

## QUALIFICATION SYSTEM - 3<sup>RD</sup> EUROPEAN GAMES KRAKOW & MALOPOLSKA 2023

### RUGBY EUROPE

### RUGBY SEVENS

#### A. EVENTS

Men's Events (1)	Women's Events (1)
12-team tournament	12-team tournament

#### B. QUOTA PLACES

##### B.1. Total quota places for Rugby

	Qualification Places	Total
Men	156 (12 teams)	<b>156</b>
Women	156 (12 teams)	<b>156</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>312</b>

##### B.2. Maximum number of athletes per NOC

Event	Quota per NOC
Men	13 (1 team)
Women	13 (1 team)
<b>Total</b>	<b>26 (2 teams)</b>

Teams that have already confirmed a quota place for their NOC to the Olympic Games Paris 2024 as a Host Country or through 2022/23 World Rugby HSBC Sevens World Series for Men or Women are not eligible to participate in the respective event in the 2023 European Games.



Only World Rugby and Rugby Europe Associate or Full members (as of November 2022) can take part in the Qualification.

The NOCs participating in the 2023 European Games must confirm their participation to the Olympic Games to World Rugby in case they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the 2023 European Games.

## **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 Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the EOC and the rules of Rugby Europe and World Rugby, may participate in the 2023 European Games.

### **C.2. Age requirements**

All athletes participating in Rugby events in the 2023 European Games must comply with the provisions of the World Rugby Elite Rugby Age Guidelines <http://playerwelfare.worldrugby.org/?documentid=115>

### **C.3. Additional Rugby Europe criteria**

All athletes must comply with World Rugby Rule 8 on Eligibility: <https://www.world.rugby/organisation/governance/regulations/reg-8>

## **D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY**

The qualification system allows for the participation of the best athletes through a fair and transparent process within the framework of the Olympic Charter.

## D.1. Qualification Places

Number of Quota Places	Men	Quota Place Allocation
<p>156 (12 teams)</p>	<p>Qualifying Event(s): Rugby Europe Sevens Series 2022 final ranking, comprised of the following divisions, by hierarchical order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RE Championships series</li> <li>- RE Trophy Series</li> <li>- RE Conference 1</li> <li>- RE Conference 2</li> </ul> <p>Qualification Process: The best 12 teams of the Rugby Europe Sevens Series ranking (not already qualified and member of World Rugby and Rugby Europe as of November 30, 2022) will obtain a Quota place for their NOCs for the 2023 European Games</p>	<p>NOC</p>

Number of Quota Places	Women	Quota Place Allocation
<p>156 (12 teams)</p>	<p>Qualifying Event(s): Rugby Europe Sevens Series 2022 final ranking, comprised of the following divisions, by hierarchical order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RE Championships series</li> <li>- RE Trophy Series</li> <li>- RE Conference 1</li> </ul> <p>Qualification Process: The best 12 teams of the Rugby Europe Sevens Series ranking (not already qualified and member of World Rugby and Rugby Europe as of November 30, 2022) will obtain a Quota place for their NOCs for the 2023 European Games</p>	<p>NOC</p>

## E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The EOC will inform by email the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places by July 31st 2022

By September 15th, 2022, eligible NOCs must inform, by email, the EOC whether or not they intend to use the allocated quota places and participate at the 2023 European Games.

By the end of the HSBC World Series 2022-2023 in May 2023, and no later than 48 hours before the conclusion of the tournament and the official release of the ranking, the EOC, in agreement with the Rugby Europe and World Rugby, will reallocate all unused quota places.

## F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

Any unused quota place (including qualification places and host NOC places) will be allocated to the next best ranked NOC in qualification tournament in the respective event. This process will be repeated until all places are allocated.

## G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
June/July 2022	RE Conference 1 Men and Women in Belgrade 4-5 June 2022 RE Conference 2 Men in Malta 11-12 June 2022 RE Trophy leg 1 Men and Women in Zagreb 11-12 June 2022 RE Trophy leg 2 Men and Women in Budapest 17-19 June 2022 RE Championship leg 1 Men and Women in Lisbon 25-26 June 2022 RE Championship leg 2 Men and Women in Krakow 1-3 July 2022
31 July 2022	The EOC to confirm by email in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained
15 September 2022	The NOCs confirm to the EOC by email the use of the allocated quota places.



48 hours after the conclusion of the HSBC Sevens Series 2022-2023	The EOC in agreement with World Rugby and Rugby Europe to start the reallocation process of all unused quota places
31 May 2023	List of confirmed quota places announced
2 June 2023	European Games 2023 Sport Entries Deadline
21 June - 2 July 2023	European Games 2023

## H. SEEDING FOR THE EUROPEAN GAMES 2023

Rugby Europe will organize one leg of the RE championship Series 2023 and one leg of the RE Trophy Series 2023 before the European Games 2023. The ranking of both events will define the seeding for the European Games.

## I. OLYMPIC GAMES PARIS 2024 QUALIFICATION

The winners of both men's and women's events will qualify a quota place for their NOC to the Olympic Games Paris 2024. Teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in both men's and women's events will qualify to the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament.