



IBSA Powerlifting Qualification Pathway 2025-2027

For the IBSA World Games 2027

In order to uphold a fair and consistent qualification pathway for the IBSA World Games 2027, athletes are required to fulfil the criteria set forth in the IBSA Powerlifting Qualification Pathway for 2025-2027. Please be advised that all dates referenced in this document are subject to change. IBSA Powerlifting will provide timely communication of any such changes.

Mandatory Requirements

2025

- It is **mandatory** that athletes compete in the **2025 IBSA Powerlifting World Championships** and **on World Cup or below mentioned open regional championships**
 - 2025 IBSA Asia Open Championships
or
 - 2025 IBSA European Open Championships
or
 - 2025 IBSA African Open Championships

2026.

- It is **mandatory** that athletes compete in their respective **2026 IBSA World Championships** and **World Cups** or **below mentioned open regional championships**
 - 2026 IBSA Asia Open Championships
or
 - 2026 IBSA European Open Championships
or
 - 2026 IBSA African Open Championships

****Exception: If an athlete is unable to compete in their designated 2026 IBSA Regional Open Championships, their National Federation (NF) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) must submit a formal written request to IBSA Powerlifting, explaining the reason for their absence. The NF may request approval for the athlete to compete in an alternative 2026 IBSA Regional Open Championship***



2027

- Athletes must participate in at least **one (1) IBSA Powerlifting-sanctioned competitions** in 2027 (before the final qualification period ends), like:
 - **2027 IBSA Regional Open Championships**
 - or
 - Any other **2027 IBSA World Cup**

INCOMPLETE MANDATORY REQUIREMENT

Suppose an athlete fails to fulfil any of the IBSA Powerlifting Qualification Pathway 2025-2027 requirements. In that case, they will be removed from the IBSA Powerlifting Rankings and ineligible to secure a qualification slot for the **IBSA World Games 2027**.

Suppose an athlete cannot complete a mandatory requirement due to extenuating circumstances. In that case, their NPC/National Federation must formally request an exemption to IBSA Powerlifting as soon as possible. This request must include a detailed explanation and be supported by appropriate documentary evidence. All exemption requests must be submitted before the **entry-by-name deadline** for the relevant competition.

**If an athlete is unable to participate in the 2027 IBSA Regional Open Championships, it is imperative that the athlete's National Paralympic Committee (NPC) or National Federation (NF) submits a formal written explanation. Additionally, the NPC/ NF must seek prior written permission from IBSA Powerlifting for the athlete to compete in one of the alternative 2027 IBSA Regional Open Championships. This process is essential to ensure compliance with the mandatory requirements of the IBSA Powerlifting Qualification Pathway for the years 2025-2027. Please note that the acceptance or denial of such requests will be entirely at the discretion of IBSA Powerlifting Sport Committee.*