NPC
WORLD NATURAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Qualification Rules

1. Qualification Period

- **Start Date:** May 16, 2026
- **End Date:** April 18, 2027

2. Eligible Categories / Divisions

The World Natural Championships features competition in **Open** (non-Masters) and **Masters** categories only. True Novice, Novice, and Junior categories are excluded. The divisions are:

- **MEN:** Men's Bodybuilding, Men's Classic Physique, Men's Physique
- **WOMEN:** Women's Figure, Women's Bikini, Women's Physique, Women's Wellness, Women's Fit Model

3. Open Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for an **Open** category, an amateur athlete must meet at least one of the following organization-specific criteria during the qualification period:

- **CPA** *(Canadian Physique Alliance)*
    - **Placed Top 3** in an eligible Open class at a CPA Natural Regional, **OR**
    - **Competed** in an eligible Open class at a CPA Natural Pro Qualifier.
- **NPC** *(National Physique Committee - USA)*
    - **Competed** in an eligible Open class at an NPC Natural Regional **OR**
    - **Competed** in an eligible Open class at an NPC Natural Pro Qualifier.
- **NPCWW** *(NPC Worldwide - International)*
    - **Placed Top 3** in an eligible Open class at an NPCWW Natural Regional**, OR**
    - **Placed Top 5** in an eligible Open class at an NPCWW Natural Pro Qualifier.

4. Masters Eligibility Requirements

- **Competed** in an eligible Masters category **(35+, 40+, 45+)** at a CPA, NPC, or NPCWW Natural contest during the qualification period.

5. Crossovers

- **Between Divisions:** Crossovers **from or to** the Fit Model division are not permitted.
- **Within Fit Model:** Crossovers **between** Open and Masters **within** the Fit Model division are permitted.

6. Pro Cards Awarded

Pro cards are strictly conditional, based on the number of Open and Masters competitors per Tables 1 and 2 below.

TABLE 1: OPEN	
Competitors (per Division)	**Pro Cards Awarded**
10 or more	3 Pro Cards
8 - 9	2 Pro Cards
5 - 7	1 Pro Card
Less than 5	0 Pro Cards *

*__Note:__ *The Open division winner may formally petition for a Pro card*.

TABLE 2: MASTERS	
Competitors (per Category: 35+, 40+, 45+)	**Pro Cards Awarded**
5 or more	1 Pro Card
Less than 5	0 Pro Cards *

*__Note:__ *The Masters category winner may formally petition for a Pro card*.

7. Athlete Status Restriction

Pro Card Winners: Any athlete winning a Pro card **before** the 2027 World Natural Championships is **ineligible** to compete in this event.