9. PARA ATHLETICS

MEDAL EVENTS

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
84	79	1	164
Detailed Medal Events List at the end of this chapter			

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender Free	Total
570	509	0	1079

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Qualification slots are allocated to the individual athlete, not the NPC, with the exception of the specific circumstances set out in: (i) the Rankings Allocation; and (ii) the Results Margin Allocation methods below.

An athlete may only obtain a maximum of one (1) qualification slot, whether for the individual athlete or for their NPC. In other words, an athlete who has obtained a qualification slot via one allocation method cannot obtain an additional qualification slot via another allocation method.

To ensure all medal events on the program are viable at the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games, World Para Athletics (**"WPA"**) reserves the right, through any allocation method, to allocate slots to the exclusive use of certain Sport Classes determined by WPA.

MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of forty (40) male qualification slots and forty (40) female qualification slots for a maximum total of eighty (80) qualification slots per NPC. Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.

If an NPC is unable to use all of the allocated qualification slots in a given gender, the unused slots cannot be used by the NPC for athletes of another gender. Any such unused slots will be returned to WPA and may be reallocated by WPA to other NPCs through: (i) the same allocation method the unused slots were originally allocated in; or (ii) the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method until 19 July 2028.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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

1. hold an World Para Athletics Athlete Licence for the 2028 season;
2. be internationally classified before 24 July 2028 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;
3. between 1 October 2026 and 18 June 2028 (inclusive) have competed in at least two (2) of the following World Para Athletics Recognised Competitions:
    i. World Para Athletics Sanctioned Competitions;
    ii. World Para Athletics Regional Championships;
    iii. 2027 World Para Athletics Championships; and
4. have achieved one (1) Minimum Entry Standard (**"MES"**) performance at a World Para Athletics Recognised Competition for each of their respective events between 1 October 2026 and 18 June 2028 (inclusive) in accordance with the terms of the World Para Athletics Athlete Licensing Programme Regulations valid for the 2026-2028 seasons.

Eligibility criterion 3 (shown above) is not applicable to athletes who only enter a marathon event at the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games.

Exceptions may be granted to criteria 3 and 4 (shown above) via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.

To be eligible for a relay event, athletes must be entered into an individual event.

MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

An NPC may enter a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes per individual medal event, except in the case of marathon medal events where an NPC may enter a maximum of six (6) eligible athletes in each marathon medal event.

NPCs may enter a maximum of one (1) team in the relay medal event.

NPCs may enter an eligible athlete in an unlimited number of individual medal events as long as the athlete has achieved a MES performance in each respective event and meets the Sport Class requirements for each additional event entered into.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated in the following order:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
2027 Marathon World Championships Allocation	The top six (6) ranked athletes at the 2027 World Para Athletics Marathon Championships in each marathon medal event on the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Programme will obtain one (1) qualification slot, with a maximum of two (2) qualification slots per NPC in each medal event. If an athlete ranked in the top six (6) at the 2027 World Para Athletics Marathon Championships has: (i) already obtained a qualification slot for another medal event or; (ii) their NPC is already represented by two (2) athletes in the top six (6) of that medal event, that qualification slot(s) will be allocated to the next highest-ranked athlete(s) until a maximum of six (6) qualification slots have been allocated in that medal event. In the case this competition does not take place, or fewer slots are allocated through this method than available in the quota, WPA may allocate the remaining slots for each medal event to the highest-ranked eligible athletes that have achieved a result at a WPA Recognised Competition marathon event within the rankings period (1 October 2026 to 18 June 2028) until a maximum of six (6) slots are issued to athletes within that medal event.	12 male athletes 12 female athletes
2027 World Para Athletics Championships Allocation	The athlete winning a gold medal at the 2027 World Para Athletics Championships in each of the individual medal events on the LA 2028 Games Programme (excluding the marathon events) will obtain one (1) qualification slot. If an athlete wins more than one (1) gold medal at the 2027 World Para Athletics Championships, the athlete will only obtain one (1) qualification slot. In such cases, to determine which event the athlete has obtained a qualification slot in, WPA will allocate the slot for the medal event in which the athlete has the	82 male athletes 77 female athletes

	highest Results Margin Allocation percentage (see details of the Result Margin Allocation method below). In the case that this competition does not take place, or fewer slots are allocated through this method than available in the quota, WPA may allocate the remaining slots via the Results Margin Allocation method (see below).	
Rankings Allocation	The top five (5) ranked athletes at the end of the rankings calculation period (1 October 2026 – 18 June 2028) in the World Para Athletics Los Angeles 2028 Qualification Rankings for each of the individual medal events on the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Programme (excluding the marathon events) will obtain one (1) qualification slot, with a maximum of two (2) qualification slots per NPC in each medal event. These rankings will be calculated based on an athlete's best result achieved during the rankings calculation period and will comprise of results achieved in World Para Athletics Championships, World Para Athletics Regional Championships, and World Para Athletics Sanctioned Competitions, within the rankings calculations period. If an NPC has two (2) athletes in the top five (5) rankings, the higher ranked athlete will obtain the qualification slot for the individual athlete and the second ranked athlete will obtain the qualification slot for the NPC. If an athlete is in the top five (5) rankings in more than one medal event, the athlete will only obtain one (1) qualification slot. In such cases, to determine which event the athlete has obtained a qualification slot in, WPA will allocate the slot for the medal event in which the athlete has the highest Results Margin Allocation percentage (see details of the Result Margin Allocation method below). If an athlete in the top five (5) rankings for a medal event:	410 male athletes 385 female athletes

	(i) has already obtained a qualification slot for another medal event or; (ii) represents an NPC which is already represented by two (2) athletes in the top five (5) of the rankings for that medal event, the qualification slot(s) shall be allocated to the next highest-ranked athlete(s) until a maximum of five (5) qualification slots have been allocated in that medal event.	
Result Margin Allocation	Athletes who have not already obtained a qualification slot via any of the abovementioned qualification methods shall be considered via the Result Margin Allocation method. The best result achieved by athletes in the World Para Athletics Los Angeles 2028 Qualification Rankings will be compared to the highest result mark achieved for that medal event (recorded between 9 September 2024 and 1 September 2027). A percentage margin will be calculated for each athlete in respect of each medal event in which a result mark has been established (excluding the marathon events). Result margin calculations will be divided into two (2) categories (track and field) from all medal events before distribution of available slots are issued. Athletes with the highest percentage margin will be allocated one (1) qualification slot for their NPC in that respective category (track or field) until the quota slots for this allocation method has been fulfilled. A maximum of two (2) slots per gender will be distributed for any medal event. Calculation method: (A ÷ B) x 100 = C A – Athlete's best result from World Para Athletics Los Angeles 2028 Qualification Rankings in that respective event.	35 male athletes 15 female athletes

	B – Highest result mark in that medal event achieved between 9 September 2024 and 1 September 2027. C – Athlete's Result Margin Allocation as a percentage (%). Example: Women's Shot Put F12 A (14.95) ÷ B (15.05) x 100 = C (99.33554817%)	
Universality Invitation Allocation	Sixteen (16) male athletes and ten (10) female athletes will be considered by WPA for Universality Invitation slots, reserved for athletes from NPCs who have not already qualified athletes for any sport on the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games programme. To be considered for a Universality Invitation slot, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to WPA by 25 May 2028.	16 male athletes 10 female athletes
Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation	Fifteen (15) male athletes and ten (10) female athletes will be considered for Bipartite Commission Invitation qualification slots. Some or all of these slots may be used to ensure the viability of certain medal events. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation slot, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to WPA by 25 May 2028.	15 male athletes 10 female athletes
Total		**570 male athletes** **509 female athletes**

UNIVERSAL RELAY ENTRY CONDITIONS

A maximum of sixteen (16) NPCs will be able to each enter one (1) team for the Universal Relay medal event.

The top six (6) ranked NPCs in the Universal Relay event at the 2027 World Para Athletics Championships may each enter one (1) relay team.

WPA will establish a Universal Relay Qualification Ranking from 1 October 2026 to 18 June 2028 (inclusive) for the Universal Relay medal event. The ten (10) highest ranked teams in the Universal Relay ranking which have not already qualified a

relay team at the end of the period to achieve performances may each enter one (1) relay team.

No additional athlete qualification slots will be allocated for the Universal Relay medal event. All relay teams must comprise athletes already entered into an individual event and the composition of the team will be subject to the relevant WPA competition rules.

TIMELINE

TBD	WPA publish the MES for the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games
1 October 2026	Start of the period for athletes to register a result for calculating the qualification slots allocated through the Rankings Allocation method
1 October 2026	Start of the period for athletes to achieve MES performances
1 October 2026	Start of the period for teams to achieve results towards the Universal Relay Qualification ranking
TBD	2027 World Para Athletics Marathon Championships, tbd
19-27 June 2027	2027 World Para Athletics Championships, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
1 September 2027	WPA publishes the result marks for Result Margin Allocation for the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games
3 April 2028	Start of the Universality Invitation application process
3 April 2028	Start of the Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
5 May 2028	Deadline for Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs (“Accreditation Long List”)
25 May 2028	Deadline for NPCs to submit applications for Universality Invitation method
25 May 2028	Deadline for NPCs to submit applications for Bipartite Commission Invitations

18 June 2028	End of the period for athletes to achieve a result for calculating the qualification slots allocated through the Rankings Allocation method
18 June 2028	End of the period for athletes to achieve MES performances for entry to the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games
18 June 2028	End of the period for athletes to achieve a result for calculating the qualification slots allocated through the Result Margin Allocation method
18 June 2028	End of the period for teams to achieve results towards the Universal Relay Qualification ranking
TBD	WPA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of slots obtained through the 2027 World Para Athletics Marathon Championships
TBD	WPA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of slots obtained through the 2027 World Para Athletics Championships
26 June 2028	WPA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of slots obtained through the Rankings Allocation method
26 June 2028	WPA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of slots through the Result Margin Allocation method
30 June 2028	NPCs confirm in writing to WPA the use of qualification slots obtained through the 2027 World Para Athletics Marathon Championships and 2027 World Para Athletics Championships
30 June 2028	WPA confirms in writing the awarding of Universality Invitation slots
30 June 2028	WPA confirms in writing the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots
30 June 2028	NPCs confirm in writing to WPA the use of qualification slots obtained through the Rankings Allocation method
30 June 2028	NPCs confirm in writing to WPA the use of qualification slots obtained through the Result Margin Allocation method

5 July 2028	NPCs confirm in writing to WPA the acceptance of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots
5 July 2028	NPCs confirm in writing to WPA the acceptance of Universality Invitation slots
17 July 2028	Deadline for WPA to confirm in writing the reallocation of any unused qualification slots
19 July 2028	Deadline for NPCs to officially declare in writing the use of their allocated slots
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 WPA in writing (email is accepted) if they wish to use their slots allocated through the respective methods. NPCs that have not responded by the respective dates will lose their qualification slots and WPA may reallocate these slots.

By 17 July 2028 WPA will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 19 July 2028 NPCs must officially declare the 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 WPA.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC may be reallocated via the Bipartite Invitation Commission Allocation method.

Any slot(s) returned or unused after 19 July 2028 may be redistributed at the sole discretion of the IPC (see relevant section above on page 9).

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LA 2028 PARALYMPIC GAMES QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

MEN

No.	Event	Eligible Sport Classes	MES
1	100m T11	T11	
2	100m T12	T12	
3	100m T13	T13	
4	100m T34	T33, T34	
5	100m T35	T35	
6	100m T36	T36	
7	100m T37	T37	
8	100m T38	T38	
9	100m T44	T43, T44	
10	100m T47	T45, T46, T47	
11	100m T51	T51	
12	100m T52	T52	
13	100m T53	T53	
14	100m T54	T54	
15	100m T63	T42, T63	
16	100m T64	T62, T64	
17	100m T72	T71, T72	
18	200m T35	T35	
19	200m T37	T37	
20	200m T51	T51	
21	200m T64	T44, T64	
22	400m T11	T11	
23	400m T12	T12	
24	400m T13	T13	
25	400m T20	T20	
26	400m T37	T37	
27	400m T38	T35, T38	
28	400m T47	T45, T46, T47	
29	400m T52	T51, T52	
30	400m T53	T53	
31	400m T54	T54	
32	400m T62	T43, T62	
33	800m T34	T33, T34	
34	800m T53	T51, T52, T53	
35	800m T54	T54	
36	1500m T11	T11	
37	1500m T13	T12, T13	

38	1500m T20	T20	
39	1500m T38	T37, T38	
40	1500m T46	T45, T46	
41	1500m T54	T53, T54	
42	5000m T11	T11	
43	5000m T13	T12, T13	
44	5000m T54	T53, T54	
45	Marathon T12	T11, T12	
46	Marathon T54	T52, T53, T54	
47	Long Jump T13	T13	
48	Long Jump T20	T20	
49	Long Jump T36	T36	
50	Long Jump T37	T37	
51	Long Jump T38	T35, T38	
52	Long Jump T44	T43, T44	
53	Long Jump T47	T45, T46, T47	
54	Long Jump T64	T62, T64	
55	High Jump T47	T45, T46, T47	
56	High Jump T63	T42, T63	
57	High Jump T64	T44, T64	
58	Club Throw F32	F31, F32	
59	Club Throw F51	F51	
60	Discus Throw F37	F37	
61	Discus Throw F52	F51, F52	
62	Discus Throw F64	F43, F44, F62, F64	
63	Javelin Throw F13	F12, F13	
64	Javelin Throw F34	F33, F34	
65	Javelin Throw F38	F38	
66	Javelin Throw F46	F45, F46	
67	Javelin Throw F57	F55, F56, F57	
68	Javelin Throw F64	F42, F43, F44, F61, F62, F63, F64	
69	Shot Put F11	F11	
70	Shot Put F12	F12	
71	Shot Put F20	F20	
72	Shot Put F32	F32	
73	Shot Put F33	F33	
74	Shot Put F34	F34	
75	Shot Put F35	F35	
76	Shot Put F36	F36	
77	Shot Put F37	F37	
78	Shot Put F40	F40	
79	Shot Put F41	F41	

80	Shot Put F46	F45, F46	
81	Shot Put F53	F53	
82	Shot Put F55	F54, F55	
83	Shot Put F57	F56, F57	
84	Shot Put F63	F42, F61, F63	

WOMEN

No.	Event	Eligible Sport Classes	MES
1	100m T11	T11	
2	100m T12	T12	
3	100m T13	T13	
4	100m T34	T33, T34	
5	100m T35	T35	
6	100m T36	T36	
7	100m T37	T37	
8	100m T38	T38	
9	100m T44	T43, T44	
10	100m T47	T45, T46, T47	
11	100m T53	T51, T52, T53	
12	100m T54	T54	
13	100m T63	T42, T63	
14	100m T64	T62, T64	
15	100m T72	T71, T72	
16	200m T11	T11	
17	200m T12	T12	
18	200m T35	T35	
19	200m T36	T36	
20	200m T37	T37	
21	200m T47	T45, T46, T47	
22	200m T64	T44, T64	
23	400m T11	T11	
24	400m T12	T12	
25	400m T13	T13	
26	400m T20	T20	
27	400m T37	T37	
28	400m T38	T36, T38	
29	400m T47	T45, T46, T47	
30	400m T53	T51, T52, T53	
31	400m T54	T54	
32	800m T34	T33, T34	
33	800m T53	T51, T52, T53	
34	800m T54	T54	
35	1500m T11	T11	
36	1500m T13	T12, T13	
37	1500m T20	T20	
38	1500m T54	T53, T54	
39	5000m T54	T53, T54	

40	Marathon T12	T11, T12	
41	Marathon T54	T52, T53, T54	
42	Long Jump T11	T11	
43	Long Jump T12	T12	
44	Long Jump T20	T20	
45	Long Jump T37	T37	
46	Long Jump T38	T36, T38	
47	Long Jump T47	T45, T46, T47	
48	Long Jump T63	T42, T61, T63	
49	Long Jump T64	T43, T44, T62, T64	
50	Club Throw F32	F31, F32	
51	Club Throw F51	F51	
52	Discus Throw F11	F11	
53	Discus Throw F38	F37, F38	
54	Discus Throw F41	F40, F41	
55	Discus Throw F44	F43, F44	
56	Discus Throw F52	F51, F52	
57	Discus Throw F53	F53	
58	Discus Throw F55	F54, F55	
59	Discus Throw F57	F56, F57	
60	Discus Throw F64	F62, F64	
61	Javelin Throw F13	F12, F13	
62	Javelin Throw F34	F33, F34	
63	Javelin Throw F46	F45, F46	
64	Javelin Throw F54	F52, F53, F54	
65	Javelin Throw F56	F55, F56	
66	Shot Put F12	F11, F12	
67	Shot Put F20	F20	
68	Shot Put F32	F32	
69	Shot Put F33	F33	
70	Shot Put F34	F34	
71	Shot Put F35	F35	
72	Shot Put F37	F37	
73	Shot Put F40	F40	
74	Shot Put F41	F41	
75	Shot Put F44	F42, F43, F44	
76	Shot Put F46	F45, F46	
77	Shot Put F54	F53, F54	
78	Shot Put F57	F55, F56, F57	
79	Shot Put F64	F61, F62, F63, F64	

UNIVERSAL RELAY

No	Event Name	Eligible Sport Classes	MES
1	4x100m Universal Relay	T11-13, T33-34/T51-54, T35-38, T42-47/T61-64	-

Note: Eligible Sport Class(es) shall compete under the rules of their own Sport Class.