

# WHEELCHAIR FENCING



## BEIJING 2008 PARALYMPIC GAMES

EVENTS (10)	MEN (6)	WOMEN (4)
	Epee - Category A Epee - Category B	Epee - Category A Epee - Category B
	Foil - Category A Foil - Category B	Foil - Category A Foil - Category B
	Sabre - Category A Sabre - Category B	

<b>ATHLETE QUOTA</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>57</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>24</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>

<b>ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION</b>	<p>The qualification is allocated to the individual athlete, not the NPC.</p> <p>In the case of the Host Country Allocation method, the qualification is allocated to the NPC not the individual athlete.</p>
<b>MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC</b>	<p>An NPC can be allocated no more than six (6) male athlete and four (4) female athlete qualification slots per sport class for a maximum quota allocation of ten (10) qualification slots per NPC. The maximum qualification slots to be allocated per sport class are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• thirty (30) qualification slots for male athletes in Category A</li> <li>• twenty-seven (27) qualification slots for male athletes in Category B</li> <li>• twelve (12) qualification slots for female athletes in Category A</li> <li>• twelve (12) qualification slots for female athletes in Category B</li> </ul>



<b>ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY</b>	To be eligible for selection, all athletes must have competed in an official IWAS International Wheelchair Fencing competition between 1 January 2006 and 29 February 2008 and be ranked on the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Ranking List.																					
<b>MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC</b>	<p>An NPC may enter a maximum of two (2) qualified athletes per individual event. The maximum entry per event is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="678 750 1436 1030"> <thead> <tr> <th>Event</th> <th>Male</th> <th>Female</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Epee - Category A</td> <td>20</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Foil - Category A</td> <td>20</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sabre - Category A</td> <td>20</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Epee - Category B</td> <td>18</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Foil - Category B</td> <td>18</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sabre - Category B</td> <td>18</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Each eligible athlete must compete in the event he/she qualified in; additionally each athlete must enter a minimum of two (2) events of which at least one (1) will be ring-fenced by IWAS according to the athlete's rank on the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Ranking List closing 29 February 2008.</p>	Event	Male	Female	Epee - Category A	20	12	Foil - Category A	20	12	Sabre - Category A	20		Epee - Category B	18	12	Foil - Category B	18	12	Sabre - Category B	18	
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**QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES**

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
<b>2006 IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ALLOCATION</b>	The top ranked male athlete in each event qualifies.  The top ranked female athlete in each event qualifies.	6 male athletes  4 female athletes
<b>2007 IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ALLOCATION</b>	The top ranked male athlete in each event from the following 2007 IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Regional Championships, not otherwise qualified, qualifies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Americas</li> <li>• Asia</li> <li>• Europe</li> </ul>	18 male athletes



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<b>2007 IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ALLOCATION (continued)</b>	<p>The top ranked female athlete in each event from the following 2007 IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Regional Championships, not otherwise qualified, qualifies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Americas</li> <li>• Asia</li> <li>• Europe</li> </ul> <p>In the case that the 2007 IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Regional Championships are not conducted or an event is not held at the 2007 IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Regional Championships, the qualification slots attributed to the respective competition or specific event will be reallocated through the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Ranking List allocation method.</p>	12 female athletes										
<b>IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING WORLD RANKING LIST ALLOCATION</b>	<p>The top ranked athletes in two (2) events, not otherwise qualified, up to the established quota for the individual event, on the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Ranking List closing 29 February 2008, qualify:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="550 1370 1220 1563"> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Quota</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Men Category A</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Men Category B</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women Category A</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Men Category B</td> <td>12</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Category	Quota	Men Category A	20	Men Category B	18	Women Category A	12	Men Category B	12	31 male athletes 6 female athletes
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<b>HOST COUNTRY ALLOCATION</b>	<p>The Host Country directly receives two (2) qualification slots, one (1) qualification slot for a male athlete and one (1) for a female athlete</p>	1 male athlete 1 female athlete										



<b>METHOD</b>	<b>QUALIFICATION</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION ALLOCATION</b>	Two (2) eligible athletes will be considered by the IPC and IWAS for Bipartite Commission Invitation qualification slots. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, IWAS must receive an official application in writing from the relevant NPC.	1 male athlete  1 female athlete
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Male</b> <b>Female</b>	<b>57</b> <b>24</b>

### **QUALIFYING TIMELINE**

1 January 2006	Start of the period for athletes to attain performances to be recorded on the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Ranking Lists
29 September – 7 October 2006	IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Championships in Turin, Italy
2007 TBD	IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Regionals Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Americas</li> <li>• Asia</li> <li>• Europe</li> </ul>
29 February 2008	End of the period for athletes to attain performances to be recorded on the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Ranking Lists
21 March 2008 (no later than)	IWAS Wheelchair Fencing confirms to the NPCs in writing the number of allocated qualification slots
4 April 2008 (no later than)	NPCs confirm to IWAS Wheelchair Fencing in writing the use of qualification slots  IWAS Wheelchair Fencing confirms to the NPCs in writing the Bipartite Commission Invitation qualification slots
25 April 2008 (no later than)	IWAS Wheelchair Fencing confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots



NPCs confirm in writing to IWAS Wheelchair Fencing the use of Bipartite Commission Invitation 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 IWAS Wheelchair Fencing the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing may reallocate these slots.

By 25 April 2008, relevant NPCs must confirm in writing (fax and e-mails are accepted) to IWAS Wheelchair Fencing use of the qualification slots allocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation method they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and IWAS Wheelchair Fencing may reallocate these slots.

By 25 April 2008, IWAS Wheelchair Fencing will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused 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 of the qualification slots allocated may be subject to sanctions by the IPC.

### **REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS**

Any qualification slots not used by the NPC will be reallocated using the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Ranking List closing 29 February 2008.

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