

BISFed

Competition System Proposal

Competition Sub-Committee

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Vision

BISFed's Competition System should mature and progress the sport by increasing the *quality* and *quantity* of available competitions by 2020.

This proposal aims to develop the fundamental aspects of a successful Competition System by 2016. It will achieve the vision by:

- ✿ revising the tiers of the competition system
 - ✿ providing a competition entry pathway for athletes, which includes classification
 - ✿ implementing a revised qualification process for the Rio 2016 Paralympics
 - ✿ developing a new ranking system
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Competition System

The competition system should be revised to include four tiers of competition. The tiers should:

- * provide opportunities for developing nations to attend international events
- * describe the projected pathway in to the sport for new athletes
- * provide opportunities for leading nations to attend more competitions
- * provide a weighting value to competitions for ranking calculations
- * define the regional structure for competition:
 - > Asia & Oceania, America & Africa, Europe
- * provide a foundation for further development from 2017

Competition System

It is proposed the system should be:

Individual	Tier	Team & Pair
Paralympics World Championships	4	Paralympics World Championships
Individual World Championship	3	Regional Team & Pair Championship
Regional Championships	2	Regional Championships
Open Event	1	Open Event

This introduces three new events for 2014 to 2016:

* Individual World Championship

> Held in 2015 or 2016 offering automatic qualification for 1st place to Rio 2016 Paralympics.

* Regional Team & Pair Championship

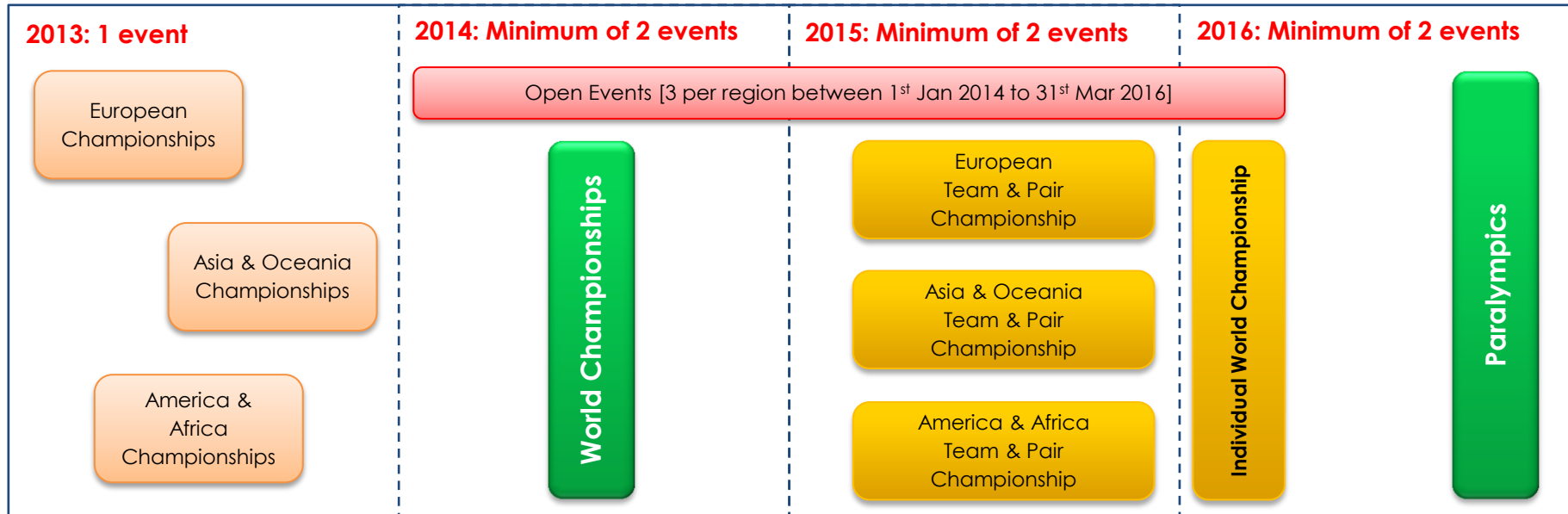
> Held in 2015 for the top team & pairs per region offering automatic qualification for 1st place to Rio 2016 Paralympics.

* Open Events

> 3 per region held across from January 2014 until March 2016.

Competition System

The calendar for 2013 – 2016 should be:



- * From 2014 onwards, there will be a minimum of 2 events per year
- * Each region will be required to run 3 Open Events, one of which will be a regional event, open only to athletes from that region.
- * It is anticipated that the Para-Asian & Para-Pan America Games would be the regional events for their regions.
- * Further details on each competition are provided in the [Appendix](#).

Paralympic Qualification

To ensure the Paralympic Boccia competition is as competitive as possible, we are proposing a revised qualification process. This will include:

- * An automatic slot for each region for the winner of the Regional Team & Pair Championship.
- * An automatic slot for each classification for the winner of the Individual World Championship.
- * The addition of a BC4 substitute for the BC4 Pair
- * The revision of entry slots for the individual events:
 - > BC1 = 18 (-1 slot from London 2012)
 - > BC2 = 24 (-5 slots from London 2012)
 - > BC3 = 24 (no change from London 2012)
 - > BC4 = 18 (+2 slots from London 2012)

Ranking System

For the 2013 – 2016 cycle, the existing system should be updated from 2012 and adjusted by:

- * Any athlete who between 2009 to 2012 only competed in 2009 should be removed from the ranking list.
 - * The event weightings updated to reflect the competition system for 2013 – 2016.
 - * Each event's weighting should be decayed by 0.5 in the year after the event takes place
 - * Each athlete's / nation's ranking position will be calculated using their **four** best results.
 - * The best result is defined as the results that carry the highest ranking point values.
 - * The ranking system will be updated every six months.
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Ranking System

During the 2013 – 2016 cycle, a new ranking system will be developed by BISFed. It is proposed that BISFed adopts a **rating-style** rating system that:

- * values each match played, not just finishing position
- * assesses the difference in rating points between athletes
- * produces a change in rating points for both athletes
- * provides a small rating point change for expected result
- * provides a large rating point change for unexpected results

To develop this system, specific targets have been set:

- * Appoint an external consultant to develop system by 2015
- * Run a shadow system in 2016 to test the validity and reliability
- * Implement the new system from 1st January 2017

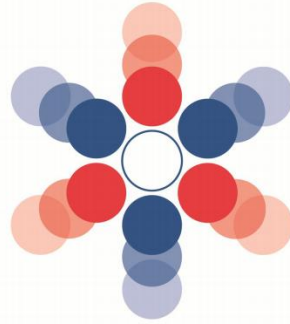
Ranking System

An example of the proposed system is provided here:

Expected Results				Unexpected Results			
Points Difference	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Points Difference	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
>750	0	0	0	0-24	10	15	20
501-750	1	2	2	25-49	12	18	24
401-500	2	3	4	50-99	14	21	28
301-400	3	5	6	100-149	16	24	32
201-300	4	6	8	150-199	20	30	40
151-200	5	8	10	200-299	24	36	48
101-150	6	9	12	300-399	28	42	56
51-100	7	11	14	400-499	32	48	64
26-50	8	12	16	500-749	36	54	72
1-25	9	14	18	>749	40	60	80

- * Match between athletes ranked 1st and 10th in ranking system.
- * Points difference between them before they play is 400 points.
- * On the left, if the athlete ranked 1st beats athlete ranked 10th at a Tier 3 event, 1st gains 6 points for their rating point score, and 10th loses 6 points. This is an **expected result**.
- * On the right, if the athlete ranked 10th beats athlete ranked 1st at a Tier 3 event, 10th gains 64 points and 1st loses 64 points. This is an **unexpected result**.





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Appendix: Event Formats

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2016 Paralympics

* We have requested 112 athlete slots from the IPC, and the event is planned to take between 6-7 days using 5-6 courts.

Team & Pair	BC1-2 Team		BC3 Pair		BC4 Pair			
Entries:	12		8		8			
Athletes:	48 [4 per nation]		24 [3 per nation]		24 [3 per nation]			
Host Qualification:	1 host slot [subject to ranking]		1 host slot [subject to ranking]		1 host slot [subject to ranking]			
Automatic Qualification:	3 slots to 1 st in Regional Qualifier		3 slots to 1 st in Regional Qualifier		3 slots to 1 st in Regional Qualifier			
Ranking Qualification:	8 slots to be allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list		4 slots to be allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list		4 slots to be allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list			
Format:	4 pools of 3 nations; qualify to Quarter-Final		2 pools of 4 nations; qualify to Semi-Final		2 pools of 4 nations; qualify to Semi-Final			
Individual	BC1		BC2		BC3		BC4	
Entries:	18		24		24		18	
Host Qualification:	Slot allocated through automatic qualification		Slots allocated through automatic qualification		Slots allocated through automatic qualification		Slot allocated through automatic qualification	
Automatic Qualification:	1 slot to World Champion 1 slot per qualified team, including host nation		1 slot to World Champion 1 slots per qualified team, including host nation		1 slot to World Champion 1 slots per qualified pair, including host nation		1 slot to World Champion 1 slot per qualified pair	
Ranking Qualification:	3 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Team ~~~		5 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Team ~~~		5 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Pair ~~~		3 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Team ~~~	
	2 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals remaining from a qualified Team		6 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals remaining from a qualified Team		9 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals remaining from a qualified Pair		6 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals remaining from a qualified Team	
Format:	6 pools of 3 to Quarter-Final		8 pools of 3 to Quarter-Final		8 pools of 3 to Quarter-Final		6 pools of 3 to Quarter-Final	

2016 Individual World Championship

- * This event has been introduced to provide a world level event late in the qualification period for individuals and offers the winner of each classification automatic qualification in to the Paralympics.
- * The qualification process uses the Team & Pair world rankings to award nations ranked with **two wildcard slots** which each nation award to their preferred athletes.
- * The remaining slots are then allocated using individual rankings. If a nation has nominated an athlete who would qualify via the ranking slots, the position will pass to the next highest ranked player on the world ranking list until the slots are full.
- * No nation can have more than 3 athletes in any classification.
- * There will be a maximum entry of 168 athletes.

Individual	BC1	BC2	BC3	BC4
Entries:	Up to 36	Up to 48	Up to 48	Up to 36
Host Qualification:	2 host slots	2 host slots	2 host slots	2 host slots
Automatic Qualification:	2 wildcard slots to each Nation ranked 1-10 in Team World Rankings	2 wildcard slots to each Nation ranked 1-15 in Team World Rankings	2 wildcard slots to each Nation ranked 1-15 in Pair World Rankings	2 wildcard slots to each Nation ranked 1-10 in Pair World Rankings
Ranking Qualification:	10 slots to athletes ranked 1-10 in world rankings ~~~ 4 slots to highest ranked athletes from nations ranked 11 th or lower in Team World Rankings ~~~ No nation can have more than 3 athletes entered	12 slots to athletes ranked 1-12 in world rankings ~~~ 4 slots to highest ranked athletes from nations ranked 16 th or lower in Team World Rankings ~~~ No nation can have more than 3 athletes entered	12 slots to athletes ranked 1-12 in world rankings ~~~ 4 slots to highest ranked athletes from nations ranked 16 th or lower in Pair World Rankings ~~~ No nation can have more than 3 athletes entered	10 slots to athletes ranked 1-10 in world rankings ~~~ 4 slots to highest ranked athletes from nations ranked 11 th or lower in Pair World Rankings ~~~ No nation can have more than 3 athletes entered
Format:	Pools of 3 preferred	Pools of 3 preferred	Pools of 3 preferred	Pools of 3 preferred

2015 Regional Team & Pair Championship

- * This event has been introduced to provide an opportunity for nations to qualify for the Paralympics from a regional event.
- * The winner of the championship from each region will receive an automatic qualification slot for the Paralympics.
- * All other nations will receive ranking points that will carry a high weighting in the world ranking list.
- * The number of entries reflects the strength of each region and will provide 22 nations with the opportunity to qualify for the Paralympics.

Team & Pair	BC1-2 Team	BC3 Pair	BC4 Pair
Entries:	America & Africa: 6 nations Asia: 8 nations Europe: 8 nations	America & Africa: 6 nations Asia: 8 nations Europe: 8 nations	America & Africa: 6 nations Asia: 8 nations Europe: 8 nations
Athletes:	30 - 40 [5 per nation]	18 - 24 [3 per nation]	18 - 24 [3 per nation]
Host Qualification:	1 host slot [subject to ranking]	1 host slot [subject to ranking]	1 host slot [subject to ranking]
Automatic Qualification:	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Ranking Qualification:	All remaining slots allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining per region	All remaining slots allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining per region	All remaining slots allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining per region
Format:	Pools of 3-4; qualify to Semi-Final	Pools of 3-4; qualify to Semi-Final	Pools of 3-4; qualify to Semi-Final

2014 World Championship

✿ There will be 164 athletes, plus 16 athlete from nations who have not qualified a Team or Pair. Total entry will be a maximum of 180.

Team & Pair	BC1-2 Team		BC3 Pair	BC4 Pair
Entries:	16		16	12
Athletes:	80 [5 per nation]		48 [3 per nation]	36 [3 per nation]
Host Qualification:	1 host slot [subject to ranking]		1 host slot [subject to ranking]	1 host slot [subject to ranking]
Automatic Qualification:	9 slots to each of the nations who finish 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd at Regional Championships		9 slots to each of the nations who finish 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd at Regional Championships	9 slots to each of the nations who finish 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd at Regional Championships
Ranking Qualification:	6 slots allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list		6 slots allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list	2 slots allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list
Format:	5 pools of 4 nations; qualify to Quarter-Final		4 pools of 4 nations; qualify to Quarter-Final	4 pools of 3 nations; qualify to Quarter-Final
Individual	BC1	BC2	BC3	BC4
Entries:	36	48	48	36
Host Qualification:	Slot allocated through automatic qualification	Slots allocated through automatic qualification	Slots allocated through automatic qualification	Slots allocated through automatic qualification
Automatic Qualification:	9 slots to 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd at Regional Championships 1 slot per qualified team, including host nation	9 slots to 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd at Regional Championships 2 slots per qualified team, including host nation	9 slots to 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd at Regional Championships 2 slots per qualified team, including host nation	9 slots to 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd at Regional Championships 1 slot per qualified team, including host nation
Ranking Qualification:	4 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Team ~~~~ 7 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals remaining from a qualified Team	4 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Team ~~~~ 3 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals remaining from a qualified Team	4 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Pairs ~~~~ 3 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals remaining from a qualified Pair	4 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Pairs ~~~~ 11 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals remaining from a qualified Pair
Format:	12 pools of 3; qualify to Round of 16	16 pools of 3; qualify to Round of 16	16 pools of 3; qualify to Round of 16	12 pools of 3; qualify to Round of 16



2013 Regional Championship

- * The Regional Championship will be an open entry event, with as many nations and athletes included as possible.
- * They will provide an automatic entry slot in to the World Championship for athletes and nations who finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their respective events.

Team & Pair	BC1-2 Team		BC3 Pair	BC4 Pair
Entries:	No quota set		No quota set	No quota set
Athletes:	5 per nation		3 per nation	3 per nation
Host Qualification:	1 host slot		1 host slot	1 host slot
Automatic Qualification:	Not applicable		Not applicable	Not applicable
Ranking Qualification:	Not applicable		Not applicable	Not applicable
Format:	Pools of 3, 4 or 5; qualify to Quarter-Final		Pools of 3, 4 or 5; qualify to Quarter-Final	Pools of 3, 4 or 5; qualify to Quarter-Final
Individual	BC1	BC2	BC3	BC4
Entries:	No quota set	No quota set	No quota set	No quota set
Host Qualification:	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Automatic Qualification:	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Ranking Qualification:	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Format:	Pools of 4 or 5; Qualify to Quarter-Final	Pools of 4 or 5; Qualify to Quarter-Final	Pools of 4 or 5; Qualify to Quarter-Final	Pools of 4 or 5; Qualify to Quarter-Final

Open Event

- * There should be 3 Open Events per region from 1st Jan 2014 to 31st Mar 2016.
- * An Open Event will be sanctioned by BISFed providing there are **3 nations** participating in the event, which represents 10% of BISFed's projected membership for 2013. Each classification should have **at least 6 individuals** entered.
- * For a member to hold an Open Event they will need an expression of interest from 3 nations before BISFed will sanction the event. Ranking points will only be awarded if the entry requirements are subsequently met at the competition.
- * Each Open Event should include Team, Pairs and Individual competitions.
- * An additional event will be sanctioned if an Open Event does not include all types of competition or the minimum number of nations is not met. The further event will only include the types of competitions not held in the original event.

Team & Pair	BC1-2 Team		BC3 Pair	BC4 Pair
Entries:	Minimum of 3 Full BISFed Members		Minimum of 3 Full BISFed Members	Minimum of 3 Full BISFed Members
Athletes:	5 per nation		3 per nation	3 per nation
Host Qualification:	1 host slot		1 host slot	1 host slot
Format:	Pools of 3,4,5; qualify to minimum of Semi-Final or equivalent		Pools of 3,4,5; qualify to minimum of Semi-Final or equivalent	Pools of 3,4,5; qualify to minimum of Semi-Final or equivalent
Individual	BC1	BC2	BC3	BC4
Entries:	6 - 36	6 - 48	6 - 48	6 - 36
Host Qualification:	2 wild card slots	3 wild card slots	3 wild card slots	2 wild card slots
Format:	Pools of 3,4,5; qualify to minimum of Semi-Final	Pools of 3,4,5; qualify to minimum of Semi-Final	Pools of 3,4,5; qualify to minimum of Semi-Final	Pools of 3,4,5; qualify to minimum of Semi-Final