



IPF Qualification guideline for The World Games 2025

The following qualification guidelines have been established for the IWGA World Games (WG 2025) that will be held on August 7-17 2025 in Chengdu/China. The procedures are as follows:

CLASSIC Powerlifting

1. The 2024 IPF Open World Classic Powerlifting Championships, held in Vilnius/Lithuania, on June 16-23 2024 will be the official qualifying competition for the **Classic Powerlifting** Events at the 2025 World Games.
2. The established weight categories for the WG 2025 will be as follows:
Men's Lightweight (59.00kg and 66.00kg)
Men's Middleweight (74.00kg and 83.00kg)
Men's Heavyweight (93.00kg and 105.00kg)
Men's Super-Heavyweight (120.00kg and 120.00+kg)

Women's Lightweight (47.00kg and 52.00kg)
Women's Middleweight (57.00kg and 63.00kg)
Women's Heavyweight (69.00kg and 76.00kg)
Women's Super-heavyweight (84.00kg and 84.00+kg)
3. Each of the eight (8) IWGA weight classes will contain of eight (8) athletes, with the total number not to exceed sixty-four (64) lifters (32 Men and 32 Women).
4. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each IPF weight class at the 2024 IPF Open World Classic Powerlifting Championships, will qualify automatically for the 2025 World Games, with the EXCEPTION of the following circumstances:
 - a. No more than two (2) lifters, per country, can be selected for each of the IWGA weight category listed above (i.e. Men's Middleweight 74.00 – 83.00).
 - b. In circumstances of a tie between two (2) lifters, the athlete with the highest IPF GL Points score will determine the higher placing. As an example, if the Ukraine has lifters which finish 1st and 2nd in the 74.00kg weight class and 2nd place in the 83.00kg weight class, the Ukrainian lifter, which placed second, with the higher IPF GL Points Score, will be awarded the World Games slot. The third Ukrainian lifter will be placed onto the reserve list; however, the reserve Ukrainian lifter can only be selected, if one of the top two (2) Ukrainian lifters in the IWGA weight category (74.00kg – 83.00kg) drops out.



5. Each Regional Federation shall receive two (2) wild card slots. One (1) wild card for men, one (1) wild card for women. The established wild card slots will be selected at each of the six (6) regional championships and must be approved by the IPF Executive Board.
6. The host country of China will receive a maximum of four (4) wild card slots.
 - a. The Chinese men will receive two of the wild card slots and the Chinese women shall receive two (2) slots. The slots must be in different weight categories.
 - b. The wild card lifters must lift in a category, where there are no qualified lifters from the host country which qualified at the 2024 IPF Open World Classic Powerlifting Championships.
 - c. The total number of lifters for the host country cannot exceed a total of eight (8) lifters.
 - d. If the host country of China has more than four (4) lifters qualified via the official qualifying event, the 2024 IPF Open World Classic Powerlifting Championships, the number of wild cards will automatically be reduced. As an example, if the host country qualifies five (5) lifters at the 2024 IPF Open World Classic Powerlifting Championships, they will receive only three (3) wild card slots.
 - e. The quota of wild card lifters cannot be extended as described in number 6, section c. For example, if the host country qualifies six (6) male lifters and no female lifters at the 2024 IPF Open World Classic Powerlifting Championships, the two (2) wild card slot, must be used for the women's categories.
7. The remaining open slots will be filled based on each athletes IPF GL Points Score from the 2024 IPF Open World Classic Powerlifting Championships.
8. Each weight class, will have a list of five (5) reserve lifters, in each IWGA weight category, and the reserve slots will be determined by the IPF GL Points coefficient from the 2024 IPF Open Classic World Powerlifting Championships.

EQUIPPED Powerlifting

1. The 2024 IPF Open World Equipped Powerlifting Championships, held in Reykjavik/Iceland, on November 11-17 2024 will be the official qualifying competition for the **Equipped Powerlifting** Events at the 2025 World Games.
2. The established weight categories for the WG 2025 will be as follows:
 - Men's Lightweight (59.00kg and 66.00kg)
 - Men's Middleweight (74.00kg and 83.00kg)
 - Men's Heavyweight (93.00kg and 105.00kg)
 - Men's Super-Heavyweight (120.00kg and 120.00+kg)



Women's Lightweight (47.00kg and 52.00kg)
Women's Middleweight (57.00kg and 63.00kg)
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3. Each of the eight (8) IWGA weight classes will contain of eight (8) athletes, with the total number not to exceed sixty-four (64) lifters (32 Men and 32 Women).
4. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each IPF weight class at the 2024 IPF Open World Equipped Powerlifting Championships, will qualify automatically for the 2025 World Games, with the EXCEPTION of the following circumstances:
 - a. No more than two (2) lifters, per country, can be selected for each of the IWGA weight category listed above (i.e. Men's Middleweight 74.00 – 83.00).
 - b. In circumstances of a tie between two (2) lifters, the athlete with the highest IPF GL Points score will determine the higher placing. As an example, if the Ukraine has lifters which finish 1st and 2nd in the 74.00kg weight class and 2nd place in the 83.00kg weight class, the Ukrainian lifter, which placed second, with the higher IPF GL Points Score, will be awarded the World Games slot. The third Ukrainian lifter will be placed onto the reserve list; however, the reserve Ukrainian lifter can only be selected, if one of the top two (2) Ukrainian lifters in the IWGA weight category (74.00kg – 83.00kg) drops out.
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 - a. The Chinese men will receive two of the wild card slots and the Chinese women shall receive two (2) slots. The slots must be in different weight categories.
 - b. The wild card lifters must lift in a category, where there are no qualified lifters from the host country which qualified at the 2024 IPF Open World Equipped Powerlifting Championships.
 - c. The total number of lifters for the host country cannot exceed a total of eight (8) lifters.
 - d. If the host country of China has more than four (4) lifters qualified via the official qualifying event, the 2024 IPF Open World Equipped Powerlifting Championships, the number of wild cards will automatically be reduced. As an example, if the host country qualifies five (5) lifters at the 2024 IPF Open World Equipped Powerlifting Championships, they will receive only three (3) wild card slots.
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7. The remaining open slots will be filled based on each athletes IPF GL Points Score from the 2024 IPF Open World Equipped Powerlifting Championships.
 8. Each weight class, will have a list of five (5) reserve lifters, in each IWGA weight category, and the reserve slots will be determined by the IPF GL Points coefficient from the 2024 IPF Open Equipped World Powerlifting Championships.
 9. Lifters who qualify at the 2024 IPF World Open Classic Powerlifting Championship for the classic event at The World Games 2025 and accept their invitation, will not be eligible to qualify for the equipped event at the 2024 IPF World Open Equipped Powerlifting Championships, even if they later withdraw from the classic event.

An athlete who has accepted their invitation for the classic event at The World Games 2025 can still compete as normal in the 2024 World Open Equipped Powerlifting Championships, but they will not count in the top three when selections are made, and their qualification will pass down the ranks. For example, if such a lifter placed 1st in class, then the 2nd, 3rd and 4th placed lifters would receive the qualification places.

Of course, the placings and medals at the 2024 World Open Equipped Powerlifting Championships will be awarded as usual, regardless of any of the lifters having qualified for the classic event at The World Games 2025.

Lifters who are on the reserve list for the classic event can still qualify for the equipped event. However, if they are subsequently invited to participate in the classic event, they will no longer be eligible to qualify for the equipped event. Also if a lifter will be on the reserve list of both formats, the lifter need to decide right after the 2024 World Open Equipped Powerlifting Championships for which format he/she wants to be listed on the reserve list – it is only possible to be listed on the reserve list for one lifting format.