15. BLIND FOOTBALL

MEDAL EVENTS

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

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
64	0	0	64

Eight (8) men's teams with eight (8) 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 may qualify no more than one (1) men's team comprising a total of eight (8) qualification slots.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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

- have entered in at least one sanctioned IBSA Blind Football competition between 1 January 2025 and 2 June 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; 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 eight (8) eligible male athletes plus two (2) goalkeepers. Goalkeepers are not included in the athlete quota.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated in the following order:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
Host Country Allocation	The host country will obtain one (1) team qualification slot for their NPC, subject to that country's participation in a sanctioned IBSA Blind Football men's competition between 1 January 2025 and 2 June 2028. In the case that the host country does not use its slot, the slot may be allocated to the NPC of the highest ranked country (not otherwise qualified) at the 2027 IBSA Men's Blind Football World Championships regardless of region.	8 male athletes
Regional Qualifier Allocation	The top ranked teams in each of the following Regional Qualification Tournaments will obtain a team qualification slot for their NPC as follows: • 2027 European Para Championships, Switzerland - one (1) team • 2026 IBSA Blind Football African Championships, Egypt – one (1) team • 2026 IBSA Blind Football Asian Championships, Japan – one (1) team • 2027 Parapan American Games, Peru – one (1) team. In the case that a region does not host a Qualification Tournament as listed above, any available slots may be allocated to the NPC of the highest ranked country (not otherwise qualified) at the 2027 IBSA Men's World Championships, regardless of region.	32 male athletes
2027 IBSA World Games Blind Football Cup	The top (1) ranked team (not otherwise qualified) at the 2027 IBSA World Games Men's	8 male athletes

Division 1 Allocation	Blind Football Cup Division 1 obtains one (1) team qualification slot for their NPC. For the avoidance of doubt, the slot from the IBSA World Games Men's Blind Football Cup Division 1 will be allocated after the allocation of the slots in all the Regional Championships. So, for example, if the 2027 Parapan American Games is held later in the year than the IBSA World Games, the slot from the 2027 Parapan American Games will be allocated first, and then the slot from the IBSA World Games Men's Blind Football Cup Division 1. In the case that the event does not take place, the slot may be allocated to the NPC of the highest ranked country (not otherwise qualified) at the 2027 IBSA Men's Blind Football World Championships, regardless of region.	
2027 IBSA Men's Blind Football World Championships Allocation	The top two (2) ranked teams (not otherwise qualified) each obtain one (1) team qualification slot for their NPC. For the avoidance of doubt, slots from the 2027 IBSA Men's Blind Football World Championships will be allocated after the allocation of the slots in all the Regional Championships and in the IBSA World Games 2027. So, for example, if the 2027 Parapan American Games is held later in the year than the 2027 IBSA Men's Blind Football World Championships, the slot from the 2027 Parapan American Games will be allocated first, then the slot from the IBSA World Games Men's Blind Football Cup Division 1, and finally the slots from the 2027 IBSA Men's Blind Football World Championship.	16 male athletes
Total		**64 male athletes**

TIMELINE

16–25 April 2026	IBSA Men's Blind Football Asian Championships, Osaka, Japan
1-10 November 2026	IBSA Men's Blind Football African Championships, Alexandria, Egypt
1–15 August 2027	European Para Championships, Geneva, Switzerland (recognised as the Regional Championships for the European Region for qualification purposes)
20-29 August 2027	Parapan American Games, Lima, Peru (recognised as the Regional Championships for the Americas Region for qualification purposes)
TBD 2027	IBSA World Games Blind Football Cup Division 1, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
TBD October 2027	IBSA Men's Blind Football World Championships, Sao Paulo, Brazil
15 December 2027	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of team qualification slots from Regional Qualifiers
10 January 2028	NPCs confirm in writing to IBSA the use of allocated team qualification slots from Regional Qualifiers
12 January 2028	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused team qualification slots from Regional Qualifiers
12 January 2028	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of team qualification slots from IBSA World Games Blind Football Cup Division 1
29 January 2028	NPCs confirm in writing to IBSA the use of allocated team qualification slots from IBSA World Games Blind Football Cup Division 1
31 January 2028	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused team qualification slots from IBSA World Games Blind Football Cup Division 1
2 February 2028	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of team qualification slots from IBSA Blind Football World Championships
20 February 2028	NPCs confirm in writing to IBSA the use of allocated team qualification slots from IBSA Blind Football World Championships

25 February 2028	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of all remaining unused team qualification slots
5 May 2028	Deadline for Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
2 June 2028	Deadline for the host country to obtain their slot via participation in a sanctioned IBSA Blind Football competition
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 qualified NPC must confirm to IBSA in writing (email is accepted) if they wish to use their allocated slot. NPCs that have not responded by this date will lose their team qualification slots, and IBSA may reallocate these slots.

By 25 February 2028 and subject to any other deadlines above, IBSA will confirm in writing the reallocation of unused team qualification slots.

By 25 February 2028, NPCs (except the host country) 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 qualification slot that is not used by an 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 its allocated slot by 2 June 2028, the slot may be reallocated to the NPC of the highest ranked country (not otherwise qualified) at the 2027 IBSA Men's Blind Football World Championships, regardless of region.

Any qualification slot(s) returned or unused after 2 June 2028 may be redistributed at the sole discretion of the IPC (see relevant section above on page 9).

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