

8. PARA NORDIC SKIING

MEDAL EVENTS

PARA BIATHLON

Men's	Women's	Mixed/Open	Total
9	9	0	18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Men's Sprint VI - Men's Sprint Standing - Men's Sprint Sitting - Men's Sprint Pursuit VI - Men's Sprint Pursuit Standing - Men's Sprint Pursuit Sitting - Men's Individual VI - Men's Individual Standing - Men's Individual Sitting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women's Sprint VI - Women's Sprint Standing - Women's Sprint Sitting - Women's Sprint Pursuit VI - Women's Sprint Pursuit Standing - Women's Sprint Pursuit Sitting - Women's Individual VI - Women's Individual Standing - Women's Individual Sitting 		

PARA CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Men's	Women's	Mixed/Open	Total
9	9	2	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Men's Sprint Classic VI - Men's Sprint Classic Standing - Men's Sprint Sitting - Men's 10km Interval Start Classic VI - Men's 10km Interval Start Classic Standing - Men's 10km Interval Start Sitting - Men's 20km Interval Start Free VI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women's Sprint Classic VI - Women's Sprint Classic Standing - Women's Sprint Sitting - Women's 10km Interval Start Classic VI - Women's 10km Interval Start Classic Standing - Women's 10km Interval Start Sitting - Women's 20km Interval Start Free VI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open 4x2.5km Relay - Mixed 4x2.5km Relay 	

- Men's 20km Interval Start Free Standing	- Women's 20km Interval Start Free Standing		
- Men's 20km Interval Start Sitting	- Women's 20km Interval Start Sitting		

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
110	70	0	180

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

An athlete may only obtain a maximum of one (1) qualification slot. The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC, not to an individual athlete. In the case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation the slot is allocated to the individual athlete, not to the NPC.

MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of eighteen (18) male qualification slots and fourteen (14) female qualification slots. Exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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

- be born in the year 2010 or earlier;
- be internationally classified in an eligible Sport Class with Sport Class Status of either (i) Confirmed or (ii) Review with a Fixed Review Date after the 2025/2026 season (e.g., R-2026); and

For Para biathlon events:

- hold an active IBU athlete license for competing in Para biathlon events for the 2025/2026 season;
- have participated in at least one IBU sanctioned competition in the 2024/2025 season or in at least one IBU sanctioned competition in the 2025/2026 season (exceptions to this requirement may be granted through the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method); and
- be ranked and have achieved [tbd] points or less on the Para Biathlon Ranking Points List* as of 15 February 2026 (exceptions may be granted through the Representation allocation and Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation methods).

For Para cross-country skiing events:

- hold an active FIS athlete license for competing in Para cross-country events for the 2025/2026 season;
- have participated in at least one FIS sanctioned competition in the 2024/2025 season or in at least one FIS sanctioned competition in the 2025/2026 season (exceptions to this requirement may be granted through the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method); and
- be ranked and have achieved 240 points or less on the Para Cross-Country Skiing Ranking Points List as of 15 February 2026 (exceptions to this requirement may be granted through the Representation allocation and Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation methods).

MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

An NPC may enter a maximum of seven (7) athletes per medal event and gender, and a maximum of four (4) athletes per sport class in each medal event. Exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method.

An NPC may enter a maximum of one (1) team per relay event comprised of athletes who have each been entered in at least one (1) individual event.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots may be allocated in the following order:

1. 2024/2025 FIS/IBU World Ranking Factor allocation: Athletes who are ranked in Para cross-country skiing and/or Para biathlon may obtain qualification slots for their NPC in accordance with the World Ranking Factor allocation method, as set out below.
2. Compensation allocation: A number of NPCs will receive slots via a compensation mechanism addressing the margins of rounding within the World Ranking Factor allocation method, as set out below.
3. Representation allocation: NPCs who have not obtained a minimum of one qualification slot per gender via either of the above methods may obtain a maximum of one slot per gender through the Representation allocation method, as set out below.
4. Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation: Ten (10) slots have been reserved for allocation via Bipartite Invitations, as set out below.

Method	Qualification	Total
<p>2024/2025 FIS/IBU World Ranking Factor Allocation</p>	<p>Each male athlete with 240 points or less on the FIS Para Cross-Country Skiing World Ranking Points List on 5 May 2025 and/or [tbd] points or less on the IBU World Ranking Points List* on 5 May 2025 obtains one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota.</p> <p>Each female athlete with 240 points or less on the Para Cross-Country Skiing World Ranking List on 5 May 2025 and/or [tbd] points or less on the IBU World Ranking Points List* on 5 May 2025 obtains one (1) qualification slot for their NPC up to the maximum quota.</p> <p>In the case that the total number of male and/or female athletes with the required points score on 5 May 2025 exceeds the number of slots available per gender, a factor allocation will be established for each gender as follows:</p> <p>$(A / B) \times C = \text{number of slots per NPC per gender}$</p> <p>A - NPC's total number of male/female athletes that meet the Ranking Factor allocation points requirement</p> <p>B - Total number of male/female athletes from all NPCs that meet the Ranking Factor allocation points requirement</p> <p>C - Total number of available slots from Ranking Factor allocation per gender</p> <p>Each NPC's allocation will be rounded down to the nearest whole number (up to the maximum quota) or rounded up to one (1) if the factor allocation result is lower than one (1).</p> <p>Any slots that cannot be allocated through this method may be allocated through the Compensation allocation method (see below).</p>	<p>90 male athletes 55 female athletes</p>

<p>Compensation Allocation</p>	<p>In case the total number of male and/or female athletes with the required points score on 5 May 2025 exceeded the number of slots available per gender, and a factor allocation was established, any NPC whose calculation result in the World Ranking Factor allocation above showed a decimal between .51 and .99 and whose allocation was rounded down receives one qualification slot of the respective gender.</p> <p>In case fewer slots per gender are available under this method than eligible NPCs, slots under this method may be allocated according to the following priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beginning with NPCs with the fewest athletes per gender after World Ranking Factor allocation and progressing towards NPCs with the most athletes after Ranking Factor Allocation. 2. For NPCs with the same number of slots per gender after World Ranking Factor allocation, the NPC(s) with the highest factor decimal first (.99 or closest to .99) and then in descending order. <p>This Compensation allocation method will be applied until all available slots have been allocated or until all NPCs with a factor decimal of .51 or higher have received their respective slots.</p> <p>Any slots that cannot be allocated through this method may be allocated through the Representation allocation method (see below).</p>	<p>5 male athletes 5 female athletes</p>
<p>Representation Allocation</p>	<p>Should an NPC not have obtained a minimum of one (1) qualification slot in each gender via the aforementioned methods, it may earn up to one (1) male and one (1) female slot if the NPC has athlete(s) of that gender who participated in at least one FIS or IBU sanctioned competition of the 2024/2025 season.</p> <p>Should the number of eligible NPCs per gender via this method exceed the number of available</p>	<p>10 male athletes 5 female athletes</p>

	<p>slots, the highest ranked athletes per gender from each of these eligible NPCs on either the FIS Para Cross-Country Skiing World Ranking Points List on 5 May 2025 or on the IBU Para Biathlon World Ranking Points List* on 5 May 2025 will obtain one slot for their NPC until all available slots under this method have been allocated.</p> <p>Any slots that cannot be allocated through this method may be allocated through the Bipartite Invitation allocation method split between FIS and IBU as indicated in the table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="496 730 1187 1149"> <thead> <tr> <th>Leftover (by gender)</th> <th>FIS</th> <th>IBU</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1 slot</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 slots</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 slots</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 slots</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 slots</td> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">etc.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Leftover (by gender)	FIS	IBU	1 slot	1	0	2 slots	1	1	3 slots	2	1	4 slots	2	2	5 slots	3	2	etc.			
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5 slots	3	2																					
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<p>FIS Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation</p>	<p>Three (3) male athletes and three (3) female athletes will be considered by FIS and the IPC for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots. Bipartite Commission Invitation slots do not allow entry in all Para cross-country Skiing medal events; the invitation will specify which events the athlete is invited to enter.</p> <p>To be considered for the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation for Para cross-country skiing events, athletes must fulfil one or both of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be ranked and have achieved 640 points or less in at least one Para cross-country skiing competition in the 2025/2026 season by 15 February 2026; or • be ranked and have achieved 480 points or less on the Para Cross-Country Skiing 	<p>3 male athletes 3 female athletes</p>																					

	<p>Ranking Points List as of 15 February 2026).</p> <p>To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to FIS by 13 February 2026.</p>	
IBU Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation	<p>Two (2) male athletes and two (2) female athletes will be considered by IBU and the IPC for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots. Bipartite Commission Invitation slots do not allow entry in all Para biathlon medal events; the invitation will specify which events the athlete is invited to enter.</p> <p>To be considered for the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation for Para biathlon events, athletes must fulfil one or both of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be ranked and have achieved [tbd] points or less in at least one Para biathlon competition in the 2025/2026 competition season by 15 February 2026; or • be ranked and have [tbd] points or less on the Para Biathlon Ranking Points List* as of 15 February 2026). <p>To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to IBU by 13 February 2026.</p>	<p>2 male athletes 2 female athletes</p>
Total		<p>110 male athletes 70 female athletes</p>

*IBU Para Biathlon Ranking Points List to be published by IBU by April 2025

TIMELINE

5 May 2025	Closing date of the 2024/2025 FIS and IBU World Ranking Points Lists
2 June 2025	FIS and IBU confirm to NPCs in writing the number of World Ranking Factor, Compensation and Representation slots allocated
1 July 2025	NPCs confirm in writing to FIS and IBU the use of allocated World Ranking Factor, Compensation and Representation slots
24 October 2025	Deadline for Milano Cortina 2026 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
12 January 2026	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
13 February 2026	Deadline for NPCs to submit applications for Bipartite Commission Invitations to FIS
13 February 2026	Deadline for NPCs to submit applications for Bipartite Commission Invitations to IBU
15 February 2026	Closing date of the Para Biathlon and Para Cross-Country Skiing Ranking Points List for eligibility purposes
16 February 2026	FIS and IBU confirm in writing to the NPCs the awarding of reallocation slots and Bipartite Commission Invitation slots
20 February 2026	Deadline for Milano Cortina 2026 Organising Committee to receive sport entry lists submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By 1 July 2025 each NPC must confirm to FIS and IBU in writing via email the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their slots and FIS and IBU may reallocate them.

By 16 February 2026 FIS and IBU will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 16 February 2026, 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, FIS and IBU.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slots from the FIS/IBU World Ranking Factor allocation, from the Compensation allocation or from the Representation allocation that are not used by an NPC may be reallocated through the FIS or IBU Bipartite Invitation Commission allocation methods by 16 February 2026, split as indicated in the relevant table above.

Any slot(s) returned or unused after 16 February 2026 may be redistributed at the sole discretion of the IPC (see relevant section above on page 9).

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