

GOALBALL



BEIJING 2008 PARALYMPIC GAMES

EVENTS (2)	MEN (1)	WOMEN (1)
	12 Team Tournament	8 Team Tournament

ATHLETE QUOTA	Male	72
	Female	48
	Total	120

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one (1) men's team qualification slot and • one (1) women's team qualification slot.
ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	To be eligible for selection by an NPC, athletes must have competed in at least one IBSA Goalball international 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 six (6) eligible male athletes and • one (1) women's team comprised of six (6) eligible female athletes.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
2006 IBSA GOALBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ALLOCATION	The top six (6) ranked NPCs of the men's tournament qualify.	6 men's teams



METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
2006 IBSA GOALBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ALLOCATION (continued)	The top four (4) ranked NPCs of the women's tournament qualify. In the case that the Host Country qualifies at the 2006 IBSA Goalball World Championships, the respective slot(s) will be redistributed to the 2007 IBSA Goalball Paralympic Qualifying Tournament Allocation Method.	4 women's teams
2007 IBSA GOALBALL PARALYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT ALLOCATION	The top five (5) ranked NPCs of the men's tournament, not otherwise qualified, qualify. The top three (3) ranked NPCs of the women's tournament, not otherwise qualified, qualify.	5 men's teams 3 women's teams
HOST COUNTRY ALLOCATION	The host country directly qualifies one (1) men's team and one (1) women's team, if not otherwise qualified through the 2006 IBSA Goalball World Championships Allocation Method.	1 men's team 1 women's team
TOTAL	Male Female	12 teams 8 teams

QUALIFYING TIMELINE

26 June – 2 July 2006	2006 IBSA Goalball World Championships in Spartanburg, USA
28 July – 8 August 2007	2007 3 rd IBSA Goalball World Championships and Games (2007 IBSA Goalball Paralympic Qualifying Tournament) in Sao Paulo, Brazil
21 March 2008 (no later than)	IBSA confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of team qualification slots
4 April 2008 (no later than)	NPCs confirm in writing to IBSA the use of allocated team qualification slots
25 April 2008 (no later than)	IBSA 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 in writing (fax and e-mails are accepted) to IBSA the number of team qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their team qualification slots, and IBSA may reallocate these slots.

By 25 April 2008, IBSA 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 some or all team qualification slots allocated may be subject to sanctions by the IPC and IBSA.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the highest ranked and not otherwise qualified NPC in the 2007 IBSA Goalball Paralympic Qualifying Tournament.

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