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Dear Presidents, Dear Secretaries General,

We are pleased to provide an update regarding the sports programme of the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 [LA28] and the process for the determination of new sports for potential inclusion.

Building on the LA28 programme principles adopted by the IOC Executive Board [EB] on 1 April and following the review of the Olympic Programme Commission [OPC], [the IOC EB approved the LA28 sports programme evaluation criteria](#) during the recent EB meeting on 18 May 2022 [Annex I].

These criteria apply to each discipline in the initial sports programme, as well as any proposed new disciplines for the LA28 sports programme. The criteria will also aid in the evaluation and Request for Proposal [RFP] selection of potential new sports for the Olympic Games LA28. Additional considerations for potential new sports, including assessing how each of the potential new sports will strengthen LA28's vision and bring uniqueness to its overall Games concept, will inform LA28's RFP selections.

Following an internal review based on the abovementioned framework, a number of selected sports will be invited to participate in a formal RFP process in June 2022 [a slight adjustment from the previously communicated timeline as a result of additional rigor and analysis], and the finalisation of OCOG proposed sports along with the disciplines for each sport will be completed in late Q2 2023. Please take note of the following timeline for the new sport evaluation.

Date	Action
June 2022	Select IFs invited by LA28 to formal new sport RFP process
July 2022	IF RFP responses due to LA28
August 2022	IF presentations to LA28

IFs selected to proceed to the new sport RFP phase will receive additional details regarding specific dates and expectations from LA28. No action is required from IFs at this time. If you have any questions, please contact [Sport-Relations@la28.org](mailto:Sport-Relations@la28.org).

Sincerely,

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## Annex I – LA28 Sports Programme Evaluation Criteria

<b>Cost and complexity</b>	
<b>What are we trying to determine?</b>	How complex is it to deliver the sport/discipline and how much does the sport/discipline cost within the Olympic Games and the LA28 context?
<b>Evaluation criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Infrastructure at the Olympic Games and within the LA28 context</li><li>• Operations at the Olympic Games</li><li>• Indirect costs</li></ul>

<b>Best athletes and athlete safety</b>	
<b>What are we trying to determine?</b>	Are the Olympics the ultimate destination for the sport's athletes? What are the key considerations on athlete safety?
<b>Evaluation criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Best athletes</li><li>• Health and safety</li></ul>

<b>Popularity and host country interest</b>	
<b>What are we trying to determine?</b>	How popular is the sport/discipline within the Olympic Games, at World Championships, and in the US specifically?
<b>Evaluation criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Broadcasting</li><li>• Digital</li><li>• Spectators</li><li>• Business model</li><li>• Relevance for host country</li></ul>

<b>Uniqueness, universality, gender equality, and relevance for youth</b>	
<b>What are we trying to determine?</b>	How globally prevalent and accessible is the sport/discipline, how well does it support diversity, equality, and inclusion, and how does it resonate with youth?
<b>Evaluation criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Universality and participation</li><li>• Youth appeal</li><li>• Gender equality</li><li>• Access to sport</li></ul>

<b>Integrity and fairness</b>	
<b>What are we trying to determine?</b>	How well do the sport's rules and regulations protect against doping and competition manipulation?
<b>Evaluation criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integrity of competition and manipulation of competition</li><li>• Anti-doping</li></ul>

<b>Environmental sustainability</b>	
<b>What are we trying to determine?</b>	How sustainable is the sport/discipline?
<b>Evaluation criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carbon footprint and energy</li><li>• Water</li><li>• Venue sustainability and legacy</li></ul>