Qualification System for the Olympic Q-Series 2028

A. Events

Men's Events	Women's Events
Boulder	Boulder
Lead	Lead
Speed	Speed

Climbing is confirmed to participate in the following Olympic Q-Series stops:

- Tokyo: 4-7 May 2028
- Shanghai: 11-14 May 2028
- Orlando: 8-11 June 2028

B. Quota Places

B.1. Quota Places for Climbing by Event

Quota places per event	Boulder	Lead	Speed	Total
Men	24	24	28	**76**
Women	24	24	28	**76**
Total	48	48	52	**152**

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Federation (NF)

Quota places per NF	Boulder	Lead	Speed	Total
Men	3	3	3	9
Women	3	3	3	9
Total	6	6	6	18

B.3. Type of allocation of quota places: Quota places are allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

B.4. Participation Rights

- Any athlete who has qualified for an event (Boulder or Lead) may also be qualified for another event (Boulder or Lead) in Climbing, provided that the max. NF quota per gender/event is not exceeded.
- An athlete who qualifies in more than one event will only be counted once in Climbing's total quota allocation, in an event where NF confirms quota acceptance. After the athlete secures a confirmed quota place in the event, the subsequent qualification in another event will not be counted towards quota counting, preserving the quota place available for allocation for the eligible athlete in the respective event.
- If an athlete who has gained a cross-qualification withdraws from a confirmed quota place, their participation rights from the other event will also be forfeited subsequently.

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, 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 Climbing, may participate in the Olympic Q-Series 2028.

C.2. Event-specific requirements

Athletes who have already obtained a confirmed quota place for LA28 in an event shall not be eligible to participate in the Olympic Q-Series 2028 in the same event.

Athletes from NFs whose National Olympic Committee (NOC) has already filled its maximum quota for LA28 in a specific event and gender prior to the Olympic Q-Series 2028 shall not be eligible to participate in the Olympic Q-Series 2028 in that same event and gender.

C.3. Age requirements

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Q-Series 2028, athletes must be born before 1 January 2012, as validated by the passport used for Accreditation (ACR) registration.

C.4. Additional IF Eligibility criteria

All participating athletes must hold a valid international licence issued by World Climbing for the Olympic Q-Series year.

D. Qualification Pathway

Quota Places	Qualification pathway
Boulder 24 Men 24 Women **Lead** 24 Men 24 Women **Speed** 28 Men 28 Women	The quota places shall be allocated to the highest-placed eligible athletes in the **World Ranking** of World Climbing, who have not yet obtained a quota place for LA28, for the relevant event (Boulder, Lead, or Speed), respecting the maximum quota per NF and the maximum quota per NOC for LA28. To ensure a minimum representation requirement: • One (1) highest-placed eligible athlete (per gender per event) from each Olympic Q-Series host country (JPN, CHN, and USA) in the World Ranking shall be allocated a quota place, provided that the relevant NOC has not reached its maximum quota allocation for LA28; and • One (1) highest-placed eligible universality place athlete (per gender per event) ranked within the top [*ranking to be confirmed*] of the World Ranking shall be allocated a quota place. Detailed information on universality places is contained in the "Games of the XXXIV Olympiad, Los Angeles 2028 – Olympic Games Universality Places – Allocation Procedure and Regulations" document. Where the minimum representation requirement is not fulfilled, the corresponding quota place is allocated to the next highest-placed eligible athlete(s), while respecting the maximum quota per NF and the maximum quota per NOC for LA28.

E. Confirmation of Quota Places

World Climbing will confirm in writing to the NFs the allocation of quota places obtained through the World Ranking, as detailed in Section **H. Timeline**.

During this quota allocation process, if an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NF by the confirmation deadline, or is declined by the NF, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-placed eligible athlete on the World Ranking, not yet qualified for LA28, respecting the maximum quota per NF and the maximum quota per NOC for LA28.

Cross qualification (Boulder and Lead)

In cases where an eligible athlete is ranked in both the Boulder and Lead World Rankings, the quota place shall be counted in the event in which the athlete is ranked higher in the respective World Ranking, subject to the NF's acceptance of the quota place in that event. The athlete remains eligible to participate in the other event for which the athlete has also qualified, but shall not be counted towards the quota allocation of that event. Where the relevant NF decides not to confirm such an athlete in another event for which they are eligible, the NF must formally notify the IF in writing during the quota confirmation process.

In cases where an eligible athlete holds the same ranking position in both the Boulder and Lead World Rankings, the quota place shall be counted in the event in which the athlete has the higher World Ranking points.

F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places

NF must notify World Climbing in writing to withdraw a qualified athlete from the Olympic Q-Series 2028. World Climbing shall reallocate an unused quota place only upon receipt of a definitive written confirmation from the relevant NF that the athlete will not participate in any of the Olympic Q-Series stops.

Any unused quota place shall be reallocated to the next highest-placed eligible athlete in the respective World Ranking, not yet qualified for LA28, respecting the maximum quota per NF per gender/event and the maximum NOC quota for LA28 per gender/event.

Reallocation of unused quota places may take place until the commencement of the Technical Meeting of each Olympic Q-Series 2028 stop.

G. Qualification to the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028

The Olympic Q-Series 2028 awards quota places for LA in accordance with the applicable LA28 Qualification System. The available quota places shall be allocated to the highest-placed eligible athletes in the **Olympic Q-Series 2028 Ranking** following the conclusion of the third stop, respecting the maximum LA28 NOC quota per event and gender.

H. Timeline

Date	Key activities
December 2027	World Climbing confirms in writing to the NFs the quota places obtained through the World Ranking, following the conclusion of the last Continental Qualifiers in accordance with the LA28 Qualification System.
	NFs confirm in writing to World Climbing the use of allocated quota places.
Q1 2028	Accreditation and registration deadline to the Olympic Q-Series.
Until Technical Meeting of each stop	World Climbing to reallocate unused quota places, if any.
4-7 May 2028	**Olympic Q-Series Tokyo (JPN)**
11-14 May 2028	**Olympic Q-Series Shanghai (CHN)**
8-11 June 2028	**Olympic Q-Series Orlando (USA)**
Followed by	Publication of the Olympic Q-Series 2028 Ranking and allocation of LA28 quota places to NOCs.
26 June 2028	**LA28 Olympic Games Sport Entries deadline**

Annex 1. Illustrative Example of Quota Counting for Cross Qualificaiton

The examples are provided for illustrative purposes only.

Example 1: Men's Boulder and Lead World Rankings

In accordance with Section E. Confirmation of Quota Places, where an athlete is ranked in both the Boulder and Lead World Rankings, the athlete shall be counted in the event in which the athlete is ranked higher in the respective World Ranking, subject to the NF's acceptance of the quota place in that event.

Boulder World Ranking

World Ranking	Athlete	NF	Ranking Points	Quota Counting
1	**Athlete A**	JPN	5,000.0	**Boulder**
2	**Athlete B**	KOR	3,370.0	**Boulder**
…	…	…	…	*Already qualified to LA28*
7	**Athlete C**	CHN	1,783.5	**Boulder**
…	…	…	…	*Max NF quota filled*
15	Athlete D	FRA	1,370.0	Lead

No. of starters: 25 athletes participating in the Boulder event.

Lead World Ranking

World Ranking	Athlete	NF	Ranking Points	Quota Counting
4	Athlete A	JPN	2,238.0	Boulder
6	Athlete B	KOR	2,068.0	Boulder
…	…	…	…	*Already qualified to LA28*
9	**Athlete D**	**FRA**	**1,610.0**	**Lead**
…	…	…	…	*Already qualified to LA28*
33	Athlete C	CHN	266.0	Boulder

No. of starters: 27 athletes participating in the Lead event.

- Athlete A is ranked higher in Boulder (1st) than in Lead (4th); the athlete is counted in Boulder.
- Athlete B is ranked higher in Boulder (2nd) than in Lead (6th); the athlete is counted in Boulder.
- Athlete C is ranked higher in Boulder (7th) than in Lead (33rd); the athlete is counted in Boulder.
- Athlete D is ranked higher in Lead (9th) than in Boulder (15th); the athlete is counted in Lead.
- Athletes A, B, C and D may still participate in both events subject to NF confirmation, but are counted towards the quota allocation in only one event.

Example 2: Athlete with the same World Ranking position in both events

Where an athlete is ranked in the same position in both the Boulder and Lead World Rankings, the athlete shall be counted in the event in which the athlete has the higher World Ranking points.

Women's Boulder World Ranking

World Ranking	Athlete	NF	Ranking Points	Quota Counting
1	Athlete A	SLO	XXXX.0	
2	Athlete B	CAN	XXXX.0	
…	…	…	…	
14	**Athlete Y**	**GBR**	**1,205.0**	**Boulder**
…	…	…	…	

Women's Lead World Ranking

World Ranking	Athlete	NF	Ranking Points	Quota Counting
1	Athlete C	JPN	XXXX.0	
2	Athlete D	FRA	XXXX.0	
…	…	…	…	
14	**Athlete Y**	**GBR**	**835.0**	Boulder
…	…	…	…	

- Athlete Y is ranked 14th in both the Boulder and Lead World Rankings. Athlete Y has more points in Boulder (1,205.0) than in Lead (835.0); the quota place is counted in Boulder.