

SPORTS SELECTION CRITERIA – PARA-ATHLETICS¹
TOKYO 2020 PARALYMPIC GAMES

Sport	Para-Athletics
Team Leader	James Nolan
Selection Committee	<p>The following are the Members of the Athletics Selection Committee.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. James Nolan PI Head of Paralympic Athletics-Chairman 2. Allison O’Riordan, National Paralympics Throws Coach 3. Athletics Ireland High Performance or AI HP Staff Member - TBA <p>This Selection Committee shall nominate athletes to Paralympics Ireland for consideration to be selected to the 2020 Games Team in accordance with the provisions of this selection criteria and the “2020 Irish Paralympic Team Selection Principles and Criteria policy” (the PI Policy).</p>
General Notes to Selection Criteria	<p style="text-align: center;">1. <u>Additional notes specific to Para-Athletics:</u></p> <p>These criteria have been amended following the re-scheduling of the Tokyo 2020 Games to 2021.</p> <p>(i) These criteria are subject to gender specific athlete quota slots being issued by WPA to Paralympics Ireland. Meeting the criteria in this document does not guarantee selection to compete for Team Ireland at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games rescheduled to take place in August & September 2021.</p> <p>(ii) Note: Paralympics Ireland is the recognised National Paralympic Committee for Ireland and therefore has the sole and exclusive power to determine participation at the Games. Therefore, any reference to “selection” in these criteria, means a selection process which is subject to review and ratification process by PI as set out in the Irish Paralympic Team “Selection Principles and Criteria” document.</p> <p>1.1 Qualification slots are allocated to Paralympics Ireland and not the Individual athlete.</p> <p>1.2 Paralympics Ireland will be the final decision-making body in ratifying the position of all athletes and support staff on the 2020 Irish Paralympic Athletics Team.</p> <p>1.3 These criteria are subject to gender specific athlete quota slots being issued by World Para Athletics (WPA) to Paralympics Ireland.</p>

¹ This document should be read in conjunction with the “2020 Irish Paralympic Team Selection Principles & Criteria”

	<p>1.4 The acceptance of all athlete quota slots issued to Ireland is at the sole discretion of the PI Board. For clarity, PI may not select more athletes than are permitted to be selected under the quota system but may select fewer athletes in its absolute discretion.</p> <p>1.5 These criteria are subject to review and change by PI. (e.g. if World Para Athletics alter the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide at any stage). Any amendments will be re-issued in writing to each athlete on the official Paralympics Ireland Athletic Panel at that time.</p>
<p>Eligibility for Selection Consideration</p>	<p><u>2. Additional eligibility criteria specific to athletics:</u></p> <p>HPS = High Performance Standard. -MES = Minimum Entry Standard</p> <p>2.1 Athletes (and parents/guardians for minors) must have completed the acceptance and acknowledgement forms as per the Paralympics Ireland Participant Rules as available on www.paralympics.ie</p> <p>2.2 An athlete must hold an active World Para Athletics license for the 2021 season.</p> <p>2.3 Athlete must be 15 years of age on June 27th, 2021.</p> <p>2.4 Have completed the Paralympics Ireland Tokyo 2020 Team Member Agreement</p> <p>2.5 The athlete must be internationally classified with a ‘Confirmed’ sport class status or a ‘Review’ sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2021.</p> <p>2.6 The athlete must have achieved one (1) Minimum Entry Standard (MES) performance at a World Para Athletics (WPA) recognized competition (IPC Competition, WPA Sanctioned Competition, or WPA Approved Competition) for each of their respective events between 1 October 2018 and 27th June 2021 in accordance with IPC Athlete Licensing Programme Policies valid for the 2018-2021 seasons.</p> <p>2.7 Register an eligible performance within the Irish Team Qualification Period (1st April 2019- 27th June 2021, Marathon 1st January 2019- 27th June 2021); otherwise, the athlete will be ineligible for selection.</p>
<p>Criteria for Selection</p>	<p><u>3. Criteria for Selection</u></p> <p>3.1. The athlete will be considered for selection based on their best single performance in the Irish Team Qualification Period 1st April 2019 – 27th June 2021. *Marathon (1st January 2019 – 27th June 2021). This performance must have been achieved at a World Para Athletics (WPA) recognized competition (IPC Competition, WPA Sanctioned Competition, or WPA Approved Competition) in</p>

accordance with IPC Athlete Licensing Programme Policies valid for the 2018-2021 seasons.

- 3.2.** A Gold or Silver medallist at IPC World Championships 2019 will be automatically selected providing they satisfy all eligibility criteria & satisfy clause 3.6
- 3.3.** Athletes with a WPA High Performance Standard (HPS) and where the total no of athletes with HPS is lower than the available athlete quota places per gender will be selected.
- 3.4.** Where the no. of athlete quota places per gender exceeds the no. of athletes per gender with an HPS, eligible athletes with a MES may be considered for the remaining athlete quota slots based on highest percentage compared to the athlete ranked 3rd in the world on WPA year-end World Rankings 31 December 2019.
- 3.5.** Where the total no. of athletes per gender with an HPS exceeds the no. of athlete quota slots per gender, 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 3rd on the WPA Athletics World Ranking List on December 31st 2019.
 - a.** 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 following consideration of:
 - Performance progress made by each eligible athlete in their respective disciplines since the WPA World Championships, Dubai 2019.
 - The selection committee opinion of the eligible athlete most likely to be nearer the medal zone at the 2020 Paralympic Games.
 - b.** 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 following consideration of:
 - Performance progress made by each eligible athlete in their respective disciplines since the WPA World Championships in Dubai 2019.
 - The opinion of the Selection Committee on the eligible athlete most likely to be nearer the medal zone at the 2020 Paralympic Games.
 - c.** In the unlikely event of combined events: For field events which are combined, the points to be used when calculating an athlete's best "Current Form Performance" will be the

World Para Athletics 2021 point's calculation formula (if needed). Should the points calculation formula used for the WPA World Ranking List differ from that used at the 2020 Paralympic Games, the IPC World Ranking List will be recalculated using the updated points calculation formula for the purposes of Irish team selection.

3.6. In determining selection, consideration may also be given (at the discretion of the selection committee) to the factors set out in section 8 (the "General Selection Principles") of the 2020 Irish Paralympic Team Selection Principles document.

3.7. All eligible athletes will be required to maintain trainability and performance targets from time of selection to the conclusion of the 2020 Paralympic Games. Trainability and performance targets shall be agreed between the Head of Paralympic Athletics and the athlete. Athletes failing to maintain trainability and performance targets may result in the athlete being withdrawn from the team.

3.8. Athletes should be fit to train/compete at the time of selection consideration. All prospective team members may be subjected to a full medical assessment by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) at his request or at the request of Paralympics Ireland. To remain eligible for selection the CMO must certify to Paralympics Ireland that the athlete is fully fit to participate in training at the time of assessment and that following consultation with the coach and management of the Paralympic athletics squad that in all probability the athlete will be medically fit to compete at the 2020 Paralympic Games.

3.9. Bi-partite Commission Invitations for Track & Field athletes will only be considered if athletes have a HPS achieved in line with criterion 2.5 above. They must also qualify under criteria 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 as listed above and the 2020 Paralympics Ireland Selection Criteria & Principles.

3.10. 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.

4. Nomination of Team Support Staff

The Nomination of team support staff in camp and competition prior to and during the Paralympic Games 2020 is the sole responsibility of the appointed Team Manager by Paralympics Ireland and subject to ratification by Chef de Mission and Paralympics Ireland.

Sport Specific Timelines:

- **1st April 2019 to 27th June 2021**
 - Qualification period for Irish Athlete to achieve eligible Minimum Entry Standards for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.
- **1st April 2019 to 27th June 2021**
 - Qualification period for Irish Athletes to achieve performances for consideration by the sports selection committee (Marathon 1st Jan 2019-June 27th 2021)
- **29th June 2021**
 - Sports Selection Committee meeting to nominate athletes for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games to Paralympics Ireland
- **July Tbc**
 - PI Board meeting to 'provisionally' select the 2020 Irish Paralympic Team & notify athletes of their selection/non-selection week of July 5th tbc.
- **July Tbc**
 - Athlete appeals period to Sport Dispute Solutions Ireland (SDSI) as set out in the 2020 Irish Paralympic Team Selection principles and criteria section 10.