



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024

WORLD AQUATICS (AQUA)

WATER POLO

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's events (1)	Women's events (1)
12-team tournament	10-team tournament

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Water Polo:

	Qualification places	Host country places	Total
Men	121 (11 teams)	11 (1 team)	132 (12 teams)
Women	99 (9 teams)	11 (1 team)	110 (10 teams)
Total	220 (20 Teams)	22 (2 Teams)	242 (22 teams)

* each qualified team will be able entitled to bring one (1) AP alternate athlete, and therefore 12 players, please refer to section G.

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC):

	Quota places per NOC
Men	11 Aa athletes (1 Team)
Women	11 Aa athletes (1 Team)
Total	22 Aa athletes (two (2) teams)

B.3. Type of allocation of quota places:

Quota places are allocated to the NOC(s).



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 Aquatics, may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

C.2. Additional eligibility criteria/requirements

Only the athletes who are eligible to participate at the official World Aquatics Competitions, in accordance with the World Aquatics Competition Regulations, are entitled to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

D.1. QUOTA PLACES

Men

Number of quota places	Qualification events
2 teams (22 athletes)	World Aquatics Championships – Fukuoka (JPN) 2023 The two (2) highest placed NOCs from the World Aquatics Championships – Fukuoka 2023 will each obtain one (1) quota place.
1 team (11 Athletes)	Host Country The host country NOC will automatically obtain a quota place. See Point F (below) for how an unused quota place will be reallocated.
5 teams (55 Athletes)	Continental Qualification The highest placing NOC/NF in each of the five (5) Continental Championships will each obtain one (1) quota place. Should any of these NOCs have already obtained a quota place at the World Aquatics Championships Fukuoka 2023, then the next highest placed NOC from the respective Continental Championships will obtain a quota place. Should any of the Continental Championships not take place, the next highest placing NOC from that respective Continent at the World Aquatics Championships Doha 2024 will obtain a quota place. Should there be only one (1) representative from a specific continent, this NOC will obtain a quota place.



4 teams (44 Athletes)	World Aquatics Championships Doha 2024 The four (4) highest placing NOCs at the World Aquatics Championships Doha 2024, not yet qualified via the World Aquatics Championships in Fukuoka, or via continental qualification events, will each obtain one (1) quota place. The teams that are eligible to take part in the qualification tournament is specified in the qualification document for World Aquatics Championships Doha 2024
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Women

Number of quota places	Qualification events
2 team (22 Athletes)	World Aquatics Championships – Fukuoka 2023 The two (2) highest placing NOCs from the women’s competition at the World Aquatics Championships Fukuoka 2023 will each obtain a quota place.
1 team (11 Athletes)	Host Country The Host Country NOC will automatically obtain a quota place. See Point F (below) for how an unused quota place will be reallocated.
5 teams (55 Athletes)	Continental Qualification The highest placing NOC in each of the five (5) Continental Championships will each obtain a quota place. If the NOC is already qualified at the preceding World Aquatics Championships Fukuoka 2023, then the next highest placed team from the respective Continental Championships will qualify. Should any of the Continental Championships not take place, the next highest placing NOC from that respective Continent at the World Aquatics Championships Doha 2024 will obtain a quota place. Should there only be one representative from a specific continent, this NOC will obtain a quota place.
2 teams (22 athletes)	World Aquatics Championships Doha 2024 The two (2) highest placing NOCs at the World Aquatics Championships Doha 2024 will each obtain a quota place. The teams that are eligible to take part in the qualification tournament is specified in the World Aquatics Competition Regulations.

D.2. HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country is guaranteed one (1) team quota place per gender.



E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

E.1. CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, World Aquatics will publish the results on its [website](#) and inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places.

The NOCs will then have 21 days to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.

E.2. CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country shall confirm the use of the allocated quota places to World Aquatics two (2) weeks before the start (22nd January 2024) of the **World Aquatics Championships Doha 2024**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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Any unused quota places will be reallocated to the next highest placed NOC according to the ranking of the **World Aquatics Championships Doha 2024**, as applicable.

F.2. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Any unused host country quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC, not yet qualified, according to the ranking of the Continental Championships (for Europe).

G. AP ALTERNATE ATHLETES

Definition:

Ap athletes are non-competing athletes accredited in the “Ap” category who have different entitlements to competing athletes (accredited as “Aa”) as described in the “Ap” accreditation quotas and conditions outlined in the IOC Accreditation Guide. These personnel are not part of the athlete quota as described in Paragraph **B. Quota Places**. “Ap” alternate athletes could become competing athletes only under the conditions outlined in the IOC/Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement policy.

Eligibility:

“Ap” athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.



Quota:

Each qualified team is entitled to one (1) Ap alternate athlete.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
14-30 July 2023	World Aquatics Championships Fukuoka 2023
20 October – 5 November 2023	Americas - Pan Americas Games in Santiago (CHI)
7-21 October 2023	Europe – European Championships in Tel Aviv (ISR)
23 September – 8 October 2023	Asian Games in Hangzhou (CHN)
2-18 February 2024	World Aquatics Championships Doha 2024
29 January 2024	Continental Associations to inform World Aquatics about the Continental place and the teams at the Qualification Tournament Oceania/Africa – Continental Selections
1 March 2024	World Aquatics to inform NOCs of their allocated quota places
22 March 2024	NOCs to confirm their use of the quota places
31 March 2024	World Aquatics to reallocate all unused quota places
8 July 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline
26 July – 11 August 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024