



TO: National Paralympic Committees

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### **Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games IPC Universality Wild Card Application Form**

Dear NPC President / Secretary General,

In each summer edition of the Paralympic Games, the IPC has instituted a qualification slot allocation method to uphold the Paralympic Programme Guiding Principles associated with Universality. This slot allocation method is called the IPC Universality Wild Card (UWC) system and is achieved on a per invitation basis to eligible National Paralympic Committees within eligible sports. The sports eligible for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games UWC include:

- Athletics
- Cycling
- Powerlifting
- Swimming

#### **A. CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION**

For Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, NPCs meeting the following criteria are eligible for UWC consideration:

##### **NPCs with no Qualification Slots**

- May be granted a maximum of one (1) male UWC slot and two (2) female UWC slots

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#### **NPCs with One (1) Male Qualification Slot**

- May be granted one (1) female UWC; or
- May be granted two (2) female or one (1) male and one (1) female UWC slots subject to the athletes being in a minimum of two (2) sports

#### **NPCs with One (1) Female Qualification Slot**

- May be granted one (1) male UWC slot or
- May be granted two (2) female or one (1) male and one (1) female UWC slots subject to the athletes being in a minimum of two (2) different sports

#### **NPCs with Two (2) Qualification Slots**

- May be granted one (1) male or one (1) female UWC slot subject to the athletes being in a minimum of two (2) different sports

### **B. CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION**

Athletes must preferably have an international sport class in the respective sport to which they are applying and be able to furnish supporting documents (e.g. official results).

The IPC, in consultation with the respective IPSF will review the applications received.

### **C. PROCESS**

To be eligible for consideration for a UWC, NPCs must return the attached Application Form to the IPC Headquarters by not later than **Friday, 4 April 2008**.

NPCs, which may already have sent requests for UWC's to the IPC or an IPSF, **MUST** complete the attached application form.

NPCs must list, in priority order, the sports and events they wish their UWC athletes to enter.

Applications received from NPCs after midnight (Bonn time) of **Friday, 4 April 2008** will not be considered.

The IPC will review and allocate UWC's in early April.

Please find attached the forms for completion by eligible NPCs:

- IPC Universality Wild Card Application Form
- IPC Universality Wild Card Application Overview Sheet
- NPC Code Sheet
- Confirmation of Receipt Form



#### **D. APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS**

The following instructions are provided to assist NPCs to complete the Application Form.

NPCs must fill out their NPC name and NPC code (available on the NPC code sheet) where indicated.

For every athlete, NPC' s are required to provide the following:

- Athlete Name
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Sport
- Sport Class
- In priority order, the event(s) which they would like the athlete to be considered, up to a maximum of three (3) events
- NPC Signature and Date

**NPCs must submit a separate application form for each athlete they wish to be considered.**

NPCs should list their athletes in priority order on the UWC Application Overview Sheet.

Applications without a signature by their NPC President or Secretary General will not be accepted.

Please complete the confirmation of receipt form and return immediately. All forms should be sent via post, e-mail or fax to:

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We look forward to receiving applications from eligible NPCs and look forward to a succesful Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Grevenberg', written over a white background.

David Grevenberg  
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