

SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES

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1. The Last Tokyo Edition in 2021

The Asian boxers earned 14 medals in the Tokyo Olympic Games

The Asian boxers earned 14 medals in the boxing tournament of the Tokyo Olympic Games which is similar performance as last time in Rio de Janeiro five years ago. The Asians won the first and the last finals of the Tokyo Olympic Games earning two gold medals in the fifteen-days long competition.

Japan and Uzbekistan became the two Asian countries which achieved gold medals in the Tokyo Olympic Games. Among the Asian nations, Japan, Philippines, Kazakhstan, Chinese Taipei, India, Thailand, China and Uzbekistan won at least one medal in the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Altogether 70 Asian boxers including 26 women and 44 men were able to represent their nations in the Tokyo Olympic Games. The 71st qualified boxer, Thailand's super talented AIBA Youth World Champion Thitsan Panmod injured before the start of the first day and could not show his amazing skills. The final number of the boxers was 289 in the Games where thirteen champions have been crowned in Tokyo after 276 impressive bouts.

Japan's favourite Sena Irie claimed two bronze medals in the 2017 and 2018 AIBA Women's Youth World Boxing Championships and joined to the elite national team already in 2019 before her 19th birthday. Irie moved ahead step by step in the international rankings and following her silver medal at the Asian & Oceanian Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event, she was named as one of the favourites. The 21-year-old Japanese met in the first Olympic final at the women's featherweight (57kg) with Philippines' Nesthy Petecio and won her nation's third title in their history. Japan's further hopes as Tsukimi Namiki (51kg) and Ryomei Tanaka (52kg) both won bronze medals in Tokyo making the best ever Olympic Games in boxing for Japan.

Uzbekistan's superstar Bakhodir Jalolov is the reigning AIBA World Champion and he is three-time ASBC Asian Champion at the super heavyweight (+91kg). He won all of his contests since August 2017 therefore he was the favourite of the king weight category in the Tokyo Olympic Games. The Uzbek star eliminated Great Britain's veteran Frazer Clarke and met with United States' 22-year-old Richard Torrez Jr. in the Olympic final. Jalolov produced a fantastic second and third rounds earning one title for the Uzbek boxing delegation. His AIBA World Champion teammates as Shak-hobidin Zoirov (52kg) and Mirazizbek Mirzakhilov (57kg) had surprises losses in tight contests.

Philippines qualified four boxers to the Tokyo Olympic Games but among them three earned medals in the event. Philippines never won any Olympic titles in boxing yet and from their squad Nesthy Petecio and Carlo Paalam were near to make history for them. Both boxers lost their finals in the Games and achieved silver medals which proved the strong work of the country. Their Eumir Felix Marcial bagged bronze medal in the tough men's middleweight (75kg) and completed his collection with this Olympic podium place.

Kazakhstan is a strong boxing power in the whole world and the country earned Olympic gold medals in all of the Games between 1996 and 2016. The Kazakhs qualified altogether nine boxers and this time the squad earned two bronze medals in Tokyo. Their Saken Bibossynov (52kg) and Kamshybek Kunkabayev (+91kg) bagged these bronze medals in Tokyo while their favourites as Ablaihan Zhussupov (69kg), Abilkhan Amankul (75kg), and Bekzad Nurdauletov (81kg) had narrow losses in strong battles.

China had two finalists in the women's part of the Olympic Games but Gu Hong (69kg) and unbeaten Li Qian (75kg) suffered surprise losses in their title contests. Thailand proved strong performance, all of their boxers won at least one bout against world class opponents in Tokyo.

Their Sudaporn Seesondee was highly competitive for Ireland's eventual winner Kellie Harrington in the semi-finals of the women's lightweight (60kg) earning bronze medal in that tough category.

The Indians also had nine qualified boxers in the boxing tournament of the Tokyo Olympic Games where their women's welterweight (69kg) boxer Lovlina Borgohain has done a surprise success in the quarter-finals and earned bronze medal. Chinese Taipei achieved its first ever medal in the history of the Games which is the result of the strong development of their women's boxing life.

2. Basic information about the Paris Olympics

The schedule and the quotas of the Olympic Games

Only 15 days left until the start of the Paris Olympic Games where the final countdown has started in the French capital. Following the Official Opening Ceremony, the Olympic Games will begin in several sports including boxing on its first competition day.

Thirteen events, 248 top boxers, 124 female and 124 male athletes from 69 nations will compete in the boxing event of the Paris Olympics this Summer.

The boxing event of the Olympic Games will also start in the first official competition day on July 27. The finals have been divided into five competition days and will feature in Paris on August 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

The Arena Paris Nord is the competition venue during the preliminaries and the Roland Garros Stadium will be the place of the final phase.

The Asian boxers earned finally 72 quotas during the three qualification events and 16 countries from our continent will represent the Olympic Games in our sport which is the second highest number after Europe.

The Asian Games, the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event and the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event were the quota events for the Asian boxers, three opportunities for all of the National Federations.

The Asian women boxers achieved 37 qualification places for the Paris Olympics and several of them are gold medal contenders. The Asian male boxers took 35 quotas in the qualification events including one wild card and the stars of our continent have strong potential in Paris.

Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Thailand, China, Chinese Taipei, India, the Philippines, Tajikistan, Jordan, Mongolia, South Korea, DPR Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Kyrgyzstan and Palestine will have boxers in the Olympic Games from the Asian continent.

Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, China, Chinese Taipei, India, Japan and the Philippines have strong gold medal expectations but all of the Asians will be highly competitive after their top results in the previous main championships.

The Asian teams in the Olympic Games



The Central Asian region is one of the leaders in our sport, Uzbekistan has finally achieved 11 quotas in boxing. All of their seven male boxers qualified for the Paris Olympics and additionally record number of four women youngsters. Their oldest qualified female boxer is the Asian Champion Navbakhor Khamidova with the age of 23.

One of the boxing powerhouses, Kazakhstan claimed only two quotas in the Asian Games in Hangzhou but finally their boxers acquired 10 spots for the Paris Olympics. Their full male team like the Uzbeks, all qualified for the Games with three women boxers as well.

Thailand hosted the last qualification event in Bangkok and their boxers had six quotas before the competition. Two of their boxers still succeeded in the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event on home soil which means that Thailand claimed finally eight quotas which is their best performance since the Beijing 2008 edition.

China qualified seven boxers through the Asian Games and their Xu Zichun still managed for them an eighth quota in Bangkok. Her success at the featherweight (57kg) meant that China will have full women's team in the Olympic Games.

Chinese Taipei returned to the Olympic boxing map with two boxers in 2016 which was increased up to four in the Tokyo Games. Their final performance in the qualification process is a record-breaking six quotas in boxing which is the country's best ever result.

India had a few difficulties in the qualification process but finally six of their boxers qualified for the Paris Olympics, three from the Bangkok last chance event. Amit Panghal and Lovlina Borgohain both have qualified for their second Olympic Games after Tokyo.

The Philippines produced its best ever Olympic Games in Tokyo with two silver and bronze medals and their strong boxers achieved five quotas for Paris which is their best performance since the Atlanta 1996 edition.

Two promising nations such as Tajikistan and Jordan both qualified impressive number of three boxers for the Paris Olympics. Mizhgona Samadova is Tajikistan's first qualified female boxer since the London 2012 edition when their Mavzuna Chorieva claimed a fantastic bronze medal.

Mongolia, South Korea, DPR Korea, Japan and Vietnam each qualified 2-2 boxers for the Olympic Games while Kyrgyzstan returns to the event with one boxer after 2016.

The seeding rankings for the Paris Olympic Games are confirmed

The Paris Boxing unit confirmed the seeding system for the upcoming Olympic Games where eight boxers have been seeded in all of the 13 weight categories.

Four Asians and two Europeans are the Seed number ones in the six women weight classes while boxers from four continents are the top positions in the men's weight divisions. Those were seeded who claimed the titles and the silver medals in the continental qualification events which were held between June and December in 2023.

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China's Asian Games winners such as Wu Yu (50kg), Yang Wenlu (60kg), Li Qian (75kg) and their top male boxer, Tuohetaerbieke Tanglatihan (80kg) were seeded as No.1 in the Olympics but Yang Liu (women's 66kg) is also among the bests as seed No.2.

Chinese Taipei's two-time World Champion and Asian Games winner Lin Yu Ting is the Seed No.1 at the women's featherweight (57kg) while their best male hope, Lai Chu En is the surprise second seed at the men's light welterweight (63.5kg).

Uzbekistan's star, the World Champion and Asian Games gold medallist Abdumalik Khalokov is the main favourite at the men's featherweight (57kg) and he was seeded as No.1 in the Olympic boxing tournament. Their previous Olympic Champions as Hasanboy Dusmatov (51kg) seeded as No.2, while their unbeaten star Bakhodir Jalolov (+92kg) is No.4.

Tajikistan's Asian Games winner at the heavyweight (92kg), Davlat Boltayev is Seed No.2 while Japan's Sewon Okazawa is No.3 at the light middleweight (71kg).

3.The Asian countries in the Paris Olympics

China has gold medal expectations in the boxing event in Paris



China qualified a full female team with six boxers and two men for the boxing event of the Paris Olympics and the team is in the final preparation. Most of the Chinese boxers are medal favourites and some of them have the chance for the titles in Paris.

China was the host of the recent Asian Games in the city of Hangzhou where their boxers secured seven flight tickets for Paris. China was lacked any gold medals in the boxing tournament of the Tokyo Olympics therefore the country's target is at least one title in the upcoming Paris edition.

The Chinese team competed in the Strandja Memorial Tournament, the US International Invitational Tournament and the Grand Prix Usti nad Labem this year to meet top boxers before the Olympic Games.

Five of their top female boxers such as Wu Yu (50kg), Chang Yuan (54kg), Yang Wenlu (60kg), Yang Liu (66kg) and Li Qian (75kg) all qualified for the Olympic Games through the Asian Games on home soil and they spent the recent seven months in events and training camps.

All of their top five women boxers are able to beat any of their rivals and they have the routine to keep their level from the preliminaries until the finals. Wu Yu, Yang Liu and Li Qian defeated almost all of their Olympic rivals during their long boxing career.

The World Championships silver medallist Tuohetaerbieke Tanglatihan had a seriously hard road for the quota at the men's light heavyweight (80kg), but he succeeded and he won preparation tournaments for the Olympics as well.

Han Xuezheng caused a huge sensation with his quota at the men's heavyweight (92kg) in Hangzhou, he was not a favourite for that place in the Asian Games but he eliminated some high-ranked boxers and the 25-year-old Chinese qualified for his first Olympics.

Xu Zichun was their lone female boxer in the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event in Bangkok but she earned China's eighth quota for Paris at the women's featherweight (57kg). As all of the Chinese women boxers, she has brilliant technical skills and the speed to work from counter-attacking range.

One of their top male boxers, Danabieke Bayikewuzi from the Xinjiang region developed well enough but the super heavyweight (+92kg) was not able to qualify for the Olympic Games during his three chances in the qualification events.

Pang Chol Mi and Won Un Gyong are aiming high in the Paris Olympics

DPR Korea will return to the boxing events of the Olympic Games after 12-years of break and two of their female stars qualified for Paris through the Asian Games.

The North Koreans competed two out of the three qualification events, firstly in the Asian Games in Hangzhou, secondly in the last chance qualifier in Bangkok a few weeks ago.

DPR Korea joined to the Olympic movement in 1972 when their team quickly earned medals including in the boxing competition of the Munich edition.

The North Korean boxers competed or qualified to nine editions of the Olympic Games between 1972 and 2012 in the past. Their overall boxing performance in the Olympic Games is two gold, three silver and three bronze medals and they are among the best Asian nations on this list.

The North Koreans attended first with two boxers at the Munich 1972 Olympic Games and among them Kim U Gil claimed silver medal at the light flyweight (48kg).

The first North Korean who achieved the Olympic title was Gu Jong Jo who defeated all of his rivals at the Montreal 1976 Olympic Games. Li Byong Uk was finalist also in the Canadian venue and achieved silver medal at the light flyweight (48kg) and he repeated that performance in the Moscow 1980 Olympic Games.

The second North Korean Olympic title was achieved by Choe Chol Su at the flyweight (51kg) in the Barcelona 1992 Olympic Games. Li Gwang Sik achieved bronze in 1992, while Kim Un Chol also took an unexpected podium place in 2000. Kim Song Guk's silver from the 2004 Athens edition was DPR Korea's last Olympic medal in boxing.

North Korea's best female boxer, Pang Chol Mi was Women's World Champion, Asian Games silver medallist in the past and she returned to the competitions at the women's bantamweight (54kg). Pang Chol Mi used her excellent technical skills to win the Asian Games in Hangzhou and she is also a favourite in the Paris Olympics.

Won Un Gyong, their Women's Junior World Champion from 2015, moved up to the lightweight (60kg) in the recent years and the 24-year-old boxer also returned to the international stage after a break as Pang Chol Mi. Her excellent performance in the Asian Games guaranteed her participation in the Paris Olympic Games.

The six-strong Indian team is aiming for a historic title in the Paris Olympics

Six of the Indians have qualified for the Paris Olympics in boxing and the country is ready to win medals in the French capital once again after the Tokyo edition.

India competed first in the Olympic Games in 1948 in London short after the country became fully independent from the United Kingdom one year earlier. The Indian boxers attended and qualified 15-times in the boxing tournament of the Olympic Games until 2021.

Their first Olympic medal in the sport was achieved by Vijender Singh at the Beijing 2008 edition and he became also the first Indian who could win a bronze at the World Boxing Championships.

Their second bronze was delivered by national icon, the six-time World Champion Chungneijang Mary Kom Hmangte at the women's flyweight (51kg) in London in 2012. Their third bronze medal was taken by Lovlina Borgohain in the last Tokyo Olympics and she is also member of the team in Paris as well.

Their team competed in the Boxam Tournament, the Strandja Memorial Tournament, the Asian U22 Boxing Championships and at the Grand Prix Usti nad Labem this year next to the qualification events. Since the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event, the Indians trained in Europe and their team is in France already to finalize the preparation.

Dmitriy Dmitruk, Chenanda Achaiah Kuttapa, Pranamika Borah, Dharmendra Singh Yadav and Khimanand Belwal are the coaches of the Indian team in the training camps but physiotherapist, masseur, masseuse, doctor, nutritionist, video analyst and psychologist are also supporting the preparation of the squad.

All of the four qualified Indian girls have huge potential in the upcoming Olympic Games but the two-time World Champion Nikhat Zareen has the best chance to achieve her next career highlight at the women's light flyweight (50kg). Zareen won all of her contests in 2022, she won big events and the experienced girl is ready to earn a medal in Paris.

The Asian Games bronze medallist Preeti Pawar (54kg), the tall Jaismine Lamboriya (57kg) and their ace, the World Champion and Tokyo Olympics star Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) also qualified for the Paris Olympics. Borgohain achieved a bronze three years ago and the Asian Champion has the potential to beat her main rivals in Paris.

Amit Panghal returned to the national team in time to get a flight ticket to Paris through the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event. The 29-year-old flyweight (51kg) boxer will be competing in his second Olympics after Tokyo and the Asian Games winner has the speed and skills to get a medal in Paris.

India's next male sensation, Nishant Dev achieved a bronze medal at the 2023 Men's Elite World Boxing Championships in Tashkent and finally he qualified for the Paris Olympics through the last chance option from Bangkok.

Japan prepares in the Ajinomoto Training Centre for the Paris Olympics



Team Japan are in the 3rd preparation camp for the Paris Olympic Games in the Ajinomoto Training Centre in Tokyo. Their World Champion and Asian Games winner Sewon Okazawa has strong medal hopes at the men's light middleweight (71kg) in Paris.

Mr. Vladimir Shin, Mr. Hirokuni Moto, Mr. Toshiya Aratake, Mr. Yuji Oyamada, Mr. Naoto Ichikawa and Mr. Masuaki Takeda are the coaches who control the work and the preparations in the Ajinomoto Training Centre.

Japan's surprise boxer Shudai Harada (men's 57kg) and Sewon Okazawa (men's 71kg) have already qualified for the Paris Olympics through the Asian Games but the strong boxing country was not able to increase the number of the spots in the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event.

Japan selected five women and three men boxers to the upcoming 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event in Bangkok but their boxers did not earn any spots in Thailand's capital and the country can send only two hopefuls to Paris. Their Asian Women's Champion Rinka Kinoshita and the World Champion Tomoya Tsuboi both have to miss the Olympic Games due to the failed qualification process.

Japan claimed three medals including one gold in the recent Olympic Games in Tokyo but their gold medallist Sena Irie retired from the active sport and the other two stars are not members of their current national squads.

Miyazaki's Shion Nishiyama almost qualified for Paris through the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event but he failed to win his last bout in Busto Arsizio. The light welterweight (63.5kg) boxer is in the training camp to support the preparation of the two qualified Japanese athletes.

Japan Self-Defence Forces' Masahiro Tomita, Ehime Prefecture's Go Wakaya and Mie Prefecture's Daigo Sunaga are the further three boxers in the training camp in Tokyo to make sparring sessions with Harada and Okazawa.

Team Jordan prepares in Nancy for the Paris Olympics

Team Jordan is in the final stage of the preparations and their three boxers are in the French training camp in Nancy together with several powerful squads.

Jordan was not able to qualify boxers through the Asian Games in Hangzhou, the country had victories in strong contests but they failed the key challenges. Following their strong preparation in Cuba and in Spain, Obada Al-Kasbeh has qualified for the Paris Olympics through the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event.

Jordan had perfect preparations before the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event and two of their stars used the last opportunity in Bangkok to qualify for Paris. Zeyad Eshaish reached the semi-finals at the light middleweight (71kg) while Hussein Ishaish won the specific Box-off at the light heavyweight (80kg).

Jordan's age in boxing is in promising stage since Ihab Darweish Al-Matbouli qualified for the London 2012 Olympic Games. They had two quotas in Rio de Janeiro, record number of five at the Tokyo Olympics, and three experienced boxers qualified for Paris.

Mr. Dagoberto Rojas Scott, the Cuban coach helps the work and the agenda of their training in Nancy which is the final part of their preparation for the Paris Olympics.

Obada Al-Kasbeh joined the elite national team in 2012 at the age of 18 and he achieved a silver medal at the 2013 ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships. He qualified for the Rio Olympics and after a few poor years, he returned to the events with a silver medal at the 2019 ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships. Al-Kasbeh is 30-year-old, very experienced and his physical condition is outstanding.

Zeyad Eshaish also included to the elite national squad as a teenager in 2016 and he moved forward in the rankings step by step. He claimed a bronze medal at the 2018 Asian Games and he won the Asian & Oceanian Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event in Amman two years later. The 26-year-old Tokyo Olympian can prepare to his second Games and he has medal hopes at the light middleweight (71kg).

Hussein Ishaish was a great surprise at the 2012 and 2013 youth competitions and he qualified for his third Olympic Games after Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo. Ishaish earned a gold medal at the 2022 ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships following that he moved down two categories to the light heavyweight (80kg) which shows his strong commitment to the successes.

Team Kazakhstan prepares in Almaty and in Shymkent for the Paris Olympics



The management of the Kazakhstan Boxing Federation arranged an important training camp for their qualified boxers after the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event. The Kazakh national boxing team trains in Almaty and will continue the preparations in the south part of the country, in Shymkent until July 20.

The former capital city of Kazakhstan, Almaty is located in the mountains and it is excellent for the physical preparations for the Paris Olympics. The team follows the plan of their head coach, Mr. Myrzagali Aitzhanov who wants to retake Kazakhstan to the top of the Olympic podium in Paris.

Shymkent hosted also several competitions in the recent years including the 2013 edition of the ASBC Asian Junior Boxing Championships as well. Azerbaijan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan are planning to join the preparations of the Kazakh Olympic team in Shymkent which will be held until July 20.

Kazakhstan opened their Olympic quota hunt at the Asian Games in Hangzhou but due to their great run at the 1st and 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Events, the Central Asian boxing power finally achieved ten quotas for the Paris Olympics.

Kazakhstan separated from the Soviet Union in 1991 and their independent Kazakh Boxing Federation was established in 1992. The independent Kazakhstan attended in seven editions of the Olympics and proved impressive performance in the 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2021 Games.

The independent Kazakhstan produced 24 medals between 1996 and 2021 in the boxing events of the Olympic Games. Kazakhstan is No.9 in the current Olympic boxing all-time medal table with seven gold, seven silver and ten bronze medals in spite of the fact their boxers could represent the independent country only six editions from 1996 until 2021.

The Kazakhs achieved only two bronze medals in the last Tokyo Olympics in boxing three years ago therefore their objective is to regain their place in the top of the podium in Paris.

The Tokyo bronze medallists as Saken Bibossynov and Kamshybek Kunkabayev both qualified for the upcoming Paris edition where Kazakhstan will cover all of the seven male weight categories. Next to Saken Bibossynov, Makhmud Sabyrkhan (57kg), Aslanbek Shymbergenov (71kg) and Nurbek Oralbay (80kg) are also World Champions in this cycle.

Three of their strong female boxers as the former World Champion Nazym Kyzaibay (50kg), the Asian Champion Karina Ibragimova (57kg) and Valentina Khalzova (75kg) have also qualified for the Paris Olympics.

Kyrgyzstan returns in boxing at the Paris Olympics

Kyrgyzstan's Munarbek Seyitbek Uulu impressed in the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event in and became his nation's lone boxer at the Paris Olympic Games. His quota means that Kyrgyzstan can return to the Olympic Games after eight years of hiatus.

Kyrgyzstan produced impressive results by the time of the Soviet Union when Nikolay Lodin, Valeriy Grishkovets, and Vladimir Roslov were their first top boxers. Their golden age was at the '1980s when Ikram Mirbabayev, Orzubek Nazarov, Nurlan Abdykalykov, Adykan Bekbolotov, Abdybakyt Khalmurzaev, Daniyar Jusubaliev, Yevgeniy Alekseyev and Andrei Kurnyavka were their stars and champions.

The independent Kyrgyz team competed first at the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games following their successful qualification process. Kyrgyzstan qualified three boxers to the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games including veteran AIBA World Champion Andrei Kurnyavka who had a tight contest against Cuba's legend Felix Savon.

The Central Asian country had record number of five qualified boxers in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. A former Soviet Union Schoolboys Champion from 1990, Nurbek Kassenov qualified for two Olympic Games and represented Kyrgyzstan in Atlanta and also in Sydney.

Asylbek Talasbayev was also two-time Olympian, he qualified for the Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008 editions. Almazbek Raimkulov reached the quarter-finals in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and he was near to get the country's first medal.

Kyrgyzstan's tall light heavyweight (81kg) boxer, the AIBA Asian & Oceanian Olympic Qualification Event bronze medallist Erkin Adylbek Uulu was selected as Team Kyrgyzstan flag bearer for the Opening Ceremony of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games in their last appearance before Munarbek Seyitbek Uulu's quota.

Munarbek Seyitbek Uulu lost his semi-final in the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event in Bangkok a few weeks ago but he was excellent in the specific Box-off and he defeated India's Sachin for the last Olympic spot at the featherweight (57kg).

Kyrgyzstan has strong potential in boxing, the country has thousands of boxers with good coaches and their fighting spirit and technical skills are also on the top level.

Mongolia's women talents are ready to write history in Paris

Mongolia qualified three boxers for the Paris Olympics but two of them are able to participate in the French capital due to Chinzorig Baatarsukh's doping case.

The Mongolian women's boxing developed rapidly in the previous Olympic cycle with several medals in the World and Asian Championships and their progress guaranteed two quotas for them for Paris.

Mongolia sent boxers at the very first time to the Munich 1972 Olympic Games where nine of their hopes competed in West Germany. The Mongolians qualified boxers to each of the editions of the Olympic Games since Barcelona until Tokyo. Impressive number of six Mongolian boxers qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games which was their last peak performance in the Games.

Mongolia achieved altogether one gold, two silver and four bronze medals in the boxing history of the Olympic Games and the country is 35th in the overall medal table. Boxing is the second most successful Olympic sport in Mongolia just behind judo. Their first Olympic bronze medal was achieved by Nergui Enkhbat at the Seoul 1988 Olympic Games which was followed by Namjil Bayarsaikhan at the Barcelona 1992 edition.

Mongolia's lone Olympic boxing gold medal was delivered by Enkhbat Badar-Uugan who won the bantamweight (54kg) in the Beijing 2008 Olympics. His fellow Purevdorj Serdamba also advanced to the final of the Games in Beijing and he claimed a silver at the light flyweight (48kg). Their ASBC Asian Champion Dorjnyambuu Otgondalai earned Mongolia's last top achievement, a bronze medal in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Yesugen Oyuntsetseg robbed into the world of boxing in 2018 when she reached excellent youth results and she moved down three categories in 2022 which was a strong decision from the coaching staff. The 23-year-old Mongolian qualified with a bronze medal from the Asian Games to Paris at the women's light flyweight (50kg).

Munguntsetseg Enkhjargal achieved a gold medal at the 2022 ASBC Asian U22 Boxing Championships and a bronze at the 2023 Women's World Boxing Championships. Following these successes, she proved her fantastic stamina at the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event in Bangkok to get her flight ticket to Paris.

Wasim Abusal will make an Olympic debut for Palestine in Paris

The Paris Boxing unit confirmed all of the universality places for the upcoming Olympic Games where Palestine will be able to make their debuts. Wasim Abusal from Palestine received one of the wild cards for the Paris Olympics and he will compete at the men's featherweight (57kg) in the Games.

Palestine never competed in any of the previous Olympic Games before Paris but Wasim Abusal can make history for them in Paris.

Wasim Abusal was born in Ramallah on June 14 in 2004 and he began boxing at the age of 12 in the Elbarrio Boxing Club with coach Mr. Nader Jayousi. He trains 14 hours in a week and likes the football, the gymnastics, the Palestinian and the Egyptian music.

Abusal was only 14-year-old when he competed for Palestine in the international stage, his coach took him to Portugal, the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark to fight against strong opponents. Abusal represented Palestine in the 2019 ASBC Asian Junior Boxing Championships in Fujairah, UAE which was his first main event during his career.

Abusal competed in the ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships, Asian Games, Men's Elite World Boxing Championships and all of the three qualification events for Paris. He bagged a bronze medal at the 2023 Arab Sports Games and he has successes against some top boxers despite his young age of 20.

Palestine's best boxer in the 2000s Mounir Abukeshek, Hamed Shahid and Osama Alzig competed in the qualification events before the Athens 2004 Olympic Games. Their boxers did not succeed in the qualification events 20 years ago but the country joined to the international boxing map.

Palestine claimed one bronze medal in the history of the boxing events of the Asian Games which is one of their highlights. Mounir Abukeshek has done his debut in the Bangkok 1998 Asian Games but four years later he achieved bronze in Busan, South Korea. He lost to South Korea's Choi Ki Soo in the semi-finals of the light heavyweight (81kg) but his success in 2002 became his career highlight.

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Team Philippines earned fantastic five Olympic quotas for Paris, the highest number since 1996



Team Philippines earned fantastic number of five boxing quotas for the Paris Olympics through the three qualification events which hosted by the cities of Hangzhou, Busto Arsizio and Bangkok.

The Philippines has currently 15 licenses for the Olympic Games in athletics, boxing, fencing, gymnastics, rowing and weightlifting. Among them boxing is the most successful sport for the Paris Olympics qualifications with five quotas.

Philippines competed first in the Paris 1924 Olympic Games but in different sports but the country was also one of the pioneer boxing nations in Asia. Philippines was one of the first Asian nations which attended in the boxing event of the Olympic Games, their debut has done in the Los Angeles 1932 edition.

The Filipino boxers competed and qualified into 19 editions of the Olympic Games between 1932 and 2016. Since the qualification procedure has been established before the Barcelona 1992 Olympic Games, Philippines' best boxers qualified to each of the Games to Barcelona, Atlanta, Sydney, Athens, Beijing, London and Rio de Janeiro.

Their peak presence in the Olympic Games was at the Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games with six boxers which the country repeated in Seoul in 1988 and in Barcelona four years later.

Philippines had four qualified boxers at the Tokyo Olympics which is their best ever Games of all-times in our sport. Their female and male boxers claimed two silver and one bronze medal in Japan's capital three years ago.

Nesthy Petecio and Carlo Paalam were their silver medallists in the Tokyo Olympics, while Eumir Felix Marcial bagged the bronze in 2021. All of them have qualified for the Paris Olympics through the three different competitions in the previous months. Paalam had to catch one of the last available tickets to Paris at the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event in Bangkok.

Aira Villegas is a new ace in their Olympic team but she has twelve years of experience in the international competitions and the technician boxer will represent the Philippines at the women's light flyweight (50kg). Hergie Bacayadan switched from other martial arts to boxing in time to qualify for Paris at the women's middleweight (75kg).

Oh Yeon Ji and Im Ae Ji are South Korea's secret favourites in the Paris Olympics

The South Koreans were one of the boxing powers in the 1980s and 1990s but two of their female stars will try to regain the country's place on the map in the Paris Olympics.

Two of the women's boxers from South Korea such as Im Ae Ji and Oh Yeon Ji represented South Korea in the Tokyo Olympics and the same duo qualified for Paris as well.

The Asian Games was not enough successful for the South Koreans but their top female boxers shined in the 1st and 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Events.

South Korea attended first in the boxing event of the Olympic Games in 1948 when the country sent three boxers to London. South Korea competed 16-times in the boxing events of the Olympic Games, their peak performance was their home event in Seoul in 1988 when the country took part with maximum number of 12 boxers.

South Korea achieved altogether three gold, seven silver and ten bronze medals in the history of the boxing events of the Olympic Games. Their first Olympic title was achieved by Shin Joon Sup at the middleweight (75kg) in the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games. Kim Kwang Sun and Park Si Hun were their next gold medallist at the Seoul 1988 Olympic Games.

Boxing is the 8th most successful Summer Olympian sport in South Korea after archery, taekwondo, judo, wrestling, shooting, badminton and fencing. The sport is ahead of many other top national sports including weightlifting, table tennis, handball, gymnastics, swimming, track and field athletics, baseball and golf.

The 2017 Youth World Champion and the Tokyo Olympian Im Ae Ji moved down to the bantamweight (54kg) which is better for her height and physical parameters. Im impressed in the qualification events in the previous months and she has the potential to beat several of the top athletes in the Paris Olympics.

Oh Yeon Ji is the No.1 of the team who earned gold medal at the 2018 Asian Games and she won three editions of the ASBC Asian Women's Boxing Championships. Oh was unlucky in the recent Asian Games in Hangzhou but she worked well enough in the previous months to qualify for her next Olympics.

Chinese Taipei earned record-breaking six boxing quotas for Paris



Chinese Taipei exceeded all of the expectations with their six quotas for the Paris Olympic Games which is a record in their boxing history.

Chinese Taipei sent one boxer to the Melbourne 1956 Olympic Games which was their debut in that level as for many other Asian nations. Chinese Taipei sent boxers to the 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1984 and 1988 editions of the Olympic Games before the qualification system was launched in 1992.

The country qualified one boxer to the 1996 Olympic Games but Tsai Chih Hsiu lost his first contest at the light flyweight (48kg) in Atlanta. Chinese Taipei sent boxers to the qualification events of the Sydney, Athens, Beijing and London but their athletes were unable to take any spots for the 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012 Olympics.

Chinese Taipei began a strategical development program in the early years of the 2000s and their hard work paid off especially in the women's part of boxing. After 20-years of hiatus two of their boxers from Chinese Taipei, a male Lai Chu En and a super talented female, Chen Nien Chin qualified for Rio de Janeiro.

Three of their women team members as Chen Nien Chin, Lin Yu Ting and Huang Hsiao Wen claimed gold medals in the 2018 or in the 2019 Women's World Boxing Championships in New Delhi and in Ulan-Ude. All of these three super talented girls and one further female hope Wu Shih Yi have qualified for the Tokyo Olympic Games where Huang earned their first historic bronze medal.

Chinese Taipei amazed in the Asian Games in Hangzhou where two of their male boxers, the Rio Olympian Lai Chu En and Kan Chia Wei have qualified for Paris with their silver medals. Two further female stars as Lin Yu Ting and Wu Shih Yi also managed their Olympic pathway through the Asian Games.

The two-time Olympian Chen Nien Chin accomplished her minimum target at the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event and she became Chinese Taipei's fifth Paris Olympian in boxing. Huang Hsiao Wen had the strong chance to repeat that in the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event and she managed to earn the nation's record-breaking sixth quota for Paris.

Tajikistan repeated their Olympic qualification performance with three quotas

Tajikistan qualified three boxers for the Paris Olympic Games which is the same performance from their side as in the last Tokyo edition.

Tajikistan separated from the Soviet Union in 1991 and attended first as an independent nation in the Olympic Games five years later in Atlanta. Tajikistan attended six-times in the boxing events of the Olympic Games in almost all of the editions between 1996 and 2021 excluding in Sydney.

Khurshed Khasanov was the lone Tajik who qualified for the Atlanta 1996 Olympics in boxing while Bakhritdin Rakhimov, Rustam Saidov and Lazizbek Zokirov were all near to earn spots for the Games but failed their last steps in the Qualification Events.

Tajikistan claimed its first Olympic boxing medal in 2012 when their young female boxer, Mavzuna Chorieva has done that historic performance. Boxing, wrestling and judo are the most successful sports in Tajikistan, all of these acquired medals in the Olympic Games between 2008 and 2016. Their peak appearance in boxing was the London 2012 Olympic Games when four Tajiks qualified for the event.

Three Tajik boxers qualified for the last Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, among them Bakhodur Usmonov (63kg) won his opening preliminary bout in Japan. His teammates, 24-year-old Shabbos Negmatulloev (81kg) and Siyovush Zukhurov (+91kg) earned also spots for Tokyo but lost their first contests.

Tajikistan impressed in the first qualification event at the Asian Games where their boxers achieved two quotas for Paris. Mizhgona Samadova and Davlat Boltayev both have qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and secured their flight tickets to the French capital. Boltayev not only qualified for Paris but he won the heavyweight (92kg) at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

Bakhodur Usmonov was their next hero at the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event, the 27-year-old light welterweight (63.5kg) boxer advanced to the semi-finals. Usmonov, the 2019 Asian Champion and the World Championships bronze medallist, qualified for his second Olympics after Tokyo.

Thailand travelled to Europe to make the final preparations for the Paris Olympics



Thailand started their final preparations for the Olympic Games and the team travelled to Europe to make sparring and training sessions against top countries. Thailand selected not only their eight Olympians for these training camps but their future hopes as well.

Thailand competed first in the Melbourne 1956 Olympic Games where all of their boxers lost in the preliminary rounds. The Southeast Asian country attended and qualified for sixteen boxing tournament of the Olympic Games between 1956 and 2021.

Their first Olympic medal, a bronze, was achieved by a young talent in 1976, Payao Pooltarat at the 48kg weight class. Los Angeles delivered the second Thai medal in boxing where Dhawee Umponmaha bagged a silver medal at the light welterweight (63.5kg).

The Seoul 1988 Olympic Games saw one bronze medal for Thailand which was taken by Phajol Moolsan, while Arkhom Chenglai claimed a bronze in Barcelona four years later.

Thailand achieved four gold medals in the next four Olympic Games in Atlanta, in Sydney, in Athens and in Beijing. Somluck Kamsing, Wijan Ponlid, Manus Boonjumnong and Somjit Jongjohor were their gold medallists between 1996 and 2008. Worapoj Petchkoom achieved an additional silver medal at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games which was a surprise result.

Their last male medal in the Olympic Games was a silver which was taken by Kaeo Pongprayoon in the London 2012 Olympics. The Thai veteran lost a narrow final to China's two-time Olympic Champion Zou Shiming at the light flyweight (49kg) in London.

Sudaporn Seesondee became Thailand's first ever woman boxer who earned bronze medal in an Olympic Games. The 30-year-old boxer advanced to the semi-finals at the Tokyo Olympic Games and she had a seriously narrow contest against Ireland's eventual winner Kellie Harrington at the women's lightweight (60kg).

Thailand, the best boxing country in the Southeast Asian region, exceeded their previous performance and achieved eight quotas for the Paris Olympics. Thailand's eight quotas means that this is their best performance since the 2008 Beijing Olympics when they also had the same number of qualified boxers.

Thailand bagged five quotas through the Asian Games in Hangzhou, and one of their female stars took the country's sixth spot for Paris at the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event in Bangkok. Thailand hosted the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event two weeks ago and two of their further boxers qualified for Paris.

Thailand will be in training camps in Germany and in France before the Paris Olympics and the country is aiming for their fifth Olympic title in boxing this summer after their titles in 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008.

Thailand will train in Kienbaum, Germany first with the local squad and other European and Asian nations as well. Kienbaum is located near to the capital city, Berlin and it has a fully equipped boxing facility with accommodation and all the necessary logistics. Several of the countries joined also the preparations to support the Olympian boxers in the training camp.

Their squad will travel from Germany to Nancy, France to make the final preparations before the Olympic Games in the local environment. Nancy is a riverfront city in the northeastern of France and it has the population of 105,000, most importantly it is only 320km far from the venue of the Olympic Games.

The Uzbek male boxers have busy training schedule before the Olympics



Uzbekistan qualified four women and seven men boxers to the Paris Olympic Games and their stars are in the direct preparations for the main event of the year.

The Uzbeks were excellent at the Asian Games in Hangzhou and at the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event in Busto Arsizio. Only three of their girls had to travel to the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event and among them one has succeeded in Bangkok.

The team spent a lot of time in Yangiabad in their training camp but their male boxers travelled to Sochi as the next phase of the preparations and they will spend the time there until June 22.

Their qualified women boxers are still very young, Sabina Bobokulova (50kg) and Nigina Uktamova (54kg) both were born in 2003 but the duo have several Asian titles since 2019.

Sitora Turdibekova (57kg) is 22-year-old while their welterweight (66kg) Asian Champion Navbakhor Khamidova is 23.

One of the Uzbek aces, Hasanboy Dusmatov, the Rio 2016 Olympic Games winner, are aiming for his next title in Paris and the 31-year-old flyweight (51kg) star is in top shape following his preparation events.

Uzbekistan's featherweight (57kg) genius, Abdumalik Khalokov is World Champion, Asian Games winner and Asian Champion as well but the Olympic gold medal is still missing of his collection.

The defending World Champions such as Ruslan Abdullayev (63.5kg), and Asadkhudja Muydinkhudjayev (71kg), furthermore the Youth World Champion Turabek Khabibullayev (80kg) and the Asian Champion Lazizbek Mullojonov (92kg) all qualified for Paris through the 1st World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event.

The next superstar of the team, the multiple Asian Champion Bakhodir Jalolov is titleholder at the super heavyweight (+92kg) in the Olympic Games and all of the experts predict his second title in Paris.

Javokhir Abdurakhimov (71kg), Javokhir Ummataliyev (75kg), the promising star Fazliddin Erkinboyev (80kg), Shokhjakhon Abdullayev (86kg), the World bronze medallist Madiyar Saidrakhimov (92kg), Diyorbek Uralov (92kg) and the five-time Asian Champion Jakhongir Zokirov (+92kg) are also in the training camp to support their qualified boxers.

Vo Thi Kim Anh and Ha Thi Linh would sail for the Olympic podium in Paris

Vietnam has never claimed any medals in boxing in the Olympic Games yet but their two experienced female boxers have chance to make a new history for the Southeast Asian country.

Vietnam sent two boxers to the 1952 Olympic Games and their next participation was only in Seoul 36 years later in boxing. Vietnam qualified for the very first time two boxers for the Tokyo Olympics since the qualification system was introduced and the country repeated that performance in the Paris edition.

Mr. Tawan Mungphingklang, the well-known Thai coach returned to Vietnam in the beginning of the year and under his leadership, the country earned two spots for Paris 2024. He led Team Vietnam in the end of the 2010s and the beginning of the 2020s.

He signed a 4-years long contract with Vietnam Boxing Federation until 2028, to the end of the next cycle, which includes all of the Qualifiers, the Olympic Games, two Southeast Asian Games, ASBC and other championships as well.

Vietnam hosted the 2017 ASBC Asian Women's Boxing Championships in Ho Chi Minh City and the 2022 Southeast Asian Games which were the top highlights in the country's promising boxing life and a big impact for them. Nine of their boxers participated in the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China on September 2023 and among them, the experienced Luu Diem Quynh earned a bronze medal at the women's middleweight (75kg).

Vietnam did not qualify to any boxers to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games through the Asian Games but their athletes impressed in the 1st and 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Events in Italy and in Thailand.

Vo Thi Kim Anh earned several national titles in the part and she demonstrated her great technical skills at the 2022 Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament where she won the title. Vo returned to the national squad in time and she was highly confident in Busto Arsizio to take a quota at the women's bantamweight (54kg).

The SEA Games winner Ha Thi Linh is a well-experienced boxer at the lightweight (60kg) and the 31-year-old pugilist succeeded in the specific Box-off in the 2nd World Olympic Boxing Qualifying Event in Bangkok.