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The Paralympic Winter Games represents an international, multi-sport competition for athletes with a disability that reflects the highest standards of athletic excellence and diversity. The goal of the Paralympic Winter Sports Programme is to provide exciting and inspiring events in the Paralympic Winter Games that allow athletes to achieve competitive excellence while engaging and entertaining spectators. To ensure this for the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, the IPC conducted its quadrennial review process that determined the inclusion and positioning of sports, disciplines and medal events within the Paralympic Winter Games based on established chore characteristics and guiding principles.

PARALYMPIC SPORTS PROGRAMME CORE CHARACTERISTICS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Chore Characteristics and Guiding Principles of the Paralympic Winter Sports Programme are as follows:

QUALITY: The essential principles with respect to grade of excellence; accomplishment and/or attainment.

Elite – Representing the highest athlete performances in the context of the specific sport.

Exciting – Providing a vibrant and energising atmosphere that is entertaining in the context of each sport, yet creates a collective motivational atmosphere that is attractive to spectators and media.

Inspirational – Creating a distinct opportunity for personal experience/reflection that acts as a catalyst for change through showcasing the extraordinary perseverance of the human spirit through athleticism.



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(continued)**

Fair Play – Driving collective values of the IPC ensuring that the spirit of fair play prevails, that the health risks of athletes are managed, that fundamental ethical principles are upheld, that prejudice and discrimination are not tolerated and that all forms of cheating are discouraged and dealt with sternly.

QUANTITY - The principles that establish parameters and/or conditions necessary for success.

Viable – Ensuring operational and programmatic capability in the context of the IPC's obligations to its relationship with the IOC and considering the impact on the POC/OCOG (eg, financially, cost effective, manageable, number of training and competition venues, safety, risk management).

Sustainable/Dynamic – Ensuring a healthy and stable programme (components of the sport) that allows forecasting (foresight) and ongoing evaluation. – “Stable enough to be sustainable, and dynamic enough to meet the needs of the present and the future.”

UNIVERSALITY - The collective principles or conditions that ensure and reflect a diverse movement.

Equitable – ensuring that gender representation and the type and extent of disabilities represented at the Games are taken as a fundamental factor in establishing the Games framework.

Global – Establishing a framework that strives to ensure regional representation and the global nature of the Games.

Balance – Weighing and positioning the types of sports and athletes included based on the nature of the sports/disciplines (eg, individual versus team; power versus precision; speed versus endurance, combat versus artistic).



SPORTS AND DISCIPLINES	<p>The sports on the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Sports Programme includes the following:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="671 459 1139 689"><thead><tr><th data-bbox="671 459 1139 499">Sport</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td data-bbox="671 499 1139 539">Alpine Skiing</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="671 539 1139 580">Biathlon</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="671 580 1139 620">Cross Country Skiing</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="671 620 1139 660">Ice Sledge Hockey</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="671 660 1139 689">Wheelchair Curling</td></tr></tbody></table>	Sport	Alpine Skiing	Biathlon	Cross Country Skiing	Ice Sledge Hockey	Wheelchair Curling
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MEDAL EVENTS QUOTA	<p>The medal events quota for the the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Sports Programme is 64 and is outlined by sport on attachment 1.</p>						
ATHLETES QUOTA	<p>The athletes quota for the the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Sports Programme is 600 and is outlined by sport on attachment 2.</p>						



ATTACHMENT 1 - MEDAL EVENTS QUOTA

Sport	Men	Women	Mixed	Total
Alpine Skiing	15	15		30
Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing	16	16		32
Ice Sledge Hockey	1			1
Wheelchair Curling			1	1



ATTACHMENT 2 - ATHLETES QUOTA

Sport (Discipline)	Male Quota	Female Quota	Total Quota
Alpine Skiing	170	80	250
Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing	115	65	180
Ice Sledge Hockey	120		120
Wheelchair Curling*	40	10	50

**Gender quota is a minimum target dependent on sport entries made by NPCs*