



11. BLIND FOOTBALL

MEDAL EVENTS

Men's	Women's	Mixed/Open	Total
1	0	0	1
Men's 8-team Tournament			

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
64	0	0	64

Eight (8) men's teams with eight (8) players per team.

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC not to the team or any individual athlete.

MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC

An NPC can qualify no more than one (1) men's team comprising a total of eight (8) qualification slots.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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

- have entered in at least one international, sanctioned IBSA Blind Football competition between 1 January 2022 and 31 May 2024; 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 of 2025 or later.

MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of eight (8) eligible male athletes plus two (2) goalkeepers. Note: Goalkeepers are not included in the athlete quota.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated in the following order:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
Regional Qualifier Allocation	<p>The top ranked teams in each of the following Regional Qualification Tournaments obtain qualification slots for their NPCs as indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 IBSA Blind Football European Championships, Italy - one (1) team • 2022 IBSA Blind Football African Championships, Morocco - one (1) team • 2022 IBSA Blind Football Asian Championships, India - one (1) team • 2023 Parapan American Games, Chile - one (1) team <p>In the case that a region does not host a Qualification Tournament, any available slots will be allocated to the highest ranked NPC (not otherwise qualified) at the 2023 World Championships regardless of region.</p>	32 male athletes
2023 World Championships Allocation	The top three (3) ranked teams (not otherwise qualified) obtain one (1) team qualification slot for their NPC.	24 male athletes
Host Country Allocation	The host country directly qualifies one (1) men's team subject to participation in either the 2023 IBSA Blind Football World Championships or their respective Regional Qualification Tournament.	8 male athletes
Total		64 male athletes

TIMELINE

8-18 June 2022	IBSA Blind Football European Championships, Pescara, Italy
14-26 September 2022	IBSA Blind Football African Championships, Bouznika, Morocco
9-20 November 2022	IBSA Blind Football Asian Championships, Kochi, India
tbd	IBSA Blind Football World Championships, tbd

17-26 November 2023	Parapan American Games, Santiago de Chile, Chile
15 December 2023	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of team qualification slots from Regional Qualifiers.
10 January 2024	NPCs confirm in writing to IBSA the use of allocated team qualification slots from Regional Qualifiers.
12 January 2024	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused team qualification slots from Regional Qualifiers.
12 January 2024	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of team qualification slots from World Championships.
29 January 2024	NPCs confirm in writing to IBSA the use of allocated team qualification slots from World Championships.
2 February 2024	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of all remaining unused team qualification slots.
Tbd, 2024	Deadline for Paris 2024 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
5 August 2024	Deadline for Paris 2024 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By the dates published herein each qualified NPC must confirm to IBSA in writing (fax and email are accepted) if they wish to use their allocated slot. NPCs that have not responded by this date will lose their team qualification slots, and IBSA may reallocate these slots.

By 12 January 2024 and 2 February 2024 respectively IBSA will confirm in writing the reallocation of unused team qualification slots.

By 2 February 2024 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots granted for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. Any NPC that does not use its allocated team qualification slot may be subject to sanctions by IPC and IBSA.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any team qualification slots allocated and not used by the respective NPC will be reallocated to the highest ranked team (not otherwise qualified) at the respective competition where it was obtained. Should the host country not use its allocated

slot, the slot will be reallocated to the highest ranked NPC (not otherwise qualified) at the 2023 IBSA Blind Football World Championships regardless of region.

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