18. PARA PADDLE

MEDAL EVENTS

Men's	Women's	Mixed/Open	Total
5	5	0	10
Kayak single KL1 Kayak single KL2 Kayak single KL3 Va'a single VL2 Va'a single VL3	Kayak single KL1 Kayak single KL2 Kayak single KL3 Va'a single VL2 Va'a single VL3		

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
50	50	0	100

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Qualification slots are allocated to the NPC, not to the individual athlete. An athlete can only obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC.

If an athlete attains a qualifying rank in both the Kayak Paralympic Qualification Ranking and the Va'a Paralympic Qualification Ranking by 31 May 2028, the NPC is allocated the Va'a qualification slot while the Kayak qualification slot is allocated to the NPC of the next highest ranked athlete in the respective Kayak Paralympic Qualification Ranking (not otherwise qualified).

MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC

An NPC may be allocated a maximum of one (1) qualification slot per medal event. An NPC may obtain a maximum of five (5) male and five (5) female slots.

There must be a minimum of three (3) regions represented in each medal event at the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games (*Three Continents Rule*). Should three (3) regions not be represented, then the lowest ranked qualified NPC in the LA2028 Paralympic Qualification Rankings as of 31 May 2028 will lose their slot in the respective medal event and the qualification slot will be given to the next highest ranked NPC from a region not represented in that event. This process will be

repeated until three (3) regions are represented in all medal events. Host Country slots will count as representing a region for these purposes.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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

- 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.

MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

An NPC must enter a minimum of one (1) eligible athlete per medal event for which a qualification slot was obtained. An athlete may be entered in a second medal event of the other boat category (Kayak or Va'a) as long as they meet all the eligibility criteria (including sport class) for that additional medal event.

An NPC may enter a maximum of two (2) eligible athletes per medal event.

An athlete may enter a maximum of two (2) medal events, one Kayak and one Va'a, as long as the athlete meets all classification and eligibility requirements for both events.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated in the following order:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
Host Country Allocation	The host country directly qualifies: • one (1) male athlete in Kayak; • one (1) female athlete in Kayak, • one (1) male athlete in Va'a; and • one (1) female athlete in Va'a, each subject to such athlete being in the Paralympic Qualification Rankings as of 31 May 2028. The Host Country Allocation slot(s) will be awarded in those medal event(s) in which the host country has the highest ranked athlete(s) in the Paralympic Qualification Rankings as of 31 May 2028. In case the host country has more than one athlete in the same gender and boat category with the same rank in the Paralympic Qualification Rankings, the host	Up to 2 male athletes Up to 2 female athletes

	country must then select from which medal event it wants to obtain the qualification slot. In order to obtain a Host Country Allocation slot an athlete must, on 31 May 2028, hold a Sport Class Status of either (i) 'Confirmed' or (ii) 'Review with a Fixed Review Date' after 31 December 2028. The Host Country Allocation slots will be deducted from the LA 2028 Paralympic Qualification Rankings Allocation quota in the respective medal event(s) and gender. Any Host Country Allocation slot(s) that cannot be allocated via this method will be allocated via the 2026-28 Paralympic Qualification Rankings Allocation method (below).	
2026-28 Paralympic Qualification Rankings Allocation	The LA 2028 Paralympic Qualification Ranking Period is 1 May 2026 to 31 May 2028. The top ten (10) ranked athletes in each medal event in the Paralympic Qualification Rankings as of 31 May 2028 (minus any already allocated host country slots) each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their NPC, up to the maximum quota. In order to obtain a Qualification Ranking Allocation slot an athlete must, on 31 May 2028, hold a Sport Class Status of either (i) 'Confirmed' or (ii) 'Review with a Fixed Review Date' after 31 December 2028.	48 male athletes 48 female athletes
Total		**50 male athletes** **50 female athletes**

TIMELINE

1 May 2026	Start of the period for athletes to achieve performances towards the LA 2028 Paralympic Qualification Rankings
5 May 2028	Deadline for Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs ("Accreditation Long List")
31 May 2028	End of the period for athletes to achieve performances towards the LA 2028 Paralympic Qualification Rankings
7 June 2028	PWW confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots
17 June 2028	NPCs confirm to PWW in writing the use of allocated qualification slots
3 July 2028	PWW confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots
24 July 2028	Deadline for LA 2028 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By 17 June 2028 each qualified NPC must confirm to the PWW 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 PWW may reallocate these slots. If an NPC confirms acceptance of a qualification slot, the NPC commits to enter a boat into the medal event for which the slot was obtained.

By 3 July 2028 the PWW will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 3 July 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 PWW.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any unused qualification slot may be reallocated to the next highest ranked NPC (not yet qualified) in the respective medal event in the LA 2028 Paralympic Qualification Rankings as of 31 May 2028.

Any slot(s) returned or unused after 3 July 2028 may be redistributed at the sole discretion of the IPC (see relevant section above on page 9).

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