

WDSF NEWSLETTER

ROAD TO PARIS 2024 WDSF ANNOUNCES 2023 BREAKING CALENDAR

With less than two years to go until Breaking’s debut at the Olympic Games Paris 2024, the World DanceSport Federation (WDSF) is pleased to announce its calendar of events for 2023 to allow all interested b-boys, b-girls and WDSF National Member Bodies (NMBs) to prepare well in advance.

The schedule for 2023 is as follows:

WDSF BREAKING CALENDAR 2023			
DATE	EVENT	COUNTRY	STATUS*
February 24-25	Breaking for Gold World Series	Japan	Confirmed
April	WDSF European Championship	Spain	Under WDSF Review
April 14-16	Breaking for Gold World Series	Brazil	Under WDSF Review
May 6-7	African Continental Championship	Morocco	Under WDSF Review
May 27-28	Pan American Championship	Chile	Confirmed
June 3-4	Breaking for Gold International Series	Canada	Under WDSF Review
June 10-11	Breaking for Gold International Series	Austria	Under WDSF Review
June 26-27	European Games	Poland	Confirmed
July 1-2	Asian Continental Championship	China	Pending Formal Bidding
August 4-6	Breaking for Gold Challenge Series	Brazil	Under WDSF Review
August 30-31	Breaking for Gold World Series	Portugal	Confirmed
September 22-24	WDSF World Championship	Belgium	Confirmed
September 23- October 8 (Exact dates TBC)	Asian Games	China	Confirmed
November 3-4	Pan American Games	Chile	Confirmed
December 16-17	Breaking for Gold World Series	Hong Kong, China	Under WDSF Review

**Confirmed means the event is formally awarded to the relevant WDSF National Member Body (NMB) and is approved by the WDSF.*

Pending Formal Bidding means that the formal bidding procedure by the NMB has not been completed and the event has not yet been officially approved by the WDSF. The status of the event is currently provisional and may be subject to change.

Under WDSF Review means that the status of the event is provisional. The event could change, or it may not take place should the WDSF not grant permission.

More events may be included at a later stage to the [2023 WDSF Calendar](#), which will be updated regularly to reflect any changes and/or confirmations, regardless of their status written above.

The WDSF is currently in discussions with potential hosts for the 2023 WDSF Continental Championships in Oceania.

All five BfG World Series events have either being granted or are pending formal bidding. As there is still time to organize other BfG events in 2023, all NMBs are encouraged to consider hosting a BfG Challenge Series or International Series event in their countries for the benefit of their athletes. Interested NMBs should contact the WDSF Sports Department for more information: sportsadmin@wdfs.org

BY THE NUMBERS

Despite the qualification process for Paris 2024 having already started, there are still numerous chances for all Breakers from all countries to book their spot at the Olympic Games – even if they have not yet participated in a qualifying event.

In total, 16 b-girls and 16 b-boys will compete at Paris 2024 via the WDSF [Olympic Qualification System](#), which was approved by the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in April 2022 and is based on the principles of inclusivity, transparency, and equality.

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Universality Places	Total
Men	13	1	2	16
Women	13	1	2	16
Total	26	2	4	32

Only two b-boys and two b-girls maximum from each National Olympic Committee (NOC) can qualify for Paris 2024:

	Quota places per NOC
Men	2
Women	2
Total	4

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR PARIS 2024

The winning b-girl (1) and winning b-boy (1) at the 2023 WDSF World Breaking Championship will qualify directly for Paris 2024.

The winning b-girls (5) and winning b-boys (5) at each of the Continental Games – or in the event there is no Continental Games, the winners of the corresponding Continental Championships – held throughout 2023 will also qualify directly for Paris 2024.

The final 20 Olympic spots (10 for b-boys and 10 for b-girls) must be earned via the Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS) in 2024.

Note: Because only one (1) athlete per gender per NOC can qualify directly for Paris 2024, should two b-boys, for example, from the same country win the WDSF World Breaking Championship and the Continental Games, only the first b-boy to win their competition would qualify directly for the Olympic Games. The second b-boy would have to earn his Olympic berth via the OQS.

PARIS 2024 QUALIFYING		
	Quota places	Event
Men	1	2023 WDSF World Breaking Championship
Women	1	2023 WDSF World Breaking Championship
Men	5	2023 Continental Games/ Championships
Women	5	2023 Continental Games/ Championships
Men	10	2024 Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS)
Women	10	2024 Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS)
Total	32	

OLYMPIC QUALIFIER SERIES

The IOC-led, four-sport [OQS](#) will bring together aspiring Olympians in Breaking, BMX freestyle, skateboarding, and sport climbing in three cities between March and June 2024.

The competitions will be held together in Urban Parks, offering a new Olympic experience to fans around the world by blending sport with music, art, and culture.

In total, 40 b-girls and 40 b-boys will compete in the OQS for the 20 Olympic berths (10 per gender) that will still be available.

Only three b-boys and three b-girls maximum from each National Olympic Committee (NOC) can qualify to OQS.

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR THE OQS

There are many ways for Breakers to qualify for the Olympic Qualifier Series. They can do so by:

- Finishing 2nd thru 6th at the 2023 WDSF World Breaking Championship (5 b-girls and 5 b-boys in total)
- For athletes from continents with both Continental Games and Continental Championships: Finishing 2nd at the Continental Games; finishing 1st or 2nd at the Continental Championships (3 b-girls and 3 b-boys in total per continent)
- For athletes from continents with only Continental Championships: Finishing 2nd thru 4th at the Continental Championships (3 b-girls and 3 b-boys in total per continent)
- Being one of the next 14 highest-ranked b-boys/b-girls (who have not yet qualified for Paris 2024) on the WDSF Ranking List (14 b-girls and 14 b-boys in total)

- In addition, one (1) b-boy and one (1) b-girl from the Olympic Host Country (France) will earn OQS berths, as will 3 athletes of each gender from the 3 OQS Host Countries (to be determined)
- Finally, 2 universality quota places per gender will also be awarded by the IOC's Tripartite Commission. Universality quota places promote sports development, provide equal opportunity to smaller countries, and progress the competitive ambitions of emerging nations. Note: One (1) Olympic Host Country quota athlete and two (2) universality quota athletes per gender can qualify for Paris 2024 only if they finish in the top 24 of the OQS.

OQS QUALIFYING		
	Quota places	Event
Men	5	2 nd -6 th at 2023 WDSF World Breaking Championship
Women	5	2 nd -6 th at 2023 WDSF World Breaking Championship
Men	15	2023 Continental Games/ Championships
Women	15	2023 Continental Games/ Championships
Men	14	Next 14 highest-ranked b-boys on WDSF Ranking List*
Women	14	Next 14 highest-ranked b-girls on WDSF Ranking List*
Men	1	Paris 2024 Host Country (France) Quota
Women	1	Paris 2024 Host Country (France) Quota
Men	3	OQS Host Countries Quota
Women	3	OQS Host Countries Quota
Men	2	IOC Universality Quota
Women	2	IOC Universality Quota
Total	80	

* Ranking points are earned at Continental Championships, WDSF Breaking for Gold World Series, International Series, and Challenge Series events that are currently under way. Only a Breaker's top 4 results (calculated by the highest number of ranking points) for the Breaking for Gold Series will count towards their ranking points in both the Breaking for Gold World Ranking and Breaking for Gold Olympic Qualifier Ranking. For the Breaking for Gold World Ranking, the results are valid for 1 year and are used for seeding Breakers into Breaking for Gold Series events. For the Breaking for Gold Olympic Qualifier Ranking, the results are collected in the period from 1 July 2022 – 31 December 2023, allowing for numerous opportunities for b-boys and b-girls to improve their ranking in order to qualify for the Olympic Qualifier Series.

PARTICIPATION IN BfG WORLD SERIES

The WDSF wishes to draw attention to the fact that from 1 January 2023, participation at Breaking For Gold World Series events will be limited to the three top-ranked b-boys and three top-ranked b-girls per NMB.

- **For NMBs with national ranking systems approved by the WDSF:** Their highest-ranking athlete (1) per gender on the WDSF BfG World Ranking List qualifies to participate at BfG World Series events in 2023, in addition to the two (2) next highest-ranked athletes per gender on the national ranking or by NMB nomination. Nominations will be made by National RLS Administrators through the [WDSF Competition Registration System](#) (CRS), subject to approval by the WDSF Sports Department. No tickets, flights, accommodation, etc., should be purchased until nominations are confirmed.
- **For NMBs without national ranking systems approved by the WDSF:** Their three (3) highest-ranking athletes per gender on the WDSF BfG World Ranking List qualify to participate at BfG World Series events in 2023. The selection will be made according to the ranking list on the 1st day of the month immediately before each event.
- **Wild card:** In accordance with the IOC's [Olympic Agenda 2020+5](#), which recommends widening the scope of engagement with and attracting the best athletes, the WDSF has implemented a wild card system to ensure that all b-boys and b-girls around the world have an equal opportunity to participate at BfG World Series events in 2023. The WDSF Vice President for Sport has the right to grant a wild card per NMB/BfG World Series up to 1 July 2023 that

will also apply to Breakers from countries without NMBs or limited or no access otherwise to WDSF events. A wild card can be issued to Breakers in countries that 1) have no athlete on the WDSF BfG World Ranking List and 2) whose National Ranking System has not been approved by the WDSF.

NMBs looking for recognition of their national ranking list must meet the following conditions to be approved by the WDSF, no later than 1st day of the month immediately before the relevant event:

1. NMB must have organized a National Championship in 2022/2023;
2. NMB must have organized at least 1 additional national competition; and
3. NMB must have made its National Ranking List public on their website.

Important note: If an NMB cannot provide proof to the WDSF Sports Department of the three (3) requirements mentioned above, the nominations will not be accepted. In that case all three (3) athletes will be selected according to the WDSF BfG World Ranking List, when possible.

For more details about the qualification process for Paris 2024, please refer to the following documents:

- [Olympic Qualification System](#)
- [Olympic Qualification System – Road to Paris 2024](#)
- [Continental Games Qualification System](#)

For all questions or comments, please contact: sportsadmin@wdfs.org