17. GOALBALL

MEDAL EVENTS

Men's	Women's	Mixed/Open	Total
1	1	0	2
Men's 8-team Tournament	Women's 8-team Tournament		

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
48	48	0	96

Eight (8) teams per gender with six (6) athletes per team.

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Qualification slots are 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 and one (1) women's team, comprising a total of six (6) male and six (6) female qualification slots.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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

- 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; and
- be licensed on the IBSA Sport Administration System (ISAS) for the year of 2028.

MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

An NPC may enter a maximum of six (6) eligible male athletes for the men's tournament and a maximum of six (6) eligible female athletes for the women's tournament.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated in the following order:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
Host Country Allocation	The host country will obtain one (1) men's team qualification slot and one (1) women's team qualification slot. Should the host country not use one or both of its team qualification slots, the unused slot(s) may be reallocated to the NPC of the highest ranked team in the respective gender (not otherwise qualified) at the 2026 IBSA Goalball World Championships, regardless of region.	6 male athletes 6 female athletes
2026 IBSA Goalball World Championships Allocation	The top two (2) ranked teams in the men's competition each obtain one (1) team qualification slot for their NPC. The top two (2) ranked teams in the women's competition each obtain one (1) team qualification slot for their NPC.	12 male athletes 12 female athletes
2027 Regional Qualifier Allocation	The top ranked team (not otherwise qualified) in the men's competition at each of the following 2027 IBSA Goalball Regional Championships will each obtain one (1) team qualification slot for their NPC: • Americas – one (1) team • Asia/Pacific – one (1) team • Europe (European Championships - Group A) – one (1) team • Africa – one (1) team The top ranked team (not otherwise qualified) in the women's competition at each of the following 2027 IBSA Goalball Regional Championships will each one obtain one (1) team qualification slot for their NPC: • Americas – one (1) team	24 male athletes 24 female athletes

	• Asia/Pacific – one (1) team • Europe (European Championships - Group A) – one (1) team • Africa – one (1) team In the case that a Region does not host a Championships, the available slot may be allocated via the 2027 IBSA Paralympic Qualification Ranking Tournament Allocation (at the 2027 IBSA World Games), regardless of region.	
2027 IBSA Paralympic Qualification Ranking Tournament Allocation (at the 2027 IBSA World Games)	The top ranked team in the men's competition obtains one (1) team qualification slot for their NPC. The top ranked team in the women's competition obtains one (1) team qualification slot for their NPC.	6 male athletes 6 female athletes
Total		**48 male athletes** **48 female athletes**

TIMELINE

6-16 June 2026	2026 IBSA Goalball World Championships, Hangzhou, China
26 May–6 June 2027	2027 IBSA Paralympic Qualification Ranking Tournament Allocation (at the 2027 IBSA World Games), Tashkent, Uzbekistan
TBD 2027	2027 IBSA Goalball Asia/Pacific Championships, tbd
2–15 August 2027	2027 European Para Championships, Geneva, Switzerland (recognised as the European Championships - Group A Regional Championships for the Europe Region for qualification purposes)
20-29 August 2027	2027 Parapan American Games, Lima, Peru (recognised as the Regional Championships for the Americas Region for qualification purposes)
TBD 2027	2027 IBSA Goalball Africa Championships, tbd

31 July 2026	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of team qualification slots from the Host Country Allocation and 2026 IBSA Goalball World Championships Allocation methods
30 September 2026	NPCs confirm in writing to IBSA the use of allocated team qualification slots from the Host Country Allocation and 2026 IBSA Goalball World Championships Allocation methods
31 October 2026	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of any unused team allocation slots from the Host Country Allocation and 2026 IBSA Goalball World Championships Allocation methods
31 December 2027	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of team qualification slots from the 2027 Regional Qualifier Allocation and the Paralympic Qualification Ranking Tournament Allocation methods
28 February 2028	NPCs confirm in writing to IBSA the use of allocated team qualification slots from the 2027 Regional Qualifier Allocation and the Paralympic Qualification Ranking Tournament Allocation methods
31 March 2028	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of all remaining unused team allocation slots
5 May 2028	Deadline for Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs (“Accreditation Long List”)
24 July 2028	Deadline for Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

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

By the dates published herein IBSA will confirm in writing the reallocation of any unused qualification slots.

By the dates published herein, 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 IBSA.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any team qualification slots allocated and not used by the respective NPC may be reallocated to the highest ranked team (not otherwise qualified) at the respective competition where it was obtained. Should the host country not use any of its Host Country Allocation slots, the slot(s) may be reallocated to the NPC of the highest ranked team in the respective gender (not otherwise qualified) at the 2026 IBSA Goalball World Championships, regardless of region.

Any slot(s) returned or unused after 31 March 2028 may be redistributed at the sole discretion of the IPC (see relevant section above on page 9).

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