

WHEELCHAIR RUGBY



BEIJING 2008 PARALYMPIC GAMES

EVENTS (1)	MIXED (1)
	8 Team Tournament

ATHLETE QUOTA	Male and Female	Between 88 - 96
	Total	Between 88 - 96

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION	The qualification is allocated to the NPC not the individual athlete or team.
MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC	An NPC can be allocated no more than one (1) team qualification slot.
ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes must have competed in at least one IWAS Wheelchair Rugby competition between 1 January 2006 and 30 January 2008.
MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC	An NPC can enter a maximum of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one (1) men's team comprised of eleven (11) eligible male athletes or • one (1) mixed team comprised of twelve (12) eligible athletes of which a minimum of one (1) of the athletes is female.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
2006 IWAS WHEELCHAIR RUGBY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ALLOCATION	The top ranked NPC qualifies.	1 team
2007 IWAS WHEELCHAIR RUGBY ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ALLOCATION	The top ranked NPC from the 2007 IWAS Wheelchair Rugby Americas Zonal Championships qualifies.	1 team

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
2007 IWAS WHEELCHAIR RUGBY ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ALLOCATION (continued)	The top two (2) ranked NPCs from the 2007 IWAS Wheelchair Rugby European Zonal Championships qualify.	2 teams
	The top ranked NPC from the 2007 IWAS Wheelchair Rugby Oceania Zonal Championships qualifies.	1 team
	In the case, that all NPCs from a Zone have qualified, the next highest ranked NPC, not otherwise qualified, on the IWAS Wheelchair Rugby World Ranking List closing 30 January 2008, qualifies.	
	If a Zone does not host a Championships, the next highest ranked NPC from the respective Zone, not otherwise qualified, on the IWAS Wheelchair Rugby World Ranking List closing 30 January 2008, qualifies.	
IWAS WHEELCHAIR RUGBY WORLD RANKING LIST ALLOCATION	The top two (2) ranked NPCs on the IWAS Wheelchair Rugby World Ranking List, closing 30 January 2008, not otherwise qualified, qualifies.	2 teams
HOST COUNTRY ALLOCATION	The host country directly qualifies, subject to having a rank on the IWAS Wheelchair Rugby World Ranking List closing 30 January 2008 (IWAS retains the right to waive this requirement upon approval of the IPC).	1 team
TOTAL		8 teams

QUALIFYING TIMELINE

1 January 2006 Start of period for NPCs to attain performances to be recorded on the IWAS Wheelchair Rugby World Ranking List



7-17 September 2006	IWAS Wheelchair Rugby World Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand
TBD 2007	2007 IWAS Wheelchair Rugby Zonal Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Americas Zone• European Zone• Oceania Zone
30 January 2008	End of period for NPCs to attain performances to be recorded on the IWAS Wheelchair Rugby World Ranking List
21 March 2008 (no later than)	IWAS confirms in writing to NPCs the allocation of team qualification slots
4 April 2008 (no later than)	NPCs confirm to IWAS in writing the use of allocated team qualification slots
25 April 2008 (no later than)	IWAS confirms in writing the reallocation of unused team qualification slots
2 May 2008	Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organizing Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs
7 July 2008	Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organizing Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NPCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

By 4 April 2008, each NPC must confirm to IWAS in writing (fax and e-mail are accepted) the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and IWAS may reallocate these slots.

By 25 April 2008, IWAS will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused team qualification slots.

By 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 its team qualification slot allocated may be subject to sanctions by the IPC and IWAS.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slots allocated to an NPC that are not used will be reallocated to the highest ranked and not otherwise qualified NPC on the IWAS Wheelchair Rugby World Ranking List closing 30 January 2008.



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