

Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games: 23 July – 02 August 2026

PARA ATHLETICS – World Para Athletics

The information in this Qualification System is accurate as of 31 January 2025. For the avoidance of doubt, the Commonwealth Games Federation ('CGF') and World Para Athletics ('WPA') reserve the right to amend this Qualification System in any manner, at their absolute discretion, should they deem it necessary.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Para Athletics Qualification System consists of two (2) methods of qualification for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games (G2026):

1. Direct Qualification – World Para Athletics Commonwealth Rankings
(Ranking period: 01 January 2025 – 31 March 2026)
2. Bipartite Invitation

2 MEDAL EVENTS & QUALIFICATION SLOTS

2.1 Para Athletics Medal Events

Women's Medal Events	Eligible Sport Classes
1. 100m T38	• T37/38
2. 100m T47	• T45/46/47
3. 200m T38	• T37/38
4. 400m T54	• T53/54
5. 1500m T54	• T53/54
6. Discus F42-44/F61-64	• F42/43/44/F61/62/63/64 (Raza points)
7. Shot Put F57	• F55/56/57
8. Long Jump T38	• T37/38

Men's Medal Events	Eligible Sport Classes
1. 100m T12	• T11/12
2. 100m T38	• T37/38
3. 100m T47	• T45/46/47
4. 1500m T20	• T20
5. 1500m T54	• T53/54
6. Discus F42-44/F61-64	• F42/43/44/F61/62/63/64 (Raza points)
7. Shot Put F57	• F55/56/57
8. Long Jump T20	• T20

2.2 Para Athletics Qualification Slots

Women's Medal Events	Maximum Qualification Slots
1. 100m T38	• 8
2. 100m T47	• 8
3. 200m T38	• 8
4. 400m T54	• 8
5. 1500m T54	• 8
6. Discus F42-44/F61-64	• 8
7. Shot Put F57	• 10
8. Long Jump T38	• 10

Men's Medal Events	Maximum Qualification Slots
1. 100m T12*	• 8
2. 100m T38	• 8
3. 100m T47	• 8
4. 1500m T20	• 8
5. 1500m T54	• 8
6. Discus F42-44/F61-64	• 8
7. Shot Put F57	• 10
8. Long Jump T20	• 10

*All eight (8) athletes entered in the Men's 100m T12 event are entitled to one (1) guide each.

Please note that the maximum number of qualification slots per event does not reflect the possible maximum field size per event. In accordance with the Allocation of Qualification Slots (section 4), eligible athletes that have obtained a qualification slot may enter all events in which they are eligible to compete within provided that the entry does not exceed the maximum number of athletes from that respective CGA within the event, as detailed in section 2.3 of this Qualification System.

2.3 Maximum Number of Athletes per CGA per event

Sport	Gender	Entries
Para Athletics	Women's Events	3 athletes per event per CGA*
	Men's Events	3 athletes per event per CGA*

*As detailed in the Qualification Pathway (section 3), in the first instance up to 2 athletes per CGA can qualify for a Direct Qualification slot per event. Should there be no further eligible athletes on the WPA Commonwealth Rankings, then CGAs with the highest ranked third athlete will be eligible to receive a third Direct Qualification slot per event.

3 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Para Athletics qualification slots will be allocated in accordance with the following Qualification Pathway:

Qualification Method	Qualification Detail
1. Direct Qualification WPA Commonwealth Rankings Ranking Period: 01 January 2025 – 31 March 2026	<p>The top seven (7) ranked Commonwealth athletes per medal event on the WPA Commonwealth Rankings at the close of the ranking period as at 23:59 UTC on 31 March 2026 will be allocated a Direct Qualification slot in accordance with the below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the first instance CGAs will be eligible for two (2) Direct Qualification slots per event. If there are no further eligible athletes on the WPA Commonwealth Rankings, then CGAs with the highest ranked 3rd athlete will be eligible to receive a 3rd Direct Qualification slot per event until all Direct Qualification slots have been filled. In the event the final Direct Qualification slot has been achieved by more than one (1) athlete with the same result, WPA and the CGF will at their absolute discretion determine who receives the final slot. All decisions made by WPA and the CGF are final and shall not be subject to appeal. For the avoidance of doubt, only results achieved by athletes at WPA Recognised Competitions within the ranking period of 01 January 2025 – 31 March 2026 are eligible for the WPA Commonwealth Rankings. The WPA competition calendar is accessible via the WPA website. In the case of Great Britain, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories, results attained by British athletes at WPA Recognised Competitions (i.e., competitions where athletes must compete for their IF affiliated organisation) shall be attributed to their eligible CGA for the purposes of the WPA Commonwealth Rankings.
2. Bipartite Invitation WPA and CGF Bipartite Invitation	<p>Three (3) Bipartite Invitation slots will be issued within each of the following Para Athletics throwing events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's/Women's Shot Put F57 Men's/Women's Discus F42-44/F61-64 <p>One (1) Bipartite Invitation slot will be issued within each of the remaining medal events on the Para Athletics programme.</p> <p>Applications for Bipartite Invitation slots are to be submitted by</p>

	<p>the CGA to the CGF by 16 March 2026. In order to be considered for the award of a Bipartite Invitation slot, athletes must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in section 6 and have competed in at least one (1) WPA Recognised Competition within the ranking period of 01 January 2025 – 31 March 2026.</p> <p>It is at the absolute discretion of WPA and the CGF to allocate a Bipartite Invitation slot to an athlete that has not competed in a WPA Recognised Competition within the ranking period.</p> <p>The allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots is made at the absolute discretion of WPA and the CGF. In making these decisions, WPA and the CGF will award in the first instance to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>If there are no eligible athletes that have successfully participated in the CGF development programme (GAPS), WPA and the CGF will consider factors including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional representation; • Depth of field and strength of competition; • Demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games; and/ or • Any extenuating circumstances that may have resulted in an eligible athlete being unable to achieve a valid result at a WPA recognised competition within the ranking period. <p>The allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots shall be made by the CGF Director of Sport (or their appointed designate) and the Head of WPA (or their appointed designate) ('The Bipartite Commission').</p> <p>All decisions of the Bipartite Commission are final and shall not be subject to appeal.</p>
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4 ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

The WPA Commonwealth Rankings will be available on the [WPA website](#).

4.1 Direct Qualification Slot

The CGF will confirm in writing to the respective CGAs within seven (7) days of the close of the ranking period of the allocation of the Direct Qualification slots. The CGAs will then have seven (7) days to respond to the CGF to confirm acceptance of the allocated Direct Qualification slots in accordance with section 7 (Qualification Timeline) of this Qualification System.

All Direct Qualification slots are awarded to a CGA by athlete by name and therefore are non-transferable.

Eligible athletes that have been allocated a Direct Qualification slot may enter all events in which they are eligible to compete within, provided that the entry does not exceed the maximum of three (3) athletes from that respective CGA within the event, as detailed in section 2.3 of this Qualification System.

4.2 Bipartite Invitation Slots

The CGF will confirm in writing to the respective CGAs by **07 April 2026** of the allocation of Bipartite Invitation Slots. The CGAs will then have seven (7) days to respond to the CGF to confirm acceptance of the allocated Bipartite Invitation slots in accordance with section 7 (Qualification Timeline) of this Qualification System.

All Bipartite Invitation Slots are awarded to a CGA by athlete by name and therefore are non-transferable.

Eligible athletes that have been allocated a Bipartite Invitation slot may enter all events in which they are eligible to compete within, providing that the entry does not exceed the maximum of three (3) athletes from that respective CGA within the event, as detailed in section 2.3 of this Qualification System.

5 REALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

5.1 Direct Qualification Slots

If a Direct Qualification slot is declined by a CGA, or if acceptance of the Direct Qualification slot is not received by the Confirmation of Acceptance Deadline, then the CGF will reallocate the Direct Qualification slot in accordance with the qualification pathway to the next highest ranked athlete on the WPA Commonwealth Rankings not otherwise qualified, respecting the maximum number of athletes per CGA per event.

Where there are no eligible athletes remaining on the WPA Commonwealth Rankings, the remaining slots may be reallocated at the absolute discretion of the CGF and WPA and within any medal event on the Para Athletics programme.

5.2 Bipartite Invitation Slots

If a Bipartite Invitation slot is declined by a CGA, or if acceptance of the Bipartite Invitation slot is not received by the Confirmation of Acceptance Deadline, then the CGF will reallocate the Bipartite Invitation slot in accordance with the qualification pathway to the next eligible athlete with consideration for the Bipartite Invitation factors listed in section 3 of the Qualification System.

Where there are no further eligible Bipartite Invitation applicants, the remaining slots may be reallocated at the absolute discretion of the CGF and WPA and within any medal event on the Para Athletics programme.

The CGF and WPA reserve the right not to reallocate a Qualification slot, in the case that such reallocation may result in compromising the safety and integrity of the Para Athletics competition.

6 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to represent a CGA in the Para Athletics competition of G2026 an athlete must:

- Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review with a fixed review date of 2027 or later at the sport entries deadline of 23 June 2026;
- Hold an active WPA Licence for the 2026 season;
- Not currently be disqualified or suspended by the CGF, their CGA, WPA or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, WPA and the World Anti- Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the CGF to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed;
- Have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution; and
- Have complied with the minimum age regulations, as stipulated by WPA.

7 QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestones
01 January 2025	Para Athletics ranking period commences
16 March 2026	CGA deadline to submit Bipartite Invitation applications to the CGF

31 March 2026	Para Athletics ranking period closes
By 07 April 2026	CGF to issue Direct Qualification and Bipartite Invitation slots to CGAs
14 April 2026	Confirmation of Acceptance Deadline: CGAs to confirm acceptance of Direct Qualification and Bipartite Invitation slots
15 – 30 April 2026	Reallocation of returned qualification slots
23 June 2026	Glasgow 2026 Entry by Name Deadline
23 July – 02 August 2026	Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games