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## Qualification System - Los Angeles 2028

Dear Presidents,

This circular aims to present the main elements of the decisions taken for the Qualification System - Los Angeles 2028.

We would have four qualification phases for these Olympic Games:

- The 2027 Senior World Championships - 4 quotas (all the Olympic weight categories' medallists)
- The UWW Rankings - 3 quotas
- The 2028 Senior Continental Qualifiers - 2 quotas\*
- The 2028 Senior World Qualifier - 1 quota

\*Asia (2), Americas (2), Europe (2), Africa & Oceania (2) - total 8 quotas

We will have therefore 16 athletes qualified per weight category.

This circular will provide you all the necessary information regarding this qualifying period.

## UWW Rankings

The United World Wrestling events included into these Los Angeles 2028 Rankings are:

2027 Ranking Series (3 events)  
2027 Senior Continental Championships  
2027 Senior World Championships  
2028 Ranking Series (1 event)  
2028 Senior Continental Championships

Upon decision by the Bureau, it is also possible to include the Continental Games into the UWW Rankings. If that would happen and to be fair with the other Continents, only the two best results out of the three events (2027 & 2028 Continental Championships and Continental Games) will count.

During the Ranking Series' events, a country will be able to register a maximum of 2 athletes per weight category. Like now, a 2 kg weight tolerance will be applied only for the Ranking Series events.

It has also been agreed that the name of the Ranking Series must be changed and that the current point system must be reviewed accordingly. Furthermore, the use of the prize money awarded at the Ranking Series events will be removed during the qualification phase. This money will be used to provide additional support to the developing countries.

It is also important to specify that the athletes will not be obliged to compete at the 2028 Senior Continental Championships in order to be eligible to participate in the 2028 Continental Qualifier.



## World Qualifier

Regarding the World Qualifier, it was decided that **ONLY** the countries that have not qualified any athlete would be allowed to take part in this tournament. Each of these countries would be authorized to register a maximum of two athletes across all styles.

## Seeds during the Qualification phase

### 4 seeds

Senior Continental Championships  
Senior Continental Qualifiers  
World Qualifier

### 8 seeds

Ranking Series events  
Senior World Championships  
Olympic Games

The events taken into consideration to establish the seeds at the Olympic Games are the events included into the Rankings for LA28:

2027 Ranking Series (3)  
2027 Senior Continental Championships\*  
2027 Senior World Championships  
2028 Ranking Series (1)  
2028 Senior Continental Championships  
*\*Continental Games, if applicable*

We will use the same list to establish the seeds at the 2028 events (the 2028 Ranking series, the 2028 Senior Continental Championships AND Qualifier and the 2028 World Qualifier).

For the 2027 events, (the 2027 RS events, the 2027 Senior Continental Championships and the 2027 Senior World Championships), we will also take into consideration the 2026 Senior World Championships to seed the athletes. As we are currently doing, the 2026 Senior World Championships result's will disappear right after the 2027 Senior World Championships.

Regarding the seeds, it was also decided that a country replacing a qualified athlete for the Olympics should retain the seed. That would be allowed only for the Olympic Games. For all the other events, the seed position remain to the athlete and is therefore lost if another athlete compete for the concerned country.

You will find therefore attached the Qualification System for Los Angeles 2028. Please note that the specific dates for each event will be published very soon.

I hope that we provided you all the necessary information regarding the 2028 Los Angeles Qualification System. The UWW Sports Department remains at your disposal if you have any questions or doubts.

Sincerely Yours,

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