



Olympic Qualification beyond 2024

Purpose

- 1) Increase participation all across the board
- 2) Generate more continental activity
- 3) Simplify the qualification rules
- 4) Increase NF funding from local governing bodies by creating a longer qualification pathway
- 5) Increase media exposure
- 6) Operate more sustainably by decreasing travel distances



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World Ranking-based

PRO

- More competitions involved in the process
- Potentially more countries (continents) involved in organising events
- Potentially more countries (continents) participating
- Longer competition seasons and qualification period
- Potentially more funds for NFs to aid the qualification pathway
- Shorter travels needed to step on the pathway: cheaper, more sustainable, fairer
- If worked out carefully, easier to understand
- Easy athlete comparison
- More predictable and consistent outcome

CON

- Changing the familiar
- Complicated administration
- More room for errors, hence complaints
- If not worked out carefully, potential loopholes
- Rich NFs may end up with better chances by participating everywhere
- Securing enough technically acceptable competitors
- More complicated preparation plans for NFs
- Overall may result in more travel
- Missing the Big Bang (main qualification) event(s)



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Event-based

PRO

- Not changing the familiar
- Relatively simple administration
- Predictable problems
- Simple preparation scheme for training and participation
- Relatively easy to calibrate from the sustainability point of view
- Big Bang (main qualification) event(s)

CON

- System too complicated
- Very few competitions involved
- Short qualification period
- Travel (visa) issues create unfair circumstances
- NF resources are not continuous but one-off



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Hybrid system

PRO

- Most of the advantages of the World Ranking-based system without losing the Big Bang (main qualification) event(s)

CON

- Changing the familiar
- System even more complicated
- Number of quotas may be too low to distribute in two different ways
- Complicated administration
- Travel (visa) issues may still create unfair circumstances
- More complicated preparation plans for NFs



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World Ranking period length 2 years

PRO

- Easier administration
- Most common in other sports
- Shorter preparation period for NFs

CON

- Threat of splitting an Olympiad to 'important' and 'not-so-important' 2-year periods
- Shorter storytelling period

World Ranking period length 3 years

- Almost the entire Olympiad is covered
- Longer storytelling
- More athletes involved
- Potentially more resources for NFs

- More difficult administration
- The need to introduce the depreciation of ranking points
- Longer preparation period for NFs



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World Ranking competitions

CSL

- World Championships (level 1)
- World Cups (level 2)
- World Ranking Competitions (level 3)
- Continental Championships

CSP

- World Championships (level 1)
- World Cups (level 2)
- World Ranking Competitions (level 3)
- Continental Championships



- Olympic Games
- Continental Championships / Games
- Junior/U23
- Multi-discipline events
- National Championships



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World Ranking CSL and CSP

CSL

- Individual ranking
- Slalom events (K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W)
- Kayak cross events (K1XM, K1XW)

CSP

- Individual ranking
- All the Olympic and non-Olympic events with the same weight
- Team boat results with $1 <$ multipliers
(e.g. $K4 = K1 \times 0,5$; $C2 = C1 \times 0,75$)

Example...

| Event | Multiplier | Points for winner |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Olympic Games | 2 x | 1000 |
| World Championships | 2 x | 1000 |
| World Cups | 1,5 x | 750 |
| Continental Championships | 1,25 x | 625 |
| Continental Games | 1 x | 500 |
| World Ranking Competition | 0,75 x | 375 |
| National Championships | 0,25 x | 125 |



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World Ranking special rules

- How many competitions per year to observe? (2-3-4)
- How many results per competition to observe? (1-2-3)
- What are the dropout dates? (calendar date, end of season etc.)
- How often to refresh and publish? (monthly, end of season etc.)
- Event multipliers
- Depreciation of points over time
- Tiebreaker rules
- Pregnancy
- DNS, DNF, DSQ



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Olympic quotas remain NF-quotas

PRO

- Status quo
- NFs/NOCs continue to have the right to select athletes
- In CSP creating team boats would be impossible based on nominal quotas

CON

- Change
- Could never get support from the main stakeholders
- System would get more complicated (because of personal issues, injuries...)