



World Para Athletics Championships Dubai 2019 Selection Criteria

November 7-15th

INTRODUCTION

The World Para Athletics Championships takes place in Dubai, from the 7th to the 15th November 2019.

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 World Para Athletics championships..

This document outlines clearly to athletes and all stakeholders the means by which Paralympics Ireland will select the 2019 Irish Para Athletics Team.

This document is subject to the terms and conditions of the Dubai 2019 World Para Athletics championships Qualification criteria and event program.

1. SELECTION PRINCIPLES

The selection of the athletes to represent the Irish Para Athletics team at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships will where possible be conducted in accordance with the following underlying principles:

1.1 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 sports 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 that the maximum number of medals are won, ensuring Ireland maximises Athletics slot allocation to Ireland for the 2020 Paralympic games.

1.2 Current Form – Athlete eligibility for selection will include the requirement for specific performance level between the Period of 1st May 2018 - 30th August 2019.

1.3 Objective decision making – Every effort has been made to ensure athletes are selected for the 2019 Irish Para Athletics team Dubai WPA Championships 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.

Selection committee (subject to change by Paralympics Ireland): Para Athletics World championship selection committee.

2.0 Notes to Selection Criteria:

- 2.1 Paralympics Ireland will send a maximum of 11 athletes to the World Para Athletics Championships 2019
- 2.2 Paralympics Ireland will be the final decision-making body in ratifying the position of all athletes and support staff on the 2019 Irish Para-Athletics Team.
- 2.3 These criteria are subject to change, at the discretion of Paralympics Ireland, should World Para Athletics alter the Dubai 2019 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 the official Paralympics Ireland Panel at that time.
- 2.4 Athlete quota slots are allocated to Paralympics Ireland and not the Individual athlete.
- 2.5 Athletes will be considered for selection based on their best single performance in the Irish Team Qualification Period 1st May 2018 - 30th August 2019. This performance must have been achieved at a World Para Athletics Approved Competition.
- 2.6 Athletes may be entered into a range of events. The Head of Paralympic Athletics will determine which events athletes will be entered in.
- 2.7 To be considered for selection, athlete's main qualification event must be on both the Dubai 2019 World Para Athletics Championships and Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Programme.
- 2.8 Where a selector has a direct family relationship to or is a personal coach of an athlete, they will step out of the process for any discussion relating to the relevant athlete(s).

3.0 Eligibility for Selection Consideration:

Athletes must:

- 3.1 Have completed the acceptance and acknowledgement forms as per the Paralympics Ireland Participant Rules as available on www.paralympics.ie as amended from time to time. (and parents/guardians for minors)
- 3.2 Be at least 15 years of age on 30th August 2019.
- 3.3 Hold an active World Para Athletics Athlete License for the 2019 season.
- 3.4 Be internationally classified with a 'Review' or 'Confirmed' sport class status before the 30th August 2019
- 3.5 Have achieved a Qualification Standard (AQS) for the World Para Athletics, World Championships in Dubai 2019 at an IPC Athletics Approved Competition for their respective event between 1st May 2018 and 30th August 2019.

3.6 Register an eligible performance within the Irish Qualification Period; otherwise the athlete will be ineligible for selection.

4.0 Criteria for selection:

4.1 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 IPC Athletics World Ranking List on December 31st, 2018. *For combined events on the Dubai 2019 event programme, the World Para Athletics 2019 Points Calculation Formula will be used to generate a combine World Ranking List (if needed) for the purposes of determining the appropriate medal zone mark.*

4.1.1 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 following consideration of:

- Their opinion of the eligible athlete most likely to be nearer the medal zone at the World Para Athletics Championships 2019.
- Performance progress made by each eligible athlete in their respective disciplines since the most recent global championships, London 2017 & current form.
- Their opinion of the eligible athlete most likely to be nearer the medal zone at the 2020 Paralympic Games.

4.1.2 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 following consideration of

- Their opinion of the eligible athlete most likely to be nearer the medal zone at the World Para Athletics Championships 2019.
- Performance progress made by each eligible athlete in their respective disciplines since the most recent global championships, London 2017 & immediate current form. (1st June 2019 to 30th August 2019)
- Their opinion of the eligible athlete most likely to be nearer the medal zone at the 2020 Paralympic Games.

4.1.3 For field events which are combined, the points to be used when calculating an athlete's best "Performance in Irish Qualification window" will be the World Para Athletics 2019 point's calculation formula (if needed). Should the point's calculation formula used for the World Para Athletics Ranking List differ from that used at the World Para Athletics Championships 2019, the World Para Athletics Ranking List will be recalculated using the updated point's calculation formula for the purposes of Irish team selection.

4.2 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 Head of Paralympic Athletics 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 the **World Para Athletics Championships Dubai**. In making his decision, the CMO may seek further opinions from suitably qualified medical practitioners

4.3 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.

4.4 The nomination of team support staff for the World Para Athletics Championships 2019 is the sole responsibility of the Head of Paralympic Athletics, subject to ratification by Paralympics Ireland.

5.0 Athlete Commitments

5.1 Full Team commitments will be confirmed following selection. All athletes will be required to;

5.1.1 In terms of being considered for Selection, Panel Athletes must ensure that remain committed to their Para Athletics program as agreed with the Head of Paralympics athletics.

5.1.2 Not take holidays between the Selection and the World Championships.

5.1.3 Make themselves available for all Team activities designated by the Head of Paralympics Athletics. No Team member will be allowed to leave a National Team camp or undertake any activities that are not directly relevant to the National Team camp, including any external media, sponsor or social activities. Failure to attend the required activities could result in deselection to the Team. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities can be given by the Head of Paralympics Athletics.

Timelines:

Timeline	Action	Action By
1st May 2018 - 30 th August 2019	Qualification period for Irish athletes to achieve performances for consideration by the selection committee	Athletes
5 th September 2019	Selection Committee meeting for World Para Athletics Championships 2019	Selection Committee
6 th September 2019	Closing date for submission of athlete and staff selection nominations to Paralympics Ireland. Submission to include copy of selection meeting minutes.	Athletics Team Manager
TBC	Paralympics Ireland Board meeting to consider selection recommendations	Paralympics Ireland Board
TBC	Paralympics Ireland Board meeting to ratify Irish Paralympic Athletics Team for World Para Athletics Championships 2019	Paralympics Ireland board

TBC September 2019	Selected athletes notified in writing	Paralympics Ireland President
TBC September 2019	Irish Paralympic Athletics Team announcement	Paralympics Ireland