World Para Powerlifting
Qualification Pathway 2017-2020

Appendix 1
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To maintain a fair and consistent qualification pathway for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games athletes must complete the following requirements of this World Para Powerlifting Qualification Pathway 2017-2020:

- It is mandatory that athletes compete in the Mexico City 2017 Junior or Senior World Para Powerlifting Championships (02 - 08 December 2017).

- It is mandatory that athletes compete in their respective 2018 World Para Powerlifting Regional Championships:
  - Berck Sur Mer 2018 Para Powerlifting European Open Championships (25-29 May 2018); or
  - Kitakyushu 2018 Para Powerlifting Asia-Oceania Open Championships (8-12 Sep 2018); or
  - Bogota 2018 Para Powerlifting Americas Open Championships (5-9 Dec 2018).

**In the event that an athlete is unable to compete in his/her respective 2018 World Para Powerlifting Regional Championships, in order to complete the requirements of the World Para Powerlifting Qualification Pathway 2017-2020, that athlete’s NPC must request advance permission, in writing, from World Para Powerlifting to compete in at least one of the other 2018 World Para Powerlifting Regional Championships.

- It is mandatory that athletes compete in the Astana 2019 Junior or Senior World Para Powerlifting Championships.

- It is mandatory that athletes compete in at least one (1) World Para Powerlifting sanctioned competition (World Cup) in the year 2020 (prior to 22 April 2020).
Any ‘New’ athletes (those who have not undergone international classification) must be classified and allocated a Sport Class, in accordance with the World Para Powerlifting Classification Rules and Regulations, **prior to 05 December 2018**. Once New athletes have been classified and have a Sport Class they must compete in all the remaining **mandatory** competitions, including:

- at least one (1) of the 2018 World Para Powerlifting Regional Championships;
- the Astana 2019 Junior or Senior World Para Powerlifting Championships; and;
- at least one (1) World Para Powerlifting sanctioned competition (World Cup) in the year 2020 (prior to 22 April 2020).

*World Para Powerlifting may consider any extenuating circumstances for not completing the requirements of the World Para Powerlifting Qualification Pathway 2017-2020 on a case by case basis. Any request for World Para Powerlifting to consider extenuating circumstances must be made by an NPC on behalf of an athlete as soon as that athlete becomes aware that he/she will not be able to compete in the relevant competition. Any decision made by World Para Powerlifting will be final, and not open for further contest or appeal.*
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**2017**

To achieve/improve MQS for Mexico City 2017 World Para Powerlifting Championships

Fazza 2017 World Para Powerlifting World Cup (United Arab Emirates, 27 Feb – 03 March 2017)

Sao Paulo 2017 Youth Parapan American Games (Brazil, 20-25 March 2017)

Eger 2017 World Para Powerlifting World Cup (Hungary, 04 - 07 May 2017)

First **MANDATORY** step on the Qualification Pathway 2017-2020

Mexico City 2017 World Para Powerlifting Championships* (Mexico, 02 – 08 December 2017)

*For Juniors: Mexico City 2017 Junior World Para Powerlifting Championships (02 Dec 2017)

**2018**

Second **MANDATORY** step on the Qualification Pathway 2017-2020*

Start period to achieve Tokyo 2020 MQS and Paralympic Ranking

*Compete in at least one (1) of the 2018 World Para Powerlifting Regional Championships

‘New’ athlete’s final chance (05 December 2018) to join the Qualification Pathway 2017-2020
Berck Sur Mer 2018 European Open Championships (France, 25 - 29 May 2018)

Algiers 2018 African Championships (Algeria, 10-12 Aug 2018)

Kitakyushu 2018 Asia-Oceania Open Championships (Japan, 08 - 12 Sep 2018)

Bogota 2018 Americas Open Championships (Colombia, 05 - 09 December 2018)

Opportunity for **Asian** athletes to improve Paralympic Ranking, only if they competed in the Kitakyushu 2018 Para Powerlifting Asian Open Championships

Jakarta 2018 Asian Para Games (Indonesia, 07-12 Oct 2018)

2019

To achieve/improve MQS for 2019 World Para Powerlifting Championships and increase Paralympic Ranking

Fazza 2019 World Para Powerlifting World Cup (United Arab Emirates, 16-21 February 2019)

Eger 2019 World Para Powerlifting World Cup (Hungary, 02 - 05 May 2019)

Third **MANDATORY** step on the Qualification Pathway 2017-2020
Astana 2019 World Para Powerlifting Championships (30 June – 06 July KAZ)
For Juniors: Astana 2019 World Junior Para Powerlifting Championships (29 June 2019 KAZ)

Opportunity for Americas athletes to increase Paralympic Ranking, only if they competed in the 2019 World Para Powerlifting Championships.

Lima 2019 Parapan Am Games (Peru, 24-26 August 2019)

2020

Final MANDATORY step on the Qualification Pathway 2017-2020*
Final opportunity to achieve Tokyo 2020 MQS and improve Paralympic Ranking
* Must compete in at least one (1) World Para Powerlifting sanctioned competitions (World Cup)

Dubai 2020 World Para Powerlifting World Cup (United Arab Emirates, 16-22 April 2020)
Other 2020 World Para Powerlifting World Cup(s) – To be confirmed.