

LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT (LAR) POLICY FOR THE GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD TOKYO 2020

This policy will apply to athletes of National Olympic Committees (NOCs) attending the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

It should be noted that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 postponement agreed on 24 March 2020 by the Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe, and IOC President Bach, and confirmed by the IOC Executive Board, the period of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 to be held in 2021 is from 23 July to 8 August 2021.

Therefore, this new version of the Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad Tokyo 2020, has been amended to address the unprecedented situation and supersedes the previous version. This provides an opportunity for all NOCs and International Federations (IF) to adapt their plans accordingly and puts measures in place to protect the health and safety of the Japanese population and athletes.

The deadline for the Final Entries list of participating athletes in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 (sport entries deadline) is **5 July 2021** at 23:59 Japan time (UTC+9).

After the sport entries deadline, where there are medical conditions preventing participation of an athlete, proven Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV), a positive COVID-19 test, isolation or quarantine due to a COVID-19 infection 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 procedure* 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 Tokyo 2020” per sport/disciplines published in 2018, and regularly updated by the IOC on the NOC Games Preparation Platform;
- 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 Tokyo 2020 in the “NOC’s athlete Accreditation Long List”;
- No doping control issues are pending concerning the replacement athlete; and
- The replacement athlete has agreed to fully comply with the rules outlined in the latest version of the Athletes and Team Officials Playbook.

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 Form” and “Sport Entry Form” 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 eLAR 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**.
- **If an athlete is being replaced due to a positive COVID-19 test, a copy of this test result should be provided.**
- **If an athlete is replaced due to isolation or quarantine due to a COVID-19 infection or for exceptional reasons, any relevant evidence, information and / or documents should be provided.**

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 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 sport in the *Late Athlete Replacement procedures*.

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 – BMX Freestyle, Cycling – track, Equestrian, Fencing, Handball, Hockey, Football, Rowing, Rugby, Table tennis and Water polo.

The Ap athlete needs to be identified at the time of the DRM but an NOC can replace the athlete prior to the deadline per sport set out in the *Late Athlete Replacement procedures*.

Before the sport specific deadlines set in *Late Athlete Replacement procedures*, the NOCs also have the possibility to activate their alternate athletes or to use a replacement from the long list and be in a position to appoint another Ap athlete.

Once competition has started, the activation of the Ap athlete has to follow the e-LAR process as above and according to the process stipulated in the *Late Athlete Replacement procedures*.

All documentation and queries regarding the LAR should be addressed to Tokyo 2020 Sports Entries through the e-LAR tool or in person at the Sport Entries Office in the **Olympic Village Team Processing Centre**.

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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