28. WHEELCHAIR FENCING

MEDAL EVENTS

Men's	Women's	Mixed/Open	Total
7	7	2	16
Epee Category A Category B **Foil** Category A Category B **Sabre** Category A Category B Team	**Epee** Category A Category B **Foil** Category A Category B **Sabre** Category A Category B Team	**Epee** Team **Foil** Team	

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
48	48	0	96

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Qualification slots are allocated to individual athlete, not to the NPC.

MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC

An NPC may be allocated no more than:

- four (4) male qualification slots: two (2) in Category A and two (2) in Category B; and
- four (4) female qualification slots: two (2) in Category A and two (2) in Category B.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the entry into the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games, athletes must:

- hold a valid World Abilitysport Para Fencing Athlete License for the year of 2028;
- have competed in at least three (3) international sanctioned Para fencing competitions between 1 October 2026 and 31 May 2028; 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 31 December 2028.

MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

Individual events

An NPC may enter a maximum of two (2) eligible athletes per Individual event.

Athletes qualifying through World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Individual Ranking List:

- must enter the event in which they have obtained their slot; and
- may also enter any other Individual event in which they are ranked in the top 30 on the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Individual Ranking List, closing 31 May 2028.

Athletes qualifying through one of the Team allocation methods:

- may enter the Individual event(s) in the same weapon(s) as the team event(s) in which they are competing; and
- may also enter any other Individual event where they are ranked in the top 30 on the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Individual World Ranking List, closing 31 May 2028.

If the maximum number of entries in an Individual medal event is exceeded (see table below), priority will first be given to athletes who obtained their slot in that event. This will be followed by the highest-ranked athletes who obtained their slot in other events, up to the maximum number of entries.

Team events

An NPC may enter a maximum of one (1) team in each of the Team events.

Only the following may be considered for entry:

- the host country; and
- teams ranked in the top 14 on the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Team or Mixed Team Paralympic Ranking Lists for the respective event, closing 31 May 2028.

An NPC that does not qualify via a Team Allocation Method may still enter a Team event provided that:

- it has a sufficient number of athletes to form a team, each of whom have already obtained a qualification slot for an Individual event; and
- the team is ranked in the top 14 on the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Team or Mixed Team Ranking Lists for the respective event, closing 31 May 2028.

If the maximum number of entries in a Team or Mixed Team medal event is exceeded (see table below), priority will first be given to NPCs whose teams obtained their slot in that event. This will be followed by the highest ranked teams not already qualified who obtained their slot in other events, up to the maximum number of entries.

The maximum number of entries per medal event is as follows:

Event	Category	Maximum Entries	
		Male	Female
Foil	Ind. Cat. A	21	21
	Ind. Cat. B	21	21
	Mixed Team	10	
Epee	Ind. Cat. A	21	21
	Ind. Cat. B	21	21
	Mixed Team	10	
Sabre	Ind. Cat. A	21	21
	Ind. Cat. B	21	21
	Team	10	10

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated in the following order:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
Mixed Team Allocation – World Ranking	The top-ranked team on the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Mixed Team Ranking Lists, closing 31 May 2028, in: • Mixed Team Foil; and • Mixed Team Epee will each qualify with a team consisting of: • one (1) male Cat. A athlete; • one (1) male Cat. B athlete; • one (1) female Cat. A athlete; and • one (1) female Cat. B athlete. For each qualified NPC, qualification slots will be allocated to the NPC's highest-ranked athletes in each Category (A or B) and gender (female or male) in the weapon in which the Mixed Team qualified. Where an NPC qualifies in both Mixed Team events, the team qualification slot will be allocated to the Mixed Team weapon in which the NPC has the higher number of points. If tied: 1. The NPC qualifies in the event in which the NPC achieved its best placement at the 2027 World Championships. 2. If still tied, the individual places of the four (4) athletes in each Mixed Team (from the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Individual Ranking Lists, closing 31 May 2028) will be added together. The team slot will be allocated to the Mixed Team weapon with the lower total (smallest combined number). 3. If still tied, the team slot allocation will be determined by a random draw. The NPC may still enter the other Mixed Team event with its qualified athletes; however, the qualification slot to be allocated for the top-ranked team in that weapon will be passed down	4 male athletes (2 Cat. A, 2 Cat. B) 4 female athletes (2 Cat. A, 2 Cat. B)

	to the next highest-ranked team on the respective Paralympic Mixed Team Ranking List.	
Mixed Team Allocation – Zonal Ranking	The top-ranked team in each zone (America/Africa, Europe, Asia/Oceania) in the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Mixed Team Ranking Lists, closing 31 May 2028, not already qualified, in: • Mixed Team Foil; and • Mixed Team Epee will qualify with a team consisting of: • one (1) male Cat. A athlete; • one (1) male Cat. B athlete; • one (1) female Cat. A athlete; and • one (1) female Cat. B athlete. For each qualified NPC, qualification slots will be allocated to their highest-ranked athletes in each category (A or B) and gender (female or male) in the weapon in which the Mixed Team qualifies. Where an NPC qualifies in both Mixed Team events, the team qualification will be allocated to the Mixed Team weapon in which the NPC has the higher ranking. If tied: 1. The NPC qualifies in the event in which it has the higher number of points. 2. If still tied, the slot will be allocated for the event in which the NPC achieved the best placement at the 2027 World Championships. 3. If still tied, the individual places of the four (4) athletes in the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Individual Ranking Lists, closing 31 May 2028 in each Mixed Team will be added together. The allocation will be assigned to the Mixed Team weapon with the lower total (smallest combined number). The NPC may still enter the other Mixed Team event with its qualified athletes; however, the qualification slot for the zone in that weapon will be passed down to the next highest-ranked team in the zone, provided it is ranked within the top-14.	12 male athletes (6 Cat A, 6 Cat. B) 12 female athletes (6 Cat. A, 6 Cat. B)

Sabre Team Allocation – World Ranking	The top-ranked team in the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Team Ranking Lists, closing 31 May 2028, in: • Men's Team Sabre; and • Women's Team Sabre qualifies. The qualified NPC receives slots for its top-ranked Individual sabre athletes (max. two (2) Cat. A and one (1) Cat. B) in the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Individual Ranking List, closing 31 May 2028. If this allocation would cause an NPC to exceed the maximum quota allocation per NPC, the NPC will only receive slots up to the maximum quota. Any unused slot(s) may be reallocated via the Team Sabre Athlete Allocation method.	3 male athletes (2 Cat. A, 1 Cat. B) 3 female athletes 2 Cat. A, 1 Cat. B)
Sabre Team Allocation – Zonal Ranking	The top-ranked team in the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Team Ranking Lists, closing 31 May 2028, from each zone (America/Africa, Europe, Asia/Oceania) in: • Men's Team Sabre; and • Women's Team Sabre qualifies. The qualified NPC receives slots for its top-ranked Individual sabre athletes (max. 2 Cat. A and 1 Cat. B) in the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Ranking Lists closing 31 May 2028. If this allocation would cause an NPC to exceed the maximum quota allocation per NPC, the NPC in question will only receive slots up to the maximum quota. Any unused slot(s) may be reallocated via the Team Sabre Athlete Allocation method.	9 male athletes (6 Cat. A, 3 Cat. B) 9 female athletes (6 Cat. A, 3 Cat. B)
Team Sabre Athlete Allocation	Any unused slots allocated through the Team Allocation Methods above will be used to ensure that the Men's and Women's Sabre Team events each have at least six (6) teams. Once six (6) team slots have been allocated in both the Men's and Women's Sabre team events, any	1 male athlete (1 Cat. A)

	additional unused slot(s) may be reallocated using the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method. If no slots are available for this purpose (i.e., no NPC has reached its maximum quota) and additional slots are required to ensure a minimum of six (6) teams in both the Men's and Women's Sabre Team events: • One (1) Cat. A Women's slot will be allocated to an NPC that has qualified in a Mixed Team event and is the highest ranked in the Women's World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Team Sabre rankings; and/or • One (1) Cat. A Men's slot will be allocated to an NPC that has qualified in a Mixed Team event and is the highest ranked in the Men's World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Team Sabre rankings. Any remaining slot(s) may be allocated via the Individual Paralympic Ranking List Allocation method in the corresponding Category A Sabre event.	1 female athlete (1 Cat. A)
Individual Paralympic Ranking List Allocation	Rankings are taken from the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Individual Ranking Lists, closing 31 May 2028. Only athletes whose NPC has not qualified a team in that respective weapon can receive a slot. Each NPC may receive a maximum of one (1) slot per category and gender via this method (maximum: one (1) male Cat. A, one (1) male Cat. B, one (1) female Cat. A, and one (1) female Cat. B). Qualification slots will be allocated to male and female athletes not otherwise qualified according to the following table:	15 male athletes (5 Cat. A, 10 Cat. B) 15 female athletes (5 Cat. A, 10 Cat. B)

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<tr><td>Female Category A</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>Male Category B</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr>
<tr><td>Female Category B</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr>
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If an NPC would obtain more slots than permitted via the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Individual Ranking List Allocation method, then slots will be allocated to the athlete(s) with the next highest ranking position. If two or more athletes from the same NPC have equal ranking positions, slots may be allocated to the athlete(s) with the highest ranking points. If still tied, slots may be allocated to the athlete(s) with the best placement at the 2027 World Championships.
Where an NPC cannot be allocated a slot because it has reached the maximum quota per NPC (either the maximum quota allocation per NPC or the maximum quota for this specific ranking method), the slot will be allocated to the next highest-ranked athlete in that category and weapon.
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<td>Host Country Allocation</td>
<td>The host country directly qualifies:
• Three (3) male athletes; and
• Three (3) female athletes;
to ensure a possible participation in all Team events.
These athletes must be ranked highest among all athletes from the host country on the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Individual Ranking Lists, closing 31 May 2028.
The host country may obtain qualification slots via the other methods above up to the maximum quota allocation per NPC.</td>
<td>3 male athletes
(2 Cat. A, 1 Cat. B)
3 female athletes
(2 Cat. A, 1 Cat. B)</td>
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	If the host country obtains any qualification slots via any of the other methods listed above (not including the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method), the reserved number of host country slots will be reduced accordingly, and the respective slots will be allocated via the Team Sabre Athlete Allocation method.	
Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation	One (1) male and one (1) female athlete will be considered for Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation slots by the IPC and World Abilitysport. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation slot, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to World Abilitysport by 10 June 2028.	1 male athlete 1 female athlete
Total		**48 male athletes** **48 female athletes**

TIMELINE

1 October 2026	Start of period for athletes to attain performances to be recorded on the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Individual World Ranking Lists
1 October 2026	Start of the period for teams to attain performances to be recorded on the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Team World Ranking Lists
TBD 2028	Deadline for Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs (“Accreditation Long List”)
31 May 2028	End of the period for athletes to attain performances to be recorded on the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Individual World Ranking Lists
31 May 2028	End of the period for teams to attain performances to be recorded on the World Abilitysport Para Fencing Paralympic Team World Ranking Lists
1 June 2028	Start of the Bipartite Commission Invitation application process

14 June 2028	World Abilitysport confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots
22 June 2028	NPCs confirm to World Abilitysport in writing the use of allocated slots
30 June 2028	Deadline for NPCs to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to World Abilitysport
1 July 2028	World Abilitysport confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots
10 July 2028	World Abilitysport confirms in writing the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitations
24 July 2028	Deadline for Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By 22 June 2028, each qualified NPC must confirm to World Abilitysport in writing (email is accepted) the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not responded by this date will lose their qualification slots, and World Abilitysport may reallocate these slots.

By 1 July 2028, World Abilitysport will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 10 July 2028, 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 Abilitysport.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slots allocated and not used by the respective NPC may be reallocated via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.

Any slot(s) returned or unused after 10 July 2028 may be redistributed at the sole discretion of the IPC (see relevant section above on page 9).

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