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WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL 3x3 - International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF)

The information in this Athlete Allocation System is accurate as at 28 January 2022 but remains subject to change. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 and the subsequent impact on international sporting calendars, the CGF and IWBF will be closely monitoring this Athlete Allocation System to determine if any changes are necessary.

For the avoidance of doubt, the CGF and IWBF reserve the right to amend this Athlete Allocation System in any manner, and in their sole and absolute discretion, should it be deemed necessary to ensure a fair qualification pathway for all Athletes.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Wheelchair Basketball 3x3 Athlete Allocation System includes three (3) key methods of qualification:

1. Host CGA

Automatic Qualification

2. Regional Qualification

IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifiers (IWBF Zones: Africa, Americas, Asia Oceania, Europe)

3. Bipartite Invitation

IWBF and CGF Bipartite Invitation

2 MEDAL EVENTS (2)

a) Medal Events by Discipline

Men's Event	Women's Event
6 Team tournament	6 Team tournament

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b) Maximum Number of Athletes and Team Officials by Commonwealth Games Association (CGA)

SPORT	Entries	Athletes	Team Officials
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL 3x3	One (1) Men's Team	4 Athletes	2 Team Officials
	One (1) Women's Team	4 Athletes	2 Team Officials

3 QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK

REGULATIONS RELATING TO TEAM SPORTS

Entries

- CGF will advise CGAs in writing which have been selected to compete in the Men's and Women's Wheelchair Basketball 3x3 competition, based on the respective qualification pathways, no later than 22 April 2022.
- The CGAs selected to compete in Wheelchair Basketball 3x3 shall confirm their participation no later than 06 May 2022.
- Where CGAs do not accept the offer from the CGF, or do not respond within the specified time, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.

SELECTION OF COMPETING CGA'S

- CGAs not affiliated with IWBF will be required to affiliate with IWBF, or if not eligible to affiliate will be required to obtain approval from IWBF before they are deemed eligible to participate*.
- The six (6) teams to be selected in both the Men's and Women's competition will be identified in accordance with the following process:

Host CGA	Regional Qualification	Bipartite Invitation
(1 Team)	(4 Teams)	(1 Team)
qualification slot per medal event.	event from each of the four (4) IWBF Zonal Qualifiers (Africa,	One (1) Bipartite Invitation slot per medal event will be awarded to one (1) CGA Nation not otherwise qualified.
Slot-Allocation	Slot-Allocation	Slot-Allocation
CGA	CGA	CGA

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*IWBF has confirmed that Home Nations (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland), Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories can compete as independent entities at the 2022 Commonwealth Games and the IWBF Zonal Qualifiers. The IWBF has confirmed that British Wheelchair Basketball as a member of IWBF has jurisdictional responsibility of all eligible athletes across the UK (i.e., Home Nations, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories). These responsibilities include the facilitation and enforcement of an athlete's acceptance and compliance under the international regulations (including eligibility and classification regulations) stipulated by IWBF and the standards executed by British Wheelchair Basketball.

4 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

a) Host CGA (Automatic Qualification)

The Host CGA shall be issued the maximum slot allocation of one (1) Team per medal event.

 In the event the Host CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via the Host CGA method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.

b) Regional Qualification (IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifiers)

The top CGA Nation per medal event from the four (4) IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifiers (IWBF Zones: Africa, Americas, Asia Oceania, Europe) will qualify for one regional qualification slot each. For the avoidance of doubt, the IWBF Zones match the CGF regions with the exception of Americas, which includes the CGF recognised Caribbean region, and Asia Oceania where the CGF recognised regions are combined in the same IWBF Zone.

- The IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifiers will be concluded by 15 April 2022 and will be confirmed by no later than 31 May 2021.
- In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via the Regional Qualification method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Host CGA who has already earned automatic qualification will not be permitted to enter the respective IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifier.

For an IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifier to take place a minimum of two (2) CGAs must enter. CGAs (excluding the Host CGA) are required to provide their expression of interest to participate in the Men's and Women's Wheelchair Basketball 3x3 Events of the 2022 Commonwealth Games in writing to the CGF by no later than 30 September 2020. Where an IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifier is

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not held due to less than the required number of teams entering or unforeseen or extenuating circumstances, regional qualification slot(s) will be allocated in accordance with the below:

- An invitation method of qualification will be implemented to allocate the respective regional qualification slots per medal event.
- To be considered for the allocation of a regional qualification slot via the invitation method, CGAs from the respective IWBF Zone are required to submit their invitation nominations to the CGF by no later than 15 April 2022.
- Following nominations received from CGAs by 15 April 2022, the allocation of Invitation slots will be made at the sole and absolute discretion of IWBF and CGF. In making these decisions, the Bipartite Commission will consider the following factors including but not limited to the following:
 - Regional representation
 - Demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games (results taken from the Wheelchair Basketball World Standings as at 15 April 2022)
 - Depth of field and strength of competition
 - o IWBF regional development strategies/programmes
 - Any other factor(s) considered relevant by IWBF and CGF
- In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.

c) Bipartite Invitation

In recognition of widely and regularly practising Wheelchair Basketball 3x3 CGAs who have not otherwise earned a qualification slot, one (1) Bipartite Invitation slot per medal event will be issued.

Applications for Bipartite Invitation slots are to be submitted by the CGA in accordance with the prescribed deadline. It is at the sole and absolute discretion of IWBF and the CGF to allocate a Bipartite Invitation slot in an instance where no application has been received.

In the event the CGA is no longer able to accept the Bipartite Invitation slot it will be redistributed at the sole and absolute discretion of the Bipartite Commission with consideration for the factors listed below.

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Allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots are made at the sole and absolute discretion of IWBF and CGF. In making these decisions, the Bipartite Commission will consider factors including but not limited to the following:

- o Regional representation
- Depth of field and strength of competition
- Demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games (results taken from the IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifiers, and any other 3x3 events recognised by IWBF. Where necessary, results from alternative events recognised by IWBF including the 5x5 discipline may be considered)
- Extenuating circumstances that may have resulted in a CGA being unable to attend their IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifier
- Any other factor(s) considered relevant by IWBF and CGF

Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process

Any qualification slots that are not used by the CGA will be reallocated as follows:

- Any unused slots earned from the Host CGA method shall be reallocated via the Bipartite Invitation method.
- Any unused slots earned from the Regional Qualification method shall be reallocated to the next highest placed CGA not otherwise qualified from the respective IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifier. Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining from that IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifier, or an IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifier did not take place, then the Regional Qualification slot(s) will be reallocated to eligible CGA(s) via the invitation method of qualification as outlined in section 4b.
- The CGF and IWBF reserve the right not to reallocate a slot, in the case that the reallocation process results in the potential award of a slot to a CGA whose performance could compromise the safety and integrity of the competition.

5 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to represent a CGA, an athlete must;

- Be internationally classified with a 'confirmed' sport class status or 'Review' 2023 or later at the sport entries deadline of 29 June 2022;
- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IWBF or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- o Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, IWBF and the

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World Anti-Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed. In the case of any inconsistency, CGF rules and regulations will prevail;

- o Have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution;
- o Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by the IWBF.

6 TIMELINES

Date(s)	Milestones
30 September 2020	CGA deadline to submit their Expression of Interest to participate in the Men's and Women's Wheelchair Basketball 3x3 Events of the 2022 Commonwealth Games
By 31 May 2021	IWBF to confirm IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifiers
05 March 2022	CGA deadline to submit Bipartite Invitation applications to CGF
18 March 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive accreditation application forms submitted by CGAs
25 March 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Number information
By 15 April 2022	Completion of IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifiers
15 April 2022	If an IWBF 3x3 Zonal Qualifier(s) is unable to take place CGAs from the respective region must submit their invitation nominations to the CGF to be considered for the allocation of a regional qualification slot via the invitation method
By 22 April 2022	CGF to notify selected CGAs of their participation in the Men's and Women's Wheelchair Basketball 3x3 Events of the 2022 Commonwealth Games
By 22 April 2022	CGF to confirm with CGAs Bipartite Invitation slots
April 2022	Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings
By 06 May 2022	CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified places
By 13 May 2022	Re-allocation of returned qualification slots
29 June 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Name information

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July 2022	Delegation Registration Meetings

BIPARTITE COMMISSION

1 Governance

- 1.1 The membership of the CGF/IWBF Bipartite Commission shall comprise of the CGF Sports Director (or appointed designate) and the IWBF Chair of Competition (or appointed designate).
- 1.2 All Bipartite Invitations will be approved by the CGF Executive Board.

2 Purpose

2.1 The purpose of the Bipartite Commission will be to assess, evaluate and make recommendations to the CGF Executive Board on the award of Bipartite Invitation slots.