



# Team Ireland Nomination & Selection Principles

## - European Para Youth Games 2025 -

Selecting athletes for Team Ireland to compete at the European Para Youth Games (EPYG) involves a comprehensive evaluation of eligibility, classification, performance standards, and potential for future success. The following eligibility criteria, selection principles and nomination process will apply to athletes and sports who wish to compete for Team Ireland at these championships. The process will be overseen by Paralympics Ireland (PI). Paralympics Ireland is the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) for Ireland, recognised by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). To be considered for selection, athletes and support personnel must be nominated by the National Governing Body (NGB) in accordance with steps outlined in this document.

### TEAM IRELAND OBJECTIVES |

- Enable athletes from multiple sports to experience Team Ireland operating norms including games time communication, travel, media requirements etc.
- To provide an opportunity for developing Team Ireland athletes and support personnel to gain experience at an international multi-sport championships.
- To build relationships and Team Ireland culture across sports in a multi-sport games environment.
- To develop leadership skills and high-performance behaviours in a multi-sport games environment.
- To increase collaboration with member sports/NGB's early in Paralympic cycle.



## 1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA |

**1.1 Nomination by National Governing Body (NGB):** Athletes and support personnel must be nominated by their NGB via the process outlined in the sections below.

**1.2 NGB Contact & Coach Support:** Athletes must have a named coach and/or point of contact in their NGB. They must be on a performance pathway with coaching support within the NGB and have an individual development plan for 2025. The NGB must be able to adequately resource and support the nominated athlete(s) at the EPYG Championships.

**1.3 Potential for Future Paralympic Games Qualification:** Athletes must have the potential to qualify for the LA 2028 and/or Brisbane 2032 Paralympic Games.

**1.4 Age Eligibility:** Athletes must be between 12 and 23 years old to participate. Please refer to the sport-specific age categories outlined in the accompanying attachment for further details.

**1.5 Nationality:** Participating athletes must hold the nationality of the NPC registering them (Irish).

**1.6 Classification:** Athletes must hold an international classification in their respective sport (with the Sport Class Status R, R-FRD or C) in advance of the EPYG Championships and be listed on the International Federation's (IF) Classification Masterlist.

OR

Provide a rationale as to why an individual would undergo international classification at the EPYG event in Istanbul for the first time (if this option is available to their respective sport).

**1.7 EPYG Sport Specific Entry Criteria:** Athletes must meet all additional sport specific entry criteria as outlined by EPYG in the accompanying attachment.

**1.8 Meet NGB Specific Eligibility Criteria:** Athletes must meet any sport specific entry criteria as set down by their NGB. National governing bodies may typically outline sport specific selection criteria, which may include:

- Past performance at national and international competitions.
- Demonstration of potential for future success at senior levels.
- Achievement of or progress towards sport specific performance standards.

NGB's should submit their selection policy and/or selection rationale to Paralympics Ireland in advance of confirming their nominated athletes and support personnel.



## 2. NOMINATION & SELECTION PRINCIPLES |

Alongside the minimum eligibility requirements listed above Paralympics Ireland will also consider the following principles when selecting the athletes to represent Team Ireland at EPG. NGB's are also strongly encouraged to consider these principles when nominating athletes to compete.

**2.1 Commitment to Continuous Development:** A demonstrated dedication to personal and athletic development, including a willingness to engage in ongoing training, education, and self-assessment, is essential. This commitment reflects an athlete's long-term potential and drive for excellence. NGB's may be asked to provide individual or group development plans which chart a course towards qualification for LA 2028 and/or Brisbane 2032.

**2.2 Health and Injury Management:** Proactive health management, including injury prevention strategies and adherence to medical advice, ensures athletes maintain peak physical condition.

**2.3 Psychological Resilience:** Assessing an athlete's maturity, coping strategies, and ability to handle pressure in a multi-sport environment.

**2.4 Ethical Conduct:** Adherence to ethical standards, respect for opponents, and demonstration of positive team behaviours are fundamental. These qualities foster a positive competitive environment and uphold the integrity of the sport. All athletes and support personnel who are selected to represent Team Ireland at EPG will be expected to complete the ADEL for National Level Athletes anti-doping education (<https://www.sportireland.ie/anti-doping-e-learning>) in advance of the championships.

NGB's should submit their selection policy and/or selection rationale to Paralympics Ireland in advance of confirming their nominated athletes and support personnel.

## 3. GENERAL CONDITIONS AND POLICIES INFORMATION |

**3.1** All nominated athletes and support personnel must be available to compete at EPG between July 21<sup>st</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> 2025. All nominated athletes and support personnel will also be expected to attend any pre games events that may be arranged by Paralympics Ireland.

**3.2** All nominated athletes must hold a valid Irish passport with an expiry date at least 6 months after the end of the Games i.e., on or after 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

**3.3** All nominated support personnel must hold a valid passport with an expiry date at least 6 months after the end of the Games i.e., on or after 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

**3.4** All nominated support personnel must have completed Garda vetting via their nominating NGB.



**3.5** Nominated athletes and support personnel must not have acted in such a manner so as not to bring himself/herself, the NGB, the sport, the IPC, EPC, EPYG Organising Committee or PI into public disrepute.

**3.6** Nominated athletes must not be the subject of a doping violation or suspension. All selected athletes and support personnel will be expected to complete the ADEL for National Level Athletes (<https://www.sportireland.ie/anti-doping-e-learning>).

**3.7** All Paralympics Ireland safeguarding and complaints/disciplinary procedures can be found [here](#). Any safeguarding concerns can be raised directly with our Safeguarding Officer Tara Evans 01 625 1175 or [Tara@paralympics.ie](mailto:Tara@paralympics.ie).

**3.8** Should a team member require to be absent from Team Ireland for any time within the Games period in Istanbul they must do so with the written consent of the Chef de Mission.

## 4. NOMINATION & SELECTION PROCESS |

**4.1** NGB's must nominate both athletes and support personnel they wish to put forward for selection for EPYG to Paralympics Ireland by close of business on **05/05/2025**. All nominations should meet the nomination and selection principles outlined in this document.

NGB's should submit their selection policy and/or selection rationale to Paralympics Ireland in advance of confirming their nominated athletes and support personnel.

Nominations must be submitted via the online application forms below

**Athlete/Team Nomination Form:** <https://forms.office.com/e/ZXUVukZ2dZ>

**Support Personnel Nomination Form:** <https://forms.office.com/e/eb4DngSsiz>

**4.2** Once final nominations are received Paralympics Ireland will convene a selection panel to review all nominations and to provisionally select the final list of participants to represent Team Ireland at EPYG. This panel will be convened on or before **08/05/2025**. All selections and/or non-selections will be communicated to NGB's/athletes as soon as possible.

**4.3** Athletes/support personnel selections will be finalised once they have signed and returned their team member agreements, PI Participation Rules and any other relevant documentation requested by Paralympics Ireland. All selections are made pending receipt of such documentation within the defined timeline which will be communicated by Paralympics Ireland in due course.

**4.4** Once final selections are confirmed Paralympics Ireland will submit the list of entries to the EPYG organising committee. The closing date for entries to be submitted is **14/05/2025**.