

BISFed Competition System

2017-2020 Strategy (v4)

1. Vision

- 1.1. the vision for the BISFed Competition System is to create an inclusive, progressive and dynamic competition system that enables every athlete to achieve their competitive potential*

2. Mission

- 2.1. the mission for the BISFed Competition System is to develop an effective competition pathway that provides frequent, high quality competition opportunities*

3. Objectives

- 3.1. to create a competition pathway that describes how an emerging athlete would progress through the competition system*
- 3.2. to create a standardised, athlete-focused competition experience that is delivered at every BISFed competition*
- 3.3. to assess, categorise and support member nations in developing their competition infrastructure and workforce so as to be able to host BISFed competitions*
- 3.4. to create a simple, clear and effective governance system (i.e. rules, regulations, rankings) to underpin the competition system*

4. Strategy & Tactics

4.1. Competition Pathway (refer to Appendix 1)

- 4.1.1. create a new regional based event called a **Regional Open***
- 4.1.2. provide a regionally based qualification route through rankings and results into **World Open** events*
- 4.1.3. provide more regionally based qualification routes through results into **World Championship** events*
- 4.1.4. align existing IPC Regional events (i.e. Para Asian Games, Parapan American Games) with the Regional Open event tier*

4.2. Competition Experience

- 4.2.1. create a competition season which preferably starts on 1st March and ends on 31st November each year*
- 4.2.2. create a major event phase of the season which preferably starts on 1st June each year*
- 4.2.3. where possible, align the type of events to the competition season to provide a logical progression of events during the season, preferably culminating in the major event for that year*
- 4.2.4. organise and allocate access to competition in a more centralised and co-ordinated manner to allow a more efficient registration process and to ensure fair access to competition for all member nations*

4.3. System Development

- 4.3.1. develop an effective competition management system that makes a effective use of data and technology which will enhance the efficiency of running a competition*
- 4.3.2. assess and certify each member nation's capacity to host specific types of events by allocating a grade based on their infrastructure and the workforce available*
- 4.3.3. align education and development activities to support member nations to achieve their targeted grade and progress within the grading system to increase the capacity for hosting events*

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4.3.4. develop an event-bidding framework which enables events to be awarded for an extended period of time (e.g. a recurring event could held by the same nation for two years or more)

4.4. Rules & Regulations

4.4.1. review and revise the competition formats used at BISFed events to ensure:

4.4.1.1. greater consistency of format between different events

4.4.1.2. greater amounts of rest and recovery between matches and during a competition when possible

4.4.1.3. more guaranteed matches per entrant at a BISFed event when possible

4.4.1.4. clearer and simpler progression in to elimination rounds

4.4.2. review and revise the competition rules and regulations used at BISFed events to ensure:

4.4.2.1. greater consistency and access to warm-up courts

4.4.2.2. an improved warm-up and call room process

4.4.2.3. events are simple to run and participate in

4.4.2.4. education can be provided to assist all member nations' application of the rules and regulations

4.4.3. review and revise the world ranking system based on expert advice and guidance

5. Enabling Action Plans

5.1. To be developed once proposal is approved by the BISFed Board.

Appendix I

2017 - 2020 Manual (v2)

I. Key Principles

- I.1. Type of Event:** the competition system is made up of the following types of events:
 - I.1.1. World Championships / Paralympics**
 - I.1.2. Regional Championships**
 - I.1.3. World Open**
 - I.1.4. Regional Open**
- I.2. Ranking Period:** the competition system will operate on a two-year rolling basis in order to qualify for the relevant World or Regional Championships, as indicated below;
 - I.2.1. 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2016 = Qualification to 2017 Regional Championships**
 - I.2.2. 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2017 = Qualification to 2018 World Championships**
 - I.2.3. 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2018 = Qualification to 2019 Regional Championships**
 - I.2.4. 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2019 = Qualification to 2020 Paralympics**
- I.3. Event Eligibility:** the competition system will operate a ranking system which uses a side's **four** best event results (ranking point totals) over each two-year qualification period
 - I.3.1. a side's ranking points total must include the higher ranking points total from either;**
 - I.3.1.1. latest World Championship if attended, and/or;**
 - I.3.1.2. latest Regional Championship, if attended**
 - I.3.2. a side's ranking points total must not exceed a maximum of 3 results from;**
 - I.3.2.1. latest World Open(s), up to a maximum of 2 results**
 - I.3.2.2. latest Regional Open(s), up to a maximum of 2 results if a side has attended a World Open, or;**
 - I.3.2.3. latest Regional Open(s), up to a maximum of 3 results if a side has not attended a World Open**
- I.4. Event Allocation:** the competition system will operate on an allocation based qualification system which BISFed will co-ordinate centrally
 - I.4.1. BISFed will allocate no more than four events in any calendar year to any side (i.e. individual, pair, team)**
 - I.4.2. BISFed will allocate sides to an event, subject to each member nation achieving the required result or ranking for the specific event**
 - I.4.3. BISFed will allocate sides to ensure that each event within an event tier is of a comparable standard by using a seeding pot system**
 - I.4.4. BISFed will allocate nations to an event based on a number of criteria;**
 - I.4.4.1. member nation's expressing a preference for a specific event**
 - I.4.4.2. member nation's geographical location**
 - I.4.4.3. member nation's world ranking**
 - I.4.4.4. a random draw**
- I.5. Regions**

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- 1.5.1. *Europe*
- 1.5.2. *Asia/Oceania*
- 1.5.3. *America/Africa*
- 1.5.4. *Please note that BISFed will encourage Africa and Oceania to organise Regional Open for Africa and Oceania in this quadrennial*

2. Type of Event (refer to Appendix 2)

2.1. Paralympic Games (currently under negotiation with IPC Sport Services)

- 2.1.1. *the Paralympics will be held in Tokyo, Japan in from 25th August to 6th September*
- 2.1.2. *It is anticipated the Paralympic Games will include seven (7) medal events*
 - 2.1.2.1. *four (4) individual medal events (BCI-4)*
 - 2.1.2.2. *three (3) team/pair events*
- 2.1.3. *it is anticipated the maximum entry will be 116 athletes*
- 2.1.4. *it is anticipated a side will qualify for the Paralympic Games through the following methods;*
 - 2.1.4.1. *Host Nation*
 - 2.1.4.2. *Regional Championship Result*
 - 2.1.4.3. *World Ranking*

2.2. World Championships

- 2.2.1. *the World Championships will be held in 2018*
- 2.2.2. *the World Championships will include seven (7) medal events*
 - 2.2.2.1. *four (4) individual medal events (BCI-4)*
 - 2.2.2.2. *three (3) team/pair events*
- 2.2.3. *the maximum entry will be 192 athletes*
- 2.2.4. *a side will qualify for the World Championships through the following methods;*
 - 2.2.4.1. *Host Nation*
 - 2.2.4.2. *Regional Championship Result*
 - 2.2.4.3. *World Ranking*

2.3. Regional Championships

- 2.3.1. *the Regional Championships will be held twice, once in 2017 and once in 2019*
- 2.3.2. *each Regional Championships will include seven (7) medal events*
 - 2.3.2.1. *four (4) individual medal events (BCI-4)*
 - 2.3.2.2. *three (3) team/pair events*
- 2.3.3. *the maximum entry for each version will be;*
 - 2.3.3.1. *2017 = Quotas would be limited to a maximum of 8 Team and Pairs in Americas/Africa, to a maximum of 10 Team and Pairs in Asia and to a maximum of 12 Team and Pairs in Europe based on agreement with the host. Qualification would be done through World Ranking and Bi-partie invitation based on growth of the sport in specific area. Individual competition would fit accordingly.*
 - 2.3.3.2. *2019 = 104 athletes*
- 2.3.4. *a side will only need to qualify for the 2019 version of the Regional Championships, they will qualify for the event through;*

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2.3.4.1. *Host Nation*

2.3.4.2. *World Ranking*

2.4. World Open (see Appendix 3)

2.4.1. *there will be one World Open per region, per year*

2.4.2. *each World Open will include seven (7) medal events*

2.4.2.1. *four (4) individual medal events (BCI-4)*

2.4.2.2. *three (3) team/pair events*

2.4.3. *the maximum entry for each World Open will be 122 athletes*

2.4.4. *a side will qualify for a World Open through the following methods;*

2.4.4.1. *Regional Ranking (host region only) from end of previous calendar year*

2.4.4.2. *Regional Open Result (host region only) from previous calendar year*

2.4.4.3. *World Ranking (all regions) from previous calendar year*

2.4.4.4. *Bi-Partite Slot (which could include host nation)*

2.4.5. *a side will be limited to attending two (2) World Open events in each calendar year, one of which will need to be the World Open in their own region*

2.4.6. *a side will be asked for their preference, subject to achieving qualification for more than one (1) World Open, and then allocated automatically*

2.4.7. *a standby list will operate for each World Open which will allocate sides to any available slots based on the same qualification methods identified above, subject to a side having a minimum ranking of twenty (20) or lower.*

2.5. Regional Open (see Appendix 3)

2.5.1. *there will be a minimum of two and a maximum of three Regional Open's per region, per year*

2.5.2. *each Regional Open will include seven (7) medal events*

2.5.2.1. *four (4) individual medal events (BCI-4)*

2.5.2.2. *three (3) team/pair events*

2.5.3. *the maximum entry for a Regional Open will be 82 athletes*

2.5.4. *any side is eligible to attend a Regional Open within their own region*

2.5.5. *a side will be allocated to a minimum of one (1) Regional Open per year*

2.5.6. *a side may attend two (2) Regional Opens, but **only** if they are not eligible to qualify for a World Open*

2.5.7. *each side will be drawn by BISFed in to an event using seeded pots to ensure each event is of a comparable quality and is made up from a similar number of sides*

2.5.8. *the seeding pots will be constructed using the following criteria;*

2.5.8.1. *member nation's world ranking*

2.5.8.2. *member nation's expressing a preference for a specific event*

2.5.8.3. *member nation's geographical location*

2.5.9. *IPC Regional Para Games (i.e. Para Asian Games, Parapan American Games) will be allocated Regional Open status in order to earn ranking points from these events. There must be at least one (1) additional Regional Open held in these regions in the same year as the Regional Para Games.*

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Appendix 2

2017 - 2020 Event Quotas (v3)

1. Paralympic Games (2020)

Team/Pair	TEAM	PAIR BC₃	PAIR BC₄
Entries:	10	10	10
	<i>40 [4 per nation incl. 1 female]</i>	<i>30 [3 per nation incl. 1 female]</i>	<i>30 [3 per nation incl. 1 female]</i>
Host Qualification :	<i>1 host slot [subject to ranking]</i>	<i>1 host slot [subject to ranking]</i>	<i>1 host slot [subject to ranking]</i>
Automatic Qualification :	<i>3 slots to 1st in 2019 Regional Championships</i>	<i>3 slots to 1st in 2019 Regional Championships</i>	<i>3 slots to 1st in 2019 Regional Championships</i>
Ranking Qualification :	<i>6 slots to be allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list</i>	<i>6 slots to be allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list</i>	<i>6 slots to be allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list</i>
Format:	<i>2 pools of 5 sides, qualify to Semi-Final</i>	<i>2 pools of 5 sides, qualify to Semi-Final</i>	<i>2 pools of 5 sides, qualify to Semi-Final</i>

Individual	BC₁	BC₂	BC₃	BC₄
Entries:	24	24	24	24
Host Qualification:	<i>Slot allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slots allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slots allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slots allocated through automatic qualification</i>
Automatic Qualification:	<i>3 slots (1st at each of the 2019 Regional Championships) ~ 1 slot per qualified team, including host nation</i>	<i>3 slots (1st at each of the 2019 Regional Championships) ~ 1 slot per qualified team, including host nation</i>	<i>3 slots (1st at each of the 2019 Regional Championships) ~ 1 slot per qualified pair, including host nation</i>	<i>3 slots (1st at each of the 2019 Regional Championships) ~ 1 slot per qualified pair, including host nation</i>
Ranking Qualification:	<i>7 lots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC qualified for Team ~ 3 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Team ~ 1 slot allocated to highest ranked female not qualified for Team</i>	<i>7 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC qualified for Team ~ 3 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Team ~ 1 slot allocated to highest ranked female not qualified for Team</i>	<i>7 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC qualified for Pair ~ 3 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Pair ~ 1 slot allocated to highest ranked female not qualified for Pair</i>	<i>7 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC qualified for Pair ~ 3 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Pair ~ 1 slot allocated to highest ranked female not qualified for Pair</i>
Format:	<i>6 pools of 4 to Quarter-Final</i>	<i>6 pools of 4 to Quarter-Final</i>	<i>6 pools of 4 to Quarter-Final</i>	<i>6 pools of 4 to Quarter-Final</i>

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2. World Championships (2018)

Team/Pair	TEAM	PAIR BC₃	PAIR BC₄
Entries:	16	16	16
	<i>80 [5 per nation]</i>	<i>48 [3 per nation]</i>	<i>48 [3 per nation]</i>
Host Qualification :	<i>1 host slot [subject to ranking]</i>	<i>1 host slot [subject to ranking]</i>	<i>1 host slot [subject to ranking]</i>
Automatic Qualification :	<i>9 slots to 1st, 2nd, 3rd in Regional Qualifier</i>	<i>9 slots to 1st, 2nd, 3rd in Regional Qualifier</i>	<i>9 slots to 1st, 2nd, 3rd in Regional Qualifier</i>
Ranking Qualification :	<i>6 slots to be allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list</i>	<i>6 slots to be allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list</i>	<i>6 slots to be allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list</i>
Format:	<i>4 pools of 4 sides, qualify to Q-Final</i>	<i>4 pools of 4 sides, qualify to Q-Final</i>	<i>4 pools of 4 sides, qualify to Q-Final</i>

Individual	BC₁	BC₂	BC₃	BC₄
Entries:	32	32	32	32
Host Qualification:	<i>Slot allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slots allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slots allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slots allocated through automatic qualification</i>
Automatic Qualification:	<i>9 slots to 1st, 2nd, 3rd at 2017 Regional Championships</i> ~ <i>1 slot per qualified team, including host nation</i>	<i>9 slots to 1st, 2nd, 3rd at 2017 Regional Championships</i> ~ <i>1 slot per qualified team, including host nation</i>	<i>9 slots to 1st, 2nd, 3rd at 2017 Regional Championships</i> ~ <i>1 slot per qualified pair, including host nation</i>	<i>9 slots to 1st, 2nd, 3rd at 2017 Regional Championships</i> ~ <i>1 slot per qualified pair, including host nation</i>
	Ranking Qualification:	<i>3 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC qualified for Team</i> ~ <i>4 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Team</i>	<i>3 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC qualified for Team</i> ~ <i>4 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Team</i>	<i>3 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC qualified for Pair</i> ~ <i>4 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Pair</i>
Format:	<i>8 pools of 4; qualify to Round of 16</i>	<i>8 pools of 4; qualify to Round of 16</i>	<i>8 pools of 4; qualify to Round of 16</i>	<i>8 pools of 4; qualify to Round of 16</i>

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3. Regional Championships (2019)

Team/Pair	TEAM	PAIR BC₃	PAIR BC₄
Entries:	Maximum of 8	Maximum of 8	Maximum of 8
	<i>40 [5 per nation]</i>	<i>24 [3 per nation]</i>	<i>24 [3 per nation]</i>
Host Qualification :	<i>1 host slot [subject to ranking]</i>	<i>1 host slot [subject to ranking]</i>	<i>1 host slot [subject to ranking]</i>
Ranking Qualification :	<i>7 slots to be allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list</i>	<i>7 slots to be allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list</i>	<i>7 slots to be allocated to the highest ranked nations remaining from the world ranking list</i>
Format:	<i>2 pools of 4 sides, qualify to Semi-Final</i>	<i>2 pools of 4 sides, qualify to Semi-Final</i>	<i>2 pools of 4 sides, qualify to Semi-Final</i>

Individual	BC₁	BC₂	BC₃	BC₄
Entries:	Maximum of 24	Maximum of 24	Maximum of 24	Maximum of 24
Host Qualification :	<i>Slot allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slots allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slots allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slot allocated through automatic qualification</i>
Automatic Qualification :	<i>Min. 2 slot per qualified Team</i>	<i>Min. 2 slot per qualified Team</i>	<i>Min. 2 slot per qualified Pair</i>	<i>Min. 2 slot per qualified Pair</i>
Ranking Qualification :	<i>2 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC qualified for Team ~ 6 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Team</i>	<i>2 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC qualified for Team ~ 6 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Team</i>	<i>2 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC qualified for Pair ~ 6 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Pair</i>	<i>2 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC qualified for Pair ~ 6 slots allocated to highest ranked individuals from NPC not qualified for Pair</i>
Format:	<i>6 pools of 4 to Quarter-Final</i>	<i>6 pools of 4 to Quarter-Final</i>	<i>6 pools of 4 to Quarter-Final</i>	<i>6 pools of 4 to Quarter-Final</i>

4. Regional Championships (2017)

- 4.1. Quotas would be limited to a maximum of 8 Team and Pairs in Americas/Africa, to a maximum of 10 Team and Pairs in Asia and to a maximum of 12 Team and Pairs in Europe based on agreement with the host
- 4.2. Qualification would be done through World Ranking and Bi-partie invitation based on growth of the sport in specific area.
- 4.3. Individual competition would fit accordingly.

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5. World Open (3 events per year, 1 per region; to be held each of the four years)

Team/Pair	TEAM	PAIR BC₃	PAIR BC₄
Entries:	Maximum of 10	Maximum of 10	Maximum of 10
	<i>50 [5 per nation]</i>	<i>30 [3 per nation]</i>	<i>30 [3 per nation]</i>
Ranking Qualification (Regional)	<i>3 slots allocated to the highest ranked team's on the world ranking list from the host region</i>	<i>3 slots allocated to the highest ranked team's on the world ranking list from the host region</i>	<i>3 slots allocated to the highest ranked team's on the world ranking list from the host region</i>
Automatic Qualification (Reg. Open)	<i>2 or 3 slots allocated to highest placed finisher, not already qualified, at each of the Regional Open's held in the previous calendar year</i>	<i>2 or 3 slots allocated to highest placed finisher, not already qualified, at each of the Regional Open's held in the previous calendar year</i>	<i>2 or 3 slots allocated to highest placed finisher, not already qualified, at each of the Regional Open's held in the previous calendar year</i>
Ranking Qualification (World)	<i>3 or 4 slots allocated to the highest ranked team's on the world ranking list, not already qualified, from any region</i>	<i>3 or 4 slots allocated to the highest ranked team's on the world ranking list, not already qualified, from any region</i>	<i>3 or 4 slots allocated to the highest ranked team's on the world ranking list, not already qualified, from any region</i>
Bi-Partite Qualification :	<i>1 slot which can be allocated to a host nation, if not already qualified, or which can be awarded on a bi-partite basis</i>	<i>1 slot which can be allocated to a host nation, if not already qualified, or which can be awarded on a bi-partite basis</i>	<i>1 slot which can be allocated to a host nation, if not already qualified, or which can be awarded on a bi-partite basis</i>
Format:	<i>2 pools of 5 sides, qualify to Semi-Finals</i>	<i>2 pools of 5 sides, qualify to Semi-Finals</i>	<i>2 pools of 5 sides, qualify to Semi-Finals</i>

Individual	BC₁	BC₂	BC₃	BC₄
Entries:	24	24	24	24
Host Qualification :	<i>Slot allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slots allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slots allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slot allocated through automatic qualification</i>
Automatic Qualification :	<i>2 slot per qualified Team</i>	<i>2 slot per qualified Team</i>	<i>2 slot per qualified Pair</i>	<i>2 slot per qualified Pair</i>
Ranking Qualification :	<i>4 slots allocated to individuals from NPC not qualified for Team by a bi-partite invitation process.</i>	<i>4 slots allocated to individuals from NPC not qualified for Team by a bi-partite invitation process.</i>	<i>4 slots allocated to individuals from NPC not qualified for Pair by a bi-partite invitation process</i>	<i>4 slots allocated to individuals from NPC not qualified for Pair by a bi-partite invitation process</i>
Format:	<i>6 pools of 4 to Quarter-Final</i>	<i>6 pools of 4 to Quarter-Final</i>	<i>6 pools of 4 to Quarter-Final</i>	<i>6 pools of 4 to Quarter-Final</i>

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6. Regional Open (2 to 3 events per region, per year; to be held in each of the four years)

Team/Pair	TEAM	PAIR BC₃	PAIR BC₄
Entries:	4-6	4-6	4-6
	<i>30 [5 per nation]</i>	<i>18 [3 per nation]</i>	<i>18 [3 per nation]</i>
Host Qualification :	<i>1 host slot [subject to ranking]</i>	<i>1 host slot [subject to ranking]</i>	<i>1 host slot [subject to ranking]</i>
Ranking Qualification :	<i>5 slots to be allocated through a seeding process and random draw which is informed by the preferences of each member nation</i>	<i>5 slots to be allocated through a seeding process and random draw which is informed by the preferences of each member nation</i>	<i>5 slots to be allocated through a seeding process and random draw which is informed by the preferences of each member nation</i>
Format:	<i>Round-Robin Format</i>	<i>Round-Robin Format</i>	<i>Round-Robin Format</i>

Individual	BC₁	BC₂	BC₃	BC₄
Entries:	Maximum of 20	Maximum of 20	Maximum of 20	Maximum of 20
Host Qualification :	<i>Slot allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slots allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slots allocated through automatic qualification</i>	<i>Slot allocated through automatic qualification</i>
Automatic Qualification :	<i>min. 2 slot per qualified Team</i>	<i>min. 2 slot per qualified Team</i>	<i>min. 2 slot per qualified Pair</i>	<i>min. 2 slot per qualified Pair</i>
Ranking Qualification :	<i>up to 4 slots allocated to individuals on a bi-partite invitation process</i>	<i>up to 4 slots allocated to individuals on a bi-partite invitation process</i>	<i>up to 4 slots allocated to individuals on a bi-partite invitation process</i>	<i>up to 4 slots allocated to individuals on a bi-partite invitation process</i>
Format:	<i>Pools of 4 or 5 to Q-Final</i>	<i>Pools of 4 or 5 to Q-Final</i>	<i>Pools of 4 or 5 to Q-Final</i>	<i>Pools of 4 or 5 to Q-Final</i>

Appendix 3

EXAMPLE QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR OPEN EVENTS

1. Regional Open Qualification

- 1.1. a side will be allocated to a minimum of one (1) Regional Open per year*
- 1.2. a side may attend two (2) Regional Opens, but only if they are not eligible to qualify for a World Open*
 - 1.2.1. each side will be drawn by BISFed in to an event using seeded pots to ensure each event is of a comparable quality and is made up from a similar number of sides*
 - 1.2.2. the seeding pots will be constructed using the following criteria;*
 - 1.2.2.1. member nation's world ranking*
 - 1.2.2.2. member nation's expressing a preference for a specific event*
 - 1.2.2.3. member nation's geographical location*

2. Example - European Regional Opens

- 2.1. This example is a fictional example based on the BCI/2 Team event in the European region.*
- 2.2. There are likely to be three (3) Regional Open's in Europe which will each have 6 sides. In this example the hosts for these events have been determined to be:*
 - 2.2.1. Poland*
 - 2.2.2. Greece*
 - 2.2.3. Netherlands*
- 2.3. There are currently seventeen (17) European nations who have either a BCI/2 Team, a BCI Individual and/or a BC2 Individual currently ranked on the World Ranking list as of 3rd May 2016.*
 - 2.3.1. This example assumes they will all compete in the BCI-2 Team event at a Regional Open.*
 - 2.3.2. This example assumes that Italy will be added to this list after the 2016 World Open in Povo.*
- 2.4. All sides will be allocated to a seeding pot using the first criteria, their world ranking. Each seeding pot will contain three sides (i.e. one per event) except the last pot which will include all unranked sides. On this basis the seeding pots would be:*
 - 2.4.1. Pot 1: Great Britain, Slovakia Portugal*
 - 2.4.2. Pot 2: Spain, Netherlands, Russia*
 - 2.4.3. Pot 3: Greece, Israel, Czech Republic*
 - 2.4.4. Pot 4: Ireland, Norway, Poland*
 - 2.4.5. Pot 5: Azerbaijan, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Slovenia, Italy*
- 2.5. The host nations will be automatically allocated to their own events*
- 2.6. As the highest ranked side in Pot 1, Great Britain's preference to attend the event in the Netherlands means that they will be drawn in to this event.*
- 2.7. Based on geographical location, Slovakia will be allocated to the event in Poland.*
- 2.8. This will mean that Portugal is allocated to the event in Greece.*
- 2.9. From Pot 2, based on geographical location and their preferred events, Russia will be allocated to the event in Poland and Spain will be allocated to the event in Greece.*

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- 2.10. *From Pot 3, Israel and Czech Republic both would prefer to attend the same event. This is split by considering their geographical location and their world ranking. Israel would take priority and would be allocated to the event in Poland.*
- 2.11. *From Pot 4, Ireland and Norway cannot be split easily based on their preferred event or geographical location. A random draw is used to allocate each side to an event.*
- 2.12. *From Pot 5, the sides cannot be split according to world ranking, so a combination of their preferred event and geographical location will be used to allocate the sides to an event.*
- 2.13. *The final allocation for each event would be:*
 - 2.13.1. *Dutch Regional Open: Great Britain, Netherlands, Czech Republic, Norway, Denmark, Germany*
 - 2.13.2. *Polish Regional Open: Slovakia, Russia, Israel, Poland, Azerbaijan, Hungary*
 - 2.13.3. *Greek Regional Open: Portugal, Spain, Greece, Ireland, Slovenia, Italy*
- 2.14. *Each event has one (or two) sides from each pot and each side has been allocated based on a combination of their world ranking, preferred event and geographical location.*
- 2.15. *This process would be extended across the pairs discipline and would be managed to ensure that any nation with two or more entries for the team and pairs events would be allocated to the same Regional Open*
 - 2.15.1. *For example, in this example, all Great Britain team and pair entries would compete at the Dutch Regional Open.*

3. World Open Qualification

- 3.1. *a side will qualify for a World Open through the following methods;*
 - 3.1.1. *Regional Ranking (host region only) from end of previous calendar year*
 - 3.1.2. *Regional Open Result (host region only) from previous calendar year*
 - 3.1.3. *World Ranking (all regions) from previous calendar year*
 - 3.1.4. *Bi-Partite Slot (which could include host nation)*
- 3.2. *a side will be limited to attending two (2) World Open events in each calendar year, one of which will need to be the World Open in their own region*

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4. Example - European World Open

- 4.1. *This is a fictional example based on the BCI/2 Team event in the European region.*
- 4.2. *There will be one (1) World Open held in Europe which will consist of 10 sides*
- 4.3. *In this example, the host of the World Open will be Spain.*
- 4.4. *Based on Appendix 2, Table 5 there are three (3) regional ranking slots. These are allocated to the highest ranked sides on the BISFed World Ranking List from the European region. This would currently be:*
 - 4.4.1. *Great Britain, Slovakia, Portugal*
- 4.5. *Then, the highest placed side at each Regional Open, not already qualified for the World Open, will be allocated up to one slot per event (3 in Europe). This would likely be:*
 - 4.5.1. *Spain, Netherlands, Russia*
- 4.6. *Then, the three (3) highest ranked sides from the world ranking list, irrespective of region, will be invited to attend. This would likely be:*
 - 4.6.1. *Thailand, Brazil, Japan*
 - 4.6.2. *For Thailand, Brazil and Japan, if they are eligible, then they should attend their own region's World Open.*
 - 4.6.3. *If they have qualified for the remaining World Open, then the side must prioritise which World Open they wish to attend, subject to attending no more than two events in a calendar year.*
 - 4.6.3.1. *For example, if Japan also is eligible to attend the Asian World Open and the Americas World Open in addition to this World Open, then they must choose. If they were to decline the World Open in Europe, then the next highest ranked side, irrespective of region, would be invited to attend. In this case, that would be China.*
- 4.7. *Finally, there would be 1 bi-partite slot to allocate because the hosts (Spain) have already qualified, which in this circumstances would apply. Therefore, the BISFed Competition Committee would award the slot to an up and coming side. In this example that would be:*
 - 4.7.1. *Israel*
- 4.8. *Therefore the sides for the European World Open would be;*
 - 4.8.1. *Great Britain, Slovakia, Portugal, Spain, Netherlands, Russia, Thailand, Brazil, China, Israel*