

# **PARALYMPIC GAMES - BEIJING 2008**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Approved by the IPTTC Executive Committee during its meeting in Bonn – January 26-28, 2007

### **1. Ranking lists to be used for**

Selections : January 1<sup>st</sup> 2008

Seeding : July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

### **2. Slots allocations**

Maximum number of slots allocated for the 2008 Paralympic Games: **264 slots**

**Men : 168 players**

**Women : 96 players**

**Please note that these slots are a maximum - single and team slots are included.**

#### **Protection of severe disabled:**

**25 % of the total number of slots as established by the IPC for IPTTC to try to achieve :**

Men : (25 % of 168 = 42 slots)	- class 1 : 8	
	- class 2 : 16	
	- class 6 : 16	Total : 40 slots

Women : (25 % of 96 = 24 slots)	- class 1-2 : 12	
	- class 6-7 : 12	Total : 24 slots

## 2.1. Singles events

Minimum number of slots per event: 8

Maximum number of slots per event: 36

<b>Men</b>	
Class 1	8
Class 2	16
Class 3	30
Class 4-5	36
Class 6	16
Class 7	16
Class 8	16
Class 9-10	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>168</b>

<b>Women</b>	
Class 1-2	12
Class 3	16
Class 4	16
Class 5	16
Class 6-7	12
Class 8	8
Class 9	8
Class 10	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>

## 2.2. Team events

Minimum number of slots by event: Men : 6

Women : 6

Maximum number of slots by event: Men : 16

Women : 12

**These numbers and combinations may be adjusted after the singles selections and therefore are preliminary projections !**

<b>Men</b>	
Class 1-2	8
Class 3	8
Class 4-5	16
Class 6-8	14
Class 9-10	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>

<b>Women</b>	
Class 1-3	6
Class 4-5	12
Class 6-10	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>

## 2.3. Adjustments to be made on the ranking for combined classes :

For the players Men class 5 and Men class 10, the points of the wins in single events will be recalculated with 4 points a win instead of 5 to adjust the selection and seeding ranking lists.

For the players Men class 4 and Men class 9, the points of the wins (LDH) in open events will be deducted to adjust the selection and seeding ranking lists.

For the players Women class 1 and Women class 6, the points of the wins in single events will be recalculated with 2 points a win instead of 1 to adjust the selection and seeding ranking lists.

These adjustments will also give a better seeding for the combined team events.

### **3. Distribution of slots by category:**

Regional slots:	Men = 32 slots	Women = 32 slots	<b>64</b> slots
Ranking slots:	Men = 120 slots	Women = 53 slots	<b>173</b> slots
Invitation slots:	Men = 16 slots	Women = 11 slots	<b>27</b> slots

#### 3.1 Regional slots

**64 Gold winners** in all singles events in each Region for Men and Women will automatically be qualified

#### 3.2 Ranking slots

**173** slots will be used for the selections by ranking in each event for Men and Women

#### 3.3 Invitation slots

**27** Bipartite Commission Invitation qualification slots will be considered by the IPC on the recommendation of the IPTTC Selection Committee.

#### 3.4 To be eligible to be selected

Athletes have to have as a minimum an International Classification Card, current valid ranking points as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and have to meet the requirements of the Tournament Credit System.

### **4. Slots to be re-allocated**

A number equal to 10 % of the total entries + 3 slots shall be allocated to the re-allocation slots. Example: 30 slots = (10% = 3) + 3 = 6 re-allocation slots.

The reserve players will be listed by ranking position and may be selected only if a player already selected is rejected by the player or by his or her NPC.

Consequently, if BEL rejects one selected player, this player's slot will be re-allocated to the first reserve player who may be from another country!

If a country has more than 3 players in an event in order to be selected through the Region and/or Ranking, only the 3 first ranked players may be selected. The other players will be listed on the reserve list and may only be selected if their NPC rejects a player already selected.

If that player is the next reserve player, these reserve player may never become a fourth player from the same country.

Example : BEL has 5 selected players possible in M 3  
Only the 3 best can be selected (Regional and/or Ranking)  
The 2 others could be considered and added to the reserve players list in order of ranking.

The Belgian reserve players may never replace a rejected player from another country (3 players as maximum!)

## **5. Tournament Credit System**

Regional Championships, World Championships and Paralympic Games are NOT included in the Tournament Credit System and only the tournaments factor 10 – 20 – 30 – 40 will be considered during a period at the discretion of the Selection Officer !

**Exceptionally, on IPC recommendation and on IPTTC EC approval, the Regional Championships 2007 (factor 50) will be taken in consideration for Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games (short period to meet the credit).**

The Tournament Credit for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games is :

**20 credit points to meet during the 12 months before the selection date (01/01/2008).**

To can be selected by Regional, Ranking or Invitation allocation, a player **MUST participate at two tournaments factor 10, at one tournament factor 20, 30, 40 or at the Regional Championships 2007 between January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007.**

- Example :
- a player is eligible by Ranking and he or she have participate at 1 tournament factor 20, 30, 40, 50 or at 2 tournaments factor 10 during the year 2007, **the selection is possible.**
  - a player is eligible by Ranking and he or she did **NOT** participate at 1 tournament factor 20, 30, 40, 50 or at 2 tournaments factor 10 during 2007, **the selection is NOT possible.**
  - same system will be used for the selection of a player by Invitation allocation.
  - same system will be used to allocate a re-allocation position (reserve).

## **6. Comments**

In case an athlete or a NPC does not accept the selection of a Regional Winner, all selected Regional slots that are rejected shall be converted into Ranking slots.

If Medal Winners are not selected because a Regional Championships was not organized, or an event did not have enough minimum entries, all those Regional slots are converted into Ranking slots.

If in the Ranking category, player's selection is rejected by their NPC, the reserve players will be selected in order of ranking and confirmed by their NPC

## **7. Competition format for the Paralympic Games**

**Open events:** will not be organized

**Single events:** priority will be given to groups of 3 players  
**only the winner will proceed to the second stage**

Examples: 12 players = 4 groups of 3 – 4 players proceed to the 1/2 finals  
30 players = 10 groups of 3 – 10 players proceed to the 1/8 finals  
16 players = 4 groups of 4 – 4 players proceed to the 1/2 finals

An exception will be when there are only 2 groups  
8 players = 2 groups of 4 – 4 players (2 top players) proceed to the 1/2 finals

**Team events: will be played in K.O. system in each class organized**

Examples: 8 teams = 4 x 1/4 finals, 2 x 1/2 finals, bronze + final  
12 teams = 4 x 1/8 finals, 4 x 1/4 finals, 2 x 1/2 finals, bronze + final  
16 teams = 8 x 1/8 finals, 4 x 1/4 finals, 2 x 1/2 finals, bronze + final

## **8. Deadlines**

**15 January 2008** by IPC TT Selection Committee  
Send out - selected player's names by Regional and Ranking slots to NPCs.  
- Team application form + Invitation application form.

**15 February 2008** by NPCs  
- Acceptance or rejection of allocated Regional and Ranking selections.  
- Return of the Team application form + Invitation application form.

**21 March 2008** by IPC TT Selection Committee  
Send out to NPCs:  
- Confirmation of the selected players by Regional and Ranking selections.  
- Proposition of Invitation selections and Team selections.

**4 April 2008** by NPCs  
- Acceptance or rejection of all the selections (Regional, Ranking, Invitation, Teams).  
- Protest form against Invitation selections.

**25 April 2008** by IPC TT Selection Committee

Send out to the NPCs

- Final confirmation of Regional, Ranking, Invitation selections.
- Final confirmation of Team events competition format (classes' combinations, number of teams by class).

**26 April 2008**

It is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated quota granted for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.

**Any NPC that does not use some or all of the qualification slots allocated may be subject to sanctions by the IPC.**

**2 May 2008** by NPCs

Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organizing Committee to receive accreditation application forms.

**7 July 2008** by NPCs

Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organizing Committee to receive the entry forms.

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