



PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES

QUALIFICATION REGULATIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION

These Qualification Regulations (**Regulations**) describe in detail how athletes and teams can qualify for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games in each of the twenty-two (22) sports on the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Programme (**Games Programme**). It provides to the National Paralympic Committees (**NPCs**), to National Federations (**NFs**), to sports administrators, coaches and to the athletes themselves the conditions that allow participation in the pinnacle event of the Paralympic Movement.

These Regulations present:

- an overview of the Games Programme;
- the general IPC regulations on eligibility; and
- each International Federation's (IF) own specific qualification criteria for its sport (in alphabetical order).

STRUCTURE OF EACH IF'S SPORT-SPECIFIC QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Each IF's own sport-specific section in these Regulations follows a standardised format. Readers can quickly locate information or cross-reference it between sports. The standard structure of each IF's sport-specific qualification criteria is as follows:

- Events
- Athlete Quotas
- Allocation of Qualification Slots
- Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC
- Athlete Eligibility (sport-specific)
- Maximum Entries per NPC
- Qualification System (in the order of slot allocation)
- Timeline
- Confirmation Process of Allocated Slots
- Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots
- IF Contact Information

QUALIFICATION METHODS

There are a variety of qualification methods that IFs may decide to employ, which may depend on the nature and traditions of each sport.

In many sports, the participation of the host country is guaranteed via reserved slots. However, athletes representing the host country still need to comply with all eligibility requirements in order to enter the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

The following qualification methods based on performance may be used by IFs. Methods 1, 2 and 3 are referred to as “**direct slot allocations**” as they reward performance at one competition directly with a qualification slot.

1. Placement at World Championships
2. Placement at Regional/Zonal Championships or Regional Games
3. Placement in other IF sanctioned competitions or designated Paralympic qualifiers
4. Rank on a World or Regional Ranking List
5. Rank on a specific Paralympic Qualification Ranking List
6. Achievement of a Minimum Qualification Standard (**MQS**) with or without subsequent Quota Allocation Formula
7. Team Completion
8. Bipartite Commission Invitations

In the event of any inconsistency between IF qualification methods for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games that are published elsewhere and the IF qualification methods listed in these Regulations, these Regulations will prevail.

QUESTIONS AND UPDATES

For questions regarding sport-specific qualification issues please contact the respective IF. Questions of a general nature can be addressed via email to the IPC Sports Department: juergen.padberg@paralympic.org. Occasional updates to these Regulations may be necessary. Updates are recorded at the end of these Regulations. For the latest version of these Regulations (see date on front page) please visit www.paralympic.org/paris-2024.

At any given time the only valid version of these Regulations is the one published on the IPC website.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the IPC is English. If any organisation translates these Regulations for internal purposes the English version will prevail in case of discrepancy.

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2. PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The number of medal events and athlete slots by sport as approved by the IPC Governing Board are outlined in the following table:

	MEDAL EVENTS				ATHLETE SLOTS			
	Male	Female	Mixed /Open	Total	Male	Female	Gender -free	Total
Para archery	3	3	3	9	76	64	0	140
Para athletics	90	73	1	164	584	485	0	1069
Para badminton	7	7	2	16	60	60	0	120
Blind Football	1	0	0	1	64	0	0	64
Boccia	4	4	3	11	48	48	28	124
Para canoe	5	5	0	10	50	50	0	100
Para cycling	29	20	2	51	140	80	0	220
Para equestrian	0	0	11	11	0	0	78	78
Goalball	1	1	0	2	48	48	0	96
Para judo	8	8	0	16	62	56	30	148
Para powerlifting	10	10	0	20	80	80	20	180
Para rowing	1	1	3	5	52	52	0	104
Shooting Para Sport	3	3	7	13	45	60	55	160
Para swimming	71	64	6	141	325	280	0	605
Para taekwondo	5	5	0	10	60	60	0	120
Para table tennis	15	14	2	31	166	114	0	280
Para triathlon	6	5	0	11	54	50	16	120
Volleyball (Sitting)	1	1	0	2	96	96	0	192
Wheelchair Basketball	1	1	0	2	96	96	0	192
Wheelchair Fencing	8	8	0	16	48	48	0	96
Wheelchair Rugby	0	0	1	1	0	0	96	96
Wheelchair Tennis	2	2	2	6	48	32	16	96
Total	271	235	43	549	2202	1859	339	4400

3. GENERAL IPC REGULATIONS ON ELIGIBILITY

In addition to each IF's own sport-specific athlete eligibility criteria, the IPC has established a set of general eligibility criteria that apply to all participants in the Paralympic Games. These general regulations are derived from the IPC Handbook. They ensure that the fundamental rights and obligations of the IPC and its membership are recognised and protected. The general IPC regulations on eligibility are as follows:

IPC MEMBERSHIP

Only NPCs in good standing with the IPC may enter duly qualified and eligible athletes in the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. NPCs are also reminded that each NF must be in good standing with the NF's respective IF, as required by that IF.

COMPLIANCE WITH IPC NATIONALITY REGULATIONS

Any athlete in the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games must comply with the provisions of the IPC Nationality Regulations published in the IPC Handbook.

MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT

No minimum age limit for athletes competing in the Paralympic Games is stipulated by the IPC on a general basis. However, NPCs must note that an age limit may be established by IFs through their own sport-specific rules and athlete eligibility criteria (including those set out in the sport-specific sections of these Regulations). While the Paralympic Games welcomes the world's youth with an impairment, NPCs are encouraged to send to the Paralympic Games only athletes who are adequately prepared for high performance competition.

UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEING TO THE CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

To be eligible for participation in the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games all athletes must sign, and agree to comply with, the IPC Conditions of Participation Agreement. This agreement is part of the NPC registration process.

NPC SELECTION STANDARDS

The IPC recognises and respects the right of NPCs to establish their own national selection standards for determining the qualification of an athlete or team to compete in the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. Such standards must be compliant with those established by the IPC as well as those of each respective IF. Any national selection standards must also align with confirmation dates and administrative deadlines of the Organising Committee of the Olympic and

Paralympic Games (OCOG). All athletes and teams are equally subject to their respective NPC's selection standards.

COMPLIANCE WITH CLASSIFICATION RULES

Only qualified athletes who meet the relevant IF's sport-specific classification rules and have an appropriate sport class and sport class status will be eligible for entry in the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. It is the responsibility of each NPC to ensure that its athletes are appropriately classified in their respective sports prior to entry and that each athlete holds a sport class and sport class status that complies with the IF's eligibility requirements as published in these Regulations. In particular, an athlete is only eligible to be entered in an event that is open to their respective sport class under the relevant IF's rules.

4. BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATIONS

While the primary method of implementing the Paralympic Games guiding principles (set out in the IPC Handbook) is through the standard qualification methods, the IPC and certain IFs have also sought to provide targeted qualification slot allocations through Bipartite Commission Invitations. Bipartite Commission Invitations are included in the overall athlete quotas of the relevant sports chapters as set out below.

Subject to the following, Bipartite Commission Invitations are granted by the IPC in its sole discretion following engagement with the relevant IF. To be eligible for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, in all circumstances:

- (a) an athlete must meet the general IPC regulations on eligibility above and the IF's own sport-specific eligibility criteria below; and
- (b) an athlete must meet the relevant IF's classification eligibility requirements and may only be granted a Bipartite Commission Invitation in relation to an event that is open to their respective sport class under the relevant IF's rules.

While at the sole discretion of the IPC, Bipartite Commission Invitations may typically consider the following factors:

- allowing the participation of top athletes who may not have had the opportunity to qualify through other methods due to extraordinary circumstances;
- ensuring the representation of athletes with high support needs;
- enabling greater representation by gender;
- ensuring medal events will have sufficient representation for event viability purposes; and/or
- optimising the presentation of a particular contest within its competition format and schedule.

Each Bipartite Commission Invitation is granted to an individual athlete, not to the respective NPC. All Bipartite Commission Invitation decisions are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

Where applicable, the timeline for submission and acceptance of Bipartite Commission Invitation applications is set out in the relevant IF's chapter of these Regulations.

5. REDISTRIBUTION OF VACANT QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Each IF confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots that their teams and athletes have obtained. The NPCs then must confirm acceptance of their allocated slots by the deadline established in each IF's chapter of these Regulations. Any qualification slots not used by an NPC will be reallocated according to the method outlined in the respective IF's chapter of these Regulations.

Qualification slots that cannot be reallocated by the established deadlines or become vacant (following the reallocation deadline) may be redistributed at the sole discretion of the IPC to any sport on the programme and across gender categories. However, in all circumstances slot redistributions cannot be used to override:

- a) the general IPC regulations on eligibility above; or
- b) the IF's classification eligibility requirements, and slot redistributions may only be granted in relation to an event that is open to the athlete's respective sport class under the IF's rules.

Each slot redistribution is granted to an individual athlete, not to the respective NPC. All redistribution decisions are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

6. UNIVERSALITY WILD CARDS

In each edition of the Paralympic Games, the IPC aims to further the Paralympic Games guiding principle of universality and ensure representation of a maximum number of eligible member NPCs. This slot provision is called the Universality Wild Card (UWC) method and is by IPC invitation only.

UWC invitations are granted by the IPC in its sole discretion, and no athlete or NPC is entitled to receive a UWC. UWC invitations may be extended by the IPC if an NPC has either: (a) been unable to qualify any athletes; or (b) has obtained only one qualification slot across all sports on the Games Programme. A maximum of one male UWC and one female UWC may be granted if an NPC has been unable to qualify any athletes. A maximum of one female UWC may be granted if an NPC

has obtained only one qualification slot (irrespective of the gender associated with the slot).

In order to be considered for a UWC an athlete must meet the following criteria:

- comply with the general IPC regulations on eligibility above;
- comply with the relevant IF's classification eligibility requirements, and UWC invitations may only be granted in relation to an event that is open to the athlete's respective sport class under the IF's rules;
- meet all the IF's other sport-specific eligibility criteria (unless any such eligibility criteria are expressly waived by the IPC as part of the invitation); and
- be on the Accreditation Long List as described under Key Dates below.

Each UWC invitation is granted to an individual athlete, not to the respective NPC. If an NPC qualifies athletes via the regular qualification pathways after one of its athletes has been granted a UWC, that UWC is revoked and the athlete who qualified via the regular qualification pathway obtains the slot instead.

UWC invitations fall outside the athlete quotas by sport as published in these Regulations.

For the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games the IPC will only consider granting UWCs in the following sports:

- Para athletics
- Para swimming

All UWC decisions are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

The IPC will open the UWC application process around six months prior to the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games (in the spring of 2024).

7. KEY DATES

The following dates and deadlines have been established by the IPC and the Paris 2024 OCOG:

BEGINNING OF QUALIFICATION PERIOD: 01 JANUARY 2022

Subject to the following, each IF will determine its own qualification period during which athletes and teams can attain results and rankings that count towards qualification for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games:

- a) No IF may establish a qualification period that begins prior to 01 January 2022, whereby direct slot allocations (as defined above) are obtained by athletes or teams for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.
- b) Results attained before this date cannot be considered for qualification to the Paralympic Games. Exemptions may be granted by the IPC under exceptional circumstances. However, results and rankings from the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games must not contribute to athlete qualification for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.
- c) Participation in a competition during the qualification period may depend on results achieved prior to the beginning of the respective sport's qualification period.

ACCREDITATION DEADLINE: (TBD)

Each NPC must submit to the Paris 2024 OCOG complete information about every potential delegation member who may attend the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. This "Accreditation Long List" includes athletes (including, but not limited to, duly qualified, replacements, substitutes, bipartite candidates, UWC candidates), competition assistants (such as guide runners, tandem pilots, goalkeepers, Boccia assistants), coaches, team physicians, administrators, physiotherapists, caretakers, press attachés, Paralympic attachés, Chefs de Mission, NPC Presidents, NPC Secretaries General and accompanying guests. Only athletes who are accredited by (TBD) can be entered into the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games by the sport entries deadline (see below).

SPORT ENTRIES DEADLINE: 5 AUGUST 2024

Sport entries is the official registration process for qualified athletes selected to participate in the Paralympic Games. Any athlete an NPC may choose to enter must meet all applicable eligibility criteria by the time the entry is made. The athlete must also be on the "Accreditation Long List" (see previous section). The last possible day to meet the applicable eligibility criteria is 5 August 2024. Sport entries will close at 23:59h, Paris time, on 5 August 2024.



17. PARA JUDO

MEDAL EVENTS

Men's	Women's	Mixed/Open	Total
8	8	0	16
- 60kg J1 - 73kg J1 - 90kg J1 + 90kg J1 - 60kg J2 - 73kg J2 - 90kg J2 + 90kg J2	- 48kg J1 - 57kg J1 - 70kg J1 + 70kg J1 - 48kg J2 - 57kg J2 - 70kg J2 + 70kg J2		

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
62	56	30	148

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

The qualification slot is allocated to the individual athlete, not to the NPC. In the case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation the qualification slot is also allocated to the individual athlete not to the NPC.

MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC

An NPC can be allocated a maximum of eight (8) male qualification slots and a maximum of eight (8) female qualification slots for a total of sixteen (16) qualification slots with a maximum of one (1) slot allowed per medal event.

Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for competition athletes must:

- be born before 1 January 2011;

- have competed in at least one (1) international, sanctioned IBSA competition which provides World Ranking Points between 1 September 2022 and 24 June 2024; and
- be internationally classified in an eligible Sport Class with a Sport Class Status of (i) Confirmed; or (ii) Review with a Fixed Review Date of 2025 or later.

MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) eligible athlete per individual event with exceptions granted to Bipartite invitees. NPCs may only enter an athlete in the medal event in which the athlete has obtained a qualification slot.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated in the following order:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL																																				
World Ranking List Allocation	The top ranked male and female athletes in each medal event regardless of sport class on the IBSA Judo World Ranking List closing 24 June 2024 obtain a qualification slot for their respective NPC according to the following matrix:	54 male athletes 48 female athletes																																				
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Host Country Allocation	The host country directly qualifies one (1) athlete in each medal event for which the host country has entered at least one (1) athlete in the 2022 IBSA Judo World Championships. Host country slots will be allocated to the highest-ranked athlete from the host country (not otherwise qualified) on the IBSA Judo World Ranking List closing 24 June 2024. Any unused host country slots will be allocated via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.	8 male athletes 8 female athletes
Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation	Thirty (30) athletes will be selected by IBSA and the IPC for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots. To be considered for a Bipartite slot, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to IBSA by 8 July 2024.	30 athletes
Total		62 male slots 56 female slots 30 gender-free slots

TIMELINE

1 September 2022	Start of the period for performances, at dedicated IBSA events, to be recorded on the IBSA Judo World Ranking List
tbd	Deadline for Paris 2024 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
24 June 2024	End of the period for performances to be recorded on the IBSA Judo World Ranking List
24 June 2024	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
1 July 2024	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification and host country slots

8 July 2024	NPCs confirm in writing to IBSA the use of allocated qualification and host country slots
8 July 2024	Deadline to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to IBSA
15 July 2024	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused qualification slots
15 July 2024	IBSA confirms in writing the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots
5 August 2024	Deadline for Paris 2024 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By 8 July 2024 each qualified NPC must confirm to IBSA in writing (only email is accepted) if they wish to use their allocated slots. NPCs that have not responded by this date will lose their team qualification slots, and IBSA may reallocate these slots.

By 15 July 2024 IBSA will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 15 July 2024 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. Any NPC that does not use its allocated slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and IBSA.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slots allocated and not used by the respective NPC will be reallocated to the highest ranked athlete in the same medal event (whose NPC is not otherwise qualified) on the IBSA Judo World Ranking List closing 24 June 2024.

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30. REGISTER OF UPDATES

SECTION	DATE	CHANGES & ADDITIONS
Front	30 June 2022	Corrected quotas for TKW and TTE
Para table tennis	30 June 2022	Corrected athlete quota
Front	30 June 2022	Corrected event numbers for SWI
New sport chapters	30 June 2022	CSP, CYC, SWI, TKW, VBS
New sport chapters	17 July 2022	ROW, WFE, WTE
Wh. rugby	17 July 2022	Adjustment of Zonal Championships mechanism
Wh. tennis	25 Aug. 2022	Date for Asian Para Games
Shooting	25 Aug. 2022	Adjustment of qualification progression; Date for Asian Para Games
New sport chapters	25 Aug. 2022	BDM, JUD