



TOKYO 2020 PARALYMPIC GAMES

QUALIFICATION REGULATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

These Qualification Regulations (Regulations) describe in detail how athletes and teams can qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games in each of the twenty-two (22) sports on the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Programme (Games Programme). It provides to the National Paralympic Committees (NPCs), to National Federations (NFs), to sports administrators, coaches and to the athletes themselves the conditions that allow participation in the signature event of the Paralympic Movement.

These Regulations present:

- an overview of the Games Programme;
- the general IPC regulations on eligibility;
- the specific qualification criteria for each sport (in alphabetical order); and
- a glossary of the terminology used throughout the Regulations.

STRUCTURE OF SPORT-SPECIFIC QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Each sport-specific section in these Regulations follows a standardised 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 (sport-specific)
- Maximum Entries per NPC
- Qualification System
- Timeline (adjusted following the postponement of the Games to 24 August - 5 September 2021)
- Confirmation Process of Allocated Slots
- Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots
- International Federation (IF) Contact Information

QUALIFICATION METHODS

There are a variety of qualification methods that IFs may employ, which may depend on the nature and traditions of each sport. The mix of qualification methods within each sport (listed below) shall respect the following principles:

- to ensure that the world's leading athletes receive the opportunity to perform at the highest level; and
- to ensure that regional opportunities for qualification exist and that regional distribution of qualification slots is justifiably based on elite performances and/or prevalence of a sport within a given region.

In most 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 Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

The following qualification methods based on performance may be used. Methods 1, 2 and 3 are referred to as "**direct slot allocations**" as they reward performance at one competition directly with a qualification slot.

1. Placement at World Championships
2. Placement at Regional/Zonal Championships or Regional Games
3. Placement in other IF sanctioned competitions or designated Paralympic qualifiers
4. Rank on a World or Regional Ranking List
5. Rank on a specific Paralympic Qualification Ranking List
6. Achievement of a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) with or without subsequent Quota Allocation Formula
7. Bipartite Commission Invitations (see page 8 of this section).

In addition, a small number of Universality Wild Cards will be awarded in the sole discretion of the IPC to athletes representing NPCs who have not been able to achieve entry into the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games via the above qualification methods (see page 9 of this section).

In the event of any inconsistency between IF qualification methods for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games that are published elsewhere and the IF qualification methods listed in these Regulations, these Regulations will prevail.

QUESTIONS AND UPDATES

For questions regarding sport-specific qualification issues please contact the respective IF. Questions of a general nature can be addressed via email to the IPC Sports Department: juergen.padberg@paralympic.org. Occasional updates to these Regulations may be necessary. Updates are recorded at the end of these

Regulations. For the latest version of these Regulations (see date on front page) please visit www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020/qualification-criteria.

At any given time the only valid version of these Regulations is the one published on the IPC website.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the IPC is English. If any organisation translates these Regulations for internal purposes the English version shall prevail in case of discrepancy.

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TOKYO 2020 PARALYMPIC PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Paralympic 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 Games Programme is to provide exciting events in the Paralympic Games that allow athletes to achieve competitive excellence while engaging and entertaining spectators. To ensure this for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, the IPC conducted its quadrennial review process that determined the inclusion and positioning of sports, disciplines and medal events within the Paralympic Games based on established core characteristics and guiding principles.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The guiding principles of the Paralympic Sports Programme are as follows (Paralympic Games Guiding Principles):

EXCELLENCE: The Paralympic Games is the highest level competition of each sport with participation of the world's best athletes.

DIVERSITY: The Paralympic Games give athletes with varying types/ranges of impairment the opportunity to compete within an equitable event programme that offers opportunities for both genders and ensures the participation of athletes with high support needs.

UNIVERSALITY: The Paralympic Games includes athletes from all regions of the world representing the maximum possible number of NPCs.

INTEGRITY: The Paralympic Games features excellence in judging and officiating.

SUSTAINABILITY: The Paralympic Games has a significant positive impact on the host-country and society while inspiring a long-term legacy for people with an impairment.

ATHLETE AND MEDAL EVENT QUOTAS

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

	MEDAL EVENTS				ATHLETE SLOTS			
	Male	Female	Mixed	Total	Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
Archery	3	3	3	9	80	60	0	140
Athletics	93	73	1	167	630	470	0	1100
Badminton	7	6	1	14	46	44	0	90
Boccia	0	0	7	7	0	34	82	116
Canoe	5	4	0	9	50	40	0	90
Cycling	29	20	2	51	150	80	0	230
Equestrian	0	0	11	11	0	0	78	78
Football 5-a-side	1	0	0	1	64	0	0	64
Goalball	1	1	0	2	60	60	0	120
Judo	7	6	0	13	80	58	0	138
Powerlifting	10	10	0	20	80	80	20	180
Rowing	1	1	2	4	48	48	0	96
Shooting	3	3	7	13	100	54	0	154
Swimming	76	67	3	146	340	280	0	620
Table Tennis	17	14	0	31	174	106	0	280
Taekwondo	3	3	0	6	36	36	0	72
Triathlon	4	4	0	8	36	36	8	80
Volleyball (Sitting)	1	1	0	2	96	96	0	192
Wheelchair Basketball	1	1	0	2	144	120	0	264
Wheelchair Fencing	8	8	0	16	48	48	0	96
Wheelchair Rugby	0	0	1	1	0	0	96	96
Wheelchair Tennis	2	2	2	6	56	32	16	104
Total	272	227	40	539	2318	1782	300	4400

GENERAL IPC REGULATIONS ON ELIGIBILITY

In addition to each IF's sport-specific athlete eligibility criteria the IPC has established a set of general eligibility criteria that apply to all participants in the Paralympic 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 Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. NPCs are reminded that NFs must ensure that their membership with their sport's respective IF is in good standing during the qualification period and upon close of sport entries to the Paralympic Games so their athletes may participate.

Separately, the IPC has the ability, at its sole discretion, to enter athletes as members of a refugee team into the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, in accordance with article 3.1.3 of the IPC Athlete Nationality Policy and on such terms and conditions as may be specified by the IPC in its absolute discretion.

COMPLIANCE WITH IPC ATHLETE NATIONALITY POLICY

Any athlete in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games must be a national of the country/territory of the NPC entering him/her and in compliance with the provisions of the IPC Athlete Nationality Policy published in the IPC Handbook.

MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT

No minimum age limit for athletes competing in the Paralympic Games is stipulated by the IPC on a general basis. However, NPCs must note that an age limit may be established by IFs through sport-specific athlete eligibility criteria. While the Paralympic Games welcomes the world's youth with an impairment, NPCs are encouraged to send to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games only athletes adequately prepared for high performance competition.

UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEING TO THE CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

To be eligible for participation in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games all athletes must sign, observe, comply with and abide by the rules and regulations outlined in the IPC Conditions of Participation Agreement. This agreement 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 the qualification of an athlete or team to compete in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Such standards must be compliant with those established by the IPC as well as those of each respective IF. Any national selection standards must also align with confirmation dates and administrative deadlines of the Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (OCOG). All athletes and teams are equally subject to their respective NPC's selection standards.

COMPLIANCE WITH CLASSIFICATION RULES

Only qualified athletes that meet the sport-specific classification rules and have an appropriate classification status will be eligible for entry in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic 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 these Regulations.

BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATIONS

As in previous Paralympic Games, the IPC has worked with the IFs to develop qualification methods which allow the top athletes in each sport to compete in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, but which also respect the Paralympic Games Guiding Principles. The principles of excellence, diversity, universality, integrity and sustainability are fundamental and leading aspects in the objective of the IPC and each IF to deliver great competition at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

While the primary method in which the Paralympic Games Guiding Principles are respected is through the standard qualification methods, the IPC and certain IFs have also sought to provide targeted qualification slot allocations through Bipartite Commission Invitations. Bipartite Commission Invitations are included in the overall athlete quotas of the relevant sports, are granted by the IPC in its sole discretion following engagement with 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/or
- to enable greater representation by gender.

The following sports offer Bipartite Commission Invitation slots:

Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Cycling, Equestrian, Judo, Powerlifting, Rowing, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Triathlon, Wheelchair Fencing, Wheelchair Tennis.

TIMELINES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

The timeline for submission and acceptance of Bipartite Commission Invitation applications is outlined in the respective section of each sport's chapter of these Regulations, if applicable for that IF. All Bipartite Commission Invitation decisions by the IPC are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

REDISTRIBUTION OF VACANT QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Each IF confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots their teams and athletes have obtained. The NPCs then must confirm acceptance of their allocated slots by the deadline established in each sport's chapter of these Regulations. Any qualification slots not used by an NPC will be reallocated according to the method outlined in the respective sport's chapter of these Regulations. Qualification slots that cannot be reallocated by the established deadlines or become vacant (following the reallocation deadline) may be redistributed at the sole discretion of the IPC to any sport on the programme and across gender categories. All redistribution decisions by the IPC are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

UNIVERSALITY WILD CARDS

In each edition of the Paralympic Games, the IPC institutes a slot allocation method to uphold the universality principle (of the Paralympic Games Guiding Principles) and to ensure representation of a maximum number of eligible member NPCs. This slot allocation is called the Universality Wild Card (UWC) method and is by IPC invitation only. No athlete or NPC is entitled to receive a UWC. UWC invitations may be extended by the IPC if an NPC has either been unable to qualify athletes or has only obtained one (1) qualification slot in any of the twenty-two (22) sports on the Games Programme. The UWC slot is allocated to an individual athlete, not to the respective NPC. If an NPC qualifies athletes via the regular qualification pathways after one (1) of its athletes has been granted a UWC, that UWC is revoked and the athlete who qualified via the regular qualification pathway obtains his/her slot instead.

UWC slots fall outside the athlete and sport quotas published in these Regulations. For the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games the IPC will only consider granting UWCs in the following sports:

- Athletics
- Swimming

A maximum of one (1) male UWC slot and one (1) female UWC slot may be granted if an NPC has not otherwise obtained any qualification slot. A maximum of one (1) female UWC slot may be provided if a NPC has obtained only one (1) qualification slot (irrespective of gender).

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

In order to be considered for a UWC an athlete must meet the following criteria:

- comply with the General IPC Regulations on Eligibility as published in these Regulations;
- meet all IF requirements for licensing and classification at the time the UWC is awarded; and
- be on the "Accreditation Long List" as described under Key Dates below.

Athletes who do not meet the above criteria will not be considered for a UWC.

Irrespective of the above criteria, the IPC Governing Board reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to award a UWC in any sport in exceptional circumstances.

All UWC decisions by the IPC are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The IPC will open the UWC application process circa six (6) months prior to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games (in the spring of 2021).

KEY DATES

The following dates and deadlines have been established by the IPC and the Tokyo 2020 OCOG and need to be observed across all sports on the Games Programme:

BEGINNING OF QUALIFICATION PERIOD: 01 JANUARY 2018

Subject to the following, each IF will determine its own qualification period during which athletes and teams can attain results and rankings that count towards qualification for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games:

- a) No IF may establish a qualification period that begins prior to 01 January 2018, whereby direct slot allocations (as defined on page 4 of this section) are obtained by athletes or teams for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.
- b) An IF may rely on athlete ranking lists that incorporate competition results achieved at competitions prior to 01 January 2018. However, subject to sub-clause c) below, no IF may rely on athlete performances that have occurred prior to or during the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.
- c) For those IFs joining the Paralympic programme for the first time at Tokyo 2020, no competition results achieved prior to 01 January 2016 may contribute to any rankings that qualify athletes for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.
- d) Participation in a competition during the qualification period may depend on results achieved prior to the beginning of the respective sport's qualification period.

ACCREDITATION DEADLINE: 14 MAY 2021

Each NPC must submit to the Tokyo 2020 OCOG complete information about every potential delegation member it considers may attend the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. This "Accreditation Long List" includes athletes (including, but not limited to, duly qualified, replacements, substitutes, bipartite candidates, UWC candidates), competition assistants (such as guide runners, tandem pilots, goalkeepers, Boccia assistants), coaches, team physicians, administrators, physiotherapists, caretakers, press attachés, Paralympic attachés, Chefs de Mission, NPC Presidents, NPC Secretaries General and accompanying guests. Only athletes who are accredited by 14 May 2021 can be entered into the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games by the sport entries deadline (see below).

SPORT ENTRIES DEADLINE: 2 AUGUST 2021

Sport entries is the official registration process for qualified athletes selected to participate in the Paralympic Games. Any athlete an NPC may choose to enter must meet all eligibility criteria by the time the entry is made. The athlete must also be on the "Accreditation Long List" (see previous section). The last possible day to meet the eligibility criteria is 2 August 2021. Sport entries will close at 23:59h, Tokyo time, on 2 August 2021.



CYCLING

MEDAL EVENTS

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
29	20	2	51
Detailed Medal Events List at the end of this document			

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender Free	Total
150	80	0	230

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

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

MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC

An NPC can be allocated no more than fourteen (14) male and seven (7) female athlete Individual qualification slots for a maximum quota allocation of twenty-one (21) qualification slots per NPC, with Tandem being counted as one (1) athlete. Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes (including Tandem pilots) must:

- hold a UCI license issued by a national cycling federation;
- be at least 18 years of age by 31 December 2021;
- must have raced in at least one (1) sanctioned, international UCI Para-Cycling competition between 1 January 2018 and 15 July 2021;
- be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2021 (not applicable to Tandem pilots).

MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes per Individual medal event. For the Individual Road Race medal events with combined sport classes an NPC can enter a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes per sport class and a maximum of five (5) eligible athletes per Individual Road Race medal event.

Each athlete must enter a minimum of two (2) medal events (Individual or Team).

An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) team per Team medal event.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL																					
2018 UCI Nations Ranking Allocation	The highest ranked NPCs on the UCI Para-Cycling male and female Nations Ranking Lists closing 31 December 2018 each obtain one (1) qualification slot up to the maximum regional quotas below:	45 male athletes 25 female athletes																					
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In order to maintain their slot(s) allocated under this method, NPCs must have at least one (1) athlete per allocated gender slot entered in one (1) of the following competitions:																							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships • 2019 UCI Para-Cycling Road World Championships • Any 2019 UCI Para-Cycling Road World Cup • 2020 UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships • First two 2021 UCI Para-Cycling Road World Cup rounds 																							

	Any slots not allocated under this method will be allocated via the 2020 UCI Combined Nations Ranking Allocation method.	
2020 UCI Combined Nations Ranking Allocation	<p>The factor used to calculate the number of male qualification slots allocated through the 2020 UCI Combined Nations Ranking Allocation method will be determined by adding the ranking points of all NPCs on the UCI Para-Cycling Combined Nations Ranking closing 6 June 2021, and then dividing the total by the number of available male qualification slots. Each NPC's points will then be divided by this factor to calculate the number of male qualification slots for each NPC, up to a maximum of thirteen (13).</p> <p>The factor used to calculate the number of female qualification slots allocated through the 2020 UCI Combined Nations Ranking Allocation method will be determined by adding the ranking points of all NPCs on the UCI Para-Cycling Combined Nations Ranking closing 6 June 2021, and then dividing the total by the number of available female qualification slots. Each NPC's points will then be divided by this factor to calculate the number of male qualification slots for each NPC, up to a maximum of six (6).</p> <p>UCI reserves the right to make minor adjustments to the factor in order to achieve the intended total allocation of male and female qualification slots. In most instances the allocation figure will be rounded up to the next whole number. However, at UCI's discretion allocation figures with .40 or below may be rounded down.</p> <p>Furthermore, UCI will apply a "ring-fenced system" to some or all of an NPC's allocated qualification slots in order to protect the viability of certain medal events. The NPC will be required to confirm entry of a qualified and eligible athlete in the specified sport class in order to retain the respective qualification slot.</p>	100 male athletes 50 female athletes

Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation	Five (5) eligible male athletes and five (5) eligible female athletes will be considered by the IPC and UCI for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to UCI by 28 June 2021.	5 male athletes 5 female athletes
Total		150 male athletes 80 female athletes

TIMELINE

1 January 2018	Start of the period for athletes to achieve performances to be recorded on the UCI Para-Cycling Nations Ranking and the UCI Para-Cycling Combined Nations Ranking
31 December 2018	End of the period for athletes to achieve performances to be recorded on the UCI Para-Cycling Nations Ranking
14 May 2021	Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
6 June 2021	End of the period for athletes to achieve performances to be recorded on the UCI Para-Cycling Combined Nations Ranking
7 June 2021	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
14 June 2021	UCI notifies in writing to the NPCs the number of allocated qualification slots and ring-fenced positions from both Ranking Allocations
28 June 2021	Deadline for NPCs to confirm in writing to UCI the use of allocated qualification slots and ring-fenced positions
28 June 2021	Deadline for NPCs to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to UCI

5 July 2021	UCI confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots and the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitations
2 August 2021	Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By 28 June 2021 each qualified NPC must confirm to UCI in writing (only emails are accepted) the qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not responded by this date will lose their qualification slots, and UCI may reallocate these slots.

By 5 July 2021 UCI will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 5 July 2021 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated quotas granted for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Any NPC that does not use some or all of its allocated qualification slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC and UCI.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated via the Bipartite Invitation Commission Allocation method.

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MEDAL EVENTS

TRACK EVENTS		
Men	Women	Mixed
C 1-2-3 Kilo* C 4-5 Kilo* C 1 Pursuit C 2 Pursuit C 3 Pursuit C 4 Pursuit C 5 Pursuit B Kilo B Pursuit	C 1-2-3 500m* C 4-5 500m* C 1-2-3 Pursuit C 4 Pursuit C 5 Pursuit B Kilo B Pursuit	C 1-5 Team sprint
ROAD EVENTS		
Road Race		
Men	Women	Mixed
H 1-2 Road Race H 3 Road Race H 4 Road Race H 5 Road Race C 1-2-3 Road Race C 4-5 Road Race B Road Race T 1-2 Road Race	H 1-2-3-4 Road Race H 5 Road Race C 1-2-3 Road Race C 4-5 Road Race B Road Race T 1-2 Road Race	H 1-5 Team Relay
Time Trial		
Men	Women	
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* Factored events (Rules article 16.01.005)		