

Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS)

BMX Freestyle Park Qualification System for the OQS

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(Updates in red text – done to account for a 2-event series instead of a 3-event series as originally planned and to extend the deadline related to nomination of riders).

The Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS) is a new IOC-led series of 2 Urban events, including BMX Freestyle Park. The series will be held in May and June 2024, and will finalise qualification for the included sports within the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. **The events in the series include Shanghai from 16 – 19 May, and Budapest from 20 – 23 June.**

Qualification System

A maximum of 24 athletes per gender (48 total) will participate in the Olympic Qualifier Series for BMX Freestyle Park.

Athlete Eligibility: In order to be entered in the OQS, riders must have at least 10 points in the UCI Individual BMX Freestyle Park Ranking for their gender as of 5th December 2023.

A. Qualification Pathway

For each gender, the UCI BMX Freestyle Park Ranking by Nation published as of 5th December 2023 shall be used to determine the number of quota places for each nation that are eligible to participate in the OQS.

Quota will be allocated to the national federation of the country concerned, which shall choose the athletes who will participate in accordance with the deadlines found below.

Quota Allocation Method:

Nations ranked 1st to 3rd place: 3 quota places each (total 9)

Nations ranked 4th to 6th place: 2 quota places each (total 6)

Nations 7th to 12th place: 1 quota place each (total 6)

Sub-Total: **21** quota places

Reserved Quota Place for 2024 Olympic Games Host: 1 (France)

Reserved Quota Places for the 2 OQS Event Host Nations: **2** (OQS host nations to be announced in 2023)

Total: 24 quota places

B. Continental Representation

In case one or more continents are not represented after the above is done, the places allocated to the lowest ranked National Federations (NFs) whose continent remains represented will be removed and offered to the

highest ranked NF from each continent not yet represented. In case such NFs refuse quota, the next highest ranked NFs of such continents, will be offered the quota, in order, until it is accepted for all continents, or until all nations for such continents figuring in the ranking have been asked. In case a continent is not represented following this, then the remaining quota places will be allocated in order from the highest ranked nation not yet qualified until the lowest not yet qualified.

C. Quota Reallocation

In case any of the Host Nations (2024 Olympic Games Host, or OQS Event Host Nations, whichever the case may be) has qualified following the initial allocation of Quota described above in Sections A and B, then the host nation quota places in question will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NFs not yet qualified.

Following Host Nations quota reallocation, in case any unallocated quota remains, the remaining quota will be offered to the next highest ranked nations not yet qualified until all quota is used, or the ranking is exhausted.

If quota remains after the ranking is exhausted, then the unused quota will be offered (1 place each), in order, to the highest ranked nations already qualified until it is used.

Following this (though unlikely), the maximum quota per nation could theoretically be 4 per gender.

D. Reserve Athletes

Each NF will have the right to allocate 1 reserve athlete for each gender in which it has accepted quota. This reserve shall be registered as such for the entire series. Such reserve athletes may be substituted up until the riders' confirmation deadline at each individual event.

E. Timelines

Ranking Publication: The UCI BMX Freestyle Park Ranking by Nation published as of **5th December 2023**

Quota offered to NFs: On or before **7th December 2023**

Deadline to confirm quota to UCI: **14th December 2023**

Deadline to accept reallocated quota : **19th December 2023**

Deadline for all NFs accepting quota to confirm athlete names including any reserves to UCI: **12th January, 2024**