



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024

WORLD ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS

A. EVENTS (48)

Men's events (23)	Women's events (23)	Mixed events (2)
Track 100m (56) 200m (48) 400m (48) 800m (48) 1500m (45) 5000m (42) 10,000m (27) 110m Hurdles (40) 400m Hurdles (40) 3000m Steeplechase (36) 4 x 100m Relay (16 teams) 4 x 400m Relay (16 teams)	Track 100m (56) 200m (48) 400m (48) 800m (48) 1500m (45) 5000m (42) 10,000m (27) 100m Hurdles (40) 400m Hurdles (40) 3000m Steeplechase (36) 4 x 100m Relay (16 teams) 4 x 400m Relay (16 teams)	Track 4 x 400m Mixed Relay (16 teams)
Field High Jump (32) Pole Vault (32) Long Jump (32) Triple Jump (32) Shot Put (32) Discus Throw (32) Hammer Throw (32) Javelin Throw (32)	Field High Jump (32) Pole Vault (32) Long Jump (32) Triple Jump (32) Shot Put (32) Discus Throw (32) Hammer Throw (32) Javelin Throw (32)	Road 35km Mixed Team Race Walk (25 teams)
Combined Decathlon (24)	Combined Heptathlon (24)	
Road 20km Race Walk (48) Marathon (80)	Road 20km Race Walk (48) Marathon (80)	



B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Athletics:

	Quota places	Host country places	Universality places
Men		905	
Women		905	
Total		1810	

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per event (where applicable):

	Number of athletes per event
Individual events	Maximum three (3) athletes per NOC
Team events	Maximum two (2) teams per NOC
Relay events	Maximum one (1) relay team per NOC

Individual events

NOCs may enter up to three (3) qualified athletes for each event on the athletics programme. In addition, NOCs that fulfil the maximum quota per event can nominate a maximum of one (1) reserve or Ap alternate qualified athlete for the same event.

Relay & Team events

4x100m, 4x400m NOCs may enter one (1) team for each relay event. A total of five (5) athletes may be entered for a relay team. Should an NOC have entered a relay team and individual athletes in the corresponding individual event (100m and 400m), the entered individual athletes must be included in the total of five (5) athletes entered for the relay events.

In addition, NOCs can nominate a maximum of one (1) Ap alternate athlete for each team.

4x400m Mixed NOCs may enter one (1) team for this relay event. A total of four (4) athletes, two (2) men and two (2) women, may be entered for the relay team. In addition, NOCs can nominate a maximum of two (2) Ap alternate athletes for each team, one (1) man and one (1) woman.

Mixed Team RW NOCs may enter two (2) teams for this team event. A total of two (2) athletes, one (1) woman and one (1) man may be entered per NOC. In addition, NOCs can nominate a maximum total of two (2) Ap alternate athletes, one (1) man and one (1) woman.

B.3. Type of allocation of quota places:

Quota places are allocated to the athlete(s) by name in individual events. If an NOC has more than three (3) qualified athletes in individual events, the NOC can decide which of these athletes will receive the quota places.

Quota places are allocated to the NOC(s) in the relay, team events and, to some extent, also in the marathon (subject to conditions as described below).



C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

C.1. 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 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 World Athletics, may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

C.2. Age requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, athletes must the following age requirements:

Senior athletes	Any athlete aged 20 on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2004 or earlier) may compete in any event
U20 athletes	Any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2005 or 2006) may compete in any event except the Marathon and 35km Mixed team Race Walk.
U18 athletes	Any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2007 and 2008) may compete in any event except the throwing events, Heptathlon, Decathlon, 10,000m, Marathon and the Race Walk events.
Athletes younger than 16	No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 2009 or later) may compete at the Olympic Games.

C.3. IF additional eligibility criteria/requirements:

Athletes must also comply with the following criteria:

- Adhere to the rules outlined in World Athletics' [Eligibility rules](#) (Book C 3.3).

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

D.1. QUOTA PLACES

Individual qualification

The below table outlines the number of quota places available in each of the respective individual events.



Men	Event	Women
56	100m	56
48	200m	48
48	400m	48
48	800m	48
45	1500m	45
42	5000m	42
27	10,000m	27
40	110m Hurdles / 100m Hurdles	40
40	400m Hurdles	40
36	3000m Steeplechase	36
32	High Jump	32
32	Pole Vault	32
32	Long Jump	32
32	Triple Jump	32
32	Shot Put	32
32	Discus Throw	32
32	Hammer Throw	32
32	Javelin Throw	32
24	Decathlon / Heptathlon	24
48	20km Race Walk	48
80	Marathon	80

There will be 25 teams in the 35km Mixed Team Race Walk.

Number of quota places	Qualification events
<p>1810 athletes <i>(including relays, host country and universality places)</i></p> <p>Detailed number of athlete per event outlined above</p>	<p>Qualification process:</p> <p>General An athlete can qualify in one of two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50% of the qualification places will be allocated on the basis of achieving the entry standard (see section I.) within the respective qualification period outlined below. - The entry standards will be approved by World Athletics Council in November 2022 - The remaining 50% of the qualification places will be allocated on the basis of the World Athletics World Rankings within the ranking period. <p>Qualification and Ranking period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For all individual events (except 10,000m, Marathon, Combined Events and Race Walks): from 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 - For 10,000m, Combined Events, Race Walks and Relays: from 31 December 2022 – 30 June 2024 - For the Marathon: from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2024



	<p>Marathon</p> <p>Any athlete ranked higher than the 65th athlete on the filtered Quota Place “Road to Paris” list on 30 January 2024, will be considered qualified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- After 30 January 2024, the remaining 20% of the quota will be determined by the same two criteria outlined above, without displacing the athletes qualified per 30 January 2024.- Any NOC may choose to reallocate a quota place to an unqualified athlete provided the athlete in the qualification window has achieved at least a 2:11:30h (men) / 2:29:30h (women) performance. <p>World Athletics will publish the official qualification monitoring tool (Road to Paris) on the Stats Zone of the World Athletics website in autumn 2023.</p> <p>Regardless of the qualification pathway, the maximum quota per NOC per event must be respected and the number of entries per event (in section B) cannot be exceeded.</p> <p>Qualification events:</p> <p>General</p> <p>All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Federations in conformity with World Athletics Rules and published on the World Athletics Global Calendar.</p> <p>Special conditions for validity of performances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted. Exceptionally, in accordance with World Athletics Technical Rule 9, performances achieved in events of 5000m and 10,000m may be accepted in circumstances where there were insufficient athletes of one or both genders competing to justify the conduct of separate races and there was no pacing or assistance given by an athlete(s) of one gender to an athlete(s) of the other gender.- Performances which are wind-assisted or for which a wind reading is not available shall not be accepted for Entry Standard purposes (but will be valid for the World Athletics World Rankings with the appropriate adjustments).- Hand timing performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m Relay will not be accepted.- Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 200m and longer, will be accepted.- For the running events of 200m and over (including combined events), performances achieved on oversized indoor tracks shall be accepted according to Technical Rule 11.- For the Combined Events at least one of these conditions must be met:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second.o The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 metres per second.- For the 10,000m, the below applies:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o The top 8 from the World Cross Country Ranking not directly qualified through entry standard or World 10,000m Ranking, will be considered as having achieved the entry standard.- For the Marathons, the below applies:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course measured by a World Athletics /AIMS Grade “A” or “B” International Road Race Course Measurer with the measurement certificate established no more than 5 years before the date of the race. ○ For entry standards the overall decrease in elevation between the start and the finish shall not exceed 1:1000, i.e. 1m per km. ○ The following will also be considered as having achieved the Entry Standard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First 5 finishers at the Platinum Label Marathons held during the period from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2024. ○ For world rankings in case of performances achieved on courses with a drop in elevation which exceeds 1:1000 a correction publishes on its website a list of courses and competitions that comply with the above. <p>- For the Race Walks, the below applies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Performances for qualifying purposes may only be achieved on a course measured by a World Athletics/AIMS Grade “A” or “B” International Road Race Course Measurer with the measurement certificate established no more than 5 years before the date of the race. ○ A minimum of 3 International or Area Race Walking Judges must be on duty. ○ Track performances (20,000m/35,000m) and performances achieved in competitions conducted with the penalty zone rule shall be accepted. ○ For International Competitions defined under World Athletics Rule 1.1 (i), or at National Competitions, Member Federations concerned must submit a specific application to World Athletics (Application Form available from World Athletics) before the race is conducted. Applications submitted for the World Athletics Championships Budapest 2023 do not need to be submitted again. ○ The first 16 teams at the World Race Walk Team Championships 2024 shall automatically qualify for the 35km mixed team Race Walk event at the Olympic Games Paris 2024. The remaining teams will be selected according to the World Athletics Race Walk Rankings based on aggregate ranking scores of a male and a female athlete. <p>World Athletics publishes on its website a list of courses and competitions that comply with the below.</p>
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Relay qualification

Number of quota places	Qualification events
<p>There shall be a maximum of 16 qualified teams in each relay event</p>	<p>World Athletics Relays, Q2 2024 (host TBC) The first 14 placed NOCs at the World Athletics Relays 2024 shall automatically qualify for the relay events at Olympic Games Paris 2024. NOCs will have two opportunities to qualify at the World Athletics Relays, in case unsuccessful on day 1 another chance will be provided on day 2 of the competition.</p> <p>World Athletics Performance list The remaining teams will be selected according to World Athletics performance list for relays during the qualification period 31 December 2022 – 30 June 2024. For the results to be valid</p>



	<p>for qualification purposes, a minimum of two different international teams, representing at least two countries, must compete in the race.</p> <p>World Athletics will inform the NOCs of each of these national teams of their eligibility to compete in the Olympic Games relay competitions.</p>
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D.2. UNIVERSALITY PLACES (UNQUALIFIED ATHLETES)

An NOC with no male or female qualified athlete or relay team will be allowed to enter their best ranked male athlete or their best ranked female athlete in either the 100m, 800m or Marathon. This applies equally to unqualified female entries from an NOC with qualified males, and vice versa.

Unqualified entries in the 800m will be limited to three (3) in each gender and acceptance will be at the discretion of the World Athletics Technical Delegates, based on the technical standard of the athlete.

A specific application form indicating the event in which the entry is requested, and the proof of the technical level and international participation of the nominated athlete, must be submitted to World Athletics.

World Athletics shall subsequently confirm, in writing to NOCs, with a copy to the Paris 2024 Sport department, the approval or otherwise of the entry of the specified athlete(s).

The application forms of all unqualified athletes must be submitted by NOCs to World Athletics no later than 31 May 2024.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following the end of the qualification period, World Athletics shall confirm the number of athletes having achieved the entry standard plus the approved unqualified athletes and shall subsequently determine the athletes qualified by virtue of their World Athletics World Rankings position.

The list of qualified athletes for each event, and including the relay teams, shall be published in the Road to Paris on the World Athletics [website](#) on 2 July 2024.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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After publication of the qualified athletes on 2 July 2024, NOCs must inform World Athletics of their intention to decline a quota place, whether in individual or relay events, by the deadline of 4 July (midnight Monaco time). Notifications must be sent to teamservices@worldathletics.org by the NOC/Member



Federation concerned, with a copy to its respective NOC. Quota places declined after the above deadline will not be reallocated.

During the period 4 – 6 July, World Athletics will reallocate the declined quota places to the next best ranked athlete in the same event according to the World Athletics World Rankings, respecting the maximum quota by NOC per event. In case of tie (same world ranking position and ranking score), this will be resolved in favour of the athlete with the next best performance score.

If an allocated team relay quota place is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the NOC whose relay team has recorded the next fastest time in the qualification period in accordance with World Athletics' criteria for the qualification of relay teams.

On 7 July 2024, World Athletics shall publish the last edition of the Road to Paris with the final list of all qualified individual athletes and relay teams eligible for final entry. NOCs shall enter all athletes to Paris 2024 by the entries deadline of 8 July 2024.

F.2. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED UNIVERSALITY PLACES

There will be no reallocation of Universality places

G. GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF RESERVE AND AP ATHLETES

G.1. RESERVE ATHLETES

Reserve athletes are competing athletes who have an Aa accreditation and who are entered by their NOC in a specific event where they have qualified.

As reserve, they may be selected to replace another entered athlete in a different event until the time of the final confirmation for that event provided:

- they were nominated as reserve for that event at the time of the final entry deadline
- they have achieved the entry standard or have qualified by virtue of their World Athletics World Rankings position
- that the NOC quota for that event is respected

Reserve athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

G.2. AP ALTERNATE ATHLETES

Ap alternate athletes are non-competing athletes and are not included within the athletes' quota as described in paragraph **B. Quota Places**.

If an NOC has entered three athletes in one event, they are entitled to nominate one Ap alternate athlete for the same event provided:



- he/she was nominated as alternate for that event at the time of the final entry deadline
- he/she has achieved the entry standard or has qualified by virtue of the World Athletics World Rankings position

Ap alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**. Ap alternate athletes can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the Late Athlete Replacement policy.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
1 November 2022	Start of the qualification and ranking period for Marathon
December 2022	World Athletics to confirm the entry standards for all events. The standards will be distributed to all NOCs and NFs.
31 December 2022	Start of the qualification and ranking period for 10,000m, Combined Events, Race Walks and Relays
1 July 2023	Start of the qualification and ranking period for all individual events (except 10,000m, Marathon, Combined Events and Race Walks)
30 January 2024	End of qualification and ranking period for Marathon (80% of quota)
23 April 2024	Deadline for NOCs with no qualified athletes to apply for unqualified entries in Marathon
30 April 2024	End of qualification and ranking period for Marathon (remaining 20% of quota)
1 May 2024	World Athletics to (only for Marathon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - confirm the list of approved Unqualified athletes - confirm the list of athletes qualified by Entry Standard - publish the World Athletics World Rankings and qualified athletes
3 May 2024	Deadline to decline a quota place for Marathon.
4 – 6 May 2024	World Athletics to reallocate unused quota places in the Marathon
8 May 2024	World Athletics shall publish the last edition of the Road to Paris for Marathon with the final list of all athletes eligible for final entry.
<i>April/May 2024 (date TBC)</i>	<i>World Athletics Relays</i>
<i>April/May 2024 (date TBC)</i>	<i>World Athletics Race Walk Team Championships</i>
31 May 2024	Deadline for NOCs with no qualified athletes to apply for unqualified entries in 100m or 800m
30 June 2024	End of qualification and ranking period for all events (except Marathon)
2 July 2024	World Athletics to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - confirm the list of approved Unqualified athletes - confirm the list of athletes qualified by Entry Standard - publish the World Athletics World Rankings and qualified athletes - publish the list of qualified Relay Teams
4 July 2024	Deadline to decline a quota place for all events (except Marathon)
5-6 July 2024	World Athletics to reallocate unused quota places in all events (except Marathon)



7 July 2024	World Athletics shall publish the last edition of the Road to Paris for all events (except Marathon) with the final list of all athletes and relay teams eligible for final entry.
8 July 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline
26 July – 11 August 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024

I. ENTRY STANDARDS

The entry standards below have been approved by World Athletics Council in November 2022

Men	Event	Women
10.00	100m	11.07
20.16	200m	22.57
45.00	400m	50.95
1:44.70	800m	1:59.30
3:33.50 (3:50.40)	1500m (Mile)	4:02.50 (4:20.90)
13:05.00	5000m	14:52.00
27:00.00 (27:00)	10,000m	30:40.00
13.27	110m Hurdles / 100m Hurdles	12.77
48.70	400m Hurdles	54.85
8:15.00	3000m Steeplechase	9:23.00
2.33	High Jump	1.97
5.82	Pole Vault	4.73
8.27	Long Jump	6.86
17.22	Triple Jump	14.55
21.50	Shot Put	18.80
67.20	Discus Throw	64.50
78.20	Hammer Throw	74.00
85.50	Javelin Throw	64.00
8,460	Decathlon / Heptathlon	6,480
1:20:10	20km Race Walk	1:29:20
2:08:10	Marathon	2:26:50