



## **‘How to’ Qualify for the WPSC**

1. Only two athletes may represent each country in all categories.
2. Reserve athletes may now apply to WPSC in the case of a qualified athlete being unable to attend/compete.
3. Only athletes qualifying in IPSF endorsed competitions are eligible to qualify for WPSC.
4. The IPSF want to increase the number of countries being represented

### **National Championships**

- Athletes placing first (1<sup>st</sup>) and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) in an Elite category will automatically qualify to the WPSC.
  - *This means ALL first (1<sup>st</sup>) and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place winners in the Elite categories will qualify; it does not matter what their scores are.*
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placed athletes can be accepted to the WPSC as reserve athletes. Reserve athletes must contact their competition organiser who will liaise with the IPSF to confirm eligibility. A reserve athlete can step in right up until the competition registration date provided they have already applied and are registered as a reserve athlete.
  - *This means if an athlete in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place who has qualified for WPSC is unable to attend the competition, a reserve athlete may take their place so each country is still able to send two athletes to represent them.*



## Open Championships

Athletes from countries that do not have national competitions will be allowed to compete at an open competition to qualify for WPSC. All national competitions have open elite categories so athletes can choose to attend any national competition in the world. There is no maximum number of athletes allowed to compete at any or all of the open championships. Athletes are allowed to compete in one open competition of their choice per competitive year. To prevent more than two athletes qualifying in different competitions the following rules will apply:

- Only two athletes from each country may qualify in each category for WPSC.
  - *This means if eight athletes from one country enter four open championships and win 1st and 2nd place at each competition, only the two with the highest scores will qualify for WPSC.*
- All scores for athletes who compete at an open competition will be listed on the IPSF website and updated at each open competition.
  - *This means every athlete who competes in an open championship has the same chance to qualify regardless of which competition they enter.*
- The final qualifying scores will be announced the day after the final open competition.
  - This means athletes competing in open competitions will not know if they have qualified for WPSC until the last competition has been held.
- Athletes will still have the honour of placing in their categories at the competitions they enter.
  - *This means, if an athlete places 1st, 2nd, 3rd in an open competition, they will also win the title of e.g. Gold medalist of Hungarian Open Junior category, or silver medalist of Men's category – UK Open.*
- The two athletes with the highest score for their country will qualify to the WPSC.
  - *This means e.g. if an athlete came 7th in Women's category and had only 15 points, they can still represent their country if they get the highest number of points out of all the athletes in that category from that country. They will be treated the same as athletes in national competitions – 1st place regardless of points automatically qualifies.*
- The same rules for reserve athletes apply (see above in national championships).