

Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games: 23 July – 02 August 2026

PARA BOWLS – International Bowls for the Disabled

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

1 INTRODUCTION

The Para Bowls Qualification System consists of three (3) methods of qualification for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games ('G2026'):

1. Automatic Qualification – Host CGA
2. Direct Qualification – 2023 World Bowls Championships
3. Bipartite Invitation

2 MEDAL EVENTS & QUALIFICATION SLOTS

2.1 Para Bowls Medal Events

Women's Medal Event	Eligible Sport Classes
Women's Pairs B6 – B8*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B5/6/7/8
Men's Medal Event	Eligible Sport Classes
Men's Pairs B6 – B8*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B5/6/7/8
Mixed Medal Event	Eligible Sport Classes
Mixed Pairs B2 – B3**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B1/2/3

*For the Men's Pairs B6 – B8 and Women's Pairs B6 – B8 medal events, the maximum cumulative point score for each pair is 14 points. The cumulative point score is determined by combining the sport classes of both athletes entered within that medal event. For the avoidance of doubt, the sport class of an individual athlete is worth the actual number value (i.e. sport class B5 is worth 5 points, sport class B6 is worth 6 points, sport class B7 is worth 7 points, B8 is worth 8 points).

** For the Mixed Pairs B2 – B3 medal event, the maximum cumulative point score for each pair is 5 points. The cumulative point score is determined by combining the sport classes of both athletes entered within that medal event. For the avoidance of doubt, the sport class of an individual athlete is worth the actual number value (i.e. sport class B1 is worth 1 point; sport class B2 is worth 2 points, B3 is worth 3 points).

2.2 Para Bowls Qualification Slots

Women's Medal Event	Maximum Qualification Slots
Women's Pairs B6 – B8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pairs (12 athletes)
Men's Medal Event	Maximum Qualification Slots
Men's Pairs B6 – B8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pairs (12 athletes)
Mixed Medal Event	Maximum Qualification Slots
Mixed Pairs B2 – B3*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pairs (12 athletes)

*All twelve (12) athletes entered in the Mixed Pairs B2 – B3 are entitled to one (1) Director each.

2.3 Maximum Number of Athletes per CGA per event

Sport	Gender	Entries
Para Bowls	Women's Event	1 pair (2 female athletes) per CGA
	Men's Event	1 pair (2 male athletes) per CGA
	Mixed Event	1 pair (1 male and 1 female athlete) per CGA

3 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

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

Qualification Method	Qualification Detail
1. Automatic Qualification Host CGA	The Host CGA (CGA SCO) shall be issued with an Automatic Qualification slot for 1 pair (2 athletes) per medal event.
2. Direct Qualification 2023 World Bowls Championships	The top three (3) ranked CGAs (excluding the Host CGA) within the respective medal event from the 2023 World Bowls Championships will be allocated a Direct Qualification slot.
3. Bipartite Invitation IBD and CGF Bipartite Invitation	Two (2) Bipartite Invitation slots for two (2) pairs will be issued per medal event. CGAs must submit their applications for Bipartite Invitation slots to the CGF by 31 July 2025 . The allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots is made at the

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	<p>absolute discretion of IBD and the CGF. In making these decisions, IBD 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. Results taken from IBD Sanctioned Events; and • Any other factor(s) considered relevant by IBD and the CGF. <p>The allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots shall be made by the CGF Director of Sport (or their appointed designate) and the IBD President (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

4.1 Automatic Qualification Slots

The CGF will confirm in writing to the Host CGA (CGA SCO) of the allocation of Automatic Qualification slots by **01 August 2025**. The Host CGA will then have ten (10) days to respond to the CGF to confirm acceptance of the allocated Automatic Qualification slots in accordance with section 7 (Qualification Timeline) of this Qualification System.

All Automatic Qualification slots are awarded to the CGA.

4.2 Direct Qualification Slots

The CGF will confirm in writing to the respective CGAs of the allocation of Direct Qualification slots by **01 August 2025**. The CGAs will then have ten (10) 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 the CGA.

4.3 Bipartite Invitation Slots

The CGF will confirm in writing to the respective CGAs by **11 August 2025** of the allocation of Bipartite Invitation Slots. The CGAs will then have ten (10) 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 the CGA.

5 REALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

5.1 Automatic Qualification Slots

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

Where there are no eligible Bipartite Invitation applicants remaining, slots may be reallocated at the absolute discretion of the CGF and IBD.

5.2 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 CGA (excluding the Host CGA) in the respective medal event from the 2023 World Bowls Championships.

Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining, slots may be reallocated at the absolute discretion of the CGF and IBD.

5.3 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 CGA with consideration for the Bipartite Invitation factors listed in section 3 of this 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 IBD.

The CGF and IBD 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 Bowls competition.

6 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be internationally classified by the IBD only 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;
- Not currently be disqualified or suspended by the CGF, their CGA, IBD or World Bowls or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, IBD, World Bowls 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 IBD.

7 QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestones
31 July 2025	CGA deadline to submit Bipartite Invitation applications to the CGF
By 01 August 2025	CGF to issue Automatic and Direct Qualification slots to CGAs
By 11 August 2025	Confirmation of Acceptance Deadline: CGAs to confirm their acceptance of Automatic and Direct qualification slots
12 August – 02 September 2025	Reallocation of returned Qualification slots
By 12 August 2025	CGF to issue Bipartite Invitation slots to CGAs
By 22 August 2025	Confirmation of Acceptance Deadline: CGAs to confirm their acceptance of Bipartite Invitation slots
23 June 2026	Glasgow 2026 Entry by Name Deadline
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