



## **2020 WPA European Championships - Bydgoszcz**

**3-7 June 2020**

### **Irish Selection Criteria**

#### **Selectors (subject to change by Paralympics Ireland):**

The WPA European championships Irish selection panel composition will comprise of the Head of Paralympics Athletics, The Paralympic Performance Director, The National throws coach, and a high performance professional with athletics expertise from Athletics Ireland.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The 2020 World Para Athletics European Championships take place from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 in Bydgoszcz. The main focus in 2020 is the Paralympic Games in Tokyo. The European Championships will provide a performance pathway towards the Paralympic Games, by giving Irish para athletes the opportunity to perform against their respective classification opponents in a high-level competition in the lead up to the Games.

The criteria outlined in this document is designed to ensure the selection of a high-performance team of Irish para Athletes in setting a MQS standard which is in line with the Tokyo HP qualification standards.

As the recognised National Paralympic Committee for Ireland by the IPC, Paralympics Ireland is responsible for all aspects of the participation of the Irish Para Athletics Team at the 2020 World Para Athletics European Championships.

This document outlines clearly to athletes and all stakeholders the means by which Paralympics Ireland will select the 2020 Irish Athletics Team for the Bydgoszcz 2020 WPA European Championships.

This document is subject to the terms and conditions of the World Para Athletics (WPA).

## **SELECTION PRINCIPLES**

The selection of the athletes to represent the Irish Para Athletics team at the 2020 World Para Athletics European Championships will where possible be conducted in accordance with the following underlying principles:

**Performance** – The selection of the Irish Team will be based on proven performance at major championships and other appropriate events. Criteria will benchmark performances across a range of athletic classes and disciplines in order to ensure selection is fair and equitable to all aspiring team members and to ensure only the most competitive athletes are selected and most likely to be competing at the Paralympic Games later the same year.

**Current Form** –Athlete eligibility for selection will include the requirement for specific performance level between the Periods of (1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020).

**Objective decision making** –Every effort has been made to ensure athletes are selected for the 2020 Irish Para Athletics team on the basis of ‘objective’ performance-based criteria. Any potential conflict of interest within the selection process will be closely monitored by the Performance Director of Paralympics Ireland (whose decision is final) and the conflict resolved accordingly should one arise.

### **1.0 Notes to Selection Criteria:**

- 1.1 Paralympics Ireland will be the final decision-making body in ratifying the position of all athletes and support staff on the Irish team at the 2020 WPA European Championships.
- 1.2 Paralympics Ireland will send a maximum of 10 athletes to the 2020 WPA European Championships.
- 1.3 Athletes to be selected based on performances on the Tokyo 2020 programme only.
- 1.4 These criteria are subject to gender specific athlete quota slots, if issued by WPA to Paralympics Ireland.
- 1.5 These criteria are subject to change, at the discretion of Paralympics Ireland, should IPC alter the Bydgoszcz 2020 WPA European Championships Qualification Guide at any stage. In this instance, these selection criteria may be reviewed and, if amended, will be re-issued in writing to each athlete on Paralympics Ireland Panels at that time.
- 1.6 Athletes will be considered for selection based on their best single performance in the Irish Team Qualification Period (1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020). This performance must have been achieved at a WPA Approved Competition.
- 1.7 Athletes may be entered in a range of events. For Track events The Head of Paralympic Athletics will determine which events athletes will be entered in. For field events the Head of Athletics in consultation with the National Throws Coach for field events will determine which events athletes will be entered in.

## **2.0 Eligibility for Selection Consideration:**

Athletes must:

- 2.1 Have completed the acceptance and acknowledgement forms as per the Paralympics Ireland Participant Rules as available on [www.paralympics.ie](http://www.paralympics.ie) as amended from time to time. In the case of minors this must be completed by parents/guardians.
- 2.2 Be 15 years of age on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- 2.3 Hold an active IPC Athletics Athlete License for the 2020 season.
- 2.4 Be internationally classified with a 'Review' or 'Confirmed' sport class status before the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- 2.5 Have achieved an IPC Tokyo 2020 High Performance Standard (HPS) at a WPA Approved Competition for their respective event. In the WPA qualification period.
- 2.6 Register an eligible performance within the Irish Qualification Period; otherwise the athlete will be ineligible for selection.
- 2.7 Have a minimum entry requirement of 85% of athlete ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the World on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019. (In line with high performance principle of sending competitive athletes who can showcase Paralympic athletics & inspire development & Grass-roots Paralympic athletes) Athletes with a percentage between 85% and 90% must have a performance graph that is tracking upwards in the last Paralympic cycle.

## **3.0 Criteria for selection:**

- 3.1 Medalists from the 2019 WPA World Championships will be automatically selected providing they satisfy all eligibility criteria & subject to clauses 3.3 and 3.4.
- 3.2 Places will be awarded to eligible athletes on the basis of greatest percentage of the medal zone mark. This is defined as the time or distance of the athlete ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> on the IPC Athletics World Ranking List on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.
  - 3.2.1 Where the percentage of the medal zone mark is tied to one percent for athletes competing for the second last quota place, the place will be awarded by the selectors based on their opinion of the eligible athlete most likely to be nearer the medal zone at the 2020 Paralympic Games.
  - 3.2.2 Where the percentage of the medal zone mark is tied to five percent for athletes competing for the final quota place, the final place will be awarded by the selectors based on their opinion of the eligible athlete most likely to be nearer the medal zone at the 2020 Paralympic Games.

- 3.2.3 For field events which are combined, the points to be used when calculating an athlete's best "Current Form Performance" will be the WPA 2020 point's calculation formula. Should the point's calculation formula used for the IPC World Ranking List differ from that used at the WPA European Championships, the IPC World Ranking List will be recalculated using the updated point's calculation formula for the purposes of Irish team selection.
- 3.2.4 All prospective team members may be subjected to a medical assessment by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) at his request or at the request of the sports selection committee or the Performance Director of Paralympics Ireland. To remain eligible for selection the CMO must certify to Paralympics Ireland that in his opinion, taking into account all the available information at the time, the athlete will be medically fit to compete at Bydgoszcz 2020 World Para Athletics European Championships. In making his decision, the CMO may seek further opinions from suitably qualified medical practitioners.
- 3.2.5 Paralympics Ireland retain the right (at its discretion) to withdraw athletes, from selection consideration or having being selected, from the Irish Para Athletics Team by:
- 3.2.6 Certification by the Chief Medical Officer of illness or injury sufficient enough to prevent the athlete from competing at a level commensurate with high performance athletes at Bydgoszcz 2020 World Para Athletics European Championships.
- 3.2.7 The athlete, if requested, failing to prove the fitness or performance capability necessary to compete at a high level at the Bydgoszcz 2020 World Para Athletics European Championships.
- 3.2.8 Failure to fully comply with their personal training and competition programme as agreed with the Head of Para athletics.
- 3.2.9 The Head of Paralympic Athletics, The National Coach, or the Performance Director ascertain that competing at the 2020 World Para Athletics European Championships will directly impact performance at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games

3.3 In the unlikely event of an athlete's Sport Class changing from the time of the qualifying performance to the time of final sports entry by Paralympics Ireland, the Selection Committee and Paralympics Ireland retain the right not to select the athlete unless, in the view of the selection committee and Paralympics Ireland, the athlete is deemed to be more competitive in the new Sport Class than athletes not selected.

3.4 The selection of team support staff for the 2020 WPA European Championships is the responsibility of the Head of Paralympic Athletics, subject to ratification by the Paralympic Performance Director.

**Timelines:**

<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action By</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019 March 21 <sup>st</sup> 2020	Qualification period for Irish athletes to achieve performances for consideration by the selection committee	Athletes
Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> 2020	Preliminary entry by Number	Head of Paralympics Athletics
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Selection meeting for IPC European Championships 2020	Selection Committee
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Closing date for submission of athlete and staff selection nominations to Paralympics Ireland. Submission to include copy of selection meeting minutes.	Head of Paralympics Athletics
TBC	Paralympics Ireland Board ratification and selected athletes notified in writing by the Paralympics Ireland President.	Paralympics Ireland Board and President.
April 28 <sup>th</sup> 2020	Deadline for NPCs to confirm the size of team delegation and the final entry by name via the online entry system	Head of Paralympics Athletics

<b>Event</b>	<b>HP Standard</b>
Men's 100 m T11	0:11.52
Men's 100 m T12	0:11.10
Men's 100 m T13	0:11.13
Men's 100 m T33	0:20.90
Men's 100 m T34	0:16.38
Men's 100 m T35	0:13.52
Men's 100 m T36	0:12.51
Men's 100 m T37	0:11.93
Men's 100 m T38	0:11.58
Men's 100 m T47	0:11.06
Men's 100 m T51	0:22.74
Men's 100 m T52	0:17.96
Men's 100 m T53	0:15.30
Men's 100 m T54	0:14.31
Men's 100 m T63	0:13.09
Men's 100 m T64	0:11.47
Men's 1500 m T11	4:21.42

Men's 1500 m T13	3:58.32
Men's 1500 m T20	3:59.93
Men's 1500 m T38	4:23.86
Men's 1500 m T46	4:05.39
Men's 1500 m T52	3:56.52
Men's 1500 m T54	2:55.21
Men's 200 m T35	0:28.29
Men's 200 m T37	0:24.22
Men's 200 m T51	0:42.84
Men's 200 m T61	0:28.00
Men's 200 m T64	0:23.65
Men's 400 m T11	0:54.34
Men's 400 m T12	0:50.40
Men's 400 m T13	0:51.00
Men's 400 m T20	0:49.87
Men's 400 m T36	0:59.36
Men's 400 m T37	0:55.12
Men's 400 m T38	0:54.36
Men's 400 m T47	0:50.15
Men's 400 m T52	1:03.27
Men's 400 m T53	0:50.74
Men's 400 m T54	0:46.75
Men's 400 m T62	0:55.15
Men's 5000 m T11	16:04.27
Men's 5000 m T13	15:11.47
Men's 5000 m T54	10:00.27
Men's 800 m T34	1:47.49
Men's 800 m T53	1:40.69
Men's 800 m T54	1:33.00
Men's Club Throw F32	30.72
Men's Club Throw F51	27.49
Men's Discus Throw F11	36.41
Men's Discus Throw F37	45.46
Men's Discus Throw F52	17.19
Men's Discus Throw F56	37.26
Men's Discus Throw F64	48.3
Men's High Jump T47	1.86
Men's High Jump T63	1.59
Men's High Jump T64	1.86
Men's Javelin F13	54.06
Men's Javelin F34	26.38
Men's Javelin F38	45.87
Men's Javelin F41	34.83
Men's Javelin F46	49.43
Men's Javelin F54	24

Men's Javelin F57	39.75
Men's Javelin F64	55.2
Men's Long Jump T11	5.99
Men's Long Jump T12	6.65
Men's Long Jump T13	6.3
Men's Long Jump T20	6.65
Men's Long Jump T36	5.02
Men's Long Jump T37	5.8
Men's Long Jump T38	5.61
Men's Long Jump T47	6.65
Men's Long Jump T63	5.42
Men's Long Jump T64	6.5
Men's Shot Put F11	11.63
Men's Shot Put F12	13.38
Men's Shot Put F20	14.22
Men's Shot Put F32	8.47
Men's Shot Put F33	8.88
Men's Shot Put F34	10.24
Men's Shot Put F35	13.45
Men's Shot Put F36	12.69
Men's Shot Put F37	12.69
Men's Shot Put F40	9.02
Men's Shot Put F41	10.65
Men's Shot Put F46	14.29
Men's Shot Put F53	7.12
Men's Shot Put F55	10.66
Men's Shot Put F57	12.49
Men's Shot Put F63	12.99
Women's 100 m T11	0:13.26
Women's 100 m T12	0:12.51
Women's 100 m T13	0:13.07
Women's 100 m T34	0:20.15
Women's 100 m T35	0:16.14
Women's 100 m T36	0:15.29
Women's 100 m T37	0:14.43
Women's 100 m T38	0:13.88
Women's 100 m T47	0:12.92
Women's 100 m T53	0:17.59
Women's 100 m T54	0:17.33
Women's 100 m T63	0:16.62
Women's 100 m T64	0:13.56
Women's 1500 m T11	4:56.28
Women's 1500 m T13	4:56.57
Women's 1500 m T20	4:57.48
Women's 1500 m T54	3:28.72

Women's 200 m T11	0:27.11
Women's 200 m T12	0:25.96
Women's 200 m T35	0:34.15
Women's 200 m T36	0:32.93
Women's 200 m T37	0:29.83
Women's 200 m T47	0:26.59
Women's 200 m T64	0:28.11
Women's 400 m T11	1:02.19
Women's 400 m T12	1:01.89
Women's 400 m T13	1:02.73
Women's 400 m T20	1:00.06
Women's 400 m T37	1:07.84
Women's 400 m T38	1:06.11
Women's 400 m T47	1:01.99
Women's 400 m T53	0:57.32
Women's 400 m T54	0:57.53
Women's 5000 m T54	11:45.61
Women's 800 m T34	2:36.74
Women's 800 m T53	1:52.50
Women's 800 m T54	1:51.21
Women's Club Throw F32	17.44
Women's Club Throw F51	11.92
Women's Discus Throw F11	26.35
Women's Discus Throw F38	26.05
Women's Discus Throw F41	22.6
Women's Discus Throw F53	11.62
Women's Discus Throw F55	19.45
Women's Discus Throw F57	26.68
Women's Discus Throw F64	28.9
Women's Javelin F13	33.04
Women's Javelin F34	13.8
Women's Javelin F46	32.89
Women's Javelin F54	13.71
Women's Javelin F56	16.98
Women's Long Jump T11	4.6
Women's Long Jump T12	4.93
Women's Long Jump T20	5.17
Women's Long Jump T37	4.06
Women's Long Jump T38	4.56
Women's Long Jump T47	5.05
Women's Long Jump T63	3.93
Women's Long Jump T64	5.14
Women's Shot Put F12	11.02
Women's Shot Put F20	11.92
Women's Shot Put F32	5.35

Women's Shot Put F33	5.59
Women's Shot Put F34	6.2
Women's Shot Put F35	6.57
Women's Shot Put F36	7.14
Women's Shot Put F37	8.88
Women's Shot Put F40	6.17
Women's Shot Put F41	7.85
Women's Shot Put F54	6.3
Women's Shot Put F57	9.35