



MILANO CORTINA 2026 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

QUALIFICATION REGULATIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION

These Qualification Regulations (**Regulations**) describe in detail how athletes and teams can qualify for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games in each of the six (6) sports on the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter 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 pinnacle event of the Paralympic Movement.

These Regulations present:

- an overview of the Games Programme;
- the general IPC regulations on eligibility; and
- each International Federation's (**IF**) own specific qualification criteria for its sport (in alphabetical order).

STRUCTURE OF EACH IF'S SPORT-SPECIFIC QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Each IF's own 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 IF's 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 (in the order of slot allocation)
- Timeline
- Confirmation Process of Allocated Slots
- Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots
- IF Contact Information

QUALIFICATION METHODS

There are a variety of qualification methods that IFs may decide to employ, which may depend on the nature and traditions of each sport.

In many 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 Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games.

The following qualification methods based on performance may be used by IFs. 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. Team Completion
8. Bipartite Commission Invitations

In the event of any inconsistency between IF qualification methods for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter 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 <https://www.paralympic.org/milano-cortina-2026/qualification-regulations>

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 will prevail in case of discrepancy.

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2. MILANO CORTINA 2026 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The number of medal events and athlete slots by sport are outlined in the following table:

	MEDAL EVENTS				ATHLETE SLOTS			
	Men's	Women's	Mixed/ Open	Total	Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
Para Alpine Skiing	15	15	-	30	130	60	-	190
Para Biathlon	9	9	-	18	110	70	-	180
Para Cross-Country	9	9	2	20				
Para Ice Hockey	-	-	1	1	0	8	136	144
Para Snowboard	6	2	-	8	65	20	-	85
Wheelchair Curling	-	-	2	2	18	18	30	66
Total	39	35	5	79	323	176	166	665

3. GENERAL IPC REGULATIONS ON ELIGIBILITY

In addition to each IF's own sport-specific athlete eligibility criteria, the IPC has established a set of general eligibility criteria 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 Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games. NPCs are also reminded that each NF must be in good standing with the NF's respective IF, as required by that IF.

COMPLIANCE WITH IPC NATIONALITY REGULATIONS

Any athlete in the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games must comply with the provisions of the IPC Nationality Regulations published in the IPC Handbook.

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 must note that an age limit may be established by IFs through their own sport-specific rules and athlete eligibility criteria (including those set out in the sport-specific sections of these Regulations). While the Paralympic Winter Games welcomes the world's youth with an eligible impairment, NPCs are encouraged to send to the Paralympic Winter Games only athletes who are adequately prepared for high performance competition.

UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEING TO THE CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

To be eligible for participation in the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games all athletes must sign, and agree to comply with, 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 their own national selection standards for determining the qualification of an athlete or team to compete in the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter 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 Winter Games (OCOG). All athletes and teams are equally subject to their respective NPC's selection standards.

COMPLIANCE WITH CLASSIFICATION RULES

Only qualified athletes who meet the relevant IF's sport-specific classification rules and have an appropriate sport class and sport class status will be eligible for entry in the Milano Cortina 2026 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 and sport class status that complies with the IF's eligibility requirements as published in these Regulations. In particular, an athlete is only eligible to be entered in an event that is open to their respective sport class under the relevant IF's rules.

4. BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATIONS

While the primary method of implementing the Paralympic Winter Games guiding principles (set out in the IPC Handbook) 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 chapters as set out below.

Subject to the following, Bipartite Commission Invitations are granted by the IPC in its sole discretion following engagement with the relevant IF. To be eligible for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, in all circumstances:

- (a) an athlete must meet the general IPC regulations on eligibility above and the IF's own sport-specific eligibility criteria below; and
- (b) an athlete must meet the relevant IF's classification eligibility requirements and may only be granted a Bipartite Commission Invitation in relation to an event that is open to their respective sport class under the relevant IF's rules.

While at the sole discretion of the IPC, Bipartite Commission Invitations may typically consider the following factors:

- allowing the participation of top athletes who may not have had the opportunity to qualify through other methods due to extraordinary circumstances;
- ensuring the representation of athletes with high support needs;
- enabling greater representation by gender;
- ensuring medal events will have sufficient representation for event viability purposes; and/or
- optimising the presentation of a particular contest within its competition format and schedule.

Each Bipartite Commission Invitation is granted to an individual athlete, not to the respective NPC. All Bipartite Commission Invitation decisions are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

Where applicable, the timeline for submission and acceptance of Bipartite Commission Invitation applications is set out in the relevant sport's chapter of these Regulations.

5. REDISTRIBUTION OF VACANT QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Each IF confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots that their teams and athletes have obtained. The NPCs then must confirm acceptance of their allocated slots by the deadline established in each IF's chapter of these Regulations. Any qualification slots not used by an NPC may be reallocated according to the method outlined in the respective IF'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. However, in all circumstances slot redistributions cannot be used to override:

- a) the general IPC regulations on eligibility above; or
- b) the IF's classification eligibility requirements, and slot redistributions may only be granted in relation to an event that is open to the athlete's respective sport class under the IF's rules.

Each slot redistribution is granted to an individual athlete, not to the respective NPC. All redistribution decisions are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

6. KEY DATES

The following dates and deadlines have been established by the IPC and the Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG:

BEGINNING OF QUALIFICATION PERIOD: 1 JANUARY 2024

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 Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games:

- a) No IF may establish a qualification period that begins prior to 1 January 2024, whereby direct slot allocations (as defined above) are obtained by athletes or teams for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games.
- b) Results attained before this date cannot be considered for direct qualification to the Paralympic Winter Games. Exemptions may be granted by the IPC under exceptional circumstances. However, results and rankings from the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games must not contribute to athlete qualification for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games. For wheelchair curling, results achieved in 2023 may contribute to the qualification rankings.

- c) 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: (TBD)

Each NPC must submit to the Milano Cortina 2026 OCOG complete information about every potential delegation member who may attend the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games. This "Accreditation Long List" includes athletes (including, but not limited to, duly qualified, replacements, substitutes, bipartite candidates), competition assistants (such as guides), 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 registered for accreditation by (TBD) can be entered into the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games by the sport entries deadline (see below).

SPORT ENTRIES DEADLINE: 20 FEBRUARY 2026

Sport entries is the official registration process for qualified athletes selected to participate in the Paralympic Winter Games. Any athlete an NPC may choose to enter must meet all applicable 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 applicable eligibility criteria is 20 February 2026. Sport entries will close at 23:59h, Milano Cortina time, on 20 February 2026.

7. PARA ALPINE SKIING

MEDAL EVENTS

Men's	Women's	Mixed/Open	Total
15	15	0	30
SPEED EVENTS - Downhill VI - Downhill Sitting - Downhill Standing - Super-G VI - Super-G Sitting - Super-G Standing - Alpine Combined VI - Alpine Combined Sitting - Alpine Combined Standing TECHNICAL EVENTS - Giant Slalom VI - Giant Slalom Sitting - Giant Slalom Standing - Slalom VI - Slalom Sitting - Slalom Standing	SPEED EVENTS - Downhill VI - Downhill Sitting - Downhill Standing - Super-G VI - Super-G Sitting - Super-G Standing - Alpine Combined VI - Alpine Combined Sitting - Alpine Combined Standing TECHNICAL EVENTS - Giant Slalom VI - Giant Slalom Sitting - Giant Slalom Standing - Slalom VI - Slalom Sitting - Slalom Standing		

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
130	60	0	190

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

An athlete may only obtain a maximum of one (1) qualification slot. 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 fifteen (15) 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 an active FIS athlete license for the 2025/2026 season
- be born in the year 2009 or earlier; and
- be internationally classified in an eligible Sport Class with a Sport Class Status of either (i) Confirmed or (ii) Review with a Fixed Review Date after the 2025/2026 season (e.g., R-2026, etc.).

For Technical Events:

- be ranked and have achieved 240 FIS Points or less either on the FIS Slalom Ranking List or on the FIS Giant Slalom Ranking List as of 15 February 2026 (exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method).

For Speed Events:

- be ranked and have achieved 180 FIS Points or less either on the FIS Downhill Ranking List or on the FIS Super-G Ranking List as of 15 February 2026 (exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method).

MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

An NPC may enter a maximum of five (5) eligible athletes per medal event.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated in the following order:

Method	Qualification	Total
2024/2025 FIS World Ranking Factor Allocation	<p>Each male athlete with 230 FIS points or less from both Super-G and Giant Slalom Point Lists on 5 May 2025 obtains one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota.</p> <p>Each female athlete with 230 FIS points or less from both Super-G and Giant Slalom Point Lists on 5 May 2025 obtains one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota.</p> <p>In the case that the total number of male and/or female athletes with the required points score on 5 May 2025 exceeds the number of slots available per gender, a factor allocation will be established for each gender as follows:</p>	<p>120 male athletes</p> <p>50 female athletes</p>

	<p>$(A / B) \times C =$ number of slots per NPC per gender</p> <p>A - NPC's total number of male/female athletes that meet the Ranking Factor allocation points requirement</p> <p>B - Total number of male/female athletes from all NPCs that meet the Ranking Factor allocation points requirement</p> <p>C - Total number of available slots from Ranking Factor allocation per gender</p> <p>Each NPC's allocation will be rounded down to the nearest whole number (up to the maximum quota) or rounded up to one (1) if the allocation is lower.</p> <p>Any slots that cannot be allocated through this method may be allocated through the Representation allocation method (see below)</p>	
Representation Allocation	<p>If an NPC has not qualified a minimum of one (1) slot in each gender via the aforementioned method, it can earn up to one (1) male and one (1) female slot if the NPC has athletes of that gender which have achieved a valid result in at least one FIS sanctioned race of the 2024/2025 season.</p> <p>The number of slots allocated via this method will be determined by the number of remaining slots available per gender following the conclusion of the Ranking Factor allocation method. Should the number of eligible NPCs via this method exceed the number of slots available, the highest ranked athletes in each gender from each of these eligible NPCs will obtain one slot for their NPC until all available slots under this method have been allocated.</p> <p>Any slots that cannot be allocated through this method may be allocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method (see below).</p>	tbd
Bipartite Commission	Ten (10) male athletes and ten (10) female athletes will be considered by FIS and the IPC for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots.	10 male athletes

Invitation Allocation	<p>Bipartite Commission Invitation slots do not allow entry in all medal events; the invitation will specify which events the athlete is invited to enter.</p> <p>To be eligible for a Bipartite Commission Invitation slot, athletes must have achieved 360 FIS Points or less as of 15 February 2026.</p> <p>To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to FIS by 13 February 2026.</p>	10 female athletes
Total		130 male athletes 60 female athletes

TIMELINE

5 May 2025	Closing date of the 2024/2025 FIS World Ranking Lists for the World Ranking Factor allocation
2 June 2025	FIS confirms to NPCs in writing the number of qualification slots allocated
1 July 2025	NPCs confirm in writing to FIS the use of allocated qualification slots
TBD 2025	Deadline for Milano Cortina 2026 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
12 January 2026	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
13 February 2026	Deadline for NPCs to submit applications for Bipartite Commission Invitations
15 February 2026	Closing date of FIS Slalom, Giant Slalom, Downhill and Super-G Ranking Lists for eligibility purposes
16 February 2026	FIS confirms in writing to the NPCs the awarding of reallocation slots and Bipartite Commission Invitation slots

20 February 2026 Deadline for Milano Cortina 2026 Organising
Committee to receive sport entry lists submitted by
NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By 1 July 2025 each NPC must confirm to FIS in writing via email the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their slots and FIS may reallocate them.

By 16 February 2026 FIS will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 16 February 2026, NPCs must officially declare their use of their allocated slots. Any NPC that fails to use any of its allocated slots having declared that it will do so may be subject to sanctions by the IPC and FIS.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC may be reallocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation method by 16 February 2026.

Any slot(s) returned or unused after 16 February 2026 may be redistributed at the sole discretion of the IPC (see relevant section above on page 9)

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8. PARA NORDIC SKIING

MEDAL EVENTS

PARA BIATHLON

Men's	Women's	Mixed/Open	Total
9	9	0	18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sprint VI - Sprint Standing - Sprint Sitting - Sprint Pursuit VI - Sprint Pursuit Standing - Sprint Pursuit Sitting - Individual VI - Individual Standing - Individual Sitting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sprint VI - Sprint Standing - Sprint Sitting - Sprint Pursuit VI - Sprint Pursuit Standing - Sprint Pursuit Sitting - Individual VI - Individual Standing - Individual Sitting 		

PARA CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Men's	Women's	Mixed/Open	Total
9	9	2	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sprint VI - Sprint Standing - Sprint Sitting - Middle Distance VI - Middle Distance Standing - Middle Distance Sitting - Long Distance VI - Long Distance Standing - Long Distance Sitting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sprint VI - Sprint Standing - Sprint Sitting - Middle Distance VI - Middle Distance Standing - Middle Distance Sitting - Long Distance VI - Long Distance Standing - Long Distance Sitting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open 4x2.5km Relay - Mixed 4x2.5km Relay 	

ATHLETE QUOTA*

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
110	70	0	180

*jointly distributed slots for Para biathlon and Para cross-country skiing

9. PARA ICE HOCKEY

MEDAL EVENTS

Men's	Women's	Mixed/Open	Total
0	0	1	1
		Open Eight (8) Team Tournament	

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
0	8	136	144

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:

- hold a valid World Para Ice Hockey Licence;
- be a national of the country that his or her NPC represents;
- be at least 16 years of age on 1 January 2026; and
- be internationally classified in an eligible sport class with a sport class status of (i) Confirmed; or (ii) Review with a fixed review date after the 2025/2026 season.

MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

An NPC may 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
2025 World Championships A Pool Allocation	The five (5) top-ranked teams each obtain one team qualification slot for their NPC.	5 teams
2025 Paralympic Qualification Tournament Allocation	The two (2) top-ranked teams each obtain one team qualification slot for their NPC. This tournament will be contested by the teams ranked 6, 7 and 8 at the 2025 World Championships A Pool and the three (3) top-ranked teams from the 2025 World Championships B Pool. Any unused entry positions for the Paralympic Qualification Tournament will be allocated to the next-highest ranked team at the 2025 World Championships B Pool.	2 teams
Host Country Allocation	The host country qualifies one (1) team, subject to participation in both the 2023 and 2025 World Championships (A or B Pool). If the host country qualifies via the 2025 World Championships A Pool Allocation, the additional slot will be allocated to the third-highest ranked team at the 2025 Paralympic Qualification Tournament. If the host country is eligible and chooses to participate in the 2025 Paralympic Qualification Tournament, its host country slot is protected and its ranking will only be relevant for the tournament seeding at the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games, in accordance with WPIH Regulations.	1 team
Total		8 teams

TIMELINE

TBD 2025	2025 WPIH World Championships B Pool, tbd
TBD 2025	2025 WPIH World Championships A Pool, tbd
TBD 2025	Deadline for Milano Cortina 2026 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs (“Accreditation Long List”)
TBD 2025	2025 WPIH Paralympic Qualification Tournament, tbd
TBD	WPIH confirms to NPCs in writing the team qualification slot allocations
TBD	NPCs confirm in writing to WPIH the use of allocated team qualification slots
TBD	WPIH confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused team qualification slots
20 February 2026	Deadline for Milano Cortina 2026 Organising Committee to receive sport entry lists submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By TBD, 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 TBD, WPIH will confirm in writing the reallocation of any unused team qualification slots.

By TBD, NPCs must officially declare their use of their allocated slots. Any NPC that fails to use any of its allocated slots having declared that it will do so may be subject to sanctions by the 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 2025 Paralympic Qualification Tournament. Any slot

still to be reallocated will be given to the highest ranked team (not otherwise qualified) at the 2025 WPIH World Championships B Pool.

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10. PARA SNOWBOARD

MEDAL EVENTS

Men's	Women's*	Mixed/Open	Total
6	2	0	8
Banked Slalom SB-LL1 Banked Slalom SB-LL2 Banked Slalom SB-UL	Banked Slalom SB-LL2		
Snowboard Cross SB-LL1 Snowboard Cross SB-LL2 Snowboard Cross SB-UL	Snowboard Cross SB-LL2		

* Eligible sport classes for women's events: SB-LL1, SB-LL2

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
65	20	0	85

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

An athlete may only obtain a maximum of one (1) qualification slot. 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 ten (10) male qualification slots and four (4) 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 an active FIS athlete license for the 2025/2026 season;
- be born in the year 2010 or earlier; and
- be internationally classified in an eligible Sport Class with a Sport Class Status of either (i) Confirmed or (ii) Review with a Fixed Review Date after the 2025/2026 season (e.g., R-2026, etc.).

For Banked Slalom ("BSL") Events:

- be ranked and have achieved 100 FIS Points or more on the FIS (Dual) Banked Slalom Ranking List as of 15 February 2026 (exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method).

For Snowboard Cross ("SBX") Events:

- be ranked and have achieved 100 FIS Points or more on the FIS Snowboard Cross Ranking List as of 15 February 2026 (exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method).

MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

An NPC may enter a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes per medal event.

Each entry must be made in the sport class from which the qualification slot was obtained.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated in the following order:

Method	Qualification	Total
2024/2025 FIS World Ranking List Allocation	<p>The eight (8) highest ranked male athletes in each medal event on the FIS World Ranking List as of 5 May 2025 each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota.</p> <p>The five (5) highest ranked SB-LL2 female athletes in each medal event on the FIS World Ranking List as of 5 May 2025 each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota.</p> <p>The three (3) highest ranked SB-LL1 female athletes in each medal event on the FIS World Ranking List as of 5 May 2025 each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota.</p> <p>If two or more athletes are tied for the last available slot, all such athletes will obtain one (1) slot for their NPC. The slot will be deducted from the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation quota.</p> <p>In the case that an athlete is eligible for slot allocation in more than one (1) medal event</p>	<p>48 male athletes</p> <p>16 female athletes</p>

	<p>under this method, they will only obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC in the medal event where they are ranked higher (if an athlete holds the same position in multiple rankings the qualification slot will be determined by the ranking in which they have more points). If an athlete holds the same position and same points in multiple rankings, the qualification slot will be determined by the event in which the athlete has more World Cup Points. If the athlete has the same amount of World Cup Points in multiple rankings, the qualification slot will be determined by the event in which the athlete achieved higher ranked World Cup finishes in the 2024/2025 World Cup season. If the athlete holds the same position in the World Cup finishes in the 2024/2025 season for multiple events, the athlete obtains the slot for the NPC in the banked slalom event.</p> <p>Any slots that cannot be allocated through this method may be allocated via the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method (see below).</p>	
<p>Representation Allocation</p>	<p>If an NPC has not qualified a minimum of one (1) slot in each gender via the aforementioned method, it can earn up to one (1) male and one (1) female slot if the NPC has athletes of that gender which have achieved a valid result in at least one FIS sanctioned race of the 2024/2025 season. Should the number of eligible NPCs via this method exceed the number of slots available, the highest ranked athlete in each gender from each of these eligible NPCs will obtain one slot for their NPC until all available slots under this method have been allocated.</p> <p>Any slots that cannot be allocated through this method may be allocated via the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method (see below).</p>	<p>10 male athletes 2 female athletes</p>

Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation	Seven (7) male athletes and two (2) female athletes will be considered by FIS and the IPC for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots. Bipartite Commission Invitation slots do not allow entry in all medal events; the invitation will specify which events the athlete is invited to enter. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to FIS by 13 February 2026.	7 male athletes 2 female athletes
Total		65 male athletes 20 female athletes

TIMELINE

5 May 2025	Closing date of the 2024/2025 FIS World Ranking Lists for qualification slot allocation
2 June 2025	FIS confirms to NPCs in writing the number of qualification slots allocated
1 July 2025	NPCs confirm in writing to FIS the use of allocated qualification slots
TBD 2025	Deadline for Milano Cortina 2026 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
12 January 2026	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
13 February 2026	Deadline for NPCs to submit applications for Bipartite Commission Invitations
15 February 2026	Closing date of FIS (Dual) Banked Slalom Ranking List and Cross Ranking List for eligibility purposes
16 February 2026	FIS confirms in writing to the NPCs the awarding of reallocation slots and Bipartite Commission Invitation slots

20 February 2026 Deadline for Milano Cortina 2026 Organising
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NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By 1 July 2025, each NPC must confirm to FIS in writing via email the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their slots and FIS may reallocate them.

By 16 February 2026, FIS will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 16 February 2026, NPCs must officially declare their use of their allocated slots. Any NPC that fails to use any of its allocated slots having declared that it will do so may be subject to sanctions by the IPC and FIS.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC may be reallocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method by 16 February 2026.

Any slot(s) returned or unused after 16 February 2026 may be redistributed at the sole discretion of the IPC (see relevant section above on page 9)

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11. WHEELCHAIR CURLING

MEDAL EVENTS

Men's	Women's	Mixed/Open	Total
0	0	2	2
		Mixed Ten (10) Team Tournament Mixed Eight (8) Doubles Tournament	

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
18*	18*	30	66

*Both genders must be represented on each mixed team/mixed doubles

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) mixed team qualification slot.

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

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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

- be internationally classified in an eligible sport class with a sport class status of (i) Confirmed; or (ii) Review with a fixed review date after the 2025/2026 season

MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

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

An NPC may enter a maximum of one (1) mixed doubles comprised of two (2) eligible athletes. Both genders must be represented on each mixed doubles.

Each athlete may only be entered in a maximum of one medal event.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

Method	Qualification	Total																												
Paralympic Qualification Points List Allocation	<p>The nine (9) highest ranked member associations on the Paralympic Qualification Points List closing after the 2025 World Wheelchair Curling Championships will each obtain one (1) mixed team qualification slot for their NPC.</p> <p>Qualification Points are awarded at the 2023, 2024 and 2025 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>14</td> <td>7</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>12</td> <td>8</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>10</td> <td>9</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>8</td> <td>11</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>12</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>If two or more mixed teams are tied for the final qualification slot(s) then the mixed team(s) with the highest finish at the 2025 World Championships will be awarded the slot(s).</p> <p>Only Scotland will earn the qualification points for Great Britain. England and Wales are not entitled to earn qualifying points.</p> <p>Should they finish in the Top-12 at any World Championships, they will be ranked but no Paralympic Qualification points will be allocated.</p>	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	1	14	7	6	2	12	8	5	3	10	9	4	4	9	10	3	5	8	11	2	6	7	12	1	9 mixed teams
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	<p>The seven (7) highest ranked member associations on the Paralympic Qualification Points List closing after the 2025 World Wheelchair Mixed Doubles Curling Championships will each obtain one (1) mixed doubles qualification slot for their NPC.</p>	7 mixed doubles																												

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Host Country Allocation	<p>The host country qualifies one (1) mixed team and one (1) mixed doubles.</p> <p>Should the host country obtain qualification slot(s) via the Paralympic Qualification Points List Allocation method, the vacant slot(s) will be allocated to the next highest ranked NPC on the respective Paralympic Qualification Points List.</p>	<p>1 mixed team 1 mixed doubles</p>																												
Total		<p>10 mixed teams 8 mixed doubles</p>																												

TIMELINE

4-12 March 2023	2023 World Championships and 2023 World Mixed Doubles Championships, Richmond, Canada
2-18 March 2024	2024 World Championships and 2024 World Mixed Doubles Championships, Gangneung, Korea
TBD March 2025	2025 World Championships, tbd
TBD 2025	2025 World Mixed Doubles Championships, tbd
TBD March 2025	End of the period for mixed teams and mixed doubles to achieve points on the World Curling Wheelchair Curling Paralympic Qualification Points List for qualification slot allocation
30 June 2025	World Curling confirms to NPCs in writing the allocation of mixed team and mixed doubles qualification slots
31 August 2025	NPCs confirm in writing to World Curling the use of allocated mixed team and mixed doubles qualification slots
30 September 2025	World Curling confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused mixed team and mixed doubles qualification slots
31 October 2025	NPCs confirm in writing to World Curling the use of reallocated mixed team and mixed doubles qualification slots
TBD 2025	Deadline for Milano Cortina 2026 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
20 February 2026	Deadline for Milano Cortina 2026 Organising Committee to receive sport entry lists submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By 31 August 2025, each NPC must confirm to World Curling in writing (fax and email are accepted) the usage of their mixed team and mixed doubles qualification slot. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their slots and World Curling may reallocate them.

By 30 September 2025, World Curling will confirm in writing the reallocation of any unused mixed team and mixed doubles qualification slots.

By 31 October 2025, NPCs must officially declare their use of their allocated slots. Any NPC that fails to use any of its allocated slots having declared that it will do so may be subject to sanctions by the IPC and World Curling.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked mixed team or mixed doubles on the Paralympic Qualification Points List. If there are no mixed teams or mixed doubles left on the Paralympic Qualification Points List, any unused qualification slot will be reallocated to the highest ranked mixed team or mixed doubles (not yet qualified) on the World Curling Wheelchair Curling/Wheelchair Curling Mixed Doubles World Ranking List as of 30 June 2025.

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12. REGISTER OF UPDATES

SECTION	DATE	CHANGES & ADDITIONS
Para ice hockey	25 April 2024	Updated IF contact
Para alpine skiing, Para snowboard	14 Oct. 2024	New sport chapter
All chapters	14 Oct. 2024	Updated sport entries deadline