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The purpose of this document is to detail the rules governing qualification for the 2027 World Wheelchair Rugby Asia-Oceania Championship (AOC).

Six countries (Member Nations) from the WWR Asia-Oceania Zone will be invited to participate in the 2027 World Wheelchair Rugby Asia-Oceania Championship.

The 2027 World Wheelchair Rugby Asia-Oceania Championship is designated as the 2027 WWR AOC Zone Championship Qualification tournament for the 2028 LA Paralympic Games

Member Nation Eligibility

National Member Organizations must:

- Be a WWR member in good standing
- Be from the WWR Asia-Oceania Zone
- Have participated in at least one World Wheelchair Rugby (WWR) Championship or competition licensed 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 WWR sport class
- Classification panels will be present at this event

Individual Participants (athletes, coaches and support staff):

- Must be licensed with the WWR's Membership and Licensing System
- Have completed the WWR 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	The host country directly qualifies one (1) team subject to being ranked on the WWR World Ranking List at the end of the period for teams to obtain eligibility (see below) The WWR 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 slot will be reallocated, at the end of the period for teams to obtain eligibility, to the next highest-ranked member	1 JPN

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	from the AO Zone, not already qualified, on the WWR World Ranking List.	
2025 WWR AOC Allocation	The three (3) highest-ranked Member Nations (not otherwise qualified) from the 2025 WWR AOC directly qualify	3 AUS NZL KOR
2026 Asian Para Games Allocation	The highest-ranked Member Nation (not otherwise qualified) from the 2026 Asian Para Games directly qualifies If the 2026 Asian Para Games is not held, this will be allocated to the highest-ranked Member Nation from the AO Region (not otherwise qualified) on the WWR Wheelchair Rugby World Ranking List at the end of the period for teams to obtain eligibility (see below)	1 TBC
2026/27 Asian Regional Championship	The highest-ranked Member Nations (not otherwise qualified) from the 2026 Asian Regional Championship directly qualifies	1 TBC
Total		6

Timeline

November 20, 2025	Start of the period for teams to attend WWR sanctioned events to obtain eligibility
November 20 – 24, 2025	2025 WWR AOC
October 20 – 23, 2026	2026 Asian Para Games
January 12 – 17, 2027	2027 WWR Asian Oceania Regional Championship
January 17, 2027	End of the period for teams to attend WWR sanctioned events to obtain eligibility
January 18, 2027	WWR confirms in writing to the Member Nations the allocation of team qualification slots
January 23, 2027	Member Nation confirms in writing to WWR the use of the allocated team qualification slot
January 25, 2027	WWR confirms in writing to Member Nation the reallocation of unused team qualification slots
February 1, 2027	Deadline for WWR to receive event entry acceptance and team entry fee from Member Nations

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2026/27 Asian Regional Championship

In the case where the 2026/27 Asian Regional Championship is not hosted WWR will use the next highest-ranked Asia-Oceania Member Nation on the World Ranking List that has not already qualified, as long as it meets the eligibility requirements detailed above.

Confirmation Process of Allocated Slots

By January 23, 2027 each qualified Member Nation must confirm to the WWR in writing or via email if they wish to use their allocated slot. Member Nations that have not responded by this date will lose their team qualification slot, and the WWR may reallocate these slots.

By January 25, 2027 WWR will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused Member Nation qualification slots.

Reallocation of Unused Allocated Slots

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

For further information

All questions regarding the qualification process should be directed to the WWR Operations Manager: john.timms@worldwheelchair.rugby