# 23. PARA TAEKWONDO

## MEDAL EVENTS

| Men's | Women's | Mixed/Open | Total |
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| 5 | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| K44 - 58kg<br>K44 - 63kg<br>K44 - 70kg<br>K44 - 80kg<br>K44 + 80kg | K44 - 47kg<br>K44 - 52kg<br>K44 - 57kg<br>K44 - 65kg<br>K44 + 65kg | | |

## ATHLETE QUOTA

| Male | Female | Gender-free | Total |
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| 60 | 60 | 0 | 120 |

## ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Qualification slots are allocated to the NPC, not to an individual athlete, with the exception of the Bipartite Commission Invitation slots which are allocated to the individual athlete, not to the NPC.

An athlete may only obtain a maximum of one (1) qualification slot for their NPC.

Any slot obtained (including reallocation) must be filled by an athlete in the same sport class and medal event who fulfils the eligibility criteria.

## MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of five (5) male and five (5) female qualification slots through the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking List Allocation method, for a maximum total of ten (10) slots through this method.

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of three (3) male and three (3) female qualification slots through the Continental Qualifier allocation method, for a maximum total of six (6) slots through this method.

An NPC may only earn one (1) slot per medal event. Exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method.

## ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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

- hold a World Taekwondo Global Athlete License for the year 2028;
- 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;
- hold a Para Taekwondo Dan recognised by World Taekwondo;
- be at least sixteen (16) years of age by 31 December 2028; and
- have competed in at least one (1) World Para Taekwondo Ranking competition between 1 January 2026 and 2 July 2028.

## MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

An NPC may enter a maximum of one (1) eligible athlete per medal event. Exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method.

Each entry must be made in the medal event for which the NPC has obtained the qualification slot.

## QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated in the following order:

| METHOD | QUALIFICATION | TOTAL |
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| **World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking List Allocation** | The six (6) highest ranked K44 athletes in each weight category on the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking list of January 2028 each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC, up to the maximum quota per NPC.<br><br>Any slot that cannot be allocated under this method or is not accepted by the NPC may be re-allocated to the next highest ranked K44 athlete on the respective ranking list, up to the maximum quota per NPC. | 30 male athletes<br><br>30 female athletes |
| **Host Country Allocation** | Five (5) slots are reserved for the host country, one (1) in each of the five (5) medal events where the country has the highest ranked athletes in the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking of January 2028. At least two (2) of the slots must be for female events. | 5 athletes |

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| | Should the host country obtain any slot(s) via the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking List Allocation method, the number of host country slots will be reduced accordingly and the respective slot(s) made available may instead be allocated by World Taekwondo via the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method.<br><br>For example, if the host country NPC earns three (3) slots through the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking List Allocation method, the number of Host Country Allocation slots would be reduced to two (2). As at least two (2) of the Host Country Allocation slots must be for female events, in this scenario, both of the remaining Host Country Allocation Slots would be reserved for female events. The remaining three (3) unused Host Country Allocation slots may be allocated by World Taekwondo via the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method (to athletes of any NPC). | |
| **2028 Continental Qualification Allocation** | The highest ranked athlete in each medal event at each of the five (5) Continental Qualification Tournaments, not otherwise qualified, will obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC, up to the maximum quota per NPC.<br><br>In each gender, only those NPCs that have not yet obtained three (3) or more qualification slots through the allocation methods above may enter athletes in the Continental Qualification Tournaments.<br><br>The number of entries per NPC at each Continental Qualification Tournament will be limited to the number of slots remaining for the NPC to obtain the maximum quota of three (3) qualification slots per gender through this allocation method. NPCs will not be eligible to enter athletes in the medal events where they have already earned a slot through the Paralympic Ranking List allocation method above. | 25 male athletes<br><br>25 female athletes |

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| | The week following each of the Continental Qualification Tournaments, World Taekwondo will notify in writing to the NPCs the allocation of slots obtained at the respective Continental Qualification Tournament. The NPCs will have ten (10) days after the notification from World Taekwondo to confirm in writing the acceptance of the qualification slots obtained at Continental Qualification Tournaments.<br><br>Any slot that cannot be allocated under this method or is not accepted by the NPC may be allocated to the next-highest ranked athlete (not otherwise qualified) at the same tournament, up to the maximum quota per NPC.<br><br>In case a Continental Qualification Tournament does not take place or a particular medal event is not offered at a Continental Qualification Tournament the slot may be allocated under the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method. | |
| **Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation** | Five (5) athletes will be considered by the IPC and World Taekwondo for Bipartite Commission Invitation slots up to the total quota per medal event (twelve (12) entries per event).<br><br>To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation slot, NPCs must submit an official application to World Taekwondo no later than 31 May 2028.<br><br>The gender of the slots allocated via this method will depend on the slots already allocated through the qualification methods set out above, so that the overall athlete quota by gender is preserved. | 5 athletes |
| **Total** | | **60 male athletes**<br><br>**60 female athletes** |

**TIMELINE**

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| 31 December 2027 | End of the period for athletes to obtain performances towards the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking list |
| 14 January 2028 | World Taekwondo notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of slots under the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking List allocation method and requests the host country to select their medal events |
| 28 January 2028 | Deadline for NPCs to confirm acceptance of World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking List qualification slots and for the host country to confirm their slots |
| 1 February 2028 | World Taekwondo notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking List qualification slots and unused host country slots |
| TBD 2028 | African Continental Qualification Tournament, tbd |
| TBD 2028 | European Continental Qualification Tournament, tbd |
| TBD 2028 | Asian Continental Qualification Tournament, tbd |
| TBD 2028 | Oceania Continental Qualification Tournament, tbd |
| TBD 2028 | Pan American Continental Qualification Tournament, tbd |
| 5 May 2028 | Deadline for Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs (“Accreditation Long List”) |
| 15 May 2028 | World Taekwondo notifies in writing the reallocation of all unused Continental Qualification slots |
| 15 May 2028 | Start of the Bipartite Commission Invitation application process |
| 31 May 2028 | Deadline for NPCs to submit applications for Bipartite Commission Invitations |
| 15 June 2028 | World Taekwondo notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots |
| 2 July 2028 | End of the period for athletes to gain eligibility for entry into the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games by competing in at least one (1) World Para Taekwondo Ranking competition |

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| 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 deadlines published herein, each qualified NPC must confirm to World Taekwondo in writing (emails are accepted) the qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not responded by this date will lose their qualification slots, and World Taekwondo may reallocate these slots.

By 15 May 2028, World Taekwondo will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 15 June 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 Taekwondo.

## REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking List slot not used by an NPC may be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete (not otherwise qualified) on the respective ranking list, up to the maximum quota per NPC.

Any Continental Qualification slot not used by an NPC may be reallocated to the next-highest ranked athlete (not otherwise qualified) at the same tournament, up to the maximum quota per NPC.

Any slot(s) not reallocated under these methods may be allocated via the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method.

Any slot(s) returned or unused after 15 June 2028 may be redistributed at the sole discretion of the IPC (see relevant section above on page 9).

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