

THE OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

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ONE QUALIFICATION
AT A TIME.



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TRACK CYCLING QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Track cycling qualification for the LA28 Olympic Games is heavily built around team-based entry, which automatically unlocks entries for individual events. A total of **190 athletes (95 men and 95 women)** qualify through the official UCI Track Olympic Qualification Ranking.



1. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE & ELIGIBILITY



Ranking Window:

Quota points are accumulated over a strict two-year window running from **14 October 2026 to 10 April 2028**.



The Baseline:

The UCI Track Olympic Qualification Ranking as of **18 April 2028** strictly dictates all nation allocations.



Rider Minimum:

Athletes must be born on or before **December 31, 2010**, hold a valid UCI license, and have earned at least **10 UCI points** in events counting towards the qualification ranking.



2. POINTS CAN ONLY BE ACCUMULATED AT SPECIFIC ELITE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:



The **2027** and **2028** Continental Track Championships.



The best **two** results in the UCI Track World Cup / Nations Cup series for both the **2027** and **2028** seasons.



The **2026** and **2027** UCI Track World Championships.



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TRACK CYCLING QUALIFICATION PATHWAY



(a) SPRINT DISCIPLINE (TEAM SPRINT, INDIVIDUAL SPRINT, KEIRIN)

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THE TEAM SPRINT KEY:

The top **8** highest-ranked nations in the Team Sprint ranking automatically secure a team quota (**3 riders**).

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THE RIPPLE EFFECT:

Qualifying in Team Sprint automatically grants that nation **2** spots in the Individual Sprint and **2** spots in the Keirin.

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INDIVIDUAL BACKUP ROUTE:

For nations that miss the Team Sprint quota, the next **14** highest UCI ranked riders in the individual Sprint & Keirin rankings earn **1** spot for their country in both individual events.



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(b) ENDURANCE EVENT-SPECIFIC PATHWAYS & QUOTA SYSTEM



1 TEAM PURSUIT (8 NATIONS PER GENDER)

- The **top eight** National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in the final UCI Team Pursuit Olympic UCI Ranking automatically qualify a full team.
- Each qualifying nation receives **four athlete quotas**, which automatically covers their entry into the Team Pursuit event.



= 4 ATHLETE QUOTAS



2 MADISON (16 NATIONS PER GENDER)

- **Automatic Entry:** The eight countries that qualify for the Team Pursuit automatically receive **one team entry (2 riders)** for the Madison.
- **Ranking Top-Up:** The next eight highest-ranked countries in the specific UCI Madison Olympic Ranking (who did not qualify in Team Pursuit) will earn a Madison-only quota of **two riders**.



= 2 RIDERS (PER TEAM ENTRY)



3 OMNIUM (22 RIDERS PER GENDER)

- **Automatic Entry:** All 16 countries qualifying for the Madison (whether through Team Pursuit or the Madison-specific ranking) automatically receive **one quota spot** for the individual Omnium event.
- **Ranking Top-Up:** The **final six spots** are awarded to the top six countries in the individual UCI Omnium Olympic Ranking that have not qualified any riders through the Team Pursuit or Madison pathways.



= 1 RIDER (INDIVIDUAL ENTRY)



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MAXIMUM NATION LIMITS

- For the endurance track disciplines, an individual country can qualify a **maximum of 4 riders per gender** (all four can compete in **Team Pursuit**, two in **Madison**, and one in the **Omnium**).



**MAXIMUM
4 RIDERS
PER GENDER**

=



**4 RIDERS
TEAM PURSUIT**

+



**2 RIDERS
MADISON**

+



**1 RIDER
OMNIUM**



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ROAD CYCLING QUALIFICATION PATHWAY



The LA28 Road Cycling quota system allocates exactly **180 athlete spots (90 men and 90 women)** based on National Olympic Committee (NOC) performance in the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) rankings.



The official qualification window for LA28 Road Cycling operates as a rolling point system rather than a fixed multi-year calendar, making the preceding **52 weeks** leading up to **19 October 2027** the critical active window.



MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ATHLETES PER NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

can earn a maximum of **4 riders per gender** for the Road Race and **2** for the Individual Time Trial.



**4 RIDERS
PER GENDER**
ROAD RACE



**2 RIDERS
PER GENDER**
INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL



ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- All athletes participating in cycling road at the LA28 Olympic Games must have been born on or before **31 December 2009** (i.e. be at least 19 years old or reaching this age in 2028), hold a valid UCI license issued by a UCI member National Federation, have earned at least **10 UCI points** in the Individual UCI Road World Ranking of **19 October 2027** or **13 June 2028**.



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THE ROAD RACE QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

UCI Road World Ranking by nations on **19 October 2027** (Per gender)



UCI Road World Ranking by nations	Max athletes per NOC	Total number of athletes
NOCs ranked 1 to 5	4	20
NOCs ranked 6 to 10	3	15
NOCs ranked 11 to 20	2	20
NOCs ranked 21 to 43	1	23
2027 UCI Road World Championships elite road race		
2 best-ranked NOCs	1	2
2027 continental championships (Asia, Africa, America)		
2 highest-ranked NOCs (1 rider per Noc)	2	6
Host Country places	2	2
Universality places	2	2
TOTAL		90



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INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL ENTRY PLACES

- A maximum of **35 athletes per gender** will be allowed to take part in the individual time trial event, with a maximum of **two athletes per NOC per gender**, as per the table below.

UCI Road Race Result	Max athletes per NOC	Total number of athletes
Road Race Ranking by nations		
25 best-ranked NOCs	1	25
2027 UCI Road World Championships		
10 highest ranked NOCs	1	10
Total		35



This Allocation is in addition to the 90 athletes per gender qualified through the Road Race pathway. Hence, a total of **125 athletes per gender** will be on the start list for the Road Cycling events at LA28.



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MTB OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PATHWAY



The Olympic qualification window for LA28 Mountain Bike (Cross-Country Olympic - XCO) opens on **27 April 2026** and runs until **29 May 2028**. All points gathered by riders in official UCI events during this precise timeframe dictate their nation's Olympic eligibility.



The qualification pathway is highly competitive, featuring an overall cap of **72 athlete places** (36 men and 36 women).



Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee:
02 riders per gender.



ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY:

- ✓ To be eligible to participate in the LA28 Olympic Games, athletes must have been born on or before **31 December 2009** (be at least 19 years old or reaching this age in 2028), as validated by the passport used for accreditation registration.
- ✓ Hold a valid UCI license 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**.



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UCI OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION RANKING PATHWAY

36 SPOTS FOR EACH GENDER

- The vast majority of country spots are allocated via the official **UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking**, which will be finalized and published on **30 May 2028**.

A nation's ranking score is calculated by combining the individual points of their **three highest-ranked riders**:

UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking	Athletes qualified per NOC	Total number of athletes
NOCs ranked 1 to 8	2	16
NOCs ranked 9 to 19	1	11
Minimum allocation per continent (Europe and Oceania)		
Highest ranked NOCs	1	1
Highest-ranked NOC (Africa, Americas & Asia)	1	3
2027 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships Individual results		
The 2 highest-ranked NOCs in the elite race	1	2
The 2 highest-ranked NOCs in the under-23 race	1	2
HOST COUNTRY PLACES	1	1
TOTAL		36



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UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

PERIOD	DATE	MILESTONE
 Qualification	27 Apr 2026 – 29 May 2028	UCI mountain bike qualification period
 Qualification	27 Apr 2026 – 29 May 2028	Period for results included in the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking
 Qualification	24 Aug – 5 Sep 2027	• 2027 UCI Cycling World Championships, Haute-Savoie (FRA) • 2027 African, American, and Asian continental championships
 Qualification	01-Oct-27	Universality place invitations sent
 Qualification	15-Jan-28	Invited NOCs to apply for universality places
 Qualification	30-May-28	UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking published
 Qualification	06-Jun-28	UCI confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained
 Confirmation & Reallocation	13-Jun-28	NOCs to confirm to the UCI the use of the allocated quota places
 Confirmation & Reallocation	16-Jun-28	UCI to reallocate all unused quota places
 Confirmation & Reallocation	21-Jun-28	NOCs to confirm to the UCI the use of reallocated unused quota places
 Sport Entries Deadline	26-Jun-28	LA28 Olympic Games sport entries deadline
 Games Time	14 – 30 Jul 2028	LA28 Olympic Games



OVERALL QUOTA:

A total of 72 athlete places (36 men and 36 women).

MAXIMUM PER NOC:

02 riders per gender.



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BMX RACING AND BMX FREESTYLE OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The qualification pathways for **BMX** at the **LA28 Olympic Games** are divided into two distinct Olympic disciplines—**BMX Racing** and **BMX Freestyle**—with a combined total of **72 quota places** available across both genders.



All allocations are given to the athlete's **National Olympic Committee (NOC)** rather than the individual rider.

BMX RACING



- ✓ A **head-to-head racing** format
- ✓ Held on a purpose-built BMX Racing track
- ✓ Focuses on speed, skills, and strategy

72
TOTAL
QUOTA PLACES
(BOTH GENDERS)

BMX FREESTYLE



- ✓ A judged format based on difficulty, execution, and creativity
- ✓ Held in a park or flatland course
- ✓ Focuses on style, tricks, and innovation



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1. BMX RACING PATHWAY (48 TOTAL QUOTAS)



A total of **24 men** and **24 women** will compete in Racing, with a strict maximum limit of **3 athletes per NOC per gender**.



Based on cumulative NOC points accumulated between **4 August 2026** and **29 May 2028** per Gender

PATHWAY METHOD	MAX ATHLETES PER NOC	TOTAL NUMBER OF ATHLETES
UCI OLYMPIC RANKING		
 NOCs ranked 1 to 3	3	9
 NOCs ranked 4 to 5	2	4
 NOCs ranked 6 to 10	1	5
 2027 Continental Champs (Africa, America & Asia)	1	3
 2027 World Championships (Top Rank)	1	1
 2028 World Championships (top Rank)	1	1
 Host Country	1	1
 Universality Places	1	1
TOTAL		24



TOTAL QUOTA PLACES

48

(24 MEN + 24 WOMEN)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Performance-Based System:

Rewards consistent excellence in UCI events.



Equal Opportunity:

Clear pathways ensure global representation.



NOC-Focused Allocation:

Quotas are allocated to NOCs, not individual riders.



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B) BMX FREESTYLE PATHWAY (24 TOTAL QUOTAS)

- Freestyle features a smaller field of **12 men** and **12 women** competing in the **Park event**. The maximum capacity is capped at **2 athletes per NOC per gender**.

NUMBER OF QUOTA PLACES	QUALIFICATION EVENTS		
QUOTA PLACES ALLOCATED BY NAME			
6 x Men 6 x Women		Olympic Qualifier Series • First half of 2028 • First half of 2028 • First half of 2028	
QUOTA PLACES ALLOCATED BY NOC		ATHLETES QUALIFIED PER NOC	TOTAL NUMBER OF ATHLETES
5 x Men 5 x Women		2026 and 2027 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships. • 2026 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia • Elite individual results	5
2 x Men 2 x Women		2028 UCI BMX Racing World Championships • The 2 highest-ranked NOCs	2
3 x Men 3 x Women		2027 UCI Cycling World Championships, Haute-Savoie, France • The 3 highest-ranked NOCs	3
1 x Men 1 x Women		HOST COUNTRY PLACES	1
TOTAL		–	12 MEN + 12 WOMEN = 24



RIDER ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Athletes must be born on or before **31 December 2013** (minimum 15 years old in 2028) and must actively participate in either an OQS event, a World Cup, or a World Championship within the active window (**1 November 2026 to 11 June 2028**).
- ✓ Hold a valid cycling license issued by a UCI member National Federation.
- ✓ Have participated in at least one of the following events: an Olympic Qualifier Series event, the UCI World Championships or a UCI World Cup event within the qualification period (**1 November 2026 to 11 June 2028**).



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