



To: All media  
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## Olympic Qualifier Series Part I – Shanghai, China – Information for the media

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS) Shanghai Local Organising Committee (LOC) are pleased to announce that the media accreditation process for the inaugural OQS event will run **from 11 March to 21 April 2024**. Media interested in attending this event are asked to apply for an accreditation by following the instructions below.

### 1) General information

The Olympic Qualifier Series, a key project under [Olympic Agenda 2020+5](#), brings together the best athletes in BMX freestyle, breaking, skateboarding and sport climbing in a single Urban Park. The compact events, held over four days, offer an immersive Olympic experience that merges sport, art, music and culture. Part 1 will be held at the Huangpu Riverside in Shanghai from 16 to 19 May 2024, while Part 2, in Budapest, will take place at the Ludovika Campus from 20 to 23 June 2024. The two-part series, taking place in the period leading up to the Olympic Games, will be an important step in determining which athletes qualify for Paris 2024.

### Overview and key facts:

- Dates: From Thursday 16 May to Sunday 19 May 2024
- First-ever Olympic Qualifier Series, the ultimate qualification stage for Paris 2024
- Sports programme: BMX freestyle, breaking, sport climbing (speed, and boulder & lead) and skateboarding (park and street)
- Number of athletes: 464
- Full gender parity on the field of play

	Day -2	Day -1	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
	14 May	15 May	16 May	17 May	18 May	19 May
BMX Freestyle		Training	Training	Competition	Competition	
Breaking				Training	Competition	Competition
Skateboarding Street	Training	Training	Competition	Competition	Competition	Competition
Skateboarding Park	Training	Training	Competition	Competition	Competition	Competition
Sport Climbing	Training	Training	Competition	Competition	Competition	Competition



Boulder & Lead						
Sport Climbing Speed		Training	Training	Competition	Competition	
Urban festival			Festival	Festival	Festival	Festival

## 2) Accreditation

Media representatives interested in covering the Olympic Qualifier Series Part 1 – Shanghai should submit their accreditation application on the registration portal.

- [Press, photographers and non-Media Rights-Holders](#)
- [Media Rights-Holders](#)

The application period is from 11 March to 21 April (23:59 CST).

The registration is open for Media Rights-Holders and non-Media Rights-Holders, written press and photographers, as well as writers and photographers working for publications and/or websites of International Federations (IFs) and National Federations (NFs).

News access rules for the OQS Shanghai will be published ahead of the event.

Please note that no OQS Shanghai accreditation cards will be issued or delivered prior to the event. Media representatives will pick up their accreditation cards upon arrival in Shanghai at the accreditation desks, which will be located in one of the hotels and the OQS Urban Park. Exact locations will be communicated in the week commencing 6 May. International media are required to present a passport to collect their card.

## 3) Visas and immigration

As the OQS accreditation cards will not serve as a visa and will not be mailed prior to the event, it is the responsibility of each accredited individual to verify the documents required for entry into China.

International media requiring a J2 visa (the short-time visa designed for the media) may request a Visa Invitation Letter from the OQS Shanghai Local Organising Committee (LOC) through the accreditation application, which will support their visa application.

For those requiring a Visa Invitation Letter, it is advised to submit a request by 29 March 2024. For requests made after this date, a Visa Invitation Letter will be provided, although it is not guaranteed that the visas will arrive on time.

## 4) Accommodation



## Press release

The LOC has selected the City Hotel for the media. The hotel is located in close proximity to the Huangpu Riverside where the event will take place. A dedicated shuttle service will be provided at all official accommodation.

Upon approval of accreditation, media will be able to make their booking requests through the registration system by 21 April. Such media will be contacted by the City Hotel to complete their booking. The room rate for a single room is USD 60 per night including breakfast, Wi-Fi and local taxes.

For further information, contact OQS Shanghai 2024 Media Operations at [oqsmedia\\_sh@163.com](mailto:oqsmedia_sh@163.com).

### 5) Transport

Transfers between the official ports of entry/exit – Hongqiao Airport (SHA), Pudong Airport (PVG) and Hongqiao railway station – and the media hotel will be arranged based on information provided in the accreditation system.

Accredited media can use OQS Shanghai 2024 transport services operating between the airports and official hotel.

The shuttle service operated by the Shanghai LOC will be a shared bus service connecting the OQS Urban Park and the official accommodation.

Accredited media not staying in the City Hotel will be able to make use of the transport services.

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### 6) Media facilities and services

The media centre is located in the OQS Urban Park at the Huangpu Riverside, where all sports competitions and activities will take place.

It will be operational from 15 to 19 May 2024.

Other media facilities in the OQS Urban Park include mixed zones, and camera and photo positions.

There will be limited MRH camera positions at each field of play (FOP) available on a first-come, first-served basis.

There will be a mixed zone adjacent to each FOP for accredited media to conduct short interviews with the athletes as they leave the FOP after competition. The mixed zone will have a specific broadcast and press section.

### 7) Olympic Information Service (OIS)



## Press release

The Olympic Information Service (OIS) is a professional sports reporting and information service designed to assist the media covering the Olympic Qualifier Series.

The OIS will produce ready-to-use content on the competitions and the athletes.

OIS content will be published on a dedicated page of the Olympic Qualifier Series official website ([Olympics.com/ois](https://olympics.com/ois)) and will be available licence-free for republishing and distribution for editorial purposes.

OIS Photo is a professional sports photography service designed to capture the best moments of the Olympic Qualifier Series and share them with a global audience. All photos produced by the OIS photo team will be made available licence-free via [www.oisphotos.com](https://www.oisphotos.com) to media worldwide.

All content produced by the OIS is made available for free to media worldwide, as well as to the International Federations and National Federations.

The OIS will be in production from 15 to 19 May 2024.

### 8) Resources

#### Website

<https://www.olympics.com/olympic-qualifier-series>

#### Photos

IOC Media Flickr: [IOC MEDIA | Flickr](#)

Email: [images@olympic.org](mailto:images@olympic.org)

#### Videos

YouTube: <https://youtube.com/IOCmedia>

#### Social media

[IOC Media X](#)

### 9) Key contacts

#### IOC Media Relations/Press Office

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