

## 9. PARA ICE HOCKEY

### MEDAL EVENTS

Men's	Women's	Mixed/Open	Total
0	0	1	1
		Open Eight (8) Team Tournament	

### ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
0	8	136	144

### ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

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

### MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of one (1) team qualification slot.

### ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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

- hold a valid World Para Ice Hockey Licence;
- be a national of the country that his or her NPC represents;
- be at least 16 years of age on 1 January 2026; 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 after the 2025/2026 season.

### MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

An NPC may enter a maximum of one (1) team comprised of either seventeen (17) eligible male athletes or eighteen (18) eligible athletes of whom a minimum of one (1) athlete must be female.

## QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

Method	Qualification	Total
<b>2025 World Championships A Pool Allocation</b>	The five (5) top-ranked teams each obtain one team qualification slot for their NPC.	5 teams
<b>2025 Paralympic Qualification Tournament Allocation</b>	The two (2) top-ranked teams each obtain one team qualification slot for their NPC. This tournament will be contested by the teams ranked 6, 7 and 8 at the 2025 World Championships A Pool and the three (3) top-ranked teams from the 2025 World Championships B Pool. Any unused entry positions for the Paralympic Qualification Tournament will be allocated to the next-highest ranked team at the 2025 World Championships B Pool.	2 teams
<b>Host Country Allocation</b>	The host country qualifies one (1) team, subject to participation in both the 2023 and 2025 World Championships (A or B Pool). If the host country qualifies via the 2025 World Championships A Pool Allocation, the additional slot will be allocated to the third-highest ranked team at the 2025 Paralympic Qualification Tournament. If the host country is eligible and chooses to participate in the 2025 Paralympic Qualification Tournament, its host country slot is protected and its ranking will only be relevant for the tournament seeding at the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games, in accordance with WPIH Regulations.	1 team
<b>Total</b>		<b>8 teams</b>

## **TIMELINE**

24-31 May 2025	2025 WPIH World Championships A Pool, Buffalo, USA
6-11 September 2025	2025 WPIH World Championships B Pool, Astana, Kazakhstan
24 October 2025	Deadline for Milano Cortina 2026 Organising Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
5-10 November 2025	2025 WPIH Paralympic Qualification Tournament, Jessheim, Norway
10 November 2025	WPIH confirms to NPCs in writing the team qualification slot allocations
20 November 2025	NPCs confirm in writing to WPIH the use of allocated team qualification slots
25 November 2025	WPIH confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused team qualification 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 20 November 2025, each NPC must confirm to WPIH in writing (fax and email are accepted) the usage of their team qualification slots. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their slots and WPIH may reallocate them.

By 25 November 2025, WPIH will confirm in writing the reallocation of any unused team qualification slots.

By 25 November 2025, 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 WPIH.

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS**

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team at the 2025 Paralympic Qualification Tournament. Any slot still to be reallocated will be given to the highest ranked team (not otherwise qualified) at the 2025 WPIH World Championships B Pool.

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