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PATHWAY AND TIMELINE

The 2026 World Championship Qualification Tournament will be implemented again based on feedback from the membership.

Previously, the winner of the World Championship would qualify for the Paralympic Games and the winner of the Paralympic Games would qualify for the World Championship. These slots are no longer awarded. This has been reviewed again and we will repeat this again for this cycle.

2026 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

We aim to confirm the World Championship host in late 2023.

The South American Region will be targeted to host the Americas Zone Championship. The top 2 teams will qualify for the World Championships.

The Asia Region will be targeted to host the Asia-Oceania Zone Championship this means the number of teams attending the event can be maximized. Top 2 teams qualify directly to the World Championship.

The European Championship Division A and the remaining divisional structure has returned to the original three division format. The Top 4 qualify directly to the World Championship. The European Division format is being reviewed so this may be subject to change within the current 4-year cycle.

WWR aim to host smaller regional qualification events in both the South American and Asian regions in 2025, and hopefully similar events every year after this. Events in 2026 and 2028 will qualify teams to attend their respective 2027 and 2029 Zone Championship.

2026 World Championship - Qualification Slots

Host	1
European Zone Championship	4
Americas Zone Championship	2
Asia Oceania Zone Championship	2
World Championship Qualification Tournament	3

LOS ANGELES 2028 CYCLE AND LOOKING AHEAD

Teams will directly qualify from the Zonal Championships and a Qualification Tournament.

Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games - Qualification Slots

Host	1
European Zone Championship	2
Americas Zone Championship	1
Asia Oceania Zone Championship	1
Paralympic Qualification Tournament	3

WWR will again look to host an International Wheelchair Rugby Cup within the Rugby World Cup in Australia in 2027.

The World Games 2025 is an exciting opportunity to include the “low point game again” within this global multisport event. More information to follow.



	1ST QUARTER			2ND QUARTER			3RD QUARTER			4TH QUARTER		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2025												
European Div A Championship				20 - 28								
European Div C Championship -										8 - 12		
The World Games Low Point - China - inclusion to be confirmed												
Asia Oceania Championship											17 - 25	
Americas Championship							8 - 16					
2026												
World Championship Qualification Tournament												
European Div B Championship												
World Championship								15 - 24				
Asian and South American Regionals												
2027												
European Div C Championship												
European Div A Championship												
Asia Oceania Championship												
International Wheelchair Rugby Cup, Australia												
Americas Championship -Columbia Parapan Am - inclusion to be confirmed								Jul 30 - Aug 9				
2028												
Paralympic Games Qualifier												
Paralympic Games - Los Angeles												
Asian and South American Regionals												
European Div B Championship												

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