



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024

UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE (UCI)

MOUNTAIN BIKE

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's events (1)	Women's events (1)
Cross-country	Cross-country

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Mountain Bike:

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Universality Places	Total
Men	34	1	1	36
Women	34	1	1	36
Total	68	2	2	72

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

	Quota places per NOC
Men	2
Women	2
Total	4

Any athlete who is entered in another Cycling discipline has the right to be entered in Mountain Bike, provided that the NOC has obtained a quota place in the said event, that the limits for participation per NOC and per event are not exceeded, and that the athlete eligibility requirements are met in accordance with section C.

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 the UCI, may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

C.2. Age requirements

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, athletes must be born on or before 31st December 2005 (at least 19 years old or reaching this age in 2024).

C.3. Additional IF eligibility criteria

Athletes must also comply with the following criteria:

- Hold a valid UCI license issued by a UCI member national federation
- Have at least 10 UCI points in the UCI Cross-country individual ranking of 28 of May 2024.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

D.1. QUOTA PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

Men/Women

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events		
27 Men 27 Women	UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking		
	UCI 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
	Subtotal: 27		
<p>The UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking is based on the addition of points acquired in events which are taken into consideration in the UCI ranking by nation for Cross-country during the Qualification Period from 7 May 2022 to 26 May 2024. The events included in the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking can be found here.</p>			



	<p>The UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking is calculated by summing the points of the three (3) highest placed athletes from each NOC in a ranking which includes all events which are taken into account in the UCI Cross-country Individual ranking, over the qualification period.</p> <p>A maximum of two (2) Continental Championships are included in the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking. If more than two (2) Continental Championships take place during the qualification period, the two (2) latest are included.</p> <p>Tied NOCs have their relative positions determined by their highest placed athlete on the ranking which includes all events which are taken into account in the UCI Cross-country Individual ranking, over the qualification period.</p> <p>Minimum Allocation per Continent (Europe and Oceania)</p> <p>For Europe and Oceania, in case the continent does not have at least one (1) NOC represented, the last available quota place(s) through the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking will be allocated, with a maximum of one (1) quota place per NOC, to the highest ranked NOC of that continent. Any such allocation will result in a corresponding reduction (max. 1 per NOC) of places in the reverse order of the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking and provided that such reduction would not result in the continent of the NOC concerned losing its only quota.</p>																				
<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p>2023 Continental Championships (except for Europe and Oceania)</p> <p>NOCs which do not qualify quota places through the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking can qualify maximum one (1) quota place through the results from the 2023 elite individual Cross-country Continental Championships.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1357 1503 1574"> <thead> <tr> <th>Continent</th> <th>Elite individual results</th> <th>Athletes qualified per NOC</th> <th>Total number of athletes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Africa</td> <td>Highest ranked NOC</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>America</td> <td>Highest ranked NOC</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asia</td> <td>Highest ranked NOC</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td> <td style="text-align: right;">Subtotal: 3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In case no NOC is eligible for the quota place allocation based on the results of the 2023 Continental Championships, the quota place is allocated to the highest ranked NOC from the same continent on the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking, which has not yet qualified through the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking.</p>	Continent	Elite individual results	Athletes qualified per NOC	Total number of athletes	Africa	Highest ranked NOC	1	1	America	Highest ranked NOC	1	1	Asia	Highest ranked NOC	1	1				Subtotal: 3
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4	<p>2023 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships</p> <p>The NOCs of the two (2) highest ranked riders in the Elite Cross-country race and the NOCs of the two (2) highest ranked riders in the Under 23 Cross-country race - which have not yet qualified any quota places through the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking or the 2023 Continental Championships - qualify a maximum of one (1) quota place per NOC. Such allocation is first made for the Elite race and secondly for the Under 23 race, meaning that the two NOCs that qualify a quota place through the results of the Elite race are not considered for allocation through the Under 23 race.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Individual results</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Athletes qualified per NOC</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Total number of athletes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>The 2 highest ranked NOCs in the Elite race</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The 2 highest ranked NOCs in the Under 23 race</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td style="text-align: right;">Subtotal: 4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Individual results	Athletes qualified per NOC	Total number of athletes	The 2 highest ranked NOCs in the Elite race	1	2	The 2 highest ranked NOCs in the Under 23 race	1	2			Subtotal: 4
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D.2. HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country will be allocated one (1) quota place per gender on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirements described under section C of this document.

Should the host country gain qualification place(s) within section D.1., the host country place(s) will be reallocated as described in section F. **Reallocation of unused quota places.**

D.3. UNIVERSALITY PLACES

One (1) Universality place per gender is made available to eligible NOCs at the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

On 2 October 2023, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Universality places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2024. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Universality places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the sport concerned.

Detailed information on Universality places is contained in the “*Games of the XXXIII Olympiad, Paris 2024 - Olympic Games Universality Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations*” document.

The athletes offered the Universality quota places must have demonstrated their level during the qualification events and training camps to be agreed with UCI if judged necessary in the lead up to the Olympic Games.



E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

E.1. CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

The UCI will publish the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification Ranking on 28 May 2024 on its website (www.uci.org).

The UCI will confirm in writing via email to the NOCs on 3 June 2024, the quota places they have obtained. The NOCs will then have until 17 June 2024 to confirm in writing via email to the UCI at offroad@uci.ch if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section **H. Qualification Timeline**.

E.2. CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country must confirm in writing via email to the UCI at offroad@uci.ch by 17 June 2024 the use of its host country places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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- F.1.1. If a quota place allocated through the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC in the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking, which has not yet obtained a quota place.
- F.1.2. If a quota place allocated through the Elite Individual results from the 2023 Continental Championships is not confirmed by the NOC, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC from the respective continent in the Elite Individual results of the 2023 Continental Championships, which has not yet obtained a quota place. If no NOC is eligible, the quota place will then be allocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC from same continent on the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking, which has not yet obtained a quota place.
- F.1.3. If a quota place allocated through the Elite or U23 Individual results from the 2023 UCI World Championships is not confirmed by the NOC, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC in the respective Elite or U23 Individual results of the 2023 UCI World Championships, which has not yet obtained a quota place. If no NOC is eligible, the quota place will then be allocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC on the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking, which has not yet obtained a quota place



- F.1.4. If a quota place allocated through Universality places is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline set by the IOC Tripartite Commission, the Universality place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC on the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking, which has not yet obtained a quota place.

F.2. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

- F.2.1 Should the host country qualify qualification places or decide not to use the allocated host country places, the latter will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC in the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking, which has not yet obtained a quota place.

G. RESERVE ATHLETES

G.1. RESERVE ATHLETES

- G.1.1. Reserve athletes are competing athletes who have an Aa accreditation and who are entered by their NOC in a specific event for which the NOC has a quota place and the athlete has met the required eligibility criteria. As reserves, they may be selected to replace another entered athlete in a different cycling discipline/event until the time of the final confirmation for that event, provided that they have met the required eligibility criteria and the NOC quota for that event is respected.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
07 May 2022 – 26 May 2024	UCI Mountain Bike Qualification period
07 May 2022 – 26 May 2024	Period during which results are included in the UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking of 26 May 2024
03 – 13 August 2023	2023 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships (2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, Glasgow and Scotland (GBR))
2023	African Continental Championships (TBD) American Continental Championships (TBD) Asia Continental Championships (TBD)
28 May 2024	UCI Mountain Bike Olympic Qualification ranking published
3 June 2024	UCI confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained
17 June 2024	The NOCs to confirm to UCI the use of the allocated quota places
21 June 2024	UCI to reallocate all unused quota places
28 June 2024	NOCs to confirm to the UCI the use of reallocated unused quota places
8 July 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline
26 July – 11 August 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024