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INTRODUCTION



VANCOUVER 2010 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

OVERVIEW	<p>The purpose of the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide is to provide National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) with a comprehensive document that outlines the qualification systems necessary to be met for athletes and teams seeking to compete in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. The Guide presents the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the General IPC Regulations on Eligibility• the Sport-Specific Qualification Criteria (alphabetically)• an overview of the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Programme and• a Glossary of the terminology used throughout the document.
STRUCTURE OF SPORT-SPECIFIC QUALIFICATION CRITERIA	<p>As in past editions of the Paralympic Winter Games, the sport-specific qualification criteria contained in the Guide has been structured in a standardised format to enable readers to quickly locate or cross reference information between sports. The standardised structure of each sport-specific qualification criteria is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Events• Athletes Quota• Allocation of Qualification• Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC• Athlete Eligibility• Maximum Entry per NPC• Qualification System Principles (Methodology)• Qualifying Timeline• Dates/Process of Confirmation of Qualification Slots• Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots
QUALIFICATION METHODS	<p>Furthermore, the IPC has developed a categorical list of excepted methods that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• reflect a threshold to obtain the athletes that will achieve the highest athlete performances within the context of the sport• use methods that uphold the fundamental ethical principles of non-discrimination and



QUALIFICATION METHODS (continued)

- ensure that global opportunities for qualification exist (whenever possible) and distribution of qualification slots are justifiable based on elite performances.

The overview of the various qualification methods used in the various sport-specific qualification criteria include the following:

- Placement at World Championships
- Placement in IPSF Sanctioned Competitions or Qualifiers
- Rank on a World or Paralympic Ranking List
- Quota Allocation Formula
- Host Country Qualification
- Bipartite Commission Invitations*

*This method, formally named the “Sports-Specific Wild Card” allocation method, now includes the IPSF and the IPC as the bipartite, two parties, that collectively determine the allocation of a pre-determined number of qualification slots allocated on a discretionary basis.

QUESTIONS AND UPDATES

Should your NPC have questions regarding sport-specific qualification issues, please contact the designated IPSF with a copy to the IPC (if different). As and if updates become available to any sections of the Guide, the IPC will notify NPCs via email, on the IPC website and in editions of the IPC Bulletin.

For the latest versions of this document please refer to the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games section on the IPC website at www.paralympic.org. For questions on any aspect of the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide please send emails to Qualify2010@paralympic.org or send by fax to +49 228-2097-209



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GENERAL IPC REGULATIONS ON ELIGIBILITY



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OVERVIEW	<p>The General IPC Regulations on Eligibility establish the general conditions as outlined in the IPC Handbook that must be adhered to as a pre-requisite to competing in the Paralympic Winter Games. These regulations ensure that the fundamental rights and obligations of the IPC and its Membership are recognised and protected, whilst upholding the global ethical and moral principles adopted by the Paralympic Movement. The General IPC Regulations on Eligibility include the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IPC Membership• Compliance with IPC Athletes Nationality Code• Minimum Age Requirement• Understanding and Agreeing to the IPC Eligibility Code• NPC Selection Standards• Compliance with Classification Rules
IPC MEMBERSHIP	<p>Only NPCs in good standing with the IPC may enter duly qualified and eligible athletes in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. NPCs are reminded that athletes in sports governed by an International Federation (IFs) must ensure that their membership with the relevant organization(s) is in good standing during the qualification period and upon close of entry to the Paralympic Winter Games.</p>
COMPLIANCE WITH IPC ATHLETES NATIONALITY CODE	<p>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 IPC Athletes Nationality Code.</p>



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 Paralympic Sports Federations through sport-specific athlete eligibility standards. While the Paralympic Winter Games welcomes the world's youth with a disability, NPCs are asked to use discretion and send to the Paralympic Games only athletes adequately prepared for elite level international competition.
UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEING TO THE IPC ELIGIBILITY CODE	To be eligible for participation in the Paralympic Winter Games all athletes must sign, observe, comply and abide by the rules and regulations outlined on the IPC Eligibility Code form. The IPC Eligibility Code 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 Winter 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 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 will be eligible for entry in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. It is the responsibility of each NPC to ensure that its athletes are appropriately classified in the respective sports prior to entry.

ALPINE SKIING



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EVENTS (30)	MEN (15)	WOMEN (15)	
SPEED EVENTS	<u>Downhill</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	<u>Downhill</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	
	<u>Super-G</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	<u>Super-G</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	
	<u>Super Combined</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	<u>Super Combined</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	
	TECHNICAL EVENTS	<u>Giant Slalom</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing	<u>Giant Slalom</u> - Visually Impaired - Sitting - Standing
		<u>Slalom</u> - Visually Impaired - Standing - Sitting	<u>Slalom</u> - Visually Impaired - Standing - Sitting

ATHLETE QUOTA	Male	170
	Female	80
	Total	250

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION	<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 the NPC.</p>
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MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC	<p>Each NPC can be allocated a maximum of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twenty (20) male qualification slots for and• Ten (10) female qualification slots. <p>Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Invitation Commission allocation method.</p>
ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	<p>Athletes must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold a valid IPC IPCAS Licence for the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 season; and have achieved points in one race of the 2009/2010)• Be at least fifteen (15) years old by 22 February 2010; and <p>for Technical Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be ranked and have 200 IPCAS Points or less on the IPCAS Slalom <u>and/or</u> Giant Slalom Ranking Lists respectively as of 22 February 2010; <p>for Super G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be ranked and have 120 IPCAS Points or less on IPCAS Super G Ranking List as of 22 February 2010 . <p>for Downhill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be ranked and have 120 IPCAS Points or less on IPCAS Downhill Ranking Lists as of 22 February 2010 (in the case that no valid downhill list is available the IPCAS Super G Ranking List will be used). <p>for Super Combined</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be ranked and have 120 IPCAS Points or less on IPCAS Super Combined Ranking Lists as of 22 February 2010 (in the case that no valid Super Combined list is available the IPCAS Super G Ranking List will be used).



MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

for the Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super G

- An NPC can enter a maximum of five (5) qualified athletes per event

for the Downhill

IPC Alpine Skiing will allocate one (1) entry position up to the maximum Downhill event entry quota outlined in the table below to each NPC; with the highest ranked athletes on the IPCAS Downhill Ranking Lists as of 22 February 2010; **and** entered at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games; **and** meeting the athlete eligibility criteria:

Downhill	Male	Female
Standing	25	18
Sitting	25	10
Visually Impaired	12	10

In the case that the maximum entry quota for an event is not fulfilled by the above method, IPC Alpine Skiing will repeat the above process using the next highest ranked athletes meeting the requirements until all slots are allocated.

NPCs may be allocated by IPC Alpine Skiing a maximum of three (3) entry positions in a given Downhill event.

for the Super Combined

IPC Alpine Skiing will allocate one (1) entry position up to the maximum Super Combined event entry quota outlined in the table below to each NPC; with the highest ranked athletes on the IPCAS Super Combined Ranking Lists as of 22 February 2010; **and** entered at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games; **and** meeting the athlete eligibility criteria:



MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC
(Continued)

Super-Combined	Male	Female
Standing	18	14
Sitting	18	10
Visually Impaired	10	10

In the case that the maximum entry quota for an event is not fulfilled by the above method, IPC Alpine Skiing will repeat the above process using the next highest ranked athletes meeting the requirements until all slots are allocated.

NPCs may be allocated by IPC Alpine Skiing a maximum of three (3) entry positions in a given Super Combined event.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

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
2008/2009 IPC ALPINE SKIING COMBINED RANKING LISTS ALLOCATION	<p>Universality Distribution Each NPC considered by IPC Alpine Skiing to be widely and regularly practicing Alpine Skiing that has one or more athletes on the IPCAS Combined Ranking List closing 30 April 2009, but that does not have an athlete holding 200 IPCAS Points or less, will receive one male (1) qualification slot and/or one (1) female qualification slot.</p> <p>Ranking Factor Distribution 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 athletes from each NPC that have 200 points or less on the IPCAS Combined Ranking Lists closing 30 April 2009 will determine that NPC's "qualification base" for each gender.</p>



<p>2008/2009 IPC ALPINE SKIING COMBINED RANKING LISTS ALLOCATION (continued)</p>	<p>STEP 2 - Each NPC's qualification base divided by the total number of athletes (all NPCs) by gender that have 200 points or less on the IPCAS Combined Ranking Lists closing 30 April 2009 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> <p>In the case that the total number of athletes with 200 points or less from all NPCs on the IPCAS Combined Ranking Lists 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.</p>				
<p>BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION ALLOCATION</p>	<p>Five (5) eligible male athletes and five (5) eligible female athletes will be considered by the IPC and IPC Alpine Skiing for Bipartite Commission Invitation qualification slots. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, NPCs must submit to IPC Alpine Skiing an official application by 25 May 2009.</p>				
<p>TOTAL</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Male</td> <td style="text-align: right;">170</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women</td> <td style="text-align: right;">80</td> </tr> </table>	Male	170	Women	80
Male	170				
Women	80				

QUALIFYING TIMELINE

30 April 2009	<p>Closing date of the 2008/2009 IPCAS Combined Ranking List for qualification slot allocation</p> <p>IPC Alpine Skiing distributes Bipartite Commission Invitation Applications to NPCs</p>
25 May 2009	<p>Deadline date for IPC Alpine Skiing to receive Bipartite Commission Invitation Applications from NPCs</p>



1 June 2009 (No later than)	IPC Alpine Skiing confirms to NPCs in writing the number of qualification slots allocated
1 July 2009 (No later than)	NPCs confirm to IPC Alpine Skiing in writing the use of qualification slots
5 August 2009 (No later than)	IPC Alpine Skiing confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots
1 December 2009 (No later than)	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs for all potential athletes
22 February 2010	Closing date for athletes to meet athlete eligibility requirements
26 February 2010 (No later than)	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee receiving entry forms submitted by NPCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

By 1 July 2009, each NPC must confirm to IPC Alpine 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 Alpine Skiing may reallocate these slots.

By 5 August 2009, IPC Alpine 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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BIATHLON & CROSS COUNTRY SKIING



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EVENTS (32)	MEN (16)	WOMEN (16)
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>

ATHLETE QUOTA	Male	115
	Female	65
	Total	180



<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>



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

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
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>



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
Men	115				
Women	65				

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

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 (No later than)	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising 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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ICE SLEDGE HOCKEY



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EVENTS (1)	MIXED (1)
	Eight (8) Team Tournament

ATHLETE QUOTA	Total	120* (8 teams x 15 athletes) *Up to 128 athletes depending on the provision of maximum entry per NPC for female athlete inclusion.
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ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION	The qualification is allocated to the NPC not the individual athlete or team.
MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC	An NPC can be allocated no more than one (1) team qualification slot.
ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	Only qualified athletes that meet the sport-specific classification requirements and have a designated classification status will be eligible for entry in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.
MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC	An NPC can enter a maximum of: One (1) men's team comprised of fifteen (15) eligible male athletes; or One (1) mixed team comprised of up to sixteen (16) eligible athletes of whom a minimum of one (1) of the athletes is female.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
2009 IPC ICE SLEDGE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (TOURNAMENT A) ALLOCATION	The top six (6) ranked NPCs qualify.	6 teams



HOST COUNTRY ALLOCATION	The host country NPC qualifies, subject to having competed in either the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships A or B Tournaments. If the host country qualifies through the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships, the team qualification slot will be allocated to the highest ranked NPC at the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier.	1 team
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METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
2009 IPC ICE SLEDGE HOCKEY PARALYMPIC QUALIFIER ALLOCATION	The top ranked NPC qualifies. Please note that only the 7 th and 8 th ranked NPCs from the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championship Tournament A and the 1 st and 2 nd ranked teams from the IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championship Tournament B Pool will be eligible to compete in the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier. NPC participation in the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier is subject to pre-confirmation of team qualification slot usage in the case of qualification.	1 team
TOTAL		8 teams

QUALIFYING TIMELINE

April/May 2009	2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships Tournament A - TBD
April/May 2009	2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships Tournament B - TBD
October/November 2009	2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier - TBD
13 November 2009 (No later than)	IPC Ice Sledge Hockey confirms to NPCs in writing the team qualification slot allocations
20 November 2009 (No later than)	NPCs confirm to IPC Ice Sledge Hockey in writing the use of team qualification slot allocations
27 November 2009	IPC Ice Sledge Hockey confirms in writing the



(No later than)	reallocation of any unused team qualification slots
1 December 2009	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms from qualified NPCs
26 February 2010	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms from qualified NPCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

By 20 November 2009, NPCs must confirm their participation to IPC Ice Sledge Hockey, in writing (fax and e-mail are accepted). NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their team qualification slot, and IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will reallocate the respective slots.

By 27 November 2009, IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused team qualification slots.

By 27 November 2009, it is officially declared that the respective NPC's team will participate in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that withdraws its team from participation after this date may be subject to sanctions imposed by the IPC.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any team qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NPC, not otherwise qualified, from the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier. Should all NPCs competing in the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Paralympic Qualifier qualify, any team qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NPC, not otherwise qualified, from the 2009 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships Tournament B.

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WHEELCHAIR CURLING



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EVENTS (1)	MIXED (1)
	Ten (10) Team Tournament

ATHLETE QUOTA	Mixed	50 (10 teams x 5 athletes)
	Total	50

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION	The qualification is allocated to the NPC not the individual athlete or team.
MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC	An NPC can be allocated no more than one (1) mixed team qualification slot
ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	Only qualified athletes that meet the sport-specific classification requirements and have a designated classification status will be eligible for entry in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.
MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC	An NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) mixed team comprised of five (5) eligible athletes, of which at least one (1) athlete must be of the opposite gender.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
WCF WHEELCHAIR CURLING WORLD RANKING LIST ALLOCATION	The top nine (9) ranked countries on the WCF Wheelchair Curling World Ranking list, after the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championship qualify for the Paralympic Wheelchair Competition. Rankings on the WCF Wheelchair Curling World Ranking list will be calculated based on the number of points each country attains from their performance during the WCF 2007, 2008 & 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, as follows:	9 teams

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL																						
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HOST COUNTRY ALLOCATION (continued)	<p>The host country directly qualifies. However, the host country will still be allocated points according to the Wheelchair Curling Paralympic Points Table if they enter into one of the three (3) qualifying World Wheelchair Curling Championships. If the Host Country holds a position amongst the top nine (9) ranked countries on the World Curling Federation (WCF) Wheelchair Curling World Ranking list after the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championship, the qualification slot will be redistributed and allocated to the next ranked country not otherwise qualified.</p>	1 team																						
TOTAL		10 teams																						



QUALIFYING TIMELINE

16-24 February 2007	WCF 2007 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, Solleftea, Sweden
19-24 January 2008	WCF 2008 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, Sursee, Switzerland
21-28 February 2009	WCF 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, Vancouver, Canada
30 April 2009	Closing date of the Wheelchair Curling Points List for qualification slot allocation
1 June 2009 (No later than)	WCF confirms to NPCs in writing the number of qualification slots allocated process
1 July 2009 (No later than)	NPCs confirm to WCF in writing the use of qualification slots
5 August 2009 (No later than)	WCF confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots
1 December 2009	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms from qualified NPCs
26 February 2010	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms from qualified NPCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

By 1 July 2009, each NPC must confirm to WCF 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 the WCF may reallocate these slots.

By 5 August 2009, WCF 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 and the WCF.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any team qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked and not otherwise qualified NPC on the WCF World Ranking List closing 30 April 2009.



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**World Curling Federation (WCF)
Wheelchair Curling World Ranking List
Regulations**

Ranking Points Tie Break Rule as Applied to the 2007 World Wheelchair Curling Championships	Paralympic Qualification Points where awarded during the 2007 World Wheelchair Curling Championships. Where there were two or more countries tied for a points ranking, the countries were given an equal share of the accumulated points that these countries jointly held.
Ranking Points Tie Break Rule as Applied to the 2008 and 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships	<p>In the event where two or more countries are tied for a points ranking position at the end of the 2008 and 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships (e.g. two or more countries holding the same win/loss record following the round robin and tie-break games) the following steps will be followed to determine the final points ranking positions:</p> <p>Step 1 - The record of games between the countries; the country with the best record will be ranked highest and the remaining will be ranked in consecutive order based on their respective records.</p> <p>Step 2 - In the event that step 1 is insufficient to determine the ranking between some or all of the tied teams, the result of the Draw Shot Challenge will be used to determine final ranking,</p> <p>Step 3 - In the event of steps 1 and 2 are insufficient to determine the ranking, (i.e. two or more teams having the same result) the best non-equal Last Stone Draw will be used to determine the final ranking, and</p> <p>Step 4 - If ties still exist (i.e., two or more teams having all equal Last Stone Draw results), the WCF World Ranking will decide the final ranking.</p>



Elimination in the event of a Tied Points Ranking Applied to the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships

In the event that following the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, there are more than nine (9) countries (in addition to the host country) that can be considered for qualification due to tied rankings, an elimination process will be conducted to determine nine (9) countries for qualification on the basis of the following criteria:

Criteria No. 1

In the event that two (2) or more countries tied so that an elimination of one (1) or more of these countries is necessary, the country with the latest World Wheelchair Curling Championships appearance will qualify. For example, if two (2) countries are tied in the ninth (9th) ranked position after the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, and one (1) of the countries participated in the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships, and the other did not, then the country who played in the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships qualifies.

Criteria No.2

In the event that Criteria No.1 is insufficient to determine nine (9) qualified countries, then the highest ranked) country (s) from the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championships will be the deciding factor, or 2008 – or even 2007 if that was the latest appearance of the countries that are tied.

Criteria No 3

Should there be a situation where neither Criteria No 1 nor Criteria No 2 can eliminate the necessary number of teams, the elimination will be done by a play-off competition to be held between the teams concerned at a time, venue and with a competition format to be decided by the WCF.

BIPARTITE INVITATION QUALIFICATION SLOTS



VANCOUVER 2010 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

OVERVIEW

As in previous Paralympic Winter Games, the International Paralympic Committee has worked with International Paralympic Sport Federations (IPSFs) to develop qualification systems 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 IPSF'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 IPSFs have also sought to provide targeted qualification slot allocations in particular sports through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation Methods. The invitations replace the previously offered "Sport-Specific Wild Cards" and are included in the overall athlete quota of the relevant sports. Invitations are granted on a discretionary basis by the IPC and the respective IPSF and are typically allocated based on the following principles:

- to ensure that top athletes that may have not had the opportunity to formally qualify through other methods due to extraordinary circumstances
- to ensure the representation of athletes with a severe disability;
- to ensure medal events will have sufficient representation for viability; and
- to enable greater representation by gender.

SPORTS OFFERING BIPARTITE INVITATION QUALIFICATION SLOTS

The following two (2) sports offer Bipartite Invitation qualification slots:

- Alpine Skiing (5 male, 5 female)
- Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing (5 male, 5 female)



TIMELINE AND PROCESS	<p>30 April 2009 - The IPC will contact all NPCs notifying them that the application process for Bipartite Invitations has been launched.</p> <p>25 May 2009 - Deadline date for IPC Nordic Skiing to receive Bipartite Commission Invitation Applications from NPCs</p> <p>1 June 2009 - IPC Nordic Skiing confirms to NPCs in writing the number of qualification slots allocated</p>
QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION	<p>Please contact the IPC Sports Department via email at Qualify2010@paralympic.org or vial fax at +49 228 2097 209 for more information or with questions.</p>

VANCOUVER 2010 PARALYMPIC WINTER SPORTS PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



VANCOUVER 2010 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

OVERVIEW

The Paralympic Winter Games represents an international, multi-sport competition for athletes with a disability that reflects the highest standards of athletic excellence and diversity. The goal of the Paralympic Winter Sports Programme is to provide exciting and inspiring events in the Paralympic Winter Games that allow athletes to achieve competitive excellence while engaging and entertaining spectators. To ensure this for the Vancouver 2010 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 chore characteristics and guiding principles.

PARALYMPIC SPORTS PROGRAMME CORE CHARACTERISTICS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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

QUALITY: The essential principles with respect to grade of excellence; accomplishment and/or attainment.

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.



**PARALYMPIC
PROGRAMME CORE
CHARACTERISTICS AND
GUIDING PRINCIPLES
(continued)**

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 establish parameters and/or conditions necessary for success.

Viable – Ensuring operational and programmatic capability in the context of the IPC's obligations to its relationship with the IOC and considering the impact on the POC/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 (foresight) 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 or conditions 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 establishing the Games framework.

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).



SPORTS AND DISCIPLINES	The sports on the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Sports Programme includes the following: <table border="1" data-bbox="671 459 1139 689"><thead><tr><th data-bbox="671 459 1139 499">Sport</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td data-bbox="671 499 1139 539">Alpine Skiing</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="671 539 1139 580">Biathlon</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="671 580 1139 620">Cross Country Skiing</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="671 620 1139 660">Ice Sledge Hockey</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="671 660 1139 689">Wheelchair Curling</td></tr></tbody></table>	Sport	Alpine Skiing	Biathlon	Cross Country Skiing	Ice Sledge Hockey	Wheelchair Curling
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Ice Sledge Hockey							
Wheelchair Curling							
MEDAL EVENTS QUOTA	The medal events quota for the the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Sports Programme is 64 and is outlined by sport on attachment 1.						
ATHLETES QUOTA	The athletes quota for the the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Sports Programme is 600 and is outlined by sport on attachment 2.						



ATTACHMENT 1 - MEDAL EVENTS QUOTA

Sport	Men	Women	Mixed	Total
Alpine Skiing	15	15		30
Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing	16	16		32
Ice Sledge Hockey	1			1
Wheelchair Curling			1	1



ATTACHMENT 2 - ATHLETES QUOTA

Sport (Discipline)	Male Quota	Female Quota	Total Quota
Alpine Skiing	170	80	250
Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing	115	65	180
Ice Sledge Hockey	120		120
Wheelchair Curling*	40	10	50

**Gender quota is a minimum target dependent on sport entries made by NPCs*

GLOSSARY



VANCOUVER 2010 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	The list of sport-specific athlete eligibility requirements necessary to be met for an athlete to be considered for qualification and/or entry.
ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION	The allocation of qualification slots is attributed to either an individual athlete/team or the respective NPC depending on the sport.
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 Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.
DATES/PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS	The dates and process by sport for NPCs to confirm use of qualification slots allocated through the qualification system.
INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC SPORT FEDERATION	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 sport, by gender, by sport class and/or by event an NPC may be allocated.
MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC	The maximum number of athletes by sport, by gender, by sport class and/or by event an NPC may enter.
REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS	The reallocation methods by sport for qualification slots not used by an NPC.
QUALIFYING TIMELINE	The timeline by sport outlining the significant dates concerning qualification, notification, confirmation and submission deadlines.
QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES	The list of allocation methods and descriptions of qualification.