



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SINGLES 2018

SELECTION - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Rating lists to be used for

Selections : January 15th 2018

Seeding : TBD as soon as the organizers will be decided

2. Slots allocations

Maximum number of slots allocated for the 2018 Single World Championships: **330 slots**

Men : 201 players

Women : 129 players

More severely disabled: 25 % of the total number of slots.

Men : (25 % of 201 = 50 slots) - class 1 : 18
- class 2 : 18
- class 6 : 18 Total : 54 slots

Women : (25 % of 129 = 32 slots) - class 1-2 : 12
- class 6 : 6
- class 7 : 9 Total : 27 slots

2.1. Events

Minimum number of slots per event: 8 men – 6 women

Maximum number of slots per event: 24

| Men | |
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| Class 1 | 18 |
| Class 2 | 18 |
| Class 3 | 21 |
| Class 4 | 18 |
| Class 5 | 18 |

| Women | |
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| Class 1-2 | 12 |
| Class 3 | 18 |
| Class 4 | 18 |
| Class 5 | 12 |

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| Class 6 | 18 |
| Class 7 | 18 |
| Class 8 | 18 |
| Class 9 | 18 |
| Class 10 | 18 |
| Class 11 | 18 |
| Total | 201 |

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| Class 6 | 6 |
| Class 7 | 9 |
| Class 8 | 12 |
| Class 9 | 12 |
| Class 10 | 18 |
| Class 11 | 12 |
| Total | 129 |

3. Distribution of slots by category

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|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------|------------------|
| Regional slots: | Men = 55 slots | Women = 50 slots | Total | 105 slots |
| Junior slots : | Men = 11 slots | Women = 10 slots | Total | 21 slots |
| Rating slots: | Men = 110 slots | Women = 54 slots | Total | 164 slots |
| Invitation slots: | Men = 25 slots | Women = 15 slots | Total | 40 slots |

3.1 Regional slots

105 Gold winners in all singles events in each Region for Men and Women will automatically qualify subject to confirmation by their national association.

3.2 Junior Slots

21 first rated Junior player in Men and Women in each Class will automatically qualify subject to confirmation by their national association.

3.3 Rating slots

164 slots will be used for selections from the rating list for each event for Men and Women.

3.4 Invitation slots

40 Invitation qualification slots will be considered by the ITTF on the recommendation of the ITTF Para TT Selection Committee.

3.5 To be eligible for selected

Athletes have to have, as a minimum requirement, an International Classification Card, current valid rating points as of January 1st, 2018 **and have to meet the requirements of the Tournament Credit System** announced.

The 21 ranked Junior players don't need to meet the requirements of the Tournament Credit System.

4. Slots to be re-allocated

A number equal to 10 % of the total entries + 5 slots shall be allocated to the re-allocation system.

Example: 18 slots - (10% = 2) + 5 = 7 re-allocation slots.

The reserve players will be listed by rating position and may be selected only if a player already selected is rejected by the player or by his or her National Association (NTTA).

Consequently, for example, if BEL rejects one selected player, this player's slot will be re-allocated to the first reserve player who may be from another country!

If a country has more than 3 players in an event in order to be selected through the Region and/or Rating, only 3 rated players may be selected.

The NTTA will have the possibility to select its 3 players.

Example : BEL has 5 selected players possible in M 3.
Only 3 players can be selected (Regional and/or Rating) by BEL decision.
The 2 others could be considered and added to the reserve players list in order of rating.
The Belgian reserve players cannot replace a rejected player from another country (3 players as maximum!)

5. Tournament Credit System

World Championships and Paralympic Games are **NOT included** in the Tournament Credit System and only the tournaments factor 20 – 40 and the Regional Championships will be considered during a period at the discretion of the Selection Officer !

The Division resolved that if class 11 players were entered for Fa 20, Fa 40 and Fa 50 events and if, after the first entry, there was an insufficient number of entries to ensure a viable event, this would still count towards the tournament credit for that player.

6. Comments

In case an athlete or a NTTA does not accept the selection of a Regional Gold Medal Winner or if a Regional Gold Medal Winner is disqualified for any reason (including an anti-doping rule infraction), the Regional Silver Medal Winner will be selected instead. Should the gold and then silver Medal Winners be rejected, those Regional slots will be converted into Rating slots.

If Medal Winners are not selected because a Regional Championships was not organized, or an event did not have enough minimum entries, all those Regional slots are converted into Rating slots at the discretion of the Selection Officer in order to ensure universality and continental representation.

If in the Rating category, a player's selection is rejected by their NTTA, the reserve players will be selected in order of rating and must be confirmed by their NTTA.

The position on the reserve player's list will NOT be a priority for the allocation of an invitation slot.

Should one of the 21 first ranked Junior players already be selected by Regional slot, this Junior slot goes to the rating slots.

Should one of the 21 ranked Junior players not be selected by Junior slot due to too less than 4 players in her/his class, this Junior slot goes to the rating slot.

7. Competition format for the World Championships

Singles events: priority will be given to groups of 3 players, the 2 first placed players going over to the second stage

Examples: 12 players = 4 groups of 3 – 8 players proceed to the 1/4 finals
21 players = 7 groups of 3 – 14 players proceed to the 1/8 finals

The bronze match (3rd place) will NOT be played and 2 bronze medals will be given to the joint 3rd players.

8. Deadlines

15 January 2018 by ITTF Para TT Selection Committee
Send out - selected player's names by Regional and Rating slots to NTTAs.
- Team application form + Invitation application form.

15 February 2018 by National Associations (NTTAs)
- Acceptance or rejection of allocated Regional and Rating selections.
- Return of the Team application form + Invitation application form.

15 March 2018 by ITTF Para TT Selection Committee
Send out to NTTAs:
- Confirmation of the selected players by Regional and Rating selections.
- Proposition of Invitation selections and Team selections.

15 April 2018 by NTTAs
- Acceptance or rejection of all the selections (Regional, Rating, Invitation, Teams).

15 May 2018 by ITTF Para TT Selection Committee
Send out to the NTTAs
- Final confirmation of Regional, Rating, Invitation selections.
- Final confirmation of Team events competition format (classes' combinations, number of teams by class).

15 July 2018 by NTTAs
Deadline for the World Championships Organizing Committee to receive the final entry forms.