



SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

2025 WORLD PARA CIRCUIT



1. GENERAL TERMS

In 2025, 3 tiers of the ITTF World Para Circuit have been created:

- **Elite Series Events**
- **Challenger Events**
- **Future Events**

2. SYSTEM OF PLAY

- **Single Events**

Elite events: Round robin, giving priority in groups of 3, with 2 players advancing to the KO stage.

Challenger events: Round robin, giving priority in groups of 3, with 2 players advancing to the KO stage

Future events: Round robin, giving priority in groups of 4, with 2 players advancing to the KO stage

- **Double - Mixed Double Events**

All tiers:

Round robin, giving priority in groups of 3, with 2 players advancing to the KO stage.

The Competition Manager of the event can decide to modify the playing system if the schedule is too tight:

- Direct KO for 8 participants and more per event.
- Round robin in groups of 3 with 2 players progressing to the KO stage, if less than 8 participants per event.

- **U23 Youth events**

Single Events: Round-robin format, giving priority to groups of 4, with 2 players advancing to the KO stage

3. ENTRIES

In conjunction with Chapter 4 of 2025 ITTF World Para Circuit Directives

Elite events: Member Associations can enter any active ranked player. If the entries exceed the limit of entries, then priority will be given to the high-ranked players.

Challenger Events: Member Associations can enter any active ranked player. If the total number of entries exceeds the maximum acceptable number of players, each association is guaranteed to have at least 1 player per gender per class, and the remaining places will be filled by the Competition Manager. The entries shall be taken into consideration on a first come first served basis – that is those entries sent the earliest within the entry deadline.

Future Events: Member Associations can enter any new, unranked, and ranked player. If the total number of entries exceeds the maximum acceptable number of players, then priority will be given to the new, unranked, and low-ranked players

In all events, at least 1 player from the Host country will participate per class/gender.



Limit of entries per class / gender

Example 200 players		
Class	Male	Female
1	9	4
2	12	8
3	15	8
4-5	16	12
6	10	7
7	12	7
8	15	9
9	12	8
10	11	8
11	9	8
TOTAL	121	79

Example 270 players		
Class	Male	Female
1	12	6
2	15	9
3	24	9
4-5	24	15
6	16	9
7	18	9
8	24	10
9	16	9
10	15	9
11	12	9
TOTAL	176	94

3.2 Limit of Entries:

3.2.1 Up to 4 players with an international classification card per association, per gender, per class.

3.2.2 The Host Association may enter up to 6 classified players per gender, per class.

3.2.3 If the total number of entries exceeds the maximum acceptable number of players, all the other players will be placed automatically on a waiting list and late additions to the entries can be, because of cancellations, according to the tier.

3.3 Minimum Participation Requirement for an Event:

3.3.1 If according to the entries of an Event, less than 8 classes of single events can be organized, or there are less than 80 players entered, from less than 7 different countries, apart from the Host country the Event can be canceled by the ITTF within 3 days from the entry deadline.

If one Event is canceled due to the low number of players, ITTF has no financial responsibility to LOC or the participants

3.3.2 A cancellation fee applies for each entered person if cancellations occur after the entry deadline:

- 30% of the total package price if canceled within 1 week after the deadline.
- 60% of the total package price if canceled later than 1 week after the deadline.
- 100% of the total package price if canceled within 10 days of arrival (subject to reduction in cases of force majeure).

3.3.3 Replacement of players after the deadline is permitted only in Challenger events, only by players from the same class and gender

For cancellations and changes after the deadline, an e-mail needs to be sent to the ITTF Competition Manager and the LOC Tournament Director

3.4 Other Events Sanctioned

No other Events will be held within a period of 2 weeks before the following:

- Paralympic Games
- World Para Championships



3.5 Medals

3.5.1. In all events, gold, silver and 2 bronze medals will be awarded except:

3.5.1.1. Bronze medals will be awarded in both players and pairs that lose the semi-finals.

3.5.1.2. Where a round-robin involving 5 players or 5 pairs in an event is played, only 1 bronze will be awarded.

3.5.1.3 Where a round robin involving 4 players or pairs in an event is played, only gold and silver will be awarded

Singles	Medals awarded	Doubles	Medals awarded
4 players	Gold and silver only	4 pairs	Gold and silver only
5 players	Gold, silver, 1 bronze	5 pairs	Gold, silver, 1 bronze

3.5.2 Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Double events will be organized if there are 4 or more players/pairs from 2 different Member Associations. Events with less than 4 players/pairs or with only 1 Member Association must be combined by the CM in cooperation with the Referee such that the lower classes are given priority.

Example:

Entry for doubles	No of pairs	Event possible
XD4	0	No event possible
WD4-7	1	No event possible
WD4-10	4	The event must be organized
WD4	2	No event possible
WD7-10	3	No event possible

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

4.1 Singles events

4.1.1 When 4 players per Association per class are allowed to enter;

4.1.1.1 if 2 classes are combined, there may be up to 5 players per Association with a maximum of 4 players from the same class;

4.1.1.2 if 3 classes are combined, there may be up to 7 players per Association with a maximum of 4 players from the same class;

4.1.2 When 6 players per Association per class are allowed to enter;

4.1.2.1 if 2 classes are combined, there may be up to 7 players per Association with a maximum of 6 players from the same class;

4.1.2.2 if 3 classes are combined, there may be up to 9 players per Association with a maximum of 6 players from the same class.

4.2 In all Events:

4.2.1 if a singles class 5 or 10 does not have 4 entries, the CM must combine this with the next lower class or with the next lower combination of classes to make a minimum of 4 entries;

4.2.2 the first stage of an event that will be played in round-robin groups the number of players in a group shall be 4 or 3 where possible but there shall not otherwise be less than 3 and more than 5 players. If there are 5 or less players, the event will be played in a round-robin group only

4.2.3 if the number of groups in an event is not a multiple of 2, winners from the groups, shall have byes in the first round of the second stage, in seeding order;



4.2.4 the winner and the runner-up of each group will advance to the second stage which will be played as a knockout.

4.2.5 a player may only play in the class indicated on his/her international classification card unless, due to the low number of players, his/her class is combined with the next class when he/she may play in the event for the next highest class;

4.2.6 all matches will be played at the best of 5 games.

4.3 Doubles/ Mixed Doubles events

4.3.1 There will be 10 doubles events and 7 mixed doubles events with limitations in the configuration of the members of the pairs.

The limits work all as follows:

Class MD4	Men's Wheelchair with players' classes adding a maximum of 4.
Class MD8	Men's Wheelchair with players' classes adding a maximum of 8.
Class MD14	Men's Standing with players' classes adding a maximum of 14.
Class MD18	Men's Standing with players' classes adding a maximum of 18.
Class MD22	Men's Doubles for class 11 athletes.
Class WD5	Women's Wheelchair (classes adding a maximum of 5).
Class WD10	Women's Wheelchair (adding a maximum of 10).
Class WD14	Women's Standing (adding a maximum of 14).
Class WD20	Women's Standing (adding a maximum of 20).
Class WD22	Women's Doubles for class 11 athletes.
Class XD4	Mixed Wheelchair (adding a maximum of 4).
Class XD7	Mixed Wheelchair (adding a maximum of 7).
Class XD10	Mixed Wheelchair (adding a maximum of 10).
Class XD14	Mixed Standing (adding a maximum of 14).
Class XD17	Mixed Standing (adding a maximum of 17).
Class XD20	Mixed Standing (adding a maximum of 20).
Class XD22	Mixed doubles for class 11 athletes.

4.3.2 In all tiers a maximum of 3 pairs per Association per event may be entered where all players are from the same Association.

4.3.2.1 Players from different Associations may form a pair in a doubles event

4.3.2.2 Where doubles or mixed doubles events are combined due to low entries in an event, a maximum of 4 pairs per Association per event may be entered.

4.3.2.3 first stage of a double event that will be played in round-robin groups the number of pairs in a group shall be 4 or 3 but there shall not otherwise be less than 3 and more than 5 pairs. If there are 5 or less pairs, the event will be played in a round-robin group only

5. DRAWS

The official draw for singles qualification groups takes place:

Elite /Challenger events:

2 days before the first competition day and has to be conducted by the Referee assisted by the ITTF Competition Manager. The event prospectus defines which ITTF Para World Ranking List is to be used for the draws.



Future events:

1 day before the first competition day and has to be conducted by the Referee assisted by the ITTF Competition Manager. The event prospectus defines which ITTF Para World Ranking List is to be used for the draws.

6. ITTF World Para Circuit - website updates:

Always remember to check the ITTF Website Para Section for updates and new information. A prospectus for each ITTF World Para Circuit event will be sent by e-mail to each association.

7. CONTACT

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