



**INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION**  
**Headquarters, Operations and Olympic/Paralympic Games**

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To: **ITTF Member Associations and NPCs**  
Subject: **Doubles pairs in Paris 2024**

Following the request of several member associations and NPCs, we want to share some frequent questions that we have received regarding the process of selection of doubles slots for the Paralympic Games.

- **If I am number one ranked in doubles ranking, do I automatically get a doubles slot?**

Not necessarily. Doubles slots will be awarded to the players who are part of the best doubles pairs. This is why it is essential that the NPC applies for the slots informing about the doubles pair that they want to try to qualify using this form

<https://paratabletennis.typeform.com/Doubles-PG2024>

Entry into a doubles event requires previous application from NPCs, the application period will go from 1 January 2024 until 20 April 2024.

If you have already sent some pairings, please, remember that you can change the pairings simply by submitting another application. In case of conflict, that is, a player appears in two different pairs applications, the last application will prevail.

- **Why the NPCs have to apply for doubles slots?**

Doubles slots were introduced in the qualification guide for Paris for two main reasons:

1. To offer the opportunity for players who might not have the chance to qualify by singles.
2. To make sure that we have enough doubles pairs (and those pairs are the best possible ones) in some of the events where the number of participants NPCs is reduced.

We want the doubles slots to be used for that purpose, that is, to form strong doubles pairs. Obviously, we cannot allow a player to qualify by doubles if the player does not have a partner from his or her NPC. We also do not want a player to qualify by doubles if his or her partner is not a strong doubles partner. This is why the sum of the points of both players will be the decisive factor.



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- **Why players in some classes get a priority if they apply for doubles slots for a certain event?**

There are some events in the lower classes that have a limited potential number of pairs. The doubles slots of the lower classes are intended to be used in the lower classes events to make sure that the events are viable in the Paralympic programme.

- **Is it possible to form pairs with players from different NPCs?**

No, it is not possible. The IPC regulations apply here, doubles can only be formed by players from the same NPC.

- **Is it possible to enter more than one pair per NPC?**

Yes, unlike the team event, the doubles are considered individual events by the ITTF so the limit of one team per NPC imposed by IPC does not apply here. Each NPC can enter 2 players per event in singles events and 2 pairs per event in doubles and mixed doubles events.

- **Does a player need to meet the tournament quota to be allowed to apply for a doubles slots.**

Yes, and we must bear in mind that the quota is different for singles and for doubles. Any player applying for a doubles slot must meet the criterion of having participated in a minimum number of doubles events (the number varies depending on the continent).

- **What happens if a pair of players apply for doubles slots and there is one slot available for one of them but not for the other?**

In that case, none of the players will receive a doubles slot. No player can receive a doubles slot if he or she does not have an already qualified player to play with.

- **When will the doubles slots be announced?**

Doubles slots will be announced on 22 April.

- **Can you provide one example on how the calculation will be done?**

In the following example, we will present some data to simulate the calculation of slots for the doubles events in lower classes in standing, that means, classes 6 to 8.

The players highlighted in orange color are already qualified by singles and the players in green color are the ones who get the doubles slots. In this example, we assume that there will be:

- 3 doubles slots for C6
- 3 doubles slots for C7
- 4 doubles slots for C8

At the end of the process, we were not able to allocate one of the doubles slots in C7 because there was not candidate meeting the criteria. According to the qualification guide, that slot will be assigned by the bipartite commission.



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NPC	Player 1			Player 2			Total	Explanation
	PTT ID	Points	Class	PTT ID	Points	Class		
GRT	47235	1180	6	48205	1355	8	2535	Player 47235 does not need a slot, player 48205 gets a doubles slot in C8
XZY	15808	1117	6	48753	1404	8	2521	Player 15808 gets a doubles slot in C6, Player 48753 does not need a slot.
ABC	83564	1116	6	79069	1343	8	2459	Player 86564 gets a doubles slot in C6, Player 79069 gets a doubles slot in C8
TTY	29662	1035	6	52402	1419	8	2454	Player 29662 gets a doubles slot in C6, Player 52402 does not need a slot.
FJH	96603	1162	6	31762	1261	8	2423	Player 96603 does not need a slot, player 37762 gets a doubles slot in C8
LPR	91079	1133	6	52708	1232	7	2365	Player 91079 needs a C6 slot but there are not more available
OPR	10942	1173	6	44320	1162	6	2335	Both players need a C6 slots but there are no more available
AAB	32352	1175	7	25198	1110	7	2285	Player 32352 gets a doubles slot in C7, Player 25198 gets a doubles slot in C7
LOP	30380	1104	6	96348	1156	8	2260	Player 30380 does not need a slot, player 96348 gets a doubles slot in C8
HAT	62002	966	6	84833	1209	8	2175	Both players need a C8 or C6 slots but there are no more available.
SSS	37175	1013	6	23739	1118	7	2131	Player 37175 needs a C6 slots but there are not more available, therefore we cannot give the C7 slot to player 23739
QWE	88659	1041	6	16991	795	6	1836	Player 16991 needs a C6 slots but there are no more available.
CCC	37050	887	6	40873	948	7	1835	Same situation as SSS
TTX	15549	813	6	65557	971	7	1784	Same situation as SSS and CCC
INX	95954	759	6	71005	957	8	1716	Same situation as HAT
INL	51926	717	6	32950	957	8	1674	Same situation as HAT and INX

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