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The 2026 WWR World Championships Qualification Tournament will be held between **February and April of 2026**. This tournament will determine the final three countries to qualify for the 2026 WWR World Championships in Sao Paolo, Brazil.

The Qualification Tournament will be WWR Licensed at full competition level. Athlete classification **will** take place at the event.

The Tournament will include up to eight teams selected by WWR, including the host country.

All bids should be submitted and will be evaluated based on planning for an eight-team tournament.

Host Application

Countries interested in hosting the 2026 WWR World Championships Qualification Tournament are invited to complete the attached Host Application. This is to be completed in full, providing details on your plans for hosting the event. The Event Requirements document provides details on the minimum required standards for the event.

To be eligible to submit a Host Application, countries must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be a member of good standing with the WWR.
2. Countries must have a position on the WWR World Ranking List
3. Countries must have attended or be registered to attend one of the events on the qualification pathway for the 2026 WWR World Championships:
 - 2025 WWR European Championship Division A
 - 2025 WWR Americas Championship
 - 2025 WWR Asia-Oceania Championship
 - 2025 WWR Asian Regional Competition
 - 2025 WWR South American Regional Competition

The Host Application must be submitted to WWR no later than 24th November 2025.

With the short time between the close of applications and the event, countries are encouraged to submit applications early. Evaluation of Host Applications will be conducted on an ongoing basis starting before the application deadline if possible.

Host Applications will be accepted from countries that do not yet know their qualification status for the 2026 World Championships (i.e. which have not yet attended a qualifying event). Applications from these countries may be withdrawn without penalty following their attendance at a qualifying event, if they qualify for 2026 World Championships at that time.

Bid Fee

Each bid organization must submit a Bid Fee of USD2500 to WWR, no later than 28th November 2025. The bid fee will be used to cover the costs to WWR of the Host Selection Process. Bid fees must be received before a site evaluation or visit is conducted.

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Site Evaluation

Following completion of the Host Application and submission of the Bid Fee, WWR may shortlist the bids before conducting site evaluations of the bidding cities. Bids not shortlisted will be refunded 90% of the bid fee.

One representative appointed by WWR may visit to verify the information in the Host Application and to confirm that the bid meets all Event Requirements. Costs for travel for the Site Evaluation will be paid by WWR; the bid organization is responsible for local costs including accommodation (single occupancy), local transportation, and meals.

Site evaluations will take place (if required). WWR will contact each bid organization upon receipt of the completed Host Application to determine possible dates for a Site Evaluation and any bid presentation. WWR may determine to perform the site evaluation virtually if appropriate all bid presentations are expected to be made virtually. Separate details will be provided if bid presentations are required.

Site Selection

Following the Site / Bid Evaluations, a WWR Site Selection Committee will make the final decision on which bid will be awarded the right to host the 2026 WWR World Championships Qualification Tournament. The final decision will be made no later than 19th December 2025.

The selection committee will consider all information provided through the bid documents and any site visit.

Key dates:

29 September 2025 Opening of Host Selection Process

24 November 2025 Applications from Asia-Oceania region may be withdrawn without penalty

24 November 2025 Last date to submit Host Applications

15 December 2025 Last date for Site Evaluation visits / virtual

19 December 2025 Site Selection and announcement.

**All Dates and timings are subject to change.
Any changes will be notified to those organisations that have placed a bid.**

If you have any questions regarding the site selection process or require more information, please contact office@worldwheelchair.rugby

Best regards,

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