

Athlete Allocation System

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PARA LAWN BOWLS - International Bowls for the Disabled (IBD)

The information in this Athlete Allocation System is accurate as at 18 November 2020 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 IBD will be closely monitoring this Athlete Allocation System to determine if any changes are necessary.

For the avoidance of doubt, the CGF and IBD 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 Lawn Bowls Athlete Allocation System includes three (3) methods of qualification:

- 1. Host CGA**
(Automatic Qualification)
- 2. IBD 2021 World Championships**
(Direct Qualification)
- 3. Bipartite Invitation**
(IBD and CGF Bipartite Invitation)

2 MEDAL EVENTS (3)

Men's Medal Events (1)	Eligible Sport Classes
Men's Pairs B6 – B8*	B5 – B8
Women's Medal Events (1)	Eligible Sport Classes
Women's Pairs B6 – B8*	B5 – B8
Mixed Medal Events (1)	Eligible Sport Classes
Mixed Pairs B2 – B3**	B1 – B3

*For the Men's Pairs B6 – B8 and Women's Pairs B6 – B8 medal events, the maximum cumulative point score for each pair is 14 points. The cumulative point score is determined by combining the Sport Classes of both athletes entered within that medal event. For the avoidance of doubt, the sport class of an individual athlete is worth the actual number value (i.e. sport class B5 is worth 5 points, sport class B6 is worth 6 points, sport class B7 is worth 7 points, B8 is worth 8 points).

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** For the Mixed Pairs B2 – B3 medal event, the maximum cumulative point score for each pair is 5 points. The cumulative point score is determined by combining the Sport Classes of both athletes entered within that medal event. For the avoidance of doubt, the sport class of an individual athlete is worth the actual number value (i.e. sport class B1 is worth 1 point; sport class B2 is worth 2 points, B3 is worth 3 points).

**Each athlete entered in the Mixed Pairs B2 – B3 medal event is entitled to one (1) Director not included in the maximum possible slot allocation.

3 ATHLETE ALLOCATION SYSTEM (PARA LAWN BOWLS)

a) Allocations per Event

Men's Medal Events	Maximum Possible Slot Allocations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Pairs B6 – B8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 Athletes (6 Pairs)
Women's Medal Events	Maximum Possible Slot Allocations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's Pairs B6 – B8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 Athletes (6 Pairs)
Mixed Medal Events	Maximum Possible Slot Allocations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed Pairs B2 – B3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 Athletes (6 Pairs)

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

Medal Events	Male Athletes	Female Athletes	Total Athletes
Men's Pairs B6 – B8	2	0	2 (1 Pair)
Women's Pairs B6 – B8	0	2	2 (1 Pair)
Mixed Pairs B2 – B3	1	1	2 (1 Pair)
Maximum Athletes by CGA	3 Male	3 Female	6 Athletes

4 QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK

Medal Events	Allocations per Medal Event	Method of Qualification		Slot Allocation
Men's Pairs B6 – B8	1 Pair	Host CGA	Host CGA issued a maximum slot allocation of 1 Pair	To CGA
	4 Pairs	IBD 2021 World Championships	The highest four (4) placed CGAs from the Men's Pairs B6 – B8 medal event at the IBD 2021 World Championships will be eligible for Direct Qualification. The slots will be issued to the CGA for allocation.	To CGA

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	1 Pair	Bipartite Invitation	Bipartite Invitations will be issued to 1 Pair from a widely and regularly practising CGA who have not otherwise earned qualification	To CGA
Women's Pairs B6 – B8	1 Pair	Host CGA	Host CGA issued a maximum slot allocation of 1 Pair	To CGA
	4 Pairs	IBD 2021 World Championships	The highest four (4) placed CGAs from the Women's Pairs B6 – B8 medal event at the IBD 2021 World Championships will be eligible for Direct Qualification. The slots will be issued to the CGA for allocation.	To CGA
	1 Pair	Bipartite Invitation	Bipartite Invitations will be issued to 1 Pair from a widely and regularly practising CGA who have not otherwise earned qualification	To CGA
Mixed Pairs B2 – B3	1 Pair	Host CGA	Host CGA issued a maximum slot allocation of 1 Pair	To CGA
	4 Pairs	IBD 2021 World Championships	The highest four (4) placed CGAs from the Mixed Pairs B2 – B3 medal event at the IBD 2021 World Championships will be eligible for Direct Qualification. The slots will be issued to the CGA for allocation.	To CGA
	1 Pair	Bipartite Invitation	Bipartite Invitations will be issued to 1 Pair from a widely and regularly practising CGA who have not otherwise earned qualification	To CGA

5 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

To support the CGF, IBD and B2022 in effective planning, CGAs (excluding the Host CGA) are required to provide their expression of interest to participate in the Men's, Women's and Mixed Para Lawn Bowls Medal Events of the 2022 Commonwealth Games in writing to the CGF by no later than 14 December 2020.

a) Host CGA

The Host CGA shall be issued the maximum slot allocation of one (1) Pair 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) IBD 2021 World Championships

The highest four (4) placed CGAs per medal event at the IBD 2021 World Championships will be eligible for Direct Qualification.

To support the CGF, IBD and B2022 in effective planning, CGAs (excluding the Host CGA) are required to provide their expression of interest to participate in the Men's, Women's and Mixed Para Lawn Bowls

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Medal Events of the 2022 Commonwealth Games in writing to the CGF by no later than 14 December 2020.

- CGAs will be eligible to qualify a maximum of one (1) pair per medal event.
- For the avoidance of doubt, should the Host CGA place within the top four (4) CGAs in any of the prescribed medal events at the 2021 IBD World Championships, they will not be considered for qualification via this method and therefore the qualification slot will be awarded to the next highest placed CGA in the respective medal event(s) from the 2021 IBD World championships.
- In the event that a final slot of qualification has been achieved by more than one CGA with the same result, the slot will be allocated in accordance with the conditions of play used at the IBD 2021 World Championships.
- The IBD will confirm the 2021 IBD World Championships by no later than 28 February 2021 and it will be concluded by 31 December 2021.

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.

- If the 2021 IBD World Championships is not confirmed by 28 February 2021, or not held due to unforeseen or extenuating circumstances, then an invitation method of qualification will be implemented to allocate the qualification slots to the four (4) pairs per medal event.
- To be considered for the allocation of a qualification slot via the invitation method, CGAs are required to submit their invitation nominations to the CGF by no later than 31 December 2021.
- Following nominations received from CGAs by 31 December 2021, the allocation of Invitation slots will be made at the sole and absolute discretion of IBD and CGF. In making these decisions, the Bipartite Commission will consider the following factors listed in priority order:
 - Demonstrated previous levels of performance.
 - This will be considered through a ranking list that will be created by combining the results from the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games and Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Test Event, for the Mixed Pairs B2 – B3 and Open Triples B6 - B8 events only.
 - The rankings for the Mixed Pairs B2 – B3 events will be used to allocate invitation slots for the Mixed Pairs B2 – B3 medal event only
 - The rankings for the Open Triples B6 - B8 event will be used to allocate invitation slots for the Men's Pairs B6 – B8 medal event only.
 - For the Women's Pairs B6 – B8 only, general performance levels in the sport of Para Lawn Bowls will be considered, and the Bipartite Commission reserve the right to request further proof of demonstrated previous levels of performance from CGAs should it be deemed necessary.
 - Regional representation within the event.
 - Depth of field and strength of competition.
 - Any other factor(s) considered relevant by IBD and CGF

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For the avoidance of doubt, results from IBBA (International Blind Bowls Association) events will not be eligible for consideration for qualification purposes.

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

c) Bipartite Invitation

In recognition of widely and regularly practising Para Lawn Bowls CGAs who have not otherwise earned qualification, the Bipartite Invitation method will be used to allocate one (1) Pair per medal event.

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 IBD and 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 any and/or all their Bipartite Invitation slots they 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 IBD and CGF. In making these decisions, the Bipartite Commission will award in the first instance to:

- Eligible CGAs 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 CGAs that have successfully participated in the CGF development programme (GAPS), the Bipartite Commission will consider factors including but not limited to the following:

- Regional representation within the event.
- Depth of field and strength of competition.
- Demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games but a CGA has not otherwise attained qualification.
- Extenuating circumstances that may have resulted in a CGA being unable to attend the 2021 IBD World Championships.
- Any other factor(s) considered relevant by IBD and CGF

For the avoidance of doubt, results from IBBA (International Blind Bowls Association) events will not be eligible for consideration for qualification purposes

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 Host CGA and IBD 2021 World Championships slots attained;
- CGAs will confirm in writing their intention to accept the slots attained from Host CGA and IBD 2021 World Championships methods;
- 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 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 2021 IBD World Championships method will be reallocated to the next highest placed eligible CGA not otherwise qualified in the respective medal event(s) from the 2021 IBD World Championships (respecting the maximum CGA representation per event). Prior to reallocation, eligible CGAs will initially be asked to confirm their interest in receiving the reallocation of unused qualification slots. Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining, slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and IBD.
- In the case that the 2021 IBD World Championships is not held, any unused slots earned from the invitation method will be reallocated to the next eligible CGA not otherwise qualified in the respective medal event(s) with reference to the factors listed when considering the allocation of Invitation slots (respecting the maximum CGA representation per event). Prior to reallocation, eligible CGAs will initially be asked to confirm their interest in receiving the reallocation of unused qualification slots. Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining, slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and IBD.

The CGF and IBD reserve the right not to reallocate qualification slots, in the case that the reallocation process results in the potential award of slots to a CGA whose performance could compromise the safety and integrity of the competition.

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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;
- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IBD or World Bowls or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, IBD, World Bowls 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 IBD.

7 TIMELINES

14 December 2020	CGA deadline to submit their Expression of Interest to participate in the Men's, Women's and Mixed Para Lawn Bowls Events of the 2022 Commonwealth Games
By 28 February 2021	IBD to confirm the 2021 IBD World Championships
By 31 December 2021	Completion of the 2021 IBD World Championships
By 31 December 2021	CGA Deadline to submit Invitation Nominations to the CGF (only if the 2021 IBD World Championships does not take place)
10 January 2022	CGF to confirm with CGAs qualified slots (Host CGA and IBD 2021 World Championships)
24 January 2022	CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified places (Host CGA and IBD 2021 World Championships)
24 January 2022	CGA deadline to submit Bipartite Invitation applications to CGF
27 January 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Number information
7 February 2022	Re-allocation of returned places
7 February 2022	CGF to confirm with CGAs Bipartite Invitation slots

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18 March 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive accreditation application forms submitted by CGAs
April 2022	Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings
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/IBD Bipartite Commission shall comprise of the CGF Sports Director (or appointed designate) and the IBD President (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.