

Elite Vote Support System (EVSS) for Para Sports

Criteria	Rating					
International-level performance record in previous two years –	4-8 (> 24 entries) or_ <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> International Invitation Tournament International Open Competitions Regional Championships	4-8 (> 24 entries) or_ <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Cup Series National Championships Special Olympics	4-8 (> 24 entries) or_ <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Championships National Games Asian Cup (Finals) IPC World Cup Series Non-IPC World Cup (Finals) Virtus Global Games	4-8 (> 24 entries) or_ <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Para Games IPC World Cup (Finals) Non-IPC World Championships	4-8 (> 24 entries) or_ <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Paralympic Games IPC World Championships	<u>Medal (Minus-one Rule)</u> Paralympic Games
	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> Inter-port / Inter-City Competition	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> International Invitation Tournament International Open Competitions Regional Championships	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> Asian Cup Series National Championships Special Olympics	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> Asian Championships National Games Asian Cup (Finals) IPC World Cup Series Non-IPC World Cup (Finals) Virtus Global Games	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> Asian Para Games IPC World Cup (Finals) Non-IPC World Championships	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> IPC World Championships
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The final score of a particular para sport will be used to decide if the sport will be supported as a Para Tier A Sport or a Para Tier B Sport.

Prerequisite

National Sports Associations must be affiliated with the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China or the China Hong Kong Paralympic Committee, in order to be eligible under Elite Vote Support System for Para Sports.

Para Tier A Sport:

- Total score 4 points or above; and
- Para Sports have been competed in or will be competed in at least three editions of the Paralympic Games since 1997.

Para Tier B Sport:

- Total score 3 points or above; and
- Para Sports have been competed in or will be competed in at least three editions of the Paralympic Games or Asian Para Games since 1997.

Criteria for Continuing in the EVSS

Para Tier A Sport:

The benchmark performance level for continuing to receive EVSS support will be a minimum of 4 points plus one of the followings specified sports achievement -

- (a) Top 1/3 in PG;
 - (b) 1 medal in International Paralympic Committee (IPC) World Championships (WC);
 - (c) 1 medal in APG ; or
 - (d) 1 gold medal in National Games for Persons with Disabilities.
- (The special sports achievements listed above must meet the top 1/3 rule.)

Para Tier B Sport:

The benchmark performance level for continuing to receive EVSS support will be a minimum of 3 points plus one of the followings specified sports achievement -

- (a) Top 1/3 in IPC WC;
 - (b) Top 1/3 in APG;
 - (c) 1 medal in Asian Championships; or
 - (d) 1 medal in National Games for Persons with Disabilities.
- (The special sports achievements listed above must meet the top 1/3 rule.)

Scoring Criteria / Guidelines

1. The final score of the sport will be calculated based on the average of the best results from four senior athletes.
2. Each result, including results of doubles events and team events in individual sports, would only be counted once.
3. Results in demonstration or exhibition events will not be counted.
4. Only results of athletes fulfilling the 3-year residency criteria will be counted.
5. For team events, whether in individual or “Team only” sports, all members of the team must fulfill the 3-year residency requirement; for Tier A Sports, all should be eligible to represent Hong Kong in the Asian Para Games or Paralympic Games.
6. Due to a lack of uniformity in the ranking systems for different sports, international ranking will not be used as an assessment parameter.
7. Only results in competitions sanctioned, recognised or endorsed by the relevant international or Asian federation will be considered, except for the National Games and National Championships.
8. For Paralympic Games medal results, the “minus-one rule” (i.e. beaten at least one competitor in the competition) will be applied.
9. Only results in events with the participation of four or more countries or regions, will be counted.
10. International opens or professional events with the participation of six or more current world top ten ranking athletes will be considered equivalent to an event at the 4/5-point level.