that continent. Any such allocation will result in a corresponding reduction (max. one per NOC) of places in the reverse order of the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking, provided that such reduction would not result in the continent of the NOC concerned losing its only quota place.

MEN / WOMEN

D.1.2.

3 x Men
3 x Women

2027 continental championships (except for Europe and Oceania)

NOCs that do not obtain quota places through the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking can obtain a maximum of one quota place through the 2027 elite individual results of the mountain bike cross-country Olympic continental championships.

Per gender:

Continent	Elite individual results	Athletes qualified per NOC	Total number of athletes
Africa	Highest-ranked NOC	1	1
Americas	Highest-ranked NOC	1	1
Asia	Highest-ranked NOC	1	1
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In the event that no NOC is eligible for the quota place allocation based on the results of the 2027 continental championships, the quota place is allocated to the highest-ranked NOC from the same continent in the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking which has not yet qualified through the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking, as described in **section F, "Reallocation of unused quota places".**

D.1.3.

4 x Men
4 x Women

2027 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships

Per gender:

The NOCs of the two highest-ranked athletes as per the 2027 elite individual results of the mountain bike cross-country Olympic race and the NOCs of the two highest-ranked athletes in the under-23 cross-country Olympic race – which have not yet obtained any quota places through the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking or the 2027 elite individual results of the continental championships – obtain a maximum of one quota place per NOC. Such allocation is first made for the elite race and secondly for the under-23 race, meaning that the two NOCs that obtain a quota place through the results of the elite race are not considered for allocation through the under-23 race.

Per gender:

Individual results	Athletes qualified per NOC	Total number of athletes
The 2 highest-ranked NOCs in the elite race	1	2
The highest-ranked NOCs in the under-23 race	1	2
Subtotal:		4

D.2. **HOST COUNTRY PLACES**

The host country will be allocated one quota place per gender on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirements described under section **C, "Eligibility criteria"**, of this document.

Should the host country be allocated any qualification places via the qualification pathway outlined in section D.1, the host country place(s) will be reallocated as described in section **F, "Reallocation of unused quota places"**.

D. 3. **UNIVERSALITY PLACES**

One universality place per gender is made available to eligible NOCs at the LA28 Olympic Games.

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 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.

The athletes offered the universality quota places must have demonstrated their level during the qualification events and training camps – something to be agreed with the UCI, if judged necessary, in the lead-up to the Olympic Games.

E. CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of quota places

E.1. The UCI will publish the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking on 30 May 2028 on its website.

The UCI will confirm to the NOCs in writing, via email, the quota places they have been allocated on 6 June 2028. The NOCs will then have until 13 June 2028 to confirm to the UCI in writing, via email – at offroad@uci.ch – if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section **H, "Qualification timeline"**.

Confirmation of host country places

E.2. The host country must confirm to the UCI the use of its host country places in writing, via email – at offroad@uci.ch – by 13 June 2028.

F. REALLOCATION

F.1. Reallocation of unused quota places

F.1.1. If a quota place allocated through the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible NOC in the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking that has not yet obtained a quota place.

F.1.2. If a quota place allocated through the elite individual results from the 2027 continental championships is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked NOC from the continent concerned as per the elite individual results of the 2027 mountain bike continental championships that has not yet obtained a quota place. If no NOC is eligible, the quota place will then be allocated to the next highest-ranked eligible NOC from the same continent in the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking that has not yet obtained a quota place.

F.1.3. If a quota place allocated through the elite or U23 individual results from the 2027 UCI Cycling World Championships is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible NOC as per the respective elite or U23 individual results of the 2027 UCI World Championships that has not yet obtained a quota place. If no NOC is eligible, the quota place will then be allocated to the next highest-ranked eligible NOC in the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking that has not yet obtained a quota place.

F.2. Reallocation of unused host country places

F.2.1. Should the host country obtain quota places or decide not to use the allocated host country places by the confirmation of quota places deadline, the latter will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible NOC in the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking that has not yet obtained a quota place.

F.3. Reallocation of unused universality places

F.3.1. If a quota place allocated through universality places is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota places deadline set by the IOC Tripartite Commission, the universality place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked NOC in the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking that has not yet obtained a quota place.

G. RESERVE ATHLETES

G.1. Reserve athletes

G.1.1. Reserve athletes are competing athletes who have an Aa accreditation and who are entered by their NOC in a specific event for which the NOC has a quota place and for which the athlete has met the required eligibility criteria. As reserves, they may be selected to replace another athlete entered in a different cycling discipline/event until the time of the final confirmation for that event, provided that they have met the required eligibility criteria and the NOC quota for that event is adhered to.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	**27 April 2026 – 29 May 2028**	UCI mountain bike qualification period
	27 April 2026 – 29 May 2028	Period during which results, as described in paragraph D, "Qualification pathway", are included in the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking
	24 August – 5 September 2027	2027 UCI Cycling World Championships, Haute-Savoie (FRA)
	2027	African continental championships American continental championships Asian continental championships
	1 October 2027	Universality place invitations sent
	15 January 2028	Invited NOCs to apply for universality places
	30 May 2028	UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking published
	6 June 2028	UCI confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained
Confirmation and reallocation	**13 June 2028**	The NOCs to confirm to the UCI the use of the allocated quota places
	16 June 2028	The UCI to reallocate all unused quota places
	21 June 2028	NOCs to confirm to the UCI the use of reallocated unused quota places
Sport Entries deadline	26 June 2028	**LA28 Olympic Games sport entries deadline**
Games Time	14 – 30 July 2028	**LA28 Olympic Games**