

BIATHLON & CROSS COUNTRY SKIING



VANCOUVER 2010 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

| EVENTS (32) | MEN (16) | WOMEN (16) |
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| BIATHLON | <u>3km x 2 Pursuit</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting <u>12.5km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting | <u>3km x 2 Pursuit</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting <u>12.5km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired <u>10km Individual</u> - Sitting |
| CROSS-COUNTRY | <u>1km Sprint</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting <u>10km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting <u>20km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired <u>15km Individual</u> - Sitting <u>1 x 4km + 2 x 5km Relay</u> | <u>1km Sprint</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting <u>5km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired - Sitting <u>15km Individual</u> - Standing - Visually Impaired <u>10km Individual</u> - Sitting <u>3 x 2,5km Relay</u> |

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| ATHLETE QUOTA | Male | 115 |
| | Female | 65 |
| | Total | 180 |



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| <p>ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION</p> | <p>The qualification is allocated to the NPC, not the individual athlete.</p> <p>In the case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation the qualification slot is allocated to the individual athlete not to the NPC.</p> |
| <p>MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC</p> | <p>Each NPC can be allocated a maximum of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifteen (15) male qualification slots and • Eight (8) female qualification slots <p>Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method.</p> |
| <p>ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY</p> | <p>Athletes must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a valid IPC Biathlon & Cross-Country Skiing Race Licence for the 2009/2010 season. • Be at least 15 years old by 22 February 2010 • Be ranked on the IPC Biathlon or IPC Cross-Country Skiing World Cup Points Lists in the 2008/2009 or 2009/2010 competition seasons prior to 22 February 2010. <p>An athlete will be ranked if he/she has obtained an individual World Cup result not more than 30% behind the adjusted time of the top finisher in any given race.</p> <p>Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Invitation Commission allocation method.</p> |
| <p>MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC</p> | <p>An NPC can enter a maximum of eight (8) athletes per event and no more than three (3) per sport class.</p> <p>An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) team per relay event comprised of athletes who have qualified in at least one (1) individual event.</p> |



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

| METHOD | QUALIFICATION |
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| 2008/2009 IPC BIATHLON & CROSS COUNTRY SKIING COMBINED NATIONS RANKING LIST ALLOCATION | <p>Each NPC considered by IPC Nordic Skiing to be widely and regularly practicing IPC Biathlon and Cross-Country Skiing on the IPC BT & CC Combined Nations Ranking List closing 30 April 2009 will receive one (1) male qualification slot and/or one (1) female qualification slot.</p> |
| 2008/2009 IPC BIATHLON & CROSS COUNTRY SKIING WORLD CUP RANKING LIST ALLOCATION | <p>In the case that the total number of athletes exceeds the maximum athlete quota by gender, the following process will be used to determine the ranking factor distribution of qualification slot allocation by NPC:</p> <p>STEP 1 - The total number of eligible athletes from each NPC on the IPC BT & CC World Cup Ranking List closing 30 April 2009 will determine that NPC's "qualification base" for each gender.</p> <p>STEP 2 - Each NPC's qualification base divided by the total number of eligible athletes (all NPCs) by gender will determine the NPC's "qualification factor" for each gender.</p> <p>STEP 3 - The NPC's qualification factor multiplied by the maximum number of available qualification slots by gender excluding those qualification slots allocated through the Universality Distribution method and the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method will determine the NPC's "qualification slot quota" for each gender. The quota will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number and will not exceed the total number of eligible athletes up to the maximum quota per NPC.</p> |



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| 2008/2009 IPC BIATHLON & CROSS COUNTRY SKIING WORLD CUP RANKING LIST ALLOCATION (continued) | In the case that the total number of eligible athletes on the IPC BT & CC World Cup Ranking List closing 30 April 2009 is equal to or less than the maximum number of available qualification slots by gender, the number of slots equal to the total number of eligible athletes up to the maximum quota per NPC will be allocated. The remaining qualification slots may be allocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method. | | | | |
| BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION ALLOCATION | Five (5) male and five (5) female qualification will be reserved by the IPC and IPC Nordic Skiing for Bipartite Commission Invitation allocations. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, NPCs must submit to IPC Nordic Skiing an official application by 25 May 2009. | | | | |
| TOTAL | <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Men</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: right;">115</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women</td> <td style="text-align: right;">65</td> </tr> </table> | Men | 115 | Women | 65 |
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QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

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| 30 April 2009 | <p>Closing date of the 2008/2009 IPC Biathlon & Cross-Country Skiing "Combined" Nations Ranking Lists for qualification slot allocation.</p> <p>IPC Nordic Skiing distributes Bipartite Commission Invitation Applications to NPCs</p> |
| 25 May 2009 | <p>Deadline date for IPC Nordic Skiing to receive Bipartite Commission Invitation Applications from NPCs</p> |
| 1 June 2009 (No later than) | <p>IPC Nordic Skiing confirms to NPCs in writing the number of qualification slots allocated</p> |
| 1 July 2009 (No later than) | <p>NPCs confirm to IPC Nordic Skiing in writing the use of qualification slots</p> |
| 5 August 2009 (No later than) | <p>IPC Nordic Skiing confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots</p> |
| 1 December 2009 (No later than) | <p>Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs for all potential athletes</p> |



22 February 2010 Closing date for athletes to meet athlete eligibility requirements

26 February 2010 Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising
(No later than) Committee receiving entry forms submitted by
NPCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

By 1 July 2009, each NPC must confirm to IPC Nordic Skiing in writing (fax and e-mail are accepted) the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and IPC Nordic Skiing may reallocate these slots.

By 5 August 2009, IPC Nordic Skiing will confirm the reallocation of unused qualification slots.

By 5 August 2009, it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated quota granted for the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that does not use some or all of the qualification slots allocated may be subject to sanctions by the IPC.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

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

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