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### PARA ATHLETICS - World Para Athletics (WPA)

The information in this Athlete Allocation System is accurate as at 10 December 2021 but remains subject to change. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 and the subsequent impact on international sporting calendars, the CGF and World Para Athletics will be closely monitoring this Athlete Allocation System to determine if any changes are necessary.

For the avoidance of doubt, the CGF and World Para Athletics reserve the right to amend this Athlete Allocation System in any manner, and in their sole and absolute discretion, should it be deemed necessary to ensure a fair qualification pathway for all Athletes.

#### 1 OVERVIEW

The Para Athletics Athlete Allocation System includes two (2) key methods of qualification:

- 1. World Para Athletics World Rankings**  
(Ranking period 31 December 2020 to 25 April 2022)
- 2. Bipartite Invitation**  
World Para Athletics and CGF Bipartite Invitation

#### 2 MEDAL EVENTS (13)

Men's Medal Events (6)	Eligible Sport Classes
• 100m T38	• T37/38
• 1500m T54	• T53/54
• 100m T12	• T11/12
• 100m T47	• T45/46/47
• Discus F42-44/F61-64	• F42/43/44/F61/62/63/64 (Raza points)
• Marathon T54*	• T53/54

Women's Medal Events (6)	Eligible Sport Classes
• 100m T38	• T37/38
• 1500m T54	• T53/54
• 100m T34*	• T33/34
• Discus F42-44/F61-64	• F42/43/44/F61/62/63/64 (Raza points)
• Shot Put F57	• F55/56/57
• Marathon T54*	• T53/54

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Mixed Medal Event (1)	Eligible Sport Classes
4 x 100m Universal Relay*	<p>Team composition, running order and eligible Sport Classes for the 4x100m universal relay are stipulated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The relay team must include two (2) male and two (2) female eligible athletes.</li> <li>• A maximum of two (2) athletes must be selected from the following Sports Classes: T13, T46/47, T38, T54.</li> <li>• The remaining two (2) athletes must be selected from any of the other Sports Classes outlined below.</li> <li>• The running order must be in accordance with the following:                      Leg 1: T11-13                      Leg 2: T42 – 47, T61 – 64,                      Leg 3: T35 -38                      Leg 4: T33 - 34, T51- 54</li> </ul> <p>Team composition, running order and eligible Sport Classes for the Universal Relay must be in full accordance with Rule 23 of the World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations.</p>

\*The CGF will conduct a formal review and analysis of the above Para Athletics medal events in accordance with the CGF Event viability Policy to determine their viability against the minimum required depth of field and CGA/regional representation requirements. For the avoidance of doubt, following this review the CGF reserve the right to remove these medal events at their sole and absolute discretion.

## 3 ATHLETE ALLOCATION SYSTEM (PARA ATHLETICS)

### a.) Allocations per Event

Men's Medal Events	Maximum Possible Slot Allocations
• 100m T38	• 8
• 1500m T54	• 8
• 100m T12*	• 8
• 100m T47	• 8
• Discus F42-44/F61-64	• 8
• Marathon T54	• 8

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• 1500m T54	• 8
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• Shot Put F57	• 8
• Marathon T54	• 8

Mixed Medal Event	Maximum Possible Slot Allocations
4 x 100m Universal Relay	0 (must be from within existing slot allocation)

\*Each athlete entered in the Men's 100m T12 event is entitled to one (1) guide not included in the maximum possible slot allocation.

The maximum possible slot allocation does not necessarily reflect the maximum field size, as in accordance with the process outlined below and subject to approval by CGF and World Para Athletics, eligible athletes that have obtained a slot allocation may enter all events in which they are eligible to compete in. No additional slot allocations will be distributed for the Universal Relay, relay teams must be made up of existing athletes that have been allocated a slot for individual medal event(s).

## b) Maximum Number of Athletes by Commonwealth Games Association (CGA)

Gender	Event Specific
Men	3 per event
Women	3 per event
Gender	Event Specific - Relay
Mixed	1 team per CGA

## 4 QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK

World Para Athletics World Rankings	Bipartite Invitation
Qualification slots shall be drawn from the World Para Athletics World Rankings as at 25 April 2022 and issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable.	Bipartite Invitation slots may be issued to athletes' of widely and regularly practising CGAs. Such invitation slots will be issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable.
Slot-Allocation	Slot-Allocation
CGA by Athlete by Name	CGA by Athlete by Name

## 5 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

### a) World Para Athletics World Rankings

The World Para Athletics World Rankings will be used to allocate slots to the top seven (7) ranked athletes per medal event.

- CGA Nations will be extracted from the World Para Athletics World Rankings to create the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List as at 25 April 2022.
- CGAs will be eligible to qualify a maximum of three athletes per event, and the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List will be amended to reflect this maximum representation per event.
- In the event the final slot of qualification has been achieved by more than one athlete with the same result, World Para Athletics and the CGF will at their sole discretion determine who receives the final slot.
- In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.
- For the avoidance of doubt, only results achieved by athletes at World Para Athletics Recognised Competitions are eligible for the World rankings. The qualification period is as follows:

- 31 December 2020 to 25 April 2022

The World Para Athletics competition levels are defined in the World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations. The World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations and competition calendar can be found on the World Para Athletics Website: [www.paralympic.org/athletics](http://www.paralympic.org/athletics)

In the case of Great Britain, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories, results attained by British athletes at World Para Athletics Recognised Competitions (i.e., competitions where athletes must compete for their IF affiliated-organisation) shall be attributed to their eligible CGA for the purposes of the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List.

### b) Bipartite Invitation

In recognition of widely and regularly practising Para Athletics athletes who have not otherwise earned a slot-allocation, one (1) Bipartite Invitation slot per event may be issued.

Applications for Bipartite Invitation slots are to be submitted by the CGA in accordance with the prescribed deadline. It is at the sole and absolute discretion of World Para Athletics and the CGF to allocate a Bipartite Invitation slot in an instance where no application has been received.

Athletes to be considered by the Bipartite Commission shall have competed in at least one (1) World Para Athletics Recognised Competition within the qualification period of 31 December 2020 to 25 April 2022.

Where an athlete has not competed in at least one (1) World Para Athletics Recognised Competition within the qualification period, but would otherwise be deemed eligible, the Bipartite Commission may grant an exemption on the grounds of extenuating circumstances.

CGAs may request this consideration when applying for the Bipartite Invitation slot.

These slots are non-transferable and in the event the CGA is no longer able to accept the Bipartite Invitation slot it will be redistributed at the sole and absolute discretion of the Bipartite Commission with consideration for the factors listed below.

Allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots are made at the sole and absolute discretion of World Para Athletics and CGF. In making these decisions, the Bipartite Commission will award in the first instance to:

- Eligible athletes who have successfully participated in the CGF development programme (GAPS), that have demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games.

If there are no eligible athletes that have successfully participated in the CGF development programme (GAPS), the Bipartite Commission will consider factors including but not limited to the following:

- Regional representation within the event at the end of the qualification period.
- Depth of field and strength of competition.
- Demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games but an athlete has not otherwise attained qualification.
- Extenuating circumstances that may have resulted in an eligible athlete being unable to achieve a valid result within the qualification period.

### **c) Confirmation Process of Allocated Slots**

At the close of the qualification period, the following procedure will be implemented:

- CGF will advise CGAs in writing of the slots attained from the World Para Athletics World Rankings;
- CGAs will confirm in writing their intention to accept the slots attained drawn from the World Para Athletics World Rankings;

- All slots awarded via the World Para Athletics World Rankings qualification pathway will be issued to the CGA for allocation;
- These slots are binding to the event and athlete that attained the slot;
- CGAs to nominate to the CGF for a Bipartite Invitation slot;
- Bipartite Commission to determine the allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots;
- CGF to advise CGAs of the Bipartite Invitation slots attained;
- CGAs to confirm their intention to accept the Bipartite Invitation slots offered.

#### **d) Reallocation of Unused Qualification slots**

Any qualification slots that are not used by the CGA will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete (respecting the maximum CGA representation per event). Prior to reallocation, ranked CGAs will initially be asked to confirm their interest in receiving the reallocation of unused qualification slots. Where there are no eligible athletes remaining on the World Para Athletics Rankings, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and World Para Athletics. The CGF and World Para Athletics reserve the right not to reallocate the slot, in the case that the reallocation process results in the potential award of a slot to an athlete whose performance could compromise the safety and integrity of the competition.

## **6 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for endorsement by a CGA, an athlete must:

- Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review with a fixed review date of 2023 or later at the sport entries deadline of 29 June 2022;
- Hold an active World Para Athletics Licence for the 2022 season;
- Have achieved a valid result in at least one (1) World Para Athletics Recognised Competition within the qualification period of 31 December 2020 to 25 April 2022 (in accordance with the IPC Athlete Licensing Programme Policies valid for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 seasons) in the event(s) in which they intend to compete in\*;

\*World Para Athletics and CGF may consider any valid, personal, and or extenuating circumstances for not being compliant with the above eligibility requirements. All decisions made by World Para Athletics and CGF are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IPC or under the World Anti-Doping Code;

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- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, World Para Athletics, IPC and the World Anti-Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed. In the case of any inconsistency, CGF rules and regulations will prevail;
- Have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution;
- Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by World Para Athletics.

## 7 TIMELINES

31 December 2020	Para Athletics Qualification period commences
27 January 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Number information
01 March 2022	CGA deadline to submit Bipartite Invitation applications to CGF
18 March 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive accreditation application forms submitted by CGAs
April 2022	Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings
25 April 2022	Para Athletics Qualification period closes
By 02 May 2022	CGF to confirm with CGAs qualified slots
By 02 May 2022	CGF to confirm with CGAs Bipartite Invitation slots
By 09 May 2022	CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified places
By 16 May 2022	Re-allocation of returned places
29 June 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Name information
July 2022	Delegation Registration Meetings

## **BIPARTITE COMMISSION**

### **1 Governance**

- 1.1 The membership of the CGF/World Para Athletics Bipartite Commission shall comprise of the CGF Sports Director (or appointed designate) and the World Para Athletics Sport Manager (or appointed designate).
  
- 1.2 All Bipartite Invitations will be approved by the CGF Executive Board.

### **2 Purpose**

- 2.1 The purpose of the Bipartite Commission will be to assess, evaluate and make recommendations to the CGF Executive Board on the award of Bipartite Invitation slots.