

## PARIS 2024 IOC LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT POLICY (version 2.0)



### LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT (LAR) POLICY FOR THE GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD PARIS 2024

This policy will apply to athletes of National Olympic Committees (NOCs) attending the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

The deadline for the Final Entries list of participating athletes in the Olympic Games Paris 2024 (sport entries deadline) is 8 July 2024 at 23:59 Central European Summer time (Paris time, UTC+1).

After the sport entries deadline, where there are medical conditions preventing participation of an athlete, proven Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV), or other exceptional reasons, the IOC, after consultation with the relevant IF and IOC medical experts (when deemed appropriate by the IOC), may authorise a permanent replacement of an athlete by another athlete only in the same sport and discipline and event.

This policy is only applicable for those sports/disciplines where the quota place has been allocated to the NOC and not to an athlete by name.

For those sports/disciplines in which the quota place is allocated to an athlete by name please note that the reallocation procedure will be initiated as per the *Late Athlete Replacement detailed Annex by discipline* and in accordance to the respective Qualification System.

Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) is possible only provided that:

- The replacement athlete meets the eligibility conditions and qualification criteria to take part in the Olympic Games, as stipulated in the "Qualification Systems – Olympic Games Paris 2024" per sport/disciplines published in 2022, and regularly updated by the IOC on the Olympics.com
- The NOC of the replacement athlete had applied successfully for accreditation for the athlete prior to the accreditation application deadline and thus, the replacement athlete has been registered by Paris 2024 in the "NOC's athlete Accreditation Long List";
- No doping control issues are pending concerning the replacement athlete; and

In addition, the steps outlined below must be followed and the required forms submitted within the timeframe stated in this policy.

- The "Late Athlete Replacement Application Form" and "Sport Entry Form" (electronic forms) must be completed and a valid medical certificate and supporting document for the replaced athlete must be submitted by the relevant NOC, for the athlete being replaced and the replacement athlete using the e-LAR tool in the Sport Entries System (SEQ).
- The "Conditions of Participation" including the "Parental / Legal Guardian Acknowledgement of Consent for Minors" form (if applicable) must be completed and submitted by the relevant NOC for the replacement athlete. The NOC must submit a scanned copy of the "Conditions

of Participation” electronically and bring the original, signed and stamped to the Accreditation Centre in the Olympic Village Team Processing Centre.

The IOC and the relevant IF may make a LAR, subject to their joint consent and at their discretion.

The latest a Late Athlete Replacement may occur and must complete is no later than the first Team Manager’s Meeting/Technical Meeting for the respective sport/discipline. This is subject to sport specific regulations. The deadlines will be outlined by discipline in the *Late Athlete Replacement detailed Annex by discipline*.

**Alternate athletes (Ap):**

As per the “Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Detailed specifications” NOCs can activate an alternate athlete (Ap) in the following sports and disciplines: Artistic Swimming, Athletics, Cycling – BMX racing, Cycling – Track, Equestrian, Fencing, Handball, Hockey, Football, Rowing, Rugby, Table Tennis and Volleyball.

All Ap athletes need to be identified at the time of the final Entries Submission. In addition, before the sport specific deadlines set in *Late Athlete Replacement Detailed Annex by discipline*, the NOCs have the possibility to either activate their Ap athlete(s) or to use a replacement from the long list and be in a position to appoint another Ap athlete. To replace an Ap athlete the LAR process using the e-LAR tool as described above is applicable.

Once competition has started, the activation of the Ap athlete has to follow the same e-LAR process as above and adhere to the timelines stipulated in the *Late Athlete Replacement detailed Annex by discipline*.

All documentation and queries regarding the LAR should be addressed to Paris 2024 Sports Entries through the e-LAR tool or in person at the Sport Entries Office in the NOC Services Centre.

Please note that applications with missing information will not be processed.

This policy is subject to further change by the IOC for exceptional circumstances.

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Discipline	Event	LAR Applicable?	LAR up until when with any athlete from the Long list?	LAR up until with an Ap athlete?	LAR specifics	Ap athletes	Number of Ap athletes	Meeting	Meeting detailed information Please note all times are Paris local time		Start of Competition Date
									Date	Time	
Volleyball	Team	Yes	Up until the publication of the 1st Daily Bulletin (Men Competition)  Up until the publication of the 2nd Daily Bulletin (Women Competition)	Throughout the tournament and up until the daily bulletin published the day before the match in which the Ap athlete will compete.	<p>LAR will be allowed up until the 1st Daily Bulletin (Men's Tournament) and 2nd Daily Bulletin (Women's Tournament), prior to the start of the Volleyball Competition with any athlete for which an application for accreditation has been submitted and in addition is in the pre-approved FIVB list.</p> <p>For Paris 2024, each Volleyball team is entitled to one (1) Ap athlete for which an accreditation application has been submitted by the accreditation deadline and this Ap athlete may be used as replacement provided, he/she is eligible and in the pre-approved FIVB list. Further to the start of Volleyball competition LAR is allowed only by using NOCs Ap confirmed athlete up until the Daily Bulletin published the day before the match in which the Ap athlete will compete.</p> <p>Please note that LAR can also be applied for an NOCs Ap athlete up until the 1st Daily Bulletin (Men Competition) and 2nd Daily Bulletin (Women Competition) in case of injury, ADRV or exceptional circumstances. Any athlete for which an accreditation application has been submitted by the accreditation deadline and is in the pre-approved FIVB list may be used as an Ap replacement provided that he/she is eligible.</p>	Yes	One (1) per team	1st Daily Bulletin (Men's Tournament)  2nd Daily Bulletin (Women's Tournament)	25-Jul  26-Jul	20:00  20:00	27-Jul

## UPDATE ON USE OF APs FOR TEAM SPORTS

Dear NOC Chefs de Mission,

Following a study of the late athlete replacement (LAR) policy in place for team sports (Handball, Hockey, Football, Rugby and Volleyball) at the forthcoming Olympic Games Paris 2024, and in consideration of athletes' welfare and the positive impact of the flexibility applied during the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, the IOC has, with consultation with the concerned IFs has agreed to amend its LAR policy as follows:

- Ap-accredited athletes may replace Aa-accredited athletes in team sports for medical reasons, certified by the team and IF medical representatives (as per the LAR policy and process).
- **[NEW]** The replaced athlete may in turn return to the team to replace an Aa-accredited athlete once their medical condition allows it (noting that the number of Aa accreditations must not exceed the number specified in the qualification system of the respective sport). In this case, the replaced Aa athlete will become an Ap athlete.
- The specific procedures, including the timing and required processes for such medical replacements, will be specified by the respective International Federations of the five (5) team sports specified above.

Please note that as per the Paris 2024 OCOG travel support grant policy, Ap athletes are not included in the calculation of the final travel support grant even if they are activated as an Aa. However, due to the late amendment of this late medical replacement process for the Paris, the IOC is pleased to confirm that any Ap athlete that is accredited as an Aa athlete will be covered by Olympic Solidarity's subsidy to compensate NOCs for their participation for the success of the Olympic Games (USD2'500 per athlete having entered the field of play).

Please also note that this policy applies only for the Olympic Games Paris 2024, and that the IOC will review with the IFs and NOCs concerned its implementation before confirming the LAR policy for the Olympic Games LA 2028.

Should you have any questions please contact me at [toshio.tsurunaga@olympic.org](mailto:toshio.tsurunaga@olympic.org).

Sincerely,

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