

PARALYMPIC GAMES GUIDELINES FOR BIPARTITE PROCESS

1.0 Introduction

The Qualification Criteria for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games ensure that the best athletes in each sport have an opportunity to compete at the Games. While the primary method of allocating qualification slots is through rankings and performance in competition, the IPC and many International Federations (IF) have also established the “Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation Method”.

These invitational qualification slots are granted on a discretionary basis by the IPC and the respective IF and are typically allocated based on the following principles:

- to ensure the participation of top athletes who may not have had the opportunity to formally qualify through other methods.
- to ensure the representation of athletes with high support needs;
- to ensure medal events will have sufficient representation for viability; and
- to enable balanced representation by gender

Bipartite slots are awarded to the individual athlete, not to the National Paralympic Committee (NPC). Please note that Bipartite decisions by IPC and the IFs are not subject to any protests or appeals.

2.0 Athlete Eligibility

Athlete Eligibility NPCs seeking to obtain Bipartite slots are reminded that eligibility standards apply. Athletes must meet all eligibility criteria for their respective sport as outlined in the Tokyo 2020 Qualification Guide. In individual cases the obligation to meet a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) may be waived by the respective IF

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	13 male athletes 07 female athletes
WH1	3	3	
WH2			
SL3	9	4	
SL4			
SU5			
SS6	1		

- 3.1 One (1) male and one (1) female Bipartite slot are reserved for the host country. In case the host country obtains any slot(s) via the allocation methods above, the Bipartite slot reservation for the respective gender automatically expires.
- 3.2 One (1) male and one (1) female Bipartite slot are reserved for each continent. If a continent obtains any slot(s) via the allocation methods above, the Bipartite slot reservation for the

respective gender automatically expires.

- 3.3 To be considered for a Bipartite slot, NPCs (including host country) must submit an official response in writing to BWF by **24 May 2021**.
- 3.4 Any Bipartite slots offered to the host country or to an NPC as a reserved slot for that NPC's continent which are not accepted will no longer be reserved for the host country or the respective continent.

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 Tokyo Paralympic Rankings
- 5.5 Other universality considerations

6.0 Timeline

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| 1 January 2019 | Start of the period for athletes to gain points towards the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List |
| 28 March 2021 | End of the period for athletes to gain points towards the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List |
| 1 April 2021 | BWF publishes the Race to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List |
| 1 April 2021 | BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots under the Doubles Ranking List Allocation method |
| 8 April 2021 | NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of allocated Doubles slots including the sport class for each slot |
| 9 April 2021 | BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of any unused Doubles slots |
| 16 April 2021 | NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of reallocated Doubles slots including the sport class for each slot |
| 19 April 2021 | BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots under the Singles Ranking List Allocation method |
| 26 April 2021 | NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of all allocated slots under the Singles Ranking List Allocation method |
| 27 April 2021 | BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of any unused Singles qualification slots |
| 4 May 2021 | NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of reallocated Singles slots |

6 May 2021	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process (including reserved host country and continental slots)
6 May 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots under the Mixed Doubles Quota Allocation method
7 May 2021	Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs (“Accreditation Long List”)
14 May 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of allocated Mixed Doubles Quota slots
17 May 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of any unused Mixed Doubles Quota slots
24 May 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of reallocated Mixed Doubles Quota slots
24 May 2021	Deadline to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to BWF
25 May 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the entries into the WS SL4 event for female SL3 and SL4 athletes who have qualified via Doubles and Mixed Doubles allocation
25 May 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the entries into the WS SU5 event for female SU5 athletes who have qualified via Doubles and Mixed Doubles allocation
31 May 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF their entries of female SL3 athletes into the WS SL4 event
7 June 2021	BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots
14 June 2021	NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of Bipartite slots
2 August 2021	Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs
