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PARA TABLE TENNIS - International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)

The information in this Athlete Allocation System is accurate as at 10 December 2021 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 ITTF will be closely monitoring this Athlete Allocation System to determine if any changes are necessary.

For the avoidance of doubt, the CGF and ITTF 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 OVERVIEW

The Para Table Tennis Athlete Allocation System includes three (3) key methods of qualification:

1. **ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List** (Ranking period 01 January 2020 to 01 May 2022)
 - 1.1 Regional Qualification
 - 1.2 Direct Qualification
2. **Bipartite Invitation**
(ITTF and CGF Bipartite Invitation)

2 MEDAL EVENTS (4)

Men's Medal Events (2)

- Standing (Classes 8-10)
- Wheelchair (Classes 3-5)

Women's Medal Events (2)

- Standing (Classes 6-10)
- Wheelchair (Classes 3-5)

3 ATHLETE ALLOCATION SYSTEM (PARA TABLE TENNIS)

a) Allocations per Event

| Men's Medal Events | Maximum Possible Slot Allocations |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Standing | • 8 |
| • Wheelchair | • 8 |
| Women's Medal Events | Maximum Possible Slot Allocations |
| • Standing | • 8 |
| • Wheelchair | • 8 |

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

| Gender | Event Specific |
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| Men | 2 per event |
| Women | 2 per event |

c) Bipartite Invitation

| Gender | Min. per event |
|--------|----------------|
| Men | 2 |
| Women | 2 |

4 QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK

| Regional Qualification (ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List) | Direct Qualification (ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List) | Bipartite Invitation |
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| The top ranked players on the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List as at 01 May 2022 per medal event from each of the CGF Regions (with Americas and Caribbean combined) will qualify for one slot each, awarded to the CGA by Athlete by Name. Slots are issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable. | The highest ranked player per medal event on the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List as at 01 May 2022 not otherwise qualified will qualify for one slot, awarded to the CGA by Athlete by Name. Slots are issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable. | Two (2) Bipartite Invitation slots per medal event may be issued to athletes' of widely and regularly practising CGAs. Such invitation slots will be issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable. |
| Slot Allocation | Slot Allocation | Slot Allocation |
| CGA by Athlete by Name | CGA by Athlete by Name | CGA by Athlete by Name |

5 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

a) Regional Qualification - (ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List)

The ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List will be used to allocate five (5) slots per medal event. The top ranked players on the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List per medal event from each of the CGF regions (with Americas and Caribbean combined), will qualify for one (1) slot each.

- CGA Nations will be extracted from the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List to create the

Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List as at 01 May 2022.

- In the event a regional qualification slot has been achieved by more than one athlete with the same ranking, reference will be made to the previous ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List and the higher-ranked athlete will qualify. If still tied, reference will be made to the previous ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List. If still tied, reference will be made to the previous ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List and so on until the regional qualification slot is determined;
- For the avoidance of doubt, only results achieved by athletes at ITTF sanctioned events will be recognised for the purpose of the ITTF World Rankings. The qualification period is as follows:
 - 01 January 2020 – 01 May 2022
- In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slots will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.

In the case of Great Britain, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories, results attained by British athletes at ITTF Sanctioned Events (i.e. competitions where athletes must compete for their IF affiliated-organisation) shall be attributed to their eligible CGA for the purposes of the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List.

b) Direct Qualification – (ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List)

The ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List will be used to allocate a slot to the top ranked athlete per medal event not otherwise qualified (respecting the maximum CGA representation per event).

- CGA Nations will be extracted from the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List to create the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List as at 01 May 2022.
- CGAs will be eligible to qualify a maximum of two athletes per event, and the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List will be amended to reflect this maximum representation per event.
- In the event the final slot of direct qualification has been achieved by more than one athlete with the same ranking, reference will be made to the previous ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List and the higher-ranked athlete will qualify. If still tied, reference will be made to the previous ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List. If still tied, reference will be made to the previous ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List and so on until the final direct qualification slot is determined;
- For the avoidance of doubt, only results achieved by athletes at ITTF sanctioned events will be recognised for the purpose of the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List. The qualification period is as follows:
 - 01 January 2020 – 01 May 2022

- o In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slots will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process

In the case of Great Britain, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories, results attained by British athletes at ITTF Sanctioned Events (i.e. competitions where athletes must compete for their IF affiliated-organisation) shall be attributed to their eligible CGA for the purposes of the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List.

c) Bipartite Invitation

In recognition of widely and regularly practising Para Table Tennis athletes who have not otherwise earned a slot-allocation, two (2) Bipartite Invitation slots per medal event may 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 ITTF and the CGF to allocate a Bipartite Invitation slot in an instance where no application has been received.

Athletes to be considered by the Bipartite Commission shall have competed in at least one (1) ITTF Sanctioned Event within the qualification period of 01 January 2020 – 01 May 2022.

Where an athlete has not competed in at least one (1) ITTF Sanctioned Event within the qualification period, but would otherwise be deemed eligible, the Bipartite Commission may grant an exemption on the grounds of extenuating circumstances.

CGAs may request this consideration when applying for the Bipartite Invitation slot.

These slots are non-transferable and 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.

Allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots are made at the sole and absolute discretion of ITTF and CGF. In making these decisions, the Bipartite Commission will award in the first instance to:

- Eligible athletes who have successfully participated in the CGF development programme (GAPS), that have demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games.

If there are no eligible athletes that have successfully participated in the CGF development programme (GAPS), the Bipartite Commission will consider factors including but not limited to the following:

- o Regional representation within the event at the end of the qualification period.
- o Depth of field and strength of competition.
- o Demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the

Commonwealth Games but an athlete has not otherwise attained qualification.

- Extenuating circumstances that may have resulted in an eligible athlete being unable to achieve a valid result within the qualification period.

d) Confirmation Process of Allocated Slots

At the close of the qualification period, the following procedure will be implemented:

- CGF will advise CGAs in writing of the slots attained from the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List (Regional Qualification and Direct Qualification);
- CGAs will confirm in writing their intention to accept the slots attained drawn from ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List (Regional Qualification and Direct Qualification)
- These slots are binding to the event and athlete that attained the slot;
- CGAs to nominate to the CGF for a Bipartite Invitation slot;
- Bipartite Commission to determine the allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots;
- CGF to advise CGAs of the Bipartite Invitation slots attained;
- CGAs to confirm their intention to accept the Bipartite Invitation slots offered.

e) Reallocation of Unused Qualification slots

Any qualification slots allocated via Regional Qualification that are not used by the CGA will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete from the same CGF region (with Americas and Caribbean combined) on the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List (respecting the maximum CGA representation per event). Prior to reallocation, ranked CGAs will initially be asked to confirm their interest in receiving the reallocation of unused qualification slots. Where there are no eligible athletes remaining on the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List from the same CGF Region, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and ITTF. Where there are no eligible athletes on the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List from a CGF Region(s), regional qualification slots will be allocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and ITTF

Any qualification slots allocated via Direct Qualification that are not used by the CGA will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete on the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List, not otherwise qualified (respecting the maximum CGA representation per event). Prior to reallocation, ranked CGAs will initially be asked to confirm their interest in receiving the reallocation of unused qualification slots. Where there are no eligible athletes remaining on the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and ITTF.

The CGF and ITTF reserve the right not to reallocate a qualification slot, in the case that the reallocation

process results in the potential award of a slot to an athlete whose performance could compromise the safety and integrity of the competition.

6 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for endorsement by a CGA, an athlete must;

- Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review with a fixed review date of 2023 or later at the sport entries deadline of 29 June 2022;
- Have competed in at least one (1) ITTF Sanctioned Event within the qualification period of 01 January 2020 – 01 May 2022*;

*ITTF and CGF may consider any valid, personal, and or extenuating circumstances for not being compliant with the above eligibility requirements. All decisions made by ITTF and CGF are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or ITTF or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, ITTF and the 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;
- Have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution;
- Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by the ITTF.

7 TIMELINES

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| 01 January 2020 | Para Table Tennis Qualification period commences |
| 27 January 2022 | Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Number information |
| 01 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 |
| April 2022 | Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings |

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| 01 May 2022 | Para Table Tennis Qualification period closes |
| By 6 May 2022 | CGF to confirm with CGAs qualified slots (Regional Qualification and Direct Qualification) |
| By 6 May 2022 | CGF to confirm with CGAs Bipartite Invitation slots |
| By 13 May 2022 | CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified places |
| By 20 May 2022 | Re-allocation of returned places |
| 29 June 2022 | Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Name information |
| July 2022 | Delegation Registration Meetings |

BIPARTITE COMMISSION

1 Governance

- 1.1 The membership of the CGF/ITTF Bipartite Commission shall comprise of the CGF Sports Director (or appointed designate) and the ITTF Competition Director (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.