



SOCHI 2014 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES QUALIFICATION GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION



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OVERVIEW	<p>The purpose of the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide is to provide National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) with a comprehensive document that outlines the qualification systems necessary to be met for athletes and teams seeking to compete in the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games. The Guide presents the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the General IPC Regulations on Eligibility• the Sport-Specific Qualification Criteria (alphabetically)• an overview of the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Programme and• a Glossary of the terminology used throughout the document.
STRUCTURE OF SPORT-SPECIFIC QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	<p>As in past editions of the Paralympic Winter Games, the sport-specific qualification criteria contained in the Guide has been structured in a standardised format to enable readers to quickly locate or cross reference information between sports. The standardised structure of each sport-specific qualification criteria is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Events• Athletes Quota• Allocation of Qualification• Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC• Athlete Eligibility• Maximum Entry per NPC• Qualification System Principles (Methodology)• Qualifying Timeline• Dates/Process of Confirmation of Qualification Slots• Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots
QUALIFICATION METHODS	<p>Furthermore, the IPC has developed a categorical list of accepted methods that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• reflect a threshold to obtain the athletes that will achieve the highest athlete performances within the context of the sport• use methods that uphold the fundamental ethical principles of non-discrimination and



QUALIFICATION METHODS (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ensure that global opportunities for qualification exist (whenever possible) and distribution of qualification slots are justifiable based on elite performances. <p>The overview of the various qualification methods used in the various sport-specific qualification criteria include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Placement at World Championships• Placement in IPSF Sanctioned Competitions or Qualifiers• Rank on a World or Paralympic Ranking List• Quota Allocation Formula• Host Country Qualification• Bipartite Commission Invitations* <p>*This method, formerly named the “Sports-Specific Wild Card” allocation method, includes the IPSF and the IPC as the bipartite, two parties, that collectively determine the allocation of a pre-determined number of qualification slots allocated on a discretionary basis.</p>
QUESTIONS AND UPDATES	<p>Should your NPC have questions regarding sport-specific qualification issues, please contact the designated IPSF with a copy to the IPC (if different).</p> <p>For the latest version of this document please refer to the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games section on the IPC website at www.paralympic.org.</p>
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SOCHI 2014 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES SPORTS PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



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OVERVIEW	<p>The Paralympic Winter Games represents an international, multi-sport competition for athletes with a disability that reflects the highest standards of athletic excellence and diversity. The goal of the Paralympic Winter Sports Programme is to provide exciting and inspiring events in the Paralympic Winter Games that allow athletes to achieve competitive excellence while engaging and entertaining spectators. To ensure this for the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games, the IPC conducted its quadrennial review process that determined the inclusion and positioning of sports, disciplines and medal events within the Paralympic Winter Games based on established core characteristics and guiding principles.</p>
PARALYMPIC SPORTS PROGRAMME CORE CHARACTERISTICS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES	<p>The Core Characteristics and Guiding Principles of the Paralympic Winter Sports Programme are as follows:</p> <p>QUALITY: The essential principles with respect to grade of excellence; accomplishment and/or attainment.</p> <p>Elite – Representing the highest athlete performances in the <u>context</u> of the specific sport.</p> <p>Exciting – Providing a vibrant and energising atmosphere that is entertaining in the context of each sport, yet creates a collective motivational atmosphere that is attractive to spectators and media.</p> <p>Inspirational – Creating a distinct opportunity for personal experience/reflection that acts as a catalyst for change through showcasing the extraordinary perseverance of the human spirit through athleticism.</p>



**PARALYMPIC
PROGRAMME CORE
CHARACTERISTICS AND
GUIDING PRINCIPLES
(continued)**

Fair Play – Driving collective values of the IPC ensuring that the spirit of fair play prevails, that the health risks of athletes are managed, that fundamental ethical principles are upheld, that prejudice and discrimination are not tolerated and that all forms of cheating are discouraged and dealt with sternly.

QUANTITY - The principles that establish parameters and/or conditions necessary for success.

Viable – Ensuring operational and programmatic capability in the context of the IPC's obligations to its relationship with the IOC and considering the impact on the POC/OCOG (eg, financially, cost effective, manageable, number of training and competition venues, safety, risk management).

Sustainable/Dynamic – Ensuring a healthy and stable programme (components of the sport) that allows forecasting (foresight) and ongoing evaluation. – “Stable enough to be sustainable, and dynamic enough to meet the needs of the present and the future.”

UNIVERSALITY - The collective principles or conditions that ensure and reflect a diverse movement.

Equitable – ensuring that gender representation and the type and extent of disabilities represented at the Games are taken as a fundamental factor in establishing the Games framework.

Global – Establishing a framework that strives to ensure regional representation and the global nature of the Games.

Balance – Weighing and positioning the types of sports and athletes included based on the nature of the sports/disciplines (eg, individual versus team; power versus precision; speed versus endurance, combat versus artistic).



SPORTS AND DISCIPLINES	<p>The sports on the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Sports Programme includes the following:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="670 459 1141 694"><thead><tr><th data-bbox="678 459 1133 504">Sport</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td data-bbox="678 504 1133 537">Alpine Skiing</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="678 537 1133 571">Biathlon</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="678 571 1133 604">Cross Country Skiing</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="678 604 1133 638">Ice Sledge Hockey</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="678 638 1133 683">Wheelchair Curling</td></tr></tbody></table>	Sport	Alpine Skiing	Biathlon	Cross Country Skiing	Ice Sledge Hockey	Wheelchair Curling
Sport							
Alpine Skiing							
Biathlon							
Cross Country Skiing							
Ice Sledge Hockey							
Wheelchair Curling							
MEDAL EVENTS QUOTA	<p>The medal events quota for the the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Sports Programme is 72 and is outlined by sport on attachment 1.</p>						
ATHLETES QUOTA	<p>The athletes quota for the the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Sports Programme is 692 and is outlined by sport on attachment 2.</p>						



ATTACHMENT 1 - MEDAL EVENTS QUOTA

Sport	Men	Women	Mixed	Total
Alpine Skiing	16	16		32
Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing	18	18	2	38
Ice Sledge Hockey			1	1
Wheelchair Curling			1	1



ATTACHMENT 2 - ATHLETES QUOTA

Sport (Discipline)	Male Quota	Female Quota	Total Quota
Alpine Skiing	202	96	298
Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing	120	80	200
Ice Sledge Hockey*	136	8	144
Wheelchair Curling**	40	10	50

**Team size varies according to inclusion of female athletes*

***Gender quota is a minimum target dependent on sport entries made by NPCs*

GENERAL IPC REGULATIONS ON ELIGIBILITY



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OVERVIEW	<p>The General IPC Regulations on Eligibility establish the general conditions as outlined in the IPC Handbook that must be adhered to as a pre-requisite to competing in the Paralympic Winter Games. These regulations ensure that the fundamental rights and obligations of the IPC and its Membership are recognised and protected, whilst upholding the global ethical and moral principles adopted by the Paralympic Movement. The General IPC Regulations on Eligibility include the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IPC Membership• Compliance with IPC Athletes Nationality Code• Minimum Age Requirement• Understanding and Agreeing to the IPC Eligibility Code• NPC Selection Standards• Compliance with Classification Rules
IPC MEMBERSHIP	<p>Only NPCs in good standing with the IPC may enter duly qualified and eligible athletes in the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games. NPCs are reminded that athletes in sports governed by an International Federation (IFs) must ensure that their membership with the relevant organization(s) is in good standing during the qualification period and upon close of entry to the Paralympic Winter Games.</p>
COMPLIANCE WITH IPC ATHLETES NATIONALITY CODE	<p>Any athlete in the Paralympic Winter Games must be a national of the country/territory of the NPC entering him/her and in compliance with the provisions of the IPC Athletes Nationality Code.</p>



MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT	No minimum age limit for athletes competing in the Paralympic Winter Games is stipulated by the IPC on a general basis. However, NPCs should note that an age limit may be established by relevant International Paralympic Sports Federations through sport-specific athlete eligibility standards. While the Paralympic Winter Games welcomes the world's youth with a disability, NPCs are asked to use discretion and send to the Paralympic Games only athletes adequately prepared for elite level international competition.
UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEING TO THE IPC ELIGIBILITY CODE	To be eligible for participation in the Paralympic Winter Games all athletes must sign, observe, comply and abide by the rules and regulations outlined on the IPC Eligibility Code form. The IPC Eligibility Code form is part of the NPC registration process.
NPC SELECTION STANDARDS	The IPC recognises and respects the right of NPCs to establish national selection standards for determining an athlete or team's qualification to compete in the Paralympic Winter Games. Such standards must be complimentary with those established by the IPC terms of dates of confirmation and administrative deadlines. All athletes and teams are subject to their respective NPC selection standards when applied.
COMPLIANCE WITH CLASSIFICATION RULES	Only qualified athletes that meet the sport-specific classification rules and have a designated classification status will be eligible for entry in the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games. It is the responsibility of each NPC to ensure that its athletes are appropriately classified in the respective sports prior to entry.

BIPARTITE INVITATION QUALIFICATION SLOTS



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OVERVIEW

As in previous Paralympic Winter Games, the International Paralympic Committee has worked with International Paralympic Sport Federations (IPSFs) to develop qualification systems which allow the best athletes in each sport to compete in the Games, but which also respects the Paralympic Games Guiding Principles. The core characteristics of quality, quantity and universality that structure the guiding principles are fundamental and leading aspects in the IPC's and IPSF's aim to deliver great competition at the Games.

While the primary method in which the guiding principles are respected is through the standard qualification methods, the IPC and IPSFs have also sought to provide targeted qualification slot allocations in particular sports through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation Method for which Ranking Point requirements may be waived. These invitations are included in the overall athlete quota of the relevant sports. Invitations are granted on a discretionary basis by the IPC and the respective IPSF and are typically allocated based on the following principles:

- to ensure that top athletes participate who may have not had the opportunity to formally qualify through other methods due to extraordinary circumstances
- to ensure the representation of athletes with a severe disability;
- to ensure medal events will have sufficient representation for viability; and
- to enable greater representation by gender and/or region.

SPORTS OFFERING BIPARTITE INVITATION QUALIFICATION SLOTS

The following two (2) sports offer Bipartite Invitation qualification slots:

- Alpine Skiing (10 male, 10 female)
- Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing (5 male, 5 female)



TIMELINE AND PROCESS	<p>27 January 2014 (No later than) - IPC offers in writing available Bipartite slots to eligible NPCs</p> <p>3 February 2014 (No later than) - Deadline date for NPCs to confirm acceptance of Bipartite slots</p> <p>Note: There is no Bipartite application process. Slots are offered on a discretionary basis.</p>
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ALPINE SKIING



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MEDAL EVENTS (32)	MEN (16)	WOMEN (16)	
SPEED EVENTS	<u>Downhill</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	<u>Downhill</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	
	<u>Super-G</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	<u>Super-G</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	
	<u>Super Combined</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	<u>Super Combined</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	
	TECHNICAL EVENTS	<u>Giant Slalom</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	<u>Giant Slalom</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing
		<u>Slalom</u> - Visually Impaired - Standing - Sitting	<u>Slalom</u> - Visually Impaired - Standing - Sitting
		SNOWBOARD EVENTS	<u>Snowboard cross</u> - Standing

ATHLETE QUOTA	Male	202
	Female	96
	Total	298



ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION	The qualification is allocated to the NPC, not the individual athlete. In the case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation the qualification slot may be allocated to the individual athlete or to the NPC.
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MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC (OCTOBER 2011)	Each NPC can be allocated a maximum of <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twenty (20) male qualification slots for IPCAS and five (5) male qualification slots for IPCAS (SBX) and• Ten (10) female qualification slots for IPCAS and five (5) female qualification slots for IPCAS (SBX). Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Invitation Commission allocation method.
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ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	Athletes must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold a valid IPC IPCAS (Slalom, Giant slalom, Super-G, Super Combined, Downhill) and IPCAS (SBX) Licence for the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 season; and have achieved race points in one race of the 2013/2014 season• Be at least fifteen (15) years old by 17 February 2014;• Be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after the 2013/2014 season; for Technical Events <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be ranked and have for the Men 220 IPCAS Points and Women 240 IPCAS Points or less on the IPCAS Slalom and Giant Slalom Ranking Lists respectively as of 17 February 2014; for Speed Events <p>Be ranked and have for the Men 140 IPCAS Points and Women 180 IPCAS Points or less on the IPCAS Downhill,</p>
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	Super G and Super Combined Ranking Lists respectively as of 17 February 2014;
MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC	An NPC can enter a maximum of five (5) athletes per medal event.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

Unless otherwise specified, this Qualification System will be applied separately for men and women. Any reference below to ranking list or athletes that does not specify gender applies to both genders.

METHOD	QUALIFICATION
2012/2013 IPC ALPINE SKIING NATIONS RANKING ALLOCATION	Each NPC considered by IPC Alpine Skiing to be widely and regularly practicing Alpine Skiing that has one or more athletes licensed in IPC Alpine Skiing in season 2012/2013, will receive one male (1) qualification slot and/or one (1) female qualification slot.
2012/2013 IPC ALPINE SKIING RANKING FACTOR ALLOCATION	<p>In the case that the total number of athletes exceeds the maximum athlete quota by gender, the following process will be used to determine the ranking factor distribution of qualification slot allocation by NPC:</p> <p>STEP 1 - The STC will calculate the total number of athletes from each NPC that have for the Men 220 IPCAS Points and Women 240 IPCAS points or less from both SG and GS IPCAS Point Lists on 1 May 2013 to determine that NPC's "qualification base" for each gender.</p> <p>STEP 2 - Each NPC's qualification base divided by the total number of athletes (all NPCs) by gender that have for the Men 220 IPCAS Points and Women 240 IPCAS points or less from both SG and GS IPCAS Point Lists on 1 May 2013 will determine the NPC's "qualification factor" for each gender.</p>



<p>2012/2013 IPCAS SNOWBOARD CROSS RANKING ALLOCATION</p>	<p>STEP 3 - The NPC's qualification factor multiplied by the maximum number of available qualification slots by gender excluding those qualification slots allocated through the Nations Ranking Allocation method, the SBX Ranking Allocation method and the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method will determine the NPC's "qualification slot quota" for each gender. The quota will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number and will not exceed the total number of eligible athletes up to the maximum quota per NPC.</p> <p>In the case that the total number of athletes with for the Men 220 IPCAS Points and for the Women 240 IPCAS points or less from both SG and GS IPCAS Point Lists on 1 May 2013 is equal to or less than the maximum number of available qualification slots by gender, the number of slots equal to the total number of eligible athletes up to the maximum quota per NPC will be allocated. The remaining qualification slots may be allocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.</p> <p>Snowboard Events The top 32 male ranked athletes and top 16 female ranked athletes on the IPCAS (SBX) Points Ranking Lists respectively as of 1 October 2013 obtain one qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum of five (5) event entries per NPC. Any slot not allocated through this method will be obtained by the next-highest ranked athlete on the IPCAS (SBX) Points Ranking List whose NPC has not been allocated the maximum of five (5) event entries.</p>				
<p>BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION ALLOCATION</p>	<p>Ten (10) eligible male athletes and ten (10) eligible female athletes will be considered by the IPC and IPC Alpine Skiing in technical events (SL and GS) for Bipartite Commission Invitation qualification slots. Bipartite slots are offered at the discretion of IPC and IPC Alpine no later than 27 January 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>IPC and IPC Alpine may at their discretion also reallocate unused slots in the speed disciplines (DH, SG and SC).</i> 				
<p>TOTAL</p>	<table> <tr> <td>Male</td> <td style="text-align: right;">202</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women</td> <td style="text-align: right;">96</td> </tr> </table>	Male	202	Women	96
Male	202				
Women	96				



QUALIFYING TIMELINE

1 May 2013	Closing date of the 2012/2013 IPCAS SG and GS Ranking List for qualification slot allocation.
3 June 2013 (No later than)	IPC Alpine Skiing confirms to NPCs in writing the number of qualification slots allocated (except SBX)
1 July 2013 (No later than)	NPCs confirm to IPC Alpine Skiing in writing the use of qualification slots (except SBX)
5 August 2013 (No later than)	IPC Alpine Skiing confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots
1 October 2013	Closing date of the 2012/2013 IPCAS SBX Ranking List for qualification slot allocation
7 October 2013	IPC Alpine Skiing confirms to NPCs in writing the number of SBX qualification slots allocated
1 November 2013 (No later than)	NPCs confirm to IPC Alpine Skiing in writing the use of SBX qualification slots
2 December 2013 (No later than)	Deadline for Sochi 2014 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs for all potential athletes
27 January 2014 (No later than)	IPC Alpine offers Bipartite slots to NPCs
3 February 2014	Deadline for NPCs to confirm acceptance of Bipartite slots
17 February 2014	Closing date for athletes to meet athlete eligibility requirements
21 February 2014 (No later than)	Deadline for Sochi 2014 Organising Committee receiving entry forms submitted by NPCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

By 1 July 2013, each NPC must confirm to IPC Alpine Skiing in writing (fax and e-mail are accepted) the number of qualification slots they will use (except SBX). NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and IPC Alpine Skiing may reallocate these slots.



By 5 August 2013, IPC Alpine Skiing will confirm the reallocation of unused qualification slots (except SBX).

By 5 August 2013, it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated quota granted for the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games (except SBX). Any NPC that does not use some or all of the qualification slots allocated may be subject to sanctions by the IPC.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slots that are not used by an NPC may be reallocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method.

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ICE SLEDGE HOCKEY



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EVENTS (1)	MIXED (1)
	Eight (8) Team Tournament

ATHLETE QUOTA	Total	136* (8 teams x 17 athletes) *Up to 144 athletes depending on the provision of maximum entry per NPC for female athlete inclusion.
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ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION	The qualification is allocated to the NPC not the individual athlete or team.
MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC	An NPC can be allocated no more than one (1) team qualification slot.
ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be at least sixteen (16) years old by 7 March 2014. A waiver may be granted by the IPC ISH STC in accordance with the IPC ISH Regulations; and • Hold a valid IPC ISH Licence for the 2013/2014 season and have a designated sport class status of "C" (Confirmed) or "R" (Review)
MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC	<p>An NPC can enter a maximum of:</p> <p>One (1) men's team comprised of seventeen (17) eligible male athletes; or</p> <p>One (1) mixed team comprised of up to eighteen (18) eligible athletes of whom a minimum of one (1) of the athletes is female.</p>

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
2013 IPC ICE SLEDGE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (A POOL) ALLOCATION	The top five (5) ranked NPCs qualify.	5 teams



2013 IPC ICE SLEDGE HOCKEY PARALYMPIC QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT ALLOCATION	Up to the top three (3) ranked NPC qualify.*	2 or 3 teams*
	<p>The Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Tournament shall be held to determine the remaining qualifying teams. This tournament shall be conducted as follows. The 6th, 7th and 8th ranked teams from the World Championship A Pool Tournament in the year 2013 and the top three (3) ranked teams from the World Championship B Pool Tournament in the year 2013 will compete in a tournament for qualification in the Paralympic Winter Games. Up to three (3) teams from the Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Tournament shall be awarded the remaining seeded positions at the Paralympic Winter Games in order of their finish.</p>	
	<p>NPC participation in the 2013 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier is subject to pre-confirmation of team qualification slot usage in the case of qualification.</p>	
	<p>Any slot not used for the 2013 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier will be reallocated to the next ranked team from the 2013 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championship B Pool Tournament.</p>	



HOST COUNTRY ALLOCATION	<p>The host country NPC qualifies, subject to having competed in the 2012 and 2013 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships A or B Pool Tournaments.</p> <p>*If the host country NPC has not qualified either through the 2013 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships A Pool Tournament or the Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Tournament, then, only the 1st and 2nd ranked teams from the PWG QT in the year 2013 shall be awarded the 6th and 7th seeded positions. The host country NPC shall then be awarded the 8th seeded position at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games.</p>	1 team*
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QUALIFYING TIMELINE

12-20 April 2013	2013 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships Tournament A - Goyang City, South Korea
March-May 2013	2013 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships Tournament B - TBD
17 November 2013 (No later than)	2013 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier - TBD
18 November 2013 (No later than)	IPC Ice Sledge Hockey confirms to NPCs in writing the team qualification slot allocations
25 November 2013 (No later than)	NPCs confirm to IPC Ice Sledge Hockey in writing the use of team qualification slot allocations
28 November 2013 (No later than)	IPC Ice Sledge Hockey confirms in writing the reallocation of any unused team qualification slots
2 December 2013	Deadline for Sochi 2014 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms from qualified NPCs
21 February 2014	Deadline for Sochi 2014 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms from qualified NPCs



DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

By 25 November 2013, NPCs must confirm their participation to IPC Ice Sledge Hockey, in writing (fax and e-mail are accepted). NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their team qualification slot, and IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will reallocate the respective slots.

By 28 November 2013, IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused team qualification slots.

By 28 November 2013, it is officially declared that the respective NPC's team will participate in the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that withdraws its team from participation after this date may be subject to sanctions imposed by the IPC.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any team qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NPC, not otherwise qualified, from the 2013 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier. If there are still slots to be reallocated, these will be allocated to the next highest ranked NPC, not otherwise qualified, from the 2013 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships B Pool Tournament.

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BIATHLON & CROSS COUNTRY SKIING



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MEDAL EVENTS (38)	MEN (18)	WOMEN (18)	MIXED (2)
BIATHLON	<u>7.5km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting <u>12.5km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting <u>15km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting	<u>6km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting <u>10km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting <u>12.5km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting	
CROSS-COUNTRY	<u>1km Sprint</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting <u>10km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting <u>20km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired <u>15km Individual</u> - Sitting	<u>1km Sprint</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting <u>5km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting <u>15km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired <u>12km Individual</u> - Sitting	<u>Relay</u> - 4 x 2.5 km Open Relay - 4 x 2.5 km Mixed Relay

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male

120

Female

80

Total

200



ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION	<p>The qualification is allocated to the NPC, not the individual athlete.</p> <p>In the case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation the qualification slot may be allocated to the individual athlete or to the NPC.</p>
MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC	<p>Each NPC can be allocated a maximum of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eighteen (18) male qualification slots and• Twelve (12) female qualification slots <p>Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method.</p>
ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	<p>Athletes must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold a valid IPCNS Licence for the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 season;• Be at least fifteen (15) years old by 17 February 2014;• Be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after the 2013/2014 season;• For Biathlon: be ranked and have at least one race of 180 points or less on the IPCBT Ranking Points List as of 17 February 2014;• For Cross-Country Skiing: be ranked and have at least one race of 180 points or less on either the IPCBT or IPCCC Ranking Points Lists as of 17 February 2014; <p>Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Invitation Commission allocation method.</p>



MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC	<p>An NPC can enter a maximum of eight (8) athletes per medal event and gender, and no more than three (3) per sport class in each medal event.</p> <p>An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) team per relay event comprised of athletes who have qualified in at least one (1) individual event.</p>
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QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES
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Unless otherwise specified, this Qualification System will be applied separately for men and women. Any reference below to ranking list or athletes that does not specify gender applies to both genders.

METHOD	QUALIFICATION
2012/2013 IPC BIATHLON & CROSS COUNTRY SKIING PARTICIPATING NATIONS LIST ALLOCATION	<p>Each NPC considered by IPC Nordic Skiing to be widely and regularly practicing IPC Biathlon and Cross-Country Skiing (i.e., those nations who have at least one athlete on the IPCNS BT or CC ranking list closing 1 May 2013) will receive one (1) male qualification slot and/or one (1) female qualification slot.</p>
2012/2013 IPC BIATHLON & CROSS COUNTRY SKIING IPCNS RANKING LIST ALLOCATION	<p>In the case that the total number of eligible athletes (as of 1 May 2013) exceeds the available number of qualification slots by gender, the following process will be used to determine the distribution of qualification slot allocation by NPC:</p> <p>STEP 1 - The total number of eligible athletes from each NPC on the IPC BT & CC IPCNS Ranking List closing 1 May 2013 will determine that NPC's "qualification base" for each gender.</p> <p>STEP 2 - Each NPC's qualification base divided by the total number of eligible athletes (all NPCs) by gender will determine the NPC's "qualification factor" for each gender.</p> <p>STEP 3 - The NPC's qualification factor multiplied by the number of available qualification slots by gender, excluding those qualification slots allocated through the Participating Nations List Allocation method and the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method, will</p>



	<p>determine the NPC's "qualification slot quota" for each gender. The quota will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number but will not exceed the maximum quota allocation per NPC.</p> <p>In the case that the total number of eligible athletes (as of 1 May 2013) is equal to or less than the available number of qualification slots by gender, the number of slots equal to the total number of eligible athletes for each nation, up to the maximum quota per NPC, will be allocated to that NPC. The remaining qualification slots may be allocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.</p>				
BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION ALLOCATION	Five (5) male and five (5) female qualification slots will be reserved by the IPC and IPC Nordic Skiing for Bipartite Commission Invitation allocations. Bipartite slots are offered at the discretion of IPC and IPC Nordic by 27 January 2014.				
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QUALIFYING TIMELINE

1 May 2013	Closing date of the 2012/2013 IPCNS Ranking List for qualification slot allocation.
3 June 2013 (No later than)	IPC Nordic Skiing confirms to NPCs in writing the number of qualification slots allocated
1 July 2013 (No later than)	NPCs confirm to IPC Nordic Skiing in writing the use of qualification slots
13 September 2013 (No later than)	IPC Nordic Skiing confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots
2 December 2013 (No later than)	Deadline for Sochi 2014 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs for all potential athletes
27 January 2014 (No later than)	IPC Nordic offers Bipartite slots to NPCs
3 February 2014	Deadline for NPCs to confirm acceptance of Bipartite slots



17 February 2014	Closing date for athletes to meet athlete eligibility requirements
21 February 2014 (No later than)	Deadline for Sochi 2014 Organising Committee receiving entry forms submitted by NPCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

By 1 July 2013, each NPC must confirm to IPC Nordic Skiing in writing (fax and e-mail are accepted) the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and IPC Nordic Skiing may reallocate these slots.

By 13 September 2013, IPC Nordic Skiing will confirm the reallocation of unused qualification slots.

By 13 September 2013, it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated quota granted for the SOCHI 2014 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that does not use some or all of the qualification slots allocated may be subject to sanctions by the IPC.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slots that are not used by an NPC may be reallocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method.

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WHEELCHAIR CURLING



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EVENTS (1)	MIXED (1)
	Ten (10) Team Tournament

ATHLETE QUOTA	Mixed	50 (10 teams x 5 athletes)
	Total	50

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION	The qualification is allocated to the NPC not the individual athlete or team.
MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC	An NPC can be allocated no more than one (1) mixed team qualification slot
ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	Only athletes that meet the sport-specific classification requirements and have a designated sport class status of "C" (Confirmed) will be eligible for entry in the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games.
MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC	An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) mixed team comprised of five (5) eligible athletes, of which at least one (1) athlete must be of the opposite gender.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
WCF WHEELCHAIR CURLING QUALIFICATION POINTS LIST ALLOCATION	The top nine (9) ranked countries on the WCF Wheelchair Curling Qualification Points list, after the 2013 World Wheelchair Curling Championship qualify for the Paralympic Wheelchair Competition. Rankings on the WCF Wheelchair Curling Qualification Points list will be calculated based on the number of points each country attains from their performance during the WCF 2011, 2012 & 2013 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, as follows:	9 teams

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL																						
WCF WHEELCHAIR CURLING QUALIFICATION POINTS LIST ALLOCATION (continued)	<table border="1" data-bbox="564 383 995 808"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="564 383 826 418">Placing</th> <th data-bbox="826 383 995 418">Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td data-bbox="564 418 826 454">1st Place</td><td data-bbox="826 418 995 454">12</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="564 454 826 490">2nd Place</td><td data-bbox="826 454 995 490">10</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="564 490 826 526">3rd Place</td><td data-bbox="826 490 995 526">8</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="564 526 826 562">4th Place</td><td data-bbox="826 526 995 562">7</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="564 562 826 598">5th Place</td><td data-bbox="826 562 995 598">6</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="564 598 826 633">6th Place</td><td data-bbox="826 598 995 633">5</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="564 633 826 669">7th Place</td><td data-bbox="826 633 995 669">4</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="564 669 826 705">8th Place</td><td data-bbox="826 669 995 705">3</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="564 705 826 741">9th Place</td><td data-bbox="826 705 995 741">2</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="564 741 826 777">10th Place</td><td data-bbox="826 741 995 777">1</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="544 846 1268 1216">Please note : The three National Federations from Great Britain – England, Scotland and Wales are all eligible to participate in World Wheelchair Curling Championships if qualified. However, by an agreement between the National Curling Federations of England, Scotland and Wales, only Scotland will be allocated Paralympic Qualifying Points for Great Britain in 2011, 2012 and 2013.</p>	Placing	Points	1 st Place	12	2 nd Place	10	3 rd Place	8	4 th Place	7	5 th Place	6	6 th Place	5	7 th Place	4	8 th Place	3	9 th Place	2	10 th Place	1	
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HOST COUNTRY ALLOCATION (continued)	<p data-bbox="544 1254 1268 1809">The host country directly qualifies. However, the host country will still be allocated points according to the Wheelchair Curling Paralympic Points Table if they enter into one of the three (3) qualifying World Wheelchair Curling Championships. If the Host Country holds a position amongst the top nine (9) ranked countries on the World Curling Federation (WCF) Wheelchair Curling Qualification Points list after the 2013 World Wheelchair Curling Championship, the qualification slot will be redistributed and allocated to the next ranked country not otherwise qualified.</p>	1 team																						
TOTAL		10 teams																						



QUALIFYING TIMELINE

22 Feb – 1 Mar 2011	WCF 2011 World Wheelchair Curling Championship, Prague, Czech Republic
18-25 February 2012	WCF 2012 World Wheelchair Curling Championship, Chuncheon City, South Korea
15-23 February 2013	WCF 2013 World Wheelchair Curling Championship, Sochi, RUSSIA
30 April 2013	Closing date of the Wheelchair Curling Points List for qualification slot allocation
1 June 2013 (No later than)	WCF confirms to NPCs in writing the qualification slots allocated
1 July 2013 (No later than)	NPCs confirm to WCF in writing the use of qualification slots
5 August 2013 (No later than)	WCF confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots
2 December 2013	Deadline for Sochi 2014 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms from qualified NPCs
21 February 2014	Deadline for Sochi 2014 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms from qualified NPCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

By 1 July 2013, each NPC must confirm to WCF in writing (fax and e-mail are accepted) the use of their qualification slot. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and the WCF may reallocate these slots.

By 5 August 2013, WCF will confirm the reallocation of unused qualification slots.

By 5 August 2013, it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots granted for the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that does not use their qualification slot may be subject to sanctions by the IPC and the WCF.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any team qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked and not otherwise qualified NPC on the WCF Qualification Points List closing 30 April 2013.



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**World Curling Federation (WCF)
Wheelchair Curling World Ranking List
Regulations**

Ranking Points Tie Break Rule as Applied to the 2011, 2012 and 2013 World Wheelchair Curling Championships	<p>In the event where two or more countries are tied for a points ranking position at the end of the 2011, 2012 and 2013 World Wheelchair Curling Championships (e.g. two or more countries holding the same win/loss record following the round robin and tie-break games) the following steps will be followed to determine the final points ranking positions:</p> <p>Step 1 - The record of games between the countries; the country with the best record will be ranked highest and the remaining will be ranked in consecutive order based on their respective records.</p> <p>Step 2 - In the event that step 1 is insufficient to determine the ranking between some or all of the tied teams, the result of the Draw Shot Challenge will be used to determine final ranking,</p> <p>Step 3 - In the event of steps 1 and 2 are insufficient to determine the ranking, (i.e. two or more teams having the same result) the best non-equal Last Stone Draw will be used to determine the final ranking, and</p> <p>Step 4 - If ties still exist (i.e., two or more teams having all equal Last Stone Draw results), the WCF World Ranking will decide the final ranking.</p>
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Elimination in the event of a Tied Points Ranking Applied to the 2013 World Wheelchair Curling Championship	<p>In the event that following the 2013 World Wheelchair Curling Championship, there are more than nine (9) countries (in addition to the host country) that can be considered for qualification due to tied rankings, an elimination process will be conducted to determine nine (9) countries for qualification</p>
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on the basis of the following criteria:

Criteria No. 1

In the event that two (2) or more countries tied so that an elimination of one (1) or more of these countries is necessary, the country with the latest World Wheelchair Curling Championship appearance will qualify. For example, if two (2) countries are tied in the ninth (9th) ranked position after the 2013 World Wheelchair Curling Championship, and one (1) of the countries participated in the 2013 World Wheelchair Curling Championship, and the other did not, then the country who played in the 2013 World Wheelchair Curling Championship qualifies.

Criteria No.2

In the event that Criteria No.1 is insufficient to determine nine (9) qualified countries, then the highest ranked) country (s) from the 2013 World Wheelchair Curling Championship will be the deciding factor, or 2012 - or even 2011 if that was the latest appearance of the countries that are tied.

Criteria No 3

Should there be a situation where neither Criteria No 1 nor Criteria No 2 can eliminate the necessary number of teams, the elimination will be done by a play-off competition to be held between the teams concerned at a time, venue and with a competition format to be decided by the WCF.

IPC RE-DISTRIBUTION POLICY OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOT



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UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOT RE-DISTRIBUTION POLICY

Qualification slots that are not allocated or reallocated by the established deadlines or go unused (following the deadline for final entries) may be redistributed at the discretion of the IPC.

GLOSSARY



SOCHI 2014 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	The list of sport-specific athlete eligibility requirements necessary to be met for an athlete to be considered for qualification and/or entry.
ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION	The allocation of qualification slots is attributed to either an individual athlete/team or the respective NPC depending on the sport.
ATHLETE QUOTA	The total number of athlete and team qualification slots by sport, by gender and/or by sport class (if applicable).
EVENTS	The list of medal events by sport that will be offered during the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games. Several sport classes may be competing in the same medal event.
DATES/PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS	The dates and process by sport for NPCs to confirm use of qualification slots allocated through the qualification system.
INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC SPORT FEDERATION	The organization responsible for governance of the respective sport on the Paralympic Programme.
MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC	The maximum number of qualification slots by sport, by gender, by sport class and/or by event an NPC may be allocated.
MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC	The maximum number of athletes by sport, by gender, by sport class and/or by event an NPC may enter.
REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS	The reallocation methods by sport for qualification slots not used by an NPC.
QUALIFYING TIMELINE	The timeline by sport outlining the significant dates concerning qualification, notification, confirmation and submission deadlines.
QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES	The list of allocation methods and descriptions of qualification.