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Final Paralympic Qualification for Rowing

FISA and the International Paralympic Committee today decided to allocate the final participating boats in accordance with the FISA IPC Bipartite Process. Eight Bipartite Invitation qualification slots were available, 4 eligible male and 4 eligible female, as described in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide. These invitations are granted based on the following principles:

- to ensure the participation of top athletes/teams that may have not had the opportunity to formally qualify through other methods due to extraordinary circumstances;
- to ensure representation of athletes with a severe disability;
- to ensure medal events will have sufficient representation for viability; and
- to enable greater representation by gender.

In addition, FISA and IPC seek the greatest geographical distribution and largest number of participating countries.

The decisions today were:

AW1x – Hong Kong China
AM1x – Spain
TA2x – Japan
LTA4+ - South Africa

The final number of nations that will participate at the first-ever Paralympic rowing regatta this September in Beijing will be 22 which will include:

Oceania – 1 nation
Africa – 1 nation
Americas – 3 nations
Asia – 4 nations
Europe – 13 nations

Inquires can be addressed to FISA at the address below.

