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# **PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games**

## **Qualification Guide**

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## INTRODUCTION

This Guide describes in detail how athletes can qualify for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games in each of the six sports on the Games programme. It provides to the National Paralympic Committees, to National Sport Federations, to sports administrators, coaches and to the athletes themselves the conditions that allow participation in the winter sports signature event of the Paralympic Movement.

The Guide presents:

- An overview of the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Programme,
- the general IPC regulations on eligibility,
- the specific qualification criteria for each sport (in alphabetical order),
- a glossary of the terminology used throughout the document.

### Structure of sport-specific qualification criteria

Each sport-specific section in this Guide follows a standardized format. Readers can quickly locate information or cross-reference it between sports. The standard structure of each sport-specific qualification criteria is as follows:

- Events
- Athlete Quotas
- Allocation of Qualification Slots
- Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC
- Athlete Eligibility
- Maximum Entries per NPC
- Qualification System
- Timeline
- Confirmation Process of Allocated Slots
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### Qualification Methods

There are a variety of qualification methods which the International Federations may employ depending on the nature and traditions of each sport. The mix of qualification methods within each sport is supposed to respect the following principles:



- To ensure that the world's leading athletes receive the opportunity to perform at the highest level,
- to uphold the fundamental ethical concept of non-discrimination, and
- to ensure that regional opportunities for qualification exist (wherever possible) and that regional distribution of qualification slots is justifiably based on elite performances and/or prevalence of a sport in a given region.

In some 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 Paralympic Games.

The following qualification methods based on performance may be used:

- Placement at World Championships
- Placement at Regional/Zonal Championships or Regional Games
- Placement in other IF sanctioned Competitions or designated Paralympic Qualifiers
- Rank on a World or Regional Ranking List
- Rank on a specific Paralympic Qualification Ranking List
- Achievement of a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) with or without subsequent Quota Allocation Formula
- Bipartite Invitations (see page 8 of this section).

## Questions and Updates

For questions regarding sport-specific qualification issues please contact the respective IF. Questions of a general nature can be addressed to the IPC Sports Department: [juergen.padberg@paralympic.org](mailto:juergen.padberg@paralympic.org). Occasional updates to this document may be necessary. Updates are logged at the end of the Guide. For the latest version of the Guide (see date on front page) please visit [www.paralympic.org/pyeongchang-2018](http://www.paralympic.org/pyeongchang-2018).

## Official Language

The official language of the IPC is English. If an NPC translates this document for internal purposes the English version shall prevail in case of discrepancy.

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## PYEONGCHANG 2018 PARALYMPIC PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Paralympic Winter Games represents an international, multi-sport competition for athletes with an impairment that reflects the highest standards of athletic excellence and diversity. The goal of the Paralympic Sports Programme is to provide exciting and inspiring events in the Paralympic Games that allow athletes to achieve competitive excellence while engaging and entertaining spectators. To ensure this for the PyeongChang 2018 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.

### Core Characteristics and Guiding Principles

The Core Characteristics and Guiding Principles of the Paralympic Sports Programme are as follows:

**QUALITY:** The essential principles with respect to grade of excellence and accomplishment.

**Elite** – Representing the highest athlete performances in the context of the specific sport.

**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.

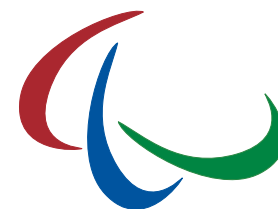
**Inspirational** – Creating a distinct opportunity for personal experience/reflection that acts as a catalyst for change through showcasing the extraordinary perseverance of the human spirit through athleticism.

**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 ensure viable sports, disciplines and medal events within a sustainable programme.

**Viable** – Ensuring operational and programmatic capability in the context of the IPC's obligations vis-a-vis the IOC and considering the impact on the 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 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 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 the composition of the programme.

**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).

### **Athlete and Medal Event Quotas**

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

	MEDAL EVENTS				ATHLETES		
	Male	Female	Mixed	Total	Male	Female	Total
Alpine Skiing	15	15	-	30	130	60	190
Biathlon & Cross Country	18	18	2	38	100	70	170
Ice Hockey	-	-	1	1	136	8	144
Snowboard	6	4	-	10	70	36	106
Wheelchair Curling	-	-	1	1	48*	12*	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>670</b>

\*minimum of one male and one female player per team

## **GENERAL IPC REGULATIONS ON ELIGIBILITY**

In addition to each International Federation's athlete eligibility criteria the IPC has established a set of general conditions that apply to all participants in the Paralympic Winter 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 PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. NPCs are reminded that National Federations must ensure that their membership with their sport's respective International Federation (including the IPC) is in good standing during the qualification period and upon close of entry to the Paralympic Winter Games so their athletes will be eligible.



## **Compliance with IPC Athletes Nationality Code**

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 Nationality Code as published in the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1).

## **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 Federations through sport-specific athlete eligibility standards. While the Paralympic Winter Games welcomes the world's youth with an impairment, NPCs are asked to use discretion and send to the Paralympic Winter Games only athletes adequately prepared for elite level international competition.

## **Understanding and Agreeing to the Eligibility regulations**

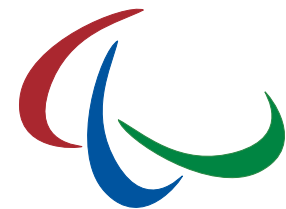
To be eligible for participation in the Paralympic Winter Games all athletes must sign, observe, comply with and abide by the rules and regulations outlined on the IPC Eligibility Form. The IPC Eligibility Form is part of the NPC registration process.

## **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 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 equally 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 (as defined below per each sport) will be eligible for entry in the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter 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 status that complies with the sport's eligibility requirements as published in this guide.



## BIPARTITE INVITATIONS

As in previous Paralympic Winter Games, the IPC has worked with International Federations (IFs) to develop qualification methods 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 IF'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 IFs have also sought to provide targeted qualification slot allocations in particular sports through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation Method. These invitations are included in the overall athlete quotas of the relevant sports. Invitations are granted on a discretionary basis by the IPC and the respective IF and are typically allocated based on the following principles:

- to ensure participation of top athletes who may have not had the opportunity to formally qualify through other methods due to extraordinary circumstances;
- to ensure the representation of athletes with high support needs;
- to ensure medal events will have sufficient representation for viability; and
- to enable greater representation by gender.

The following sports offer Bipartite Invitation slots: Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Cross Country Skiing, Snowboard.

### **Timelines and Application Procedures:**

NPCs may suggest Bipartite candidates to the respective International Federation beginning on 8 January 2018. Applications for Bipartite slots must be received by the IF by 25 January 2018. Candidates must meet the General Eligibility Regulations (as defined above) and their respective sport's Eligibility requirements (as defined in each sport's chapter of this Guide). All Bipartite decisions are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

## REDISTRIBUTION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

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 sole discretion of the IPC to any sport on the programme. All redistribution decisions are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.





## KEY DATES

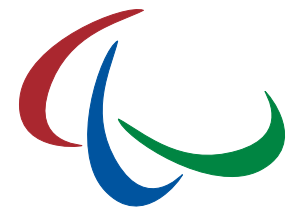
The following dates and deadlines have been established by the IPC and the PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee and need to be observed across all sports on the programme:

### **Accreditation Deadline: 8 December 2017**

NPCs must submit to the PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee complete information about every potential delegation member whom they consider sending to the Games. This “Accreditation Long List” includes athletes (duly qualified, replacements, substitutes, Bipartite candidates, etc.), guides, coaches, team physicians, administrators, physiotherapists, caretakers, press attachés, Paralympic attachés and Chefs de Mission – along with NPC Presidents, Secretaries General and accompanying guests. Only athletes who are accredited by 8 December 2017 can be entered into the Games by the Sport Entries Deadline (see below).

### **Sport Entries Deadline: 23 February 2018**

Sport Entries is the official registration process for athletes selected and qualified to participate in the Paralympic Winter Games. Any athlete an NPC may choose to enter must meet all eligibility conditions by the time the entry is made. The athlete also has to be on the “Accreditation Long List” (see previous section). The last possible day to meet the eligibility conditions is 23 February 2018.



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## ALPINE SKIING

### Medal Events

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
15	15	0	30
<u>SPEED EVENTS</u> <b>Downhill</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing <b>Super-G</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing <b>Super Combined</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing <u>TECHNICAL EVENTS</u> <b>Giant Slalom</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing <b>Slalom</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	<u>SPEED EVENTS</u> <b>Downhill</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing <b>Super-G</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing <b>Super Combined</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing <u>TECHNICAL EVENTS</u> <b>Giant Slalom</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing <b>Slalom</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing		

### Athlete Quota

Male	Female	Gender Free	Total
130	60	0	190



### **Allocation of Qualification Slots**

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

### **Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC**

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of twenty (20) male qualification slots and ten (10) female qualification slots. Exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.

### **Athlete Eligibility**

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes must:

- Hold a valid WPAS license for the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 seasons; and
- Have achieved race points in at least one (1) race of the 2017/2018 season by 19 February 2018; and
- Be at least sixteen (16) years of age by 31 December 2017; and
- Be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after the 2017/2018 season.

#### For Technical Events:

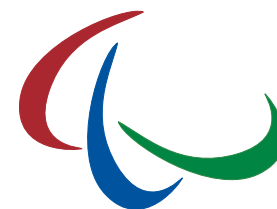
- Be ranked and have achieved for the Men 220 WPAS Points and for the Women 240 WPAS Points or less either on the WPAS Slalom Ranking List or on the WPAS Giant Slalom Ranking List as of 19 February 2018.

#### For Speed Events:

- Be ranked and have achieved for the Men 140 WPAS Points and for the Women 180 WPAS Points or less either on the WPAS Downhill Ranking List or on the WPAS Super-G Ranking List or on the WPAS Super Combined Ranking List (only for Super Combined) as of 19 February 2018.

### **Maximum Entry per NPC**

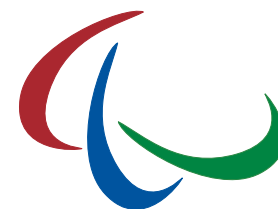
An NPC can enter a maximum of five (5) eligible athletes per medal event (Bipartite exceptions apply).



## QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
<b>2016/17 WPAS Nations Ranking Allocation</b>	Each NPC considered by WPAS to be widely and regularly practising Alpine Skiing and that has at least one (1) licensed male and/or female athlete in the 2016/17 season will receive one (1) male and/or one (1) female qualification slot. All remaining qualification slots (except the reserved Bipartite slots) will be allocated through the Ranking Factor Allocation method (below).	tbd
<b>2016/2017 WPAS Ranking Factor Allocation</b>	<p>Each male athlete with 220 WPAS points or less from both Super-G and Giant Slalom Point Lists on 1 May 2017 obtains one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota and subtracting the slot already obtained through the Nations Ranking Allocation (above).</p> <p>Each female athlete with 240 WPAS points or less from both Super-G and Giant Slalom Point Lists on 1 May 2017 obtains one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota and subtracting the slot already obtained through the Nations Ranking Allocation (above).</p> <p>In the case that the total number of male and/or female athletes with the required points score on 1 May 2017 exceeds the number of slots available per gender, a factor allocation will be established for each gender as follows:</p> $(A \div B) \times C = \text{number of slots per NPC}$ <p>A – NPC's athletes            B – Total number of athletes from all NPCs            C – Total number of available slots</p> <p>Each NPC's allocation will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number (up to the maximum quota).</p> <p>Any slots that cannot be allocated through this method will be allocated through the Bipartite Invitation Allocation method (below).</p>	tbd



<b>Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation</b>	Ten (10) eligible male athletes and ten (10) eligible female athletes will be considered by WPAS and the IPC for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots in technical events (Slalom and Giant Slalom). To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to WPAS by 25 January 2018.	10 male athletes 10 female athletes
<b>Total</b>		<b>130 male athletes</b> <b>60 female athletes</b>

## TIMELINE

1 May 2017	Closing date of the 2016/2017 WPAS World Ranking Lists for qualification slot allocation
1 June 2017	WPAS confirms to NPCs in writing the number of qualification slots allocated
1 July 2017	NPCs confirm in writing to WPAS the use of allocated qualification slots
8 December 2017	Deadline for PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs for all potential athletes ('Long List')
8 January 2018	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
25 January 2018	Deadline for NPCs to submit applications for Bipartite Commission Invitations
1 February 2018	WPAS confirms in writing to the NPCs the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots
19 February 2018	Deadline for athletes to achieve race points in at least one race of the 2017/2018 season for eligibility purposes
23 February 2018	Deadline for PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee to receive sport entry lists submitted by NPCs



## **CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS**

By 1 July 2017 each NPC must confirm to WPAS in writing (fax and email are accepted) the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their slots and WPAS may reallocate them.

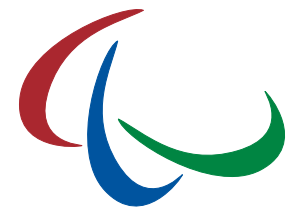
By 1 February 2018 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that does not use its allocated slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and WPAS.

## **REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS**

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC will be reallocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation method by 1 February 2018.

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## BIATHLON & CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

### Medal Events

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
18	18	2	38
<p><u>CROSS COUNTRY</u> <u>INDIVIDUAL</u></p> <p><b>Sprint</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing</p> <p><b>Middle Distance</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing</p> <p><b>Long Distance</b> - Visually Impaired - Standing - Sitting</p> <p><u>BIATHLON</u> <u>INDIVIDUAL</u></p> <p><b>Short Distance</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing</p> <p><b>Middle Distance</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing</p> <p><b>Long Distance</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing</p>	<p><u>CROSS COUNTRY</u> <u>INDIVIDUAL</u></p> <p><b>Sprint</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing</p> <p><b>Middle Distance</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing</p> <p><b>Long Distance</b> - Visually Impaired - Standing - Sitting</p> <p><u>BIATHLON</u> <u>INDIVIDUAL</u></p> <p><b>Short Distance</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing</p> <p><b>Middle Distance</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing</p> <p><b>Long Distance</b> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing</p>	<p><u>CROSS COUNTRY</u> <u>TEAM</u></p> <p><b>Relay</b> - Open - Mixed</p>	



## Athlete Quota

Male	Female	Gender Free	Total
100	70	0	170

## Allocation of Qualification Slots

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

## Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of twenty (20) male qualification slots and fourteen (14) female qualification slots. Exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.

## Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes must:

- Hold a valid WPNS license for the 2017/2018 seasons;
- Be at least fifteen (15) years of age by 19 February 2018;
- Be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after the 2017/2018 season;

### For Biathlon:

- Be ranked and have at least one (1) race of 180 points or less on the WPBT Ranking Points List as of 19 February 2018. Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Invitation Commission allocation method.

### For Cross Country:

- Be ranked and have at least one race of 180 points or less on either the WPBT or WPCCR Ranking Points Lists as of 19 February 2018. Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Invitation Commission allocation method.

## Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of eight (8) eligible athletes per medal event and gender, and no more than four (4) per sport class in each medal event.

An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) team per relay event comprised of athletes who have each qualified in at least one (1) individual event.

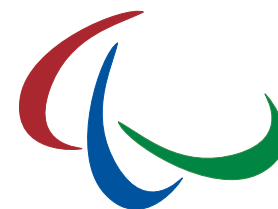




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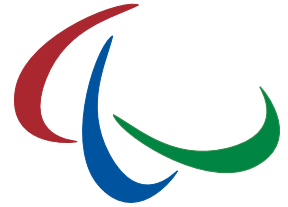
METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
<b>2016/17 WPNS Nations Ranking Allocation</b>	Each NPC considered by WPNS to be widely and regularly practising Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing and that has at least one (1) licensed male and/or female athlete on the WPNS BT or CC Ranking List closing 1 May 2017 will receive one (1) male and/or one (1) female qualification slot. All remaining qualification slots (except the reserved Bipartite slots) will be allocated through the Ranking Factor Allocation method (below).	tbd
<b>2016/2017 WPNS Ranking Factor Allocation</b>	<p>Each male athlete with 180 points or less on either the WPNS BT or CC World Ranking List on 1 May 2017 obtains one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota and subtracting the slot already obtained through the Nations Ranking Allocation (above).</p> <p>Each female athlete with 180 points or less on either the WPNS BT or CC World Ranking List on 1 May 2017 obtains one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota and subtracting the slot already obtained through the Nations Ranking Allocation (above).</p> <p>In the case that the total number of male and/or female athletes with the required points score on 1 May 2017 exceeds the number of slots available per gender, a factor allocation will be established for each gender as follows:</p> $(A \div B) \times C = \text{number of slots per NPC}$ <p>A – NPC's athletes            B – Total number of athletes from all NPCs            C – Total number of available slots</p> <p>Each NPC's allocation will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number (up to the maximum quota).</p>	tbd



	Any slots that cannot be allocated through this method will be allocated through the Bipartite Invitation Allocation method (below).	
<b>Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation</b>	Five (5) eligible male athletes and five (5) eligible female athletes will be considered by WPNS and the IPC for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to WPNS by 25 January 2018.	5 male athletes 5 female athletes
<b>Total</b>		<b>100 male athletes</b> <b>70 female athletes</b>

## TIMELINE

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## **CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS**

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## **REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS**

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC will be reallocated through the Bipartite Invitation Commission Allocation method.

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## ICE HOCKEY

### Medal Events

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
-	-	1	1
		Eight (8) Team Tournament	

### Athlete Quota

Male	Female	Gender Free	Total
136*	8	-	144

\*Teams may convert male slots to female slots at their discretion.

### Allocation of Qualification Slots

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC, not to an individual athlete or team.

### Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of one (1) team qualification slot.

### Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes must:

- Be at least sixteen (16) years old by 1 January 2018; and
- Hold a valid WPIH Licence for the 2017/2018 season, and
- Be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after the 2017/2018 season.

### Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) team comprised of either seventeen (17) eligible male athletes or eighteen (18) eligible athletes of whom a minimum of one (1) athlete must be female.



## QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
<b>2017 World Championships (A Pool) Allocation</b>	The five (5) top-ranked teams each obtain one team qualification slot for their NPC.	5 teams
<b>2017 Paralympic Qualification Tournament Allocation</b>	The two (2) top-ranked teams each obtain one team qualification slot for their NPC.  This tournament will be contested by the 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> ranked teams from the 2017 World Championships A Pool and the three (3) top-ranked teams from the 2016 World Championships B Pool. Any unused entry positions for the Paralympic Qualification Tournament will be allocated to the next-highest ranked team at the 2016 World Championships B Pool.	2 teams
<b>Host Country Allocation</b>	The host country qualifies one (1) team, subject to participation in both the 2015 and 2016/17 World Championships (A or B Pool). If the host country qualifies at the 2017 World Championships A Pool, the additional slot will be allocated to the third-highest ranked team at the 2017 Paralympic Qualification Tournament. If the host country is eligible for and chooses to participate in the 2017 Paralympic Qualification Tournament, its host country slot is protected and its ranking will only be relevant for the tournament seeding at the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games, in accordance with WPIH Regulations.	1 team
<b>Total</b>		<b>8 teams</b>



## **TIMELINE**

28 Nov. – 3 Dec. 2016	2016 WPIH World Championships B Pool, Tomakomai, Japan
11 – 20 April 2017	2017 WPIH World Championships A Pool, Gangneung, South Korea
2017, tbd	2017 WPIH Paralympic Qualification Tournament
20 November 2017	WPIH confirms to NPCs in writing the team qualification slot allocations
27 November 2017	NPCs confirm in writing to WPIH the use of allocated team qualification slots
4 December 2017	WPIH confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused team qualification slots
8 December 2017	Deadline for PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs for all potential athletes ('Long List')
23 February 2018	Deadline for PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee to receive sport entry lists submitted by NPCs

## **CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS**

By 27 November 2017 each NPC must confirm to WPIH in writing (fax and email are accepted) the usage of their team qualification slots. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their slots and WPIH may reallocate them.

By 4 December 2017 WPIH will confirm in writing the reallocation of any unused team qualification slots.

By 4 December 2017 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that does not use its allocated team slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and WPIH.

## **REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS**

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team at the 2017 Paralympic Qualification Tournament. Any slot still to be reallocated will be given to the highest ranked team (not otherwise qualified) at the 2016 WPIH World Championships B Pool.



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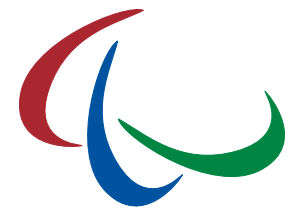
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## SNOWBOARD

### Medal Events

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
6	4	0	10
<u>BANKED SLALOM</u> LL1 LL2 UL <u>CROSS – Head to Head</u> LL1 LL2 UL	<u>BANKED SLALOM</u> LL1 LL2  <u>CROSS – Head to Head</u> LL1 LL2		

### Athlete Quota

Male	Female	Gender Free	Total
70	36	0	106

### Allocation of Qualification Slots

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC, not to an individual athlete. In the case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation the slot is allocated to the individual athlete, not to the NPC. Slots are allocated by sport class (LL1, LL2, UL) and must be used accordingly.

### Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of ten (10) male qualification slots and six (6) female qualification slots. Exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.

### Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes must:

- Hold a valid WPSB license for the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 seasons;





- Have achieved race points in at least one (1) race of the 2017/2018 season by 19 February 2018; and
- Be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after the 2017/2018 season.

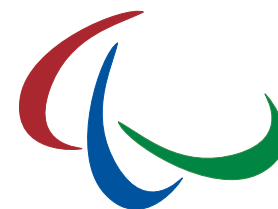
### Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes per medal event (Bipartite exceptions apply).

### QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
<b>2017 WPSB World Championships Allocation</b>	The top-ranked athlete in each medal event at the 2017 WPSB World Championships obtains one (1) qualification slot for their NPC. In the case that an athlete is top-ranked in more than one medal event, the vacant slot(s) will be allocated through the Bipartite Invitation Allocation method (see below).	6 male athletes 4 female athletes
<b>2016/2017 WPSB World Ranking List Allocation</b>	The seven (7) highest ranked male athletes (not otherwise qualified) in each medal event on the WPSB World Ranking List as of 1 May 2017 each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota.  The five (5) highest ranked female athletes (not otherwise qualified) in each medal event on the WPSB World Ranking List as of 1 May 2017 each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota.  Any slots that cannot be allocated through this method will be allocated through the Bipartite Invitation Allocation method (see below).	42 male athletes 20 female athletes
<b>Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation</b>	Twenty-two (22) eligible male athletes and twelve (12) eligible female athletes will be considered by WPSB and the IPC for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to WPSB by 22 January 2018.	22 male athletes 12 female athletes



<b>Total</b>		<b>70 male athletes</b> <b>36 female athletes</b>
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## TIMELINE

1 – 8 Feb. 2017	WPSB 2017 World Championships, Big White, Canada
1 May 2017	Closing date of the 2016/2017 WPSB World Ranking Lists for qualification slot allocation
1 June 2017	WPSB confirms to NPCs in writing the number of qualification slots allocated
1 July 2017	NPCs confirm in writing to WPSB the use of allocated qualification slots
15 July 2017	WPSB confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused qualification slots
8 December 2017	Deadline for PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs for all potential athletes ('Long List')
8 January 2018	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
25 January 2018	Deadline for NPCs to submit applications for Bipartite Commission Invitations
1 February 2018	WPSB confirms in writing to the NPCs the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots
19 February 2018	Deadline for athletes to achieve race points in at least one (1) race of the 2017/2018 season for eligibility purposes
23 February 2018	Deadline for PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee to receive sport entry lists submitted by NPCs



## **CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS**

By 1 July 2017 each NPC must confirm to WPSB in writing (fax and email are accepted) the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their slots and WPSB may reallocate them.

By 15 July 2017 WPSB will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 15 July 2017 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that does not use its allocated slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and WPSB.

## **REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS**

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete in the respective medal event (not yet qualified) on the WPSB World Ranking List as of 1 May 2017.

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## WHEELCHAIR CURLING

### Medal Events

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
-	-	1	1
		Twelve (12) Team Tournament	

### Athlete Quota

Male	Female	Gender Free	Total
12*	12*	36	60

\*Both genders must be represented on each team

### Allocation of Qualification Slots

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC, not to an individual athlete or team.

### Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of one (1) team qualification slot.

### Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes must:

- Be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status.

### Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) team comprised of five (5) eligible athletes. Both genders must be represented on each team.



## QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL																								
<b>Paralympic Qualification Points List Allocation</b>	<p>The eleven (11) highest ranked teams on the Paralympic Qualification Points List closing after the WCF 2017 Wheelchair Curling World Championships will each obtain one (1) team qualification slot for their NPC.</p> <p>Qualification Points are awarded at the 2015, 2016 and 2017 World Championships according to the following matrix:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Rank</th> <th>Points</th> <th>Rank</th> <th>Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>12</td> <td>6</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>10</td> <td>7</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>8</td> <td>8</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>7</td> <td>9</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>10</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>If two or more teams are tied for the final qualification slot(s) then the team(s) with the highest finish at the 2017 World Championships will be awarded the slot(s).</p> <p>Scotland will earn the qualification points for GBR. England and Wales are not entitled to earn qualifying points. Should they finish in the Top-10 at any World Championships, they will be removed from the points list, and the points will be redistributed to the team(s) below them as appropriate.</p>	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	1	12	6	5	2	10	7	4	3	8	8	3	4	7	9	2	5	6	10	1	11 teams
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<b>Host Country Allocation</b>	The host country qualifies one (1) team.	1 team																								
<b>Total</b>		<b>12 teams</b>																								



## **TIMELINE**

7-13 February 2015	WCF 2015 World Championships, Lohja, Finland
21-28 February 2016	WCF 2016 World Championships, Lucerne, Switzerland
4-11 March 2017	WCF 2017 World Championships, PyeongChang, South Korea
31 March 2017	End of the period for teams to achieve points on the WCF Wheelchair Curling Paralympic Qualification Points List for qualification slot allocation
30 April 2017	WCF confirms to NPCs in writing the team qualification slot allocations
30 June 2017	NPCs confirm in writing to WCF the use of allocated team qualification slots
31 July 2017	WCF confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused team qualification slots
8 December 2017	Deadline for PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs for all potential athletes ('Long List')
23 February 2018	Deadline for PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee to receive sport entry lists submitted by NPCs

## **CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS**

By 30 June 2017 each NPC must confirm to WCF in writing (fax and email are accepted) the usage of their team qualification slot. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their slots and WCF may reallocate them.

By 31 July 2017 WCF will confirm in writing the reallocation of any unused team qualification slots.

By 31 July 2017 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that does not use its allocated team slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and WCF.

## **REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS**

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team on the Paralympic Qualification Points List. If there are no teams left on the Paralympic



Qualification Points List, any unused qualification slot will be reallocated to the highest ranked team (not yet qualified) on the WCF Wheelchair Curling World Ranking List as of 31 March 2017.

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## GLOSSARY

Athlete eligibility	The list of requirements to be met by an athlete to be considered for qualification and/or entry. Some eligibility requirements apply to all athletes, others are specific to their particular sport.
Slot allocation	Each sport is given a fixed number (quota) of athletes that may participate in the Games. The allocation of these qualification slots is then attributed to either an individual athlete/team or to their NPC depending on the sport and the respective qualification method.
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 Paralympic Games.
Process of confirmation	The exchange of written statements through which an NPC commits to sending athletes to the Paralympic Games based on the number of qualification slots offered to the NPC by an IF.
International Federation (IF)	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 gender, by sport class and/or by event an NPC may be allocated in a given sport.
Maximum entry per NPC	The maximum number of athletes by gender and/or by sport class an NPC may enter in a given medal event.
Qualification system	The methods used in each sport to allocate qualification slots to the NPCs. Listed here in the order of the actual progression which may not be chronological.
Reallocation of unused qualification slots	The method by which an IF offers a qualification slot to a different NPC if it has been declined by the NPC whose athlete(s) originally earned it.
Redistribution of vacant qualification slots	The method by which the IPC (at its sole discretion) offers any qualification slot that could not be reallocated by the established deadline or that becomes available after close of sport entries to any athlete in any sport.
Qualifying timeline	The timeline by sport outlining the significant dates concerning qualification, notification, confirmation and athlete data submission.



## REGISTER OF UPDATES

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Snowboard	Jan. 2017	Dates for World Championships
Wheelchair Curling	Jan. 2017	Dates for 2017 World Championships
General Eligibility (p.7)	Feb. 2017	Eligibility Form (new name)
Bipartite (p.8)	Feb. 2017	Added eligibility requirements
Wheelchair Curling	Mar. 2017	Amended reallocation mechanism