

Selection Policy for Para Powerlifting – Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games

Issued by: Paralympic Committee of India (PCI)

1. Objective

This policy sets out the criteria for selecting athletes to represent India in Para Powerlifting at the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games, based strictly on the international qualification system governed by World Para Powerlifting (WPPO) and the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC).

2. Event Details

- **Competition:** Asian Para Games 2026
 - **Location:** Aichi-Nagoya, Japan
 - **Dates:** 18–24 October 2026
 - **Sport:** Para Powerlifting
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3. Quota Allocation Overview

- Total Quota (All Nations): 170 Athletes
 - Men: 90
 - Women: 70
 - Gender-Free: 10
 - **India's Qualification Slots:**
 - Individual Events only
 - Quota is allocated to the athlete, not to PCI
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4. Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection, an athlete must:

1. Hold a valid WPPO Athlete License for the 2026 season
2. Be internationally classified with one of the following Sport Class Status:
 - Confirmed, or
 - Review with a Fixed Review Date of 2027 or later
3. Be ranked in the WPPO Asian Para Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Ranking List, which includes valid results achieved at WPPO-sanctioned events from 5 May 2025 to 31 July 2026

Note: Athletes with classification status New, Review, or FRD 2026 or earlier must undergo international classification before 31 July 2026.

5. Selection Criteria

- Athletes will be selected solely based on their position in the WPPO Asian Para Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Ranking List, which closes on 31 July 2026
- The top two (2) ranked Indian athletes per weight category (if in the final list) will be considered for selection
- PCI may select or deselect the athletes basis on their performance achieved in recent National & International events

Important:

- Mere ranking on the list does not guarantee selection.
 - PCI reserves the right not to select any athlete if performance, eligibility, or other criteria (e.g., fitness, disciplinary concerns, anti-doping status, or administrative compliance) are not satisfactorily met
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6. Maximum Entries per NPC

- Up to 2 athletes per medal event (per WPPO rules)
 - Maximum of 10 male and 10 female athletes overall
 - Exceptions may be made through the Bipartite Commission Invitation route
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7. Bipartite Commission Invitation

PCI may apply for Bipartite Invitations under the following conditions:

- Athlete holds a 2026 WPPO Athlete License
 - Application submitted by PCI via IPC Online SDMS before 1 March 2026
 - Selection will be based on performance basis
 - The final decision lies with WPPO and APC
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8. Confirmation & Communication

- All shortlisted athletes must confirm their participation to PCI
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9. Key Dates

Date	Milestone
5 May 2025	Start of WPPO qualification period
10 October 2025	Entry by Number to AINAGOC/APC
31 July 2026	Close of qualification window
7 August 2026	WPPO publishes final rankings
12 August 2026	Deadline for Bipartite applications
18–24 October 2026	Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games

10. Final Authority

- The PCI Selection Committee retains the final authority to approve or reject any selection
- All decisions will be final and binding, with no right to appeal

It is important to note that as determined by the World Para Powerlifting Organisation (WPPO). The WPPO selects athletes based solely on their rankings, with only the top 8 athletes in each category being chosen to compete. It is important to note that the selection of athletes is exclusively managed by the WPPO and the Indian federation has no role in this process. Our athletes' rankings and qualifications are determined entirely by their performances in international competitions.