

## PARAPAN AM 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

Fourteen (14) eligible athletes will be selected by IPC and BWF for Bipartite Commission Invitation qualification slots. Some or all of these slots may be used to protect the viability of certain medal events.

If the host country has not qualified any slots via the above methods, one (1) male and one (1) female Bipartite Invitation will be reserved for the host country.

To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation slot, NPCs (including host country) must submit an official application in writing to BWF by 4 August 2023

#### 4.0 Bipartite Commission

- 4.1 The bipartite commission is made up of:
- 4.1.1 Parapan Am 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 June 2022    | Start of the period for athletes to gain points towards the Race to Santiago Parapan Am Games Ranking List  |
| 2 July 2023    | End of the period for athletes to gain points towards the Race to Santiago Parapan Am Games Ranking List  |
| 4 July 2023    | BWF publishes the Race to Santiago Parapan Am Games Ranking List Ranking List   |
| 4 July 2023    | Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process (including reserved host country and continental slots)                                    |
| 4 July 2023    | BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots under the Paralympic Doubles and Mixed Doubles Ranking List Allocation method |
| 11 July 2023   | NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of allocated Doubles and Mixed Doubles slots.  |
| 12 July 2023   | BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of any unused Doubles and Mixed Doubles slots  |
| 19 July 2023   | NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of reallocated Doubles and Mixed Doubles slots   |
| 20 July 2023   | BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification slots under the Singles Ranking List allocation method.                             |
| 27 July 2023   | NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of all allocated slots under the Singles Ranking method.   |
| 28 July 2023   | BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of any unused Singles qualification slots.   |
| 4 August 2023  | Deadline to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to BWF  |
| 11 August 2023 | NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of reallocated Singles slots   |
| 14 August 2023 | BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots.  |

- 21 August 2023      NPCs confirm in writing to BWF the use of Bipartite slots
- 28 August 2023      BWF notifies in writing to the NPCs which athletes qualified for singles events will be required to enter doubles and mixed doubles events (if any)
- 04 September 2023    NPCs confirm in writing to BWF if they intend to enter the selected athletes in the doubles or mixed doubles events (if any)
- 28 October 2023      Deadline for Santiago 2023 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs
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