

PARALYMPIC GAMES GUIDELINES FOR BIPARTITE PROCESS

1.0 Introduction

While the primary method of implementing the Paralympic Games guiding principles (set out in the IPC Handbook) is through the standard qualification methods, the IPC and BWF have also sought to provide targeted qualification slot allocations through Bipartite Commission Invitations. Bipartite Commission Invitations are included in the overall athlete quotas.

While at the sole discretion of the IPC, Bipartite Commission Invitations may typically consider the following factors:

- allowing the participation of top athletes who may not have had the opportunity to qualify through other methods due to extraordinary circumstances;
- ensuring the representation of athletes with high support needs;
- enabling greater representation by gender;
- ensuring medal events will have sufficient representation for event viability purposes; and/or optimising the presentation of a particular contest within its competition format and schedule

Each Bipartite Commission Invitation is granted to an individual athlete, not to the respective NPC. All Bipartite Commission Invitation decisions are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

2.0 Athlete Eligibility

Subject to the following, Bipartite Commission Invitations are granted by the IPC in its sole discretion following engagement with the relevant IF.

To be eligible for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, in all circumstances:

- a. an athlete must meet the general IPC regulations on eligibility above and the IF's own sport-specific eligibility criteria below; and
- b. an athlete must meet the relevant IF's classification eligibility requirements and may only be granted a Bipartite Commission Invitation in relation to an event that is open to their respective sport class under the relevant IF's rules

3.0 Bipartite Slots for Badminton

Bipartite slots will be allocated primarily to ensure event viability and according to the following matrix:

Class	Men	Women	11 male athletes 11 female athletes
WH1	3	3	
WH2			
SL3	7	7	
SL4			
SU5			
SH6	1	1	

- 3.1 One (1) male Bipartite slot and one (1) female Bipartite slot are reserved for the host country. In case the host country obtains any slot(s) via any other allocation method for the respective gender, the Host Country Slot for the respective gender automatically expires

- 3.2 One (1) male Bipartite slot and one (1) female Bipartite slot are reserved for each continent. If a continent obtains any slot(s) via any other allocation method for the respective gender, the continental Bipartite slot for the respective gender will expire, except:

If the continent has qualified only one Mixed Doubles pair across all events (i.e. one (1) male and one (1) female) through the mixed doubles qualification method, then the continent will obtain an additional continental slot in singles in both genders

Any host country Bipartite slot or any continental Bipartite slot offered, which is not accepted by the respective NPC may no longer be reserved for the host country or the respective continent

- 3.3 To be considered for a Bipartite slot, NPCs (including host country) must submit an official response in writing to BWF by 30 April 2024.

4.0 Bipartite Commission

- 4.1 The bipartite commission is made up of:
- 4.1.1 Paralympic Games Badminton Technical Delegate
 - 4.1.2 BWF Secretary General
 - 4.1.3 Three (3) other members to be determined by BWF.
- 4.2 Being one half of the bipartite commission, the BWF bipartite commission will put forward a recommendation for IPC approval.

5.0 Guideline for Selection Criteria

- 5.1 Event viability
- 5.2 Host Country Allocations
- 5.3 Continental Allocations
- 5.4 Race to Paris Paralympic Rankings
- 5.5 Other universality considerations

6.0 Timeline

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| 1 January 2023 | Start of the period for athletes to gain points towards the Race to Paris Paralympic Ranking List |
| 31 March 2024 | End of the period for athletes to gain points towards the Race to Paris Paralympic Ranking List |
| 2 April 2024 | BWF publishes the Race to Paris Paralympic Ranking List |
| 2 April 2024 | Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process (including reserved host country and continental slots) |
| 3 April 2024 | BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots under the Paralympic Doubles and Mixed Doubles Ranking List Allocation method |
| 10 April 2024 | NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of allocated Doubles and Mixed Doubles slots including the sport class for each slot |
| 11 April 2024 | BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of any unused Doubles and Mixed Doubles slots |

18 April 2024	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of reallocated Doubles and Mixed Doubles slots including the sport class for each slot
19 April 2024	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots under the Paralympic Singles Ranking method
26 April 2024	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of all allocated slots under the Singles Ranking method.
29 April 2024	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of any unused Singles qualification slots.
30 April 2024	Deadline to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to BWF
Tbd	Deadline for Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs (“Accreditation Long List
6 May 2024	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of reallocated Singles slots
16 May 2024	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots.
23 May 2024	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of Bipartite slots
27 May 2024	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs, entry invitation of additional Doubles and Mixed Doubles pairs created from already qualified singles players (if any)
03 June 2024	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the acceptance of entry invitation for additional Doubles and Mixed Doubles pairs including the sport class for each player (if any)
05 August 2024	Deadline for Paris 2024 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs
