

Qualification System for 2022 IWRF World Championship

The purpose of this document is to detail the rules governing qualification for the 2022 IWRF Wheelchair Rugby World Championship.

Twelve countries (Member Nations) will be invited to participate in the 2022 IWRF World Championship.

Member Nation Eligibility

National Member Organizations must:

- Be a member in good standing
- Have played in at least one International Wheelchair Rugby Federation (IWRF) Championship or competition sanctioned international event during the period for teams to obtain eligibility (see timeline below)

Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible to compete an athlete must:

- Have a valid IWRF sport class
- Classification panels will be present at this event

Individual Participants (athletes, coaches and support staff):

- Must be licensed with the IWRF's Membership and Licensing System
- Have completed the IWRF recognized anti-doping education program. Details of this will be made available to members and on the website

Qualification Slots will be allocated as follows:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
Host Country Allocation	<p>The host country directly qualifies one (1) team subject to being ranked on the IWRF World Ranking List at the end of the period for teams to obtain eligibility (see below)</p> <p>The IWRF will determine the suitability of the host country eligibility in accordance with its rules and regulations. Should the host country not meet the minimum eligibility criteria this spot will be reallocated, at the end of the period for teams to obtain eligibility, to the next highest ranked member, not already qualified, on the IWRF World Ranking List.</p>	1

2021/22 IWRF Americas Championship Allocation	<p>The three (3) highest ranked Member Nations (not otherwise qualified) from the 2021/22 IWRF Americas Championship directly qualify</p> <p>If the 2021/22 IWRF Americas Championship is not held, these will be allocated to the three (3) highest ranked Member Nations from the Region (not otherwise qualified) on the IWRF Wheelchair Rugby World Ranking List at the end of the period for teams to obtain eligibility (see below) qualify</p>	3
2021/22 IWRF Asia Oceania Championship Allocation	<p>The three (3) highest ranked Member Nations (not otherwise qualified) from the 2021/22 IWRF Asia-Oceania Championship directly qualify</p> <p>If the 2021/22 IWRF Asia-Oceania Championship is not held, these will be allocated to the three (3) highest ranked Member Nations from the Region (not otherwise qualified) on the IWRF Wheelchair Rugby World Ranking List at the end of the period for teams to obtain eligibility (see below) qualify</p>	3
2021/22 IWRF European Championship Allocation	<p>The four (4) highest ranked Member Nations (not otherwise qualified) from the 2021/22 IWRF European Championship directly qualify</p> <p>If the 2021/22 IWRF European Championship is not held, these will be allocated to the four (4) highest ranked Member Nations from the Region (not otherwise qualified) on the IWRF Wheelchair Rugby World Ranking List at the end of the period for teams to obtain eligibility (see below) qualify</p>	4
IWRF World Ranking List Allocation	The highest ranked Member Nation (not otherwise qualified) on the IWRF World Ranking List at the end of the period for teams to obtain eligibility.	1
Total		12

Timeline

June 1, 2021	Start of the period for teams to attend IWRF sanctioned events to obtain eligibility
2021 TBC (Proposed hosting timeframe December 2021)	IWRF 2021/22 IWRF Americas Championship
2022 TBC (Proposed hosting timeframe Feb 2022 – April 2022)	IWRF 2021/22 IWRF Asia-Oceania Championship
2022 TBC (Proposed hosting timeframe Feb 2022 – April 2022)	IWRF 2021/22 IWRF European Championship
On completion of the final Zone Championship	The IWRF World Ranking List will be updated. Allocation of the highest ranked Member (not otherwise qualified) on the IWRF World Ranking List
May 1, 2022	End of the period for teams to attend IWRF sanctioned events to obtain eligibility
May 8, 2022	IWRF confirms in writing to the Member Nations the allocation of team qualification spots
May 22, 2022	Member Nation confirms in writing to IWRF the use of the allocated team qualification slot
May 31, 2022	IWRF confirms in writing to Member Nation the reallocation of unused team qualification slots

Confirmation Process of Allocated Spots

By May 22, 2022 each qualified Member Nation must confirm to the IWRF in writing or via email if they wish to use their allocated spot. Member Nation's that have not responded by this date will lose their team qualification spot, and the IWRF may reallocate these spots.

By May 31, 2022 IWRF will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused Member Nation qualification spots.

Reallocation of Unused Allocated Spots

If a country on the qualification list chooses to decline the invitation, a reallocation will be created and assigned to the next highest-ranked country on the World Ranking List that has not already qualified, as long as it meets the general requirements detailed above.

Note: Due to the unprecedented circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic, where required, the IWRF reserves the right to determine qualification or allocation based on the best information and rationale available. This would be done under exceptional circumstances only.

For further information

All questions regarding the qualification process should be directed to the Chair of the IWRF Competitions Committee, Kathy Newman at knewman@iwrf.com
