



World Para Powerlifting

Qualification Pathway 2021-2024

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To maintain a fair and consistent qualification pathway for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games athletes must complete the following requirements of this World Para Powerlifting Qualification Pathway 2021-2024. All dates in this document are subject to change. Any such changes will be communicated by World Para Powerlifting.

Mandatory Requirements

- It is mandatory that athletes compete in the 2021 Junior or Senior World Para Powerlifting Championships (27 November-5 December 2021).
- It is mandatory that athletes compete in their respective 2022 World Para Powerlifting Regional Championships:*
 - Pyeongtaek 2022 Para Powerlifting Asia-Oceania Championships (Korea 14-20 June 2022).
 - [St. Louis](#) 2022 Para Powerlifting Americas Open Championships (USA 8-11 July 2022); or
 - Tbilisi 2022 Para Powerlifting European Open Championships (Georgia 24-29 September 2022); or
 - [Cairo](#) 2022 Para Powerlifting African Championships ([27-30 October](#)).

**In the event that an athlete is unable to compete in his/her respective 2022 World Para Powerlifting Regional Championships, in order to complete the mandatory requirements of the World Para Powerlifting Qualification Pathway 2021-2024, that athlete's NPC must request advance permission in writing, from World Para Powerlifting to compete in at least one of the other 2022 World Para Powerlifting Regional Championships. Acceptance or refusal of such a request will be entirely at World Para Powerlifting's discretion.*

- It is mandatory that athletes compete in the [Dubai](#) 2023 Junior or Senior World Para Powerlifting Championships.
- It is mandatory that athletes compete in at least two (2) World Para Powerlifting Sanctioned competitions (World Cup) in the year 2024 (prior to 1 July 2024).

'New' Status Athletes

Any 'New' athletes (those who have not undergone international classification) must be classified and allocated a Sport Class, in accordance with the World Para Powerlifting Classification Rules and Regulations, **prior to 26 October 2022** to be considered for inclusion in the Paralympic Rankings and eligible for a qualification slot. Once 'New' athletes have been classified and have been assigned a Sport Class they must compete in all the remaining mandatory competitions, including:

- the **Dubai** 2023 Junior or Senior World Para Powerlifting Championships; and
- at least two (2) World Para Powerlifting sanctioned competitions (World Cup) in the year 2024 (prior to 1 July 2024).

Failure to complete a mandatory requirement

Subject to the above information, if an athlete fails to complete any of the mandatory requirements on the Qualification Pathway 2021-2024, they will be removed from the Paralympic Rankings and ineligible to attain a qualification slot for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

An NPC must apply for World Para Powerlifting to grant such an exception on the basis of extenuating circumstances as soon as possible after becoming aware that the athlete will be unable to complete the mandatory requirement. Such application must comprise a full explanation and be supported by appropriate documentary evidence and shall be submitted before the start of the relevant competition.

If World Para Powerlifting decides to grant such an exception (in its absolute discretion), the athlete will remain in the Paralympic Rankings and be eligible for a qualification slot (as well as being eligible to apply for a bipartite invitational slot).

If World Para Powerlifting determines that no such extenuating circumstances exist, the athlete will be removed from the Paralympic Rankings and ineligible to attain a qualification slot, but the athlete will remain eligible to apply for a bipartite invitational slot.

Any such decision made by World Para Powerlifting will be final, and not open to contest or appeal.

For the avoidance of doubt, if an athlete fails to complete a mandatory requirement because they are serving a period of Ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation or other breach of the IPC Anti-Doping Code, this will not be considered as extenuating circumstances and any application will be rejected.

Covid-19 travel ban exception: In the event that athlete(s) from a certain country or territory are prohibited from travelling to a country or territory in which a mandatory competition is taking place due to the imposition of a travel ban for reasons related to Covid-19, the athlete(s)' NPC must provide notice in writing to this effect to World Para Powerlifting as soon as the NPC becomes aware that the athlete(s) will not be able to compete in the relevant competition. This notice must provide evidence of the travel ban in place at the time of the relevant competition.

World Para Powerlifting will review such information, and in its absolute discretion, may decide to grant an exception to allow such athlete(s) to remain in the Paralympic Rankings and be eligible for a qualification slot (as well as being eligible to apply for a bipartite invitational slot).

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