

Qualification Criteria and Event Programme

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Medal Events

| Male | Female | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| TBC | TBC | TBC |
| Detailed Medal Events List attached at the end of the document AQS and BQS Minimum Qualification Standards will be published by 1 December 2014. | | |

Athletics Quota

| Male | Female | Total |
|------|--------|-------|
| 950 | 450 | 1400 |

Allocation of Qualification Slots

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC not to the individual athlete. In case of a Direct Invitation, the slot is allocated to the individual athlete not to the NPC.

Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

An NPC can be allocated a maximum of forty-eight (48) male qualification slots and thirty-two (32) female qualification slots. Exceptions may be granted through the Direct Invitation method. If an NPC is unable to use all of the allocated qualification slots in a given gender, the unused slots cannot be transferred to the other gender. They will be reallocated in the respective gender to other NPCs through the Direct Invitation method.

Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for entry, an athlete must:

- hold an active IPC Athletics License for the 2015 season;
- have achieved at least one (1) BQS performance at an IPC Athletics Recognised Competition (IPC Competition, IPC Sanctioned Competition, or IPC Athletics Approved Competition) for each of their respective medal events between 1 January 2014 and 28 September 2015 in accordance with the Athlete Licensing Programme Policies valid for the 2014-2015 seasons; or
- have been allocated a Direct Invitation or an Universality Wild Card Invitation

To be eligible to enter a relay event, an athlete must:

- Have entered an individual event.

Athletes with International “New”, “Review” and “Confirmed” sport class status are allowed to enter.

Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes per Individual medal event provided each athlete has achieved at least a BQS performance in that event.

NPCs can enter a maximum of one (1) team in each relay medal event comprising up to six (6) eligible athletes.

NPCs may enter a maximum of six (6) eligible athletes in each marathon event. A maximum of three (3) athletes per NPC may enter each marathon event as their only event.

NPCs may enter an eligible athlete in an unlimited number of medal events as long as the athlete has achieved at least a BQS performance in each of these events.

In the event that two or more classes in Field Events have to compete combined following the final entry by name and event viability review (e.g., Shot Put F53/54/55), an NPC may not exceed a maximum of five (5) eligible athletes in a combined medal event. However, per each sport class, a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes can be entered.

Event Viability Criteria

A minimum of five (5) athlete entries from three (3) NPCs is necessary to sustain an individual medal event on the programme. A minimum of five (5) entries from five (5) NPCs is necessary to sustain a relay medal event on the programme.

IPC Athletics shall review the event viability following the close of the final entry on 19 October 2015. In the case an event did not meet the above viability criteria by the final entry based on the Classification Hierarchy Table (Rule 9), IPC Athletics reserve the right to combine such event with other event(s) where appropriate and applicable. In such combined field events, the Raza point system shall be used to determine the placings. IPC Athletics also reserve the right to cancel such events or run them as non-medal events.

In the case the entry number of an event dropped below the aforementioned event viability criteria due to withdrawals after 2 November 2015, the event shall still be run as a Medal Event and the medals will be allocated under the 'minus one' rule.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

| METHOD | QUALIFICATION | TOTAL |
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| AQS QUALIFICATION | Athletes who achieved an AQS performance at an IPC Athletics Recognised Competition between 1 | 900 |

| METHOD | QUALIFICATION | TOTAL |
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| ALLOCATION | <p>January 2014 and 31 August 2015 will be considered to determine the NPC's AQS Qualification Allocation slots.</p> <p>An NPC may be allocated no more than one (1) qualification slot per athlete even if the athlete has achieved an AQS in multiple medal events.</p> <p>AQS results are only considered under this allocation method from athletes who were licensed at the time they achieved the AQS result and who held an international sport class status 'Confirmed' or 'Review' prior to 1 September 2015.</p> <p>If more athletes have achieved an AQS than the total number of qualification slots available under this method, then the qualification slots will be allocated as follows:</p> <p>Male:</p> $900x (A \div B) = \text{NPC Allocation}$ <p>A – Total number of male athletes with an AQS per NPC</p> <p>B – Total number of male athletes with an AQS</p> <p>Female:</p> $400 x (C \div D) = \text{NPC Allocation}$ <p>C – Total number of female athletes with an AQS per NPC</p> | <p>Male Slots</p> <p>400</p> <p>Female slots</p> |

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| | <p>D – Total number of female athletes with an AQS</p> <p>IPC Athletics reserve the right to round up or down in order to achieve the required allocation of qualification slots per gender. In most instances the allocation figure will be rounded up to the next highest number. However, at IPC Athletics’ discretion allocation figures with .49 and below may be rounded down.</p> <p>Any qualification slot not allocated under this method will be distributed through the Direct Invitation method</p> | |
| UNIVERSIALITY CARD INVITATION | <p>WILD Universality Wild Card will be granted to NPCs who have not been allocated a male and female slot through the AQS Qualification Allocation methods.</p> <p>NPCs will be granted one (1) male and one (1) female Universality Wild Card Invitation slot. This applies equally to a female universality invitation slot from an NPC with one (1) male slot, and vice versa.</p> <p>Entries for wheelchair track events over 400m and ambulant track events over 800m and throwing events shall require approval by IPC Athletics. Entries for marathon events will not be granted through this qualification slot.</p> <p>These slot(s) should be used to ensure the participation of highest ranked athlete(s) from the respective NPC.</p> <p>Any qualification slot not allocated under this method will be distributed through the Direct Invitation method</p> | <p>50 Male Slots</p> <p>50 Female Slots</p> |
| DIRECT INVITATION | <p>IPC Athletics reserves the right to directly invite athletes under the following criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To enable the greater representation by nation or region; ▪ To ensure medal events will have sufficient | <p>Unused slots from above allocation methods</p> |

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| | <p>representation for viability;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To enable greater representation by gender; ▪ To ensure the representation of athletes with a severe disability; ▪ To ensure top athletes that may have not had the opportunity to formally qualify due to extraordinary circumstances. <p>To be considered for a direct invite slot, an athlete must hold an IPC Athletics Athlete License for the 2015 season.</p> | |

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

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|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 January 2014 | Start of the qualification period for athletes to achieve AQS and BQS performances. |
| 31 August 2015 | End of the period for athletes to achieve AQS performances for consideration by IPC Athletics in calculating the qualification slots allocated through the AQS Qualification Allocation method |
| 14 September 2015 | IPC Athletics Open the online entry system and notify NPCs of the allocation of AQS Qualification and Universality Wild Card Allocation slots |
| 28 September 2015 | End of the qualification period for athletes to achieve AQS and BQS performances to be eligible to compete. Deadline for NPCs to request in writing for a Direct Invitation slot to IPC Athletics |
| 5 October 2015 | Deadline for NPCs to confirm the usage of the qualification slots and the team delegation size via the online entry system. |
| 19 October 2015 | Deadline for IPC Athletics to receive Final Entry by Name from NPCs via the online entry system. |

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

By 14 September 2015 IPC Athletics will confirm the allocation of all qualification slots.

By 28 September 2015 NPCs shall submit an official request to IPC Athletics if they wish to apply for a Direct Invitation slot.



By 5 October 2015, each NPC must confirm via the online entry system the use of allocated qualification slots and team delegation size. Upon confirmation, it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated qualification slots for the 2015 IPC Athletics World Championships.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slots that are not used by an NPC may be reallocated through the Direct Invitation allocation method.

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