

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PARALYMPIC WHEELCHAIR TENNIS EVENT, LOS ANGELES 2028

- 1) Save as provided in these rules, to be eligible to be nominated for and participate in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event at the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games a player must fulfil the following eligibility criteria:
 - i) The player must satisfy and comply with the provisions of the International Paralympic Committee's Handbook in force from time to time, including but not limited to Section 1, Chapter 3 (General rules and principles for participation in the Paralympic Games) or any replacement or successor provision.
 - ii) The player must be eligible to represent the country of the National Association and National Paralympic Committee that nominates the player by satisfying the Eligibility of a Player or Captain to Represent a Nation rule contained in the ITF Regulations for Wheelchair Tennis in force at the time of the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games.
 - iii) The player must be in good standing with his/her National Association in accordance with the ITF Regulations for Wheelchair Tennis in force at the time of the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games.
 - iv) The player must be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or with a 'Fixed Review Date' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2028 in accordance with the ITF Regulations for Wheelchair Tennis in force at the time of the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games.
 - v) The player must have fulfilled the minimum participation requirement by being part of the final nominated team and present onsite for the World Team Cup Events (including qualifying and Junior World Team Cup) for a minimum of two (2) years in the four-year Paralympic Cycle provided that one of those years is either 2027 or 2028.
- 2) Where the player has not met the minimum participation requirement set out at paragraph v) above, the relevant decision-maker (the "Panel") as specified in the Regulations for the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event may exercise its discretion to rule that a player who satisfies all other eligibility criteria is considered eligible for nomination for and participation in the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event when taking into consideration special circumstances including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a) **Injury/Illness:** The injury or illness must be evidenced through authorised medical records, clearly identifying the period of absence from all competitive wheelchair tennis.
 - b) **Newcomer to World Team Cup:** A player only reaches a ranking level sufficient for World Team Cup selection by his/her National Association during the latter part of the Paralympic Cycle.
 - c) **Strength of Nation:** A nation has a large number of highly-ranked players resulting in competition for selection, which limits a player's opportunities to participate in World Team Cup Events during the Paralympic Cycle.

- d) **Non-participation of a Nation:** A nation is unable to enter a team for the World Team Cup Events (details must be presented to the Panel for consideration).
- e) **Commitment to and Achievement at the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event and/or World Team Cup:** A player's historical participation and/or achievements in one or both competitions.

For the purpose of these rules, Paralympic Cycle means the period commencing on Monday 9 September 2024 and ending on Monday 5 June 2028 **(date tbc)**.

The ITF will publish the Regulations for the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event (the "Regulations") that will set out, among other things:

- these eligibility rules, subject to any amendment as issued by the IPC and/or the ITF;
- conditions of entry to the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event, binding upon the National Paralympic Committees, National Associations and players; and
- the requirements for the filing of any application to the Panel.

The ITF will publish the Qualification System for the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event (the "Qualification System") that will set out, among other things, the rules, procedures and criteria for qualification to participate in the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event.

These eligibility rules are subject to such further supplementary, additional or amending rules as are issued by the International Paralympic Committee and/or the ITF in the Regulations, the Qualification System or otherwise prior to the commencement of the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event.