



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT QUALIFICATION FOR JUDO IN THE 2020 PARALYMPIC GAMES**

The qualification process for the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo can be found here: <https://www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020/qualification-criteria>.

We would like to point out that to be eligible for the Judo competition at the Paralympic games, athletes must:

- be born before 1 January 2006;
- have competed in at least one (1) international, sanctioned IBSA Judo competition which provides World Ranking Points between 1 January 2018 and 31 May 2020; and
- be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2020.

### **Classification**

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has adopted a 'zero classification' policy for the Paralympic Games. The need to classify any athlete at a Paralympic Games, as such last-minute decisions are not fair for any of the parties involved, especially the athletes who have trained for years to reach the Games.

This means that only athletes can qualify who have already gone through classification at previous events. Classification will be offered at every IBSA sanctioned event.

### **Road to Tokyo**

1. The qualification process started for judo with the World Championships in Portugal 2018 and the last competition will be the IBSA Judo Grand Prix in Azerbaijan in May, 2020.
2. Events for the qualification process:
  - a. World Championships POR 2018
  - b. Grand Prix AZE 2019
  - c. IBSA Judo Qualifier USA 2019
  - d. European Championships ITA 2019
  - e. Asian (and Oceanian) Championships KAZ, 2019
  - f. Grand Prix UZB 2019

- g. Pan-American Championships CAN 2020
- h. Grand Prix GBR 2020
- i. Grand Prix AZE 2020

3. Official documents:

- The Tokyo 2020 Qualification Criteria can be found on the IPC website:  
[https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/190712103419168\\_2019\\_07\\_12%2BTokyo%2BQG.pdf](https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/190712103419168_2019_07_12%2BTokyo%2BQG.pdf)
  - a. All other judo information can be found on the IBSA website.
  - b. Some information may be subject to change; please check the IBSA website regularly.

**Timeline <sup>1</sup>**

1 Sep. 2018	Start of the period for performances to be recorded on the IBSA Judo World Ranking List
16-18 Nov. 2018	IBSA Judo World Championships, Odivelas, Portugal
8 May 2020	Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs (“Accreditation Long List”)
31 May 2020	End of the period for performances to be recorded on the IBSA Judo 2020 World Ranking List
18 June 2020	IBSA Judo confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of qualification and host country slots
18 June 2020	Start of Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
1 July 2020	NPCs confirm in writing to IBSA the use of allocated qualification and host country slots
1 July 2020	Deadline to submit Bipartite Commission Invitation applications to IBSA Judo
8 July 2020	IBSA Judo confirms in writing to the NPCs the reallocation of unused qualification slots
8 July 2020	IBSA Judo confirms in writing the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots
3 August 2020	Deadline for Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Tokyo 2020 Qualification Criteria – IPC website