
THE
OLYMPIC
QUALIFICATION
PATHWAY
LOS ANGELES
LA28
A JOURNEY. A DREAM.
ONE QUALIFICATION
AT A TIME.

TRACK CYCLING
QUALIFICATION PATHWAY



Track cycling qualification for the LA28 Olympic Games is 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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(a) SPRINT DISCIPLINE
(TEAM SPRINT, INDIVIDUAL SPRINT, KEIRIN)

1

THE TEAM SPRINT KEY:

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

2

THE RIPPLE EFFECT:

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

3

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)

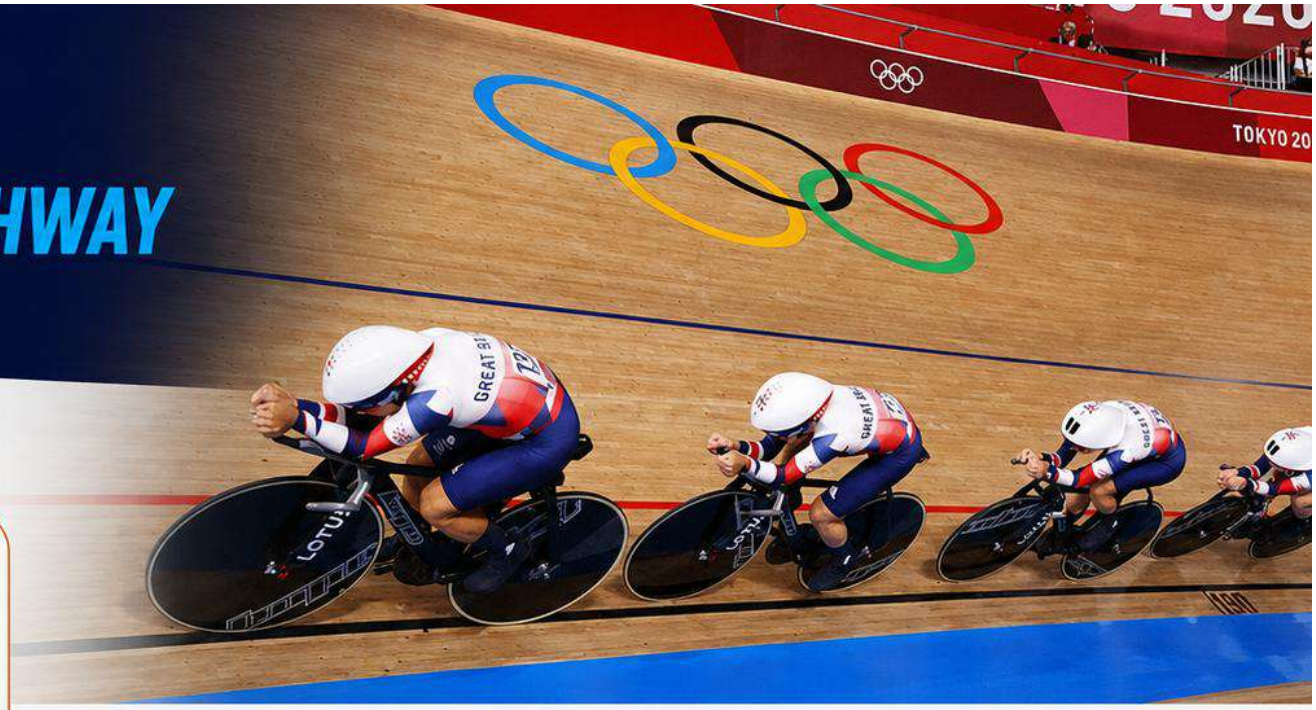
- **Automatic Entry:** All 16 countries qualifying for the Madison (whether through Team Pursuit or the Madison-specific ranking) automatically receive **one quota spot** for the individual Omnium event.
- **Ranking Top-Up:** The **final six spots** are awarded to the top six countries in the individual 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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C 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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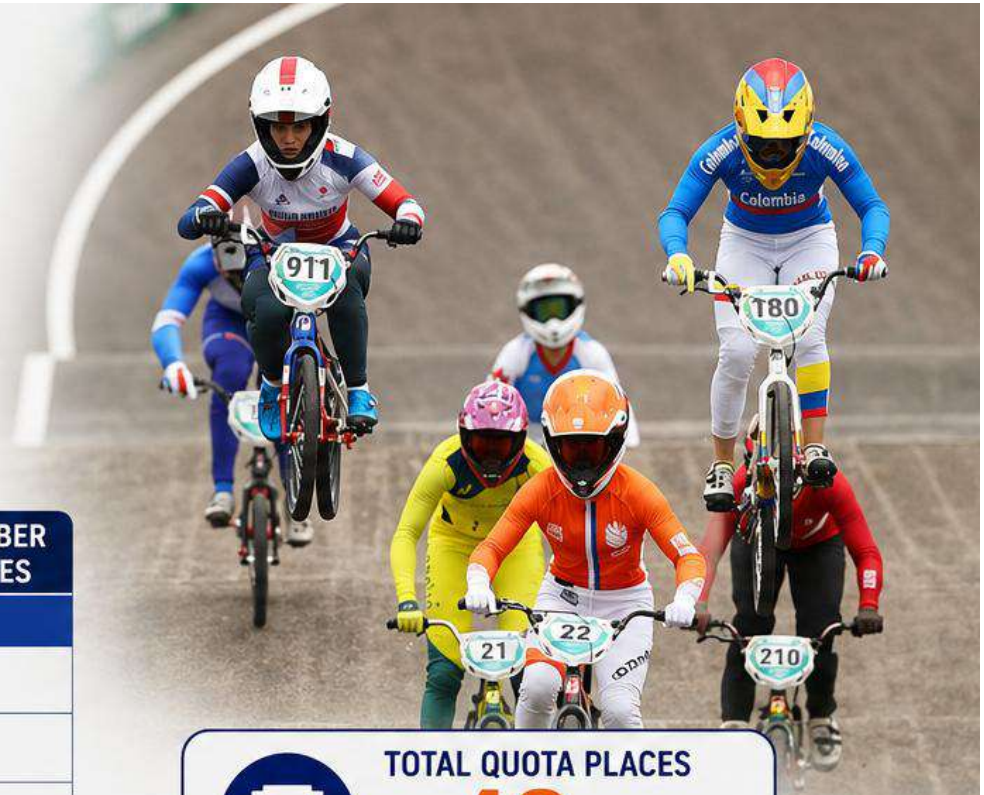
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1. BMX RACING PATHWAY (48 TOTAL QUOTAS)

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		ATHLETES QUALIFIED PER NOC	TOTAL NUMBER OF ATHLETES
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				
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		1	2
3 x Men 3 x Women	2027 UCI Cycling World Championships, Haute-Savoie, France • The 3 highest-ranked NOCs		1	3
1 x Men 1 x Women	HOST COUNTRY PLACES		1	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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