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**BFI SELECTION CRITERIA 2027 – 2028**  
**ELITE – PATHWAYS TO THE OLYMPIC GAMES LOS ANGELES 2028**

These criteria are issued in continuation of the Selection Criteria published by BFI on 8th December 2025 for the period up to December 2026. This covers the period from the date of publication up to the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028.

These criteria are framed in alignment with the Qualification System for the boxing competition at the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028, developed by World Boxing and approved by the International Olympic Committee. As the selection framework is dynamic and evolving, and as World Boxing is yet to confirm the dates of several qualification events, these criteria will be kept under review and, if required, revised versions will be circulated and published on the BFI website.

**World Boxing Cup Finals, 26<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2026:**

The qualified boxers, by name, will participate in the World Boxing Cup Finals 2026. The instructions issued by World Boxing shall be adhered to for the selection of athletes.

**ADDITIONAL ENTRIES TO THE 10<sup>th</sup> ELITE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:**

The participants of the World Boxing Cup Finals 2026 shall be granted direct entry by the Boxing Federation of India into the 10<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship, in the weight category in which they competed at the World Boxing Cup Finals or in such other category as may be permitted by BFI.

The Gold and Silver medallists of the U-19 World Boxing Championship 2026 in the LA 2028 Olympic weight categories shall be granted direct entry by the Boxing Federation of India into the 10<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship, in the weight category in which they competed at the U-19 World Championship. Subject to meeting the age criteria of the boxer born on or before 31 Dec 2008.

The Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2026 medallists shall also be granted direct entry into the 10<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship, in the weight category in which they competed at the CWG 2026.

**A. SCOPE, WEIGHT CATEGORIES AND ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

**LA 2028 Olympic Weight Categories:**

Men (55 Kg, 60 Kg, 65 Kg, 70 Kg, 80 Kg, 90 Kg and +90 Kg)

Women (51 Kg, 54 Kg, 57 Kg, 60 Kg, 65 Kg, 70 Kg, 75 Kg)



**Non-Olympic Weight Categories:**

Men (50 Kg, 75 Kg, 85 Kg)

Women (48 Kg, 80 Kg, +80 Kg)

**Athlete Eligibility for LA 2028 Olympic Games:**

1. Was born between 1st January 1988 and 31st December 2009, as validated by the passport used for registration;
2. Is an Indian citizen holding a valid Indian passport at the time of being considered for selection, and is eligible to represent India in the sport of boxing;
3. Is a registered member of BFI, in good standing, for the 2027-28 season;
4. Is affiliated and in good standing with World Boxing and is registered on the Athlete Competition Record (ACR);
5. Has signed the BFI Code of Conduct;
6. Is not currently disqualified or suspended, or provisionally disqualified or suspended, by BFI, NADA, WADA or the ITA; and
7. Agrees to comply with any pre-championship training and competition plan as decided by BFI.

**B. PATHWAY 1 – DIRECT ENTRY TO THE NATIONAL COACHING CAMP (NCC), JANUARY 2027**

- Asian Games 2026 medallists.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship medallists.

**Wild Cards (applicable only to Olympic weight categories):**

The Selection Committee may, at its discretion and for reasons to be recorded in writing, include a boxer who had an early exit at the 10th Elite National Championship but has demonstrated strong potential and proven international performance in the current Olympic cycle. A wild card shall be granted only where the boxer satisfies at least one of the following:

1. A medal at the World Boxing Championships 2025, the Asian Championships 2026, the Commonwealth Games 2026 or a World Boxing Cup event in 2025 or 2026.
2. A place within the World Boxing top ten in the boxer's weight category as per the last published ranking before the 10th Elite National Championship.



**Note:**

In addition to the above, the Selection Committee may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, Include boxer as an exceptional talent, based on the boxer's performance, technical ability, potential and overall assessment at the 10<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship.

**Initial camp ranking after the 10<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship (Olympic weights).** The camp ranking on entry to the National Coaching Camp (NCC) in January 2027 shall be fixed in each weight category in the following order: (i) the Asian Games 2026 medallist shall hold Rank 1; (ii) below the Asian Games 2026 medallist, the medallists of the 10<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship, in the order Gold, Silver and Bronze; and (iii) any boxer admitted on a wild card, who shall be placed last.

**Initial camp ranking after the 10<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship (non-Olympic weights).** The medallists of the 10<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship, in the order Gold, Silver and Bronze.

**C. TEAM FOR THE 2027 WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2027 World Boxing Championships at Astana, Kazakhstan, is the first Olympic qualification event. Selection shall be as follows:

- Asian Games 2026 medallists in the Asian Games 2026 weight categories – selected as the main entry in their weight category. The Gold medallist of the 10<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship shall serve as the reserve entry in that weight category.
- For weight categories in which India has not won an Asian Games 2026 medal, and for LA 2028 Olympic weight categories which were not part of the Asian Games 2026 – the Gold medallist of the 10<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship shall be selected as the main entry in that weight category, and the Silver medallist shall serve as the reserve entry.

**Non-Olympic weight categories:** The Gold medallist of the 10<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship shall be the main entry and the Silver medallist the reserve.

**Note:**

In the non-Olympic weight categories, four boxers shall be retained in each weight category up to the World Championships 2027 in NCC; thereafter, two boxers shall be retained in each non-Olympic weight category in NCC till LA 2028.



#### **D. AUTOMATIC RETENTION AT THE NEXT QUALIFICATION EVENT**

For the purposes of these criteria, the “quota bout” means the bout, victory in which would have secured a quota place in that weight category.

A boxer selected for a qualification event who reaches the quota bout and is defeated in it shall be automatically retained as India’s entry in that weight category at the next qualification event, without any further Ranking Selection Trial, provided the weight category remains unqualified and the boxer remains eligible and medically fit.

*Illustration: where the number of quota places is such that reaching the semi-final secures a quota place, the quarter-final is the quota bout. A boxer who loses that quarter-final is automatically retained for the next qualification event.*

A boxer who is defeated before the quota bout does not attract this clause, and the weight category shall go back through the Ranking Selection Trial.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Pathway for NCC:**

Existing National Campers after World Championship 2027.

COAS Cup (End of March 2027) – Gold and Silver medallists for the NCC Selection Trial.

#### **RANKING PROCESS (OLYMPIC WEIGHTS) after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pathway:**

The process for Pathway 2 shall be as follows:

1. After the COAS Cup (End of March 2027), the current boxers in NCC below Rank 2 shall participate in a Selection Trial for the NCC against the Gold and Silver medallists of that event. The top two from this trial shall join current NCC Rank 1 and Rank 2 in the camp.
2. After the commencement of NCC, a Ranking Selection Trial shall be conducted before the qualification event amongst the current boxers at the NCC, together with any boxer meeting the criteria mentioned in the Note below. This Ranking Selection Trial shall determine Rank 1 to Rank 4 and shall be conducted approximately three months before the qualification tournament.
3. In Olympic weight categories where a boxer reached the quota bout at the World Championships 2027 and was defeated in it — that boxer shall be automatically retained as the entry for the Asian Qualifier 2027, and the Ranking Selection Trial shall be conducted between current boxers below Rank 1 to determine the camp ranking.



4. In Olympic weight categories where no boxer reached the quota bout at the World Championships 2027 — Rank 1 from the Ranking Selection Trial shall be selected as the main entry and Rank 2 as the reserve for the Asian Qualifier 2027.
5. In weight categories where a boxer has already earned a quota, a Ranking Selection Trial shall be conducted between the boxers below LA Qualified Boxer in NCC to determine the camp ranking.
6. Weight change: a boxer may be permitted to change weight category for a Ranking Selection Trial in the national interest, only on the written recommendation of the Head Coach recorded before the trial begins and with the approval of the Selection Committee. No change of weight category shall be permitted after the draw of a qualification event.
7. A camp ranking shall remain valid until the next Ranking Selection Trial in the respective weight category.

**Note:**

1. Boxers who appear in the top 10 world rankings in the Olympic weights as on the dates specified below, and who are not part of the Elite NCC, shall get direct entry to the NCC Ranking Selection Trials in that weight category-For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pathway — the last published World Boxing Ranking as on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2027 (Dates may change based on World Boxing publication).
2. Participation shall be broad-based, and the same shall be specified in the prospectus of the COAS Cup 2027.
3. The dates of the COAS CUP may be changed in accordance with the dates issued by World Boxing for the LA 2028 qualifiers.

**RANKING PROCESS (NON-OLYMPIC WEIGHTS) after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pathway:**

1. After the COAS Cup (End of March 2027), Current NCC Rank 1 to Rank 4 shall be part of a Ranking Selection Trial against the Gold and Silver medallists of the COAS Cup. The top two from this trial shall join the NCC.
2. A camp ranking shall remain valid until the next Ranking Selection Trial in that weight category.
3. Weight change: a boxer may be permitted to change weight category for a Ranking Selection Trial only on the written recommendation of the Head Coach recorded before the trial begins and with the approval of the Selection Committee.



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Pathway for NCC:**

Existing National Campers after the Asian Qualifier 2027.

BFI Cup 2027(End of September 2027) – Gold and Silver medallists for the NCC Selection Trial.

### **RANKING PROCESS (OLYMPIC WEIGHTS) after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pathway:**

The process for Pathway 3 shall be as follows:

1. After the BFI Cup (End of September 2027), the current boxers in NCC below Rank 2 shall participate in a Selection Trial for the NCC against the Gold and Silver medallists of that event. The top two from this trial shall join NCC Rank 1 and Rank 2 in the camp.
2. After commencement of NCC, a Ranking Selection Trial shall be conducted before the qualification event amongst the current boxers at the NCC, together with any boxer meeting the criteria mentioned in Note 1 below. This Ranking Selection Trial shall determine Rank 1 to Rank 4 and shall be conducted approximately three months before the qualification tournament.
3. In Olympic weight categories where a boxer reached the quota bout at the Asian Qualifier 2027 and was defeated in it — that boxer shall be automatically retained as the entry for the 1<sup>st</sup> World Qualifier 2028, and the Ranking Selection Trial shall be conducted between current boxers below Rank 1 to determine the camp ranking.
4. In Olympic weight categories where no boxer reached the quota bout at the Asian Qualifier 2027 — Rank 1 from the Ranking Selection Trial shall be selected as the main entry and Rank 2 as the reserve for the 1<sup>st</sup> World Qualifier 2028.
5. In weight categories where a boxer has already earned a quota, a Ranking Selection Trial shall be conducted between boxers below LA Qualified Boxer to determine the camp ranking.
6. Weight change: a boxer may be permitted to change weight category for a Ranking Selection Trial in the national interest, only on the written recommendation of the Head Coach recorded before the trial begins and with the approval of the Selection Committee. No change of weight category shall be permitted after the draw of a qualification event.
7. A camp ranking shall remain valid until the next Ranking Selection Trial in the respective weight category.

### **Note:**

1. Boxers who appear in the top 10 world rankings in the Olympic weights as on the dates specified below, and who are not part of the Elite NCC, shall get direct entry to the NCC Ranking



Selection Trials in that weight category-For the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pathway — the last published World Boxing Ranking as on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2027 (Dates may change based on World Boxing publication).

2. Participation shall be broad-based, and the same shall be specified in the prospectus of the BFI Cup 2027.
3. The dates of the BFI CUP may be changed in accordance with the dates issued by World Boxing for the LA 2028 qualifiers.

#### **RANKING PROCESS (NON-OLYMPIC WEIGHTS) after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pathway:**

1. After the BFI Cup (End of September 2027), Current NCC Rank 1 and Rank 2 shall be part of a NCC Selection Trial against the Gold and Silver medallists of the BFI Cup. The top two from this trial shall join the NCC.
2. A camp ranking shall remain valid until the next Ranking Selection Trial in that weight category.
3. Weight change: a boxer may be permitted to change weight category for a Ranking Selection Trial only on the written recommendation of the Head Coach recorded before the trial begins and with the approval of the Selection Committee.

#### **F. PATHWAY 4 – 11<sup>th</sup> ELITE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Olympic Weight Categories)**

The Gold and Silver medallists of the 11<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship shall be selected for the NCC in Olympic Weights. The current LA Qualified Boxer, NCC Rank 1 and Rank 2 after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pathway shall continue in the NCC and shall not be required to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship. This is being done so that the focus of Rank 1 & 2 boxers in Olympic Weights remains to train for 1<sup>st</sup> World Qualifiers and to Win Quotas for LA 2028.

#### **RANKING PROCESS (OLYMPIC WEIGHTS) after the 4<sup>th</sup> Pathway:**

The process for Pathway 4 shall be as follows:

1. After the 11<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship (Pathway 4), a Ranking Selection Trial shall be conducted before the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Qualification event amongst the four boxers at the NCC, together with any boxer meeting the criteria mentioned in the Note below. This Ranking Selection Trial shall determine Rank 1 to Rank 4 and shall be conducted after the 1<sup>st</sup> World Qualifier 2028. After giving adequate time to the participant of the 1<sup>st</sup> World Qualifier.
2. In Olympic weight categories where a boxer reached the quota bout at the 1<sup>st</sup> World Qualifier 2028 and was defeated in it — that boxer shall be automatically retained as the entry for the 2<sup>nd</sup> World



Qualifier 2028, and the Ranking Selection Trial shall be conducted between current boxers below Rank 1 to determine the camp ranking.

3. In Olympic weight categories where no boxer reached the quota bout at the 1<sup>st</sup> World Qualifier 2028 — Rank 1 from the Ranking Selection Trial shall be selected as the main entry and Rank 2 as the reserve for the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Qualifier 2028.
4. In weight categories where a boxer has already earned a quota, a Ranking Selection Trial shall be conducted between boxers below LA Qualified Boxer to determine the camp ranking.
5. Weight change: a boxer may be permitted to change weight category for a Ranking Selection Trial in the national interest, only on the written recommendation of the Head Coach recorded before the trial begins and with the approval of the Selection Committee. No change of weight category shall be permitted after the draw of a qualification event.
6. A camp ranking shall remain valid until the next Ranking Selection Trial in the respective weight category.

**Note:**

Boxers who appear in the top 10 world rankings in the Olympic weights as on the dates specified below, and who are not part of the Elite NCC, shall get direct entry to the NCC Ranking Selection Trials in that weight category.

For the 4<sup>th</sup> Pathway — the last published World Boxing Ranking as on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2028 (Dates may change based on World Boxing publication).

**G. PATHWAY 4 – 11<sup>th</sup> ELITE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Non-Olympic Weight Categories)**

The Gold and Silver medallists of the 11<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship shall be selected for the NCC in Non-Olympic Weights.

**NCC Camp Rankings:**

For all other World Boxing Cup events, international competitions and training camps, in both Olympic and non-Olympic weight categories, the NCC rankings shall be followed. Based on these rankings, separate selection criteria for each specific international exposure shall be uploaded on BFI's Website.



## **H. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY AT A GLANCE**

| <b>Event</b>                                  | <b>Indicative Period</b>                                      | <b>BFI selection route</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2027 World Boxing Championships, Astana (KAZ) | April 2027                                                    | Asian Games 2026 medallists; the Gold medallist of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship in weight categories with no Asian Games 2026 medal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Asian Qualifier                               | 2027 – China<br>Dates subject to confirmation by World Boxing | After the COAS Cup route (Pathway 2).<br>Ranking Selection Trial at the NCC.<br>In weight categories where no boxer reached the quota bout at the previous qualification event — Rank 1 from the Ranking Selection Trial is selected as the main entry and Rank 2 as reserve.<br>In weight categories where a boxer reached the quota bout at the World Championships 2027 and was defeated in it — that boxer is automatically retained as the entry for this event, and the Ranking Selection Trial is conducted between current boxers below Rank 1 to determine the camp ranking. |
| First World Qualification Tournament          | 2028 – Italy<br>Dates subject to confirmation by World Boxing | After the BFI Cup route (Pathway 3).<br>Ranking Selection Trial at the NCC.<br>In weight categories where no boxer reached the quota bout at the Asian Qualifier — Rank 1 from the Ranking Selection Trial is selected as the main entry and Rank 2 as reserve.<br>In weight categories where a boxer reached the quota bout at the Asian Qualifier and was defeated in it — that boxer is automatically retained as the entry for this event, and the Ranking Selection Trial is conducted between current boxers below Rank 1 to determine the camp ranking.                        |
| Second World Qualification Tournament         | 2028 – Hungary                                                | After the 11 <sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship route (Pathway 4).<br>Ranking Selection Trial at the NCC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



| Event | Indicative Period                             | BFI selection route                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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|       | Dates subject to confirmation by World Boxing | <p>In weight categories where no boxer reached the quota bout at the 1<sup>st</sup> World Qualification event — Rank 1 from the Ranking Selection Trial is selected as the main entry and Rank 2 as reserve.</p> <p>In weight categories where a boxer reached the quota bout at the 1<sup>st</sup> World Qualifier and was defeated in it — that boxer is automatically retained as the entry for this event, and the Ranking Selection Trial is conducted between current boxers below Rank 1 to determine the camp ranking.</p> |

**Note:**

1. *Under the World Boxing Qualification System, only NOCs that have not yet qualified an athlete in a specific weight category may enter that weight category at the Asian Qualifier, the First World Qualification Tournament or the Second World Qualification Tournament. Once India secures a quota place in a weight category, no other Indian boxer can be entered in that category at any subsequent qualification event.*
2. *The number of quota places at the Second World Qualification Tournament is dependent on the confirmation of host country weight categories and will be confirmed by World Boxing. The dates of the Asian Qualifier and of both World Qualification Tournaments were not published at the time of issue of these criteria; the BFI domestic calendar shall be adjusted to sit ahead of each event once the dates are notified.*
3. *Any boxer who has demonstrated his/her potential at the international level during the preceding two years, in any international format, but was unable to participate in any of the prescribed selection pathways for NCC, may be considered for participation in the Ranking Selection Trial at the NCC. Such participation shall be permitted based on the scrutiny and approval of the BFI Selection Committee.*



## **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**I.1 Format of Ranking Selection Trials.** The format of each Ranking Selection Trial (Draws and number of bouts ) shall be circulated to all campers and published on the BFI website before the trial begins.

**I.2 Evaluation panel.** Each Ranking Selection Trial shall be conducted before a panel comprising the Head Coach of the relevant section, five technical officials and one observer.

**I.3 Withdrawal, injury and illness.** Where a selected boxer withdraws or is declared unfit by the medical team of the NCC, the reserve shall be the entry. Where the reserve is also unavailable, the next ranked boxer shall be entered.

**I.4 No protest.** As per World Boxing Rule 9.10 (Bout protest), Rule 9.10.1, no protest or appeal is permitted and bout decisions are final.

### **Note:**

This Policy shall be implemented by the Boxing Federation of India (BFI). BFI reserves the right to review, modify and amend these criteria on the recommendation of the BFI Selection Committee as deemed necessary in the national interest.

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