

IPC SPORTS REGULATIONS

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PART I: GOVERNANCE OF THE IPC SPORTS

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The IPC will remain the international federation for the IPC Sports (listed at Appendix 1) and govern those sports until they separate from the IPC. Pursuant to the Constitution, it is intended that all IPC Sports will separate from the IPC by no later than 31 December 2026.
- 1.2 These Regulations address the governance of the IPC Sports (Part I) and the separation of the IPC Sports from the IPC (Part II)
- 1.3 These IPC Sports Regulations (**Regulations**) will come into effect on 1 March 2023, subject to approval by the IPC Governing Board. The Governing Board may amend these Regulations from time to time, and such amendments will come into effect on the date specified by the Governing Board.
- 1.4 Unless specified otherwise, defined terms used in these Regulations (denoted by initial capital letters) have the meaning given to them in the Constitution, and the rules of interpretation set out in Appendix 1 to the Constitution apply to these Regulations.

2. Application

- 2.1 These Regulations apply to all IPC Sports. Each person participating in any capacity in an IPC Sport is bound by and must comply with these Regulations.

3. Governing Board and WPS Unit

- 3.1 In accordance with the Constitution, by no later than 31 December 2022, the Governing Board will:
 - 3.1.1 establish the World Para Sports (WPS) Unit; and
 - 3.1.2 establish the WPS Unit Board;
- 3.2 The status, composition, scope of work, and powers of the WPS Unit and the WPS Unit Board are as set out in the IPC Constitution.
- 3.3 Subject to Articles 23 and 24 of the Constitution, the Governing Board delegates authority to the WPS Unit Board to (a) govern the IPC Sports pending their separation from the IPC; and (b) monitor each IPC Sport's progress towards separation from the IPC.
- 3.4 Subject to Articles 22 and 23 of the Constitution, the terms of reference for the WPS Unit Board are set out in Appendix 2 of these Regulations.

4. Sport Committees

- 4.1 Pursuant to the Constitution, each IPC Sport must have a Sport Committee that is advisory to the WPS Unit Board and IPC Sport management. Each IPC Sport must establish such committee by no later than 31 December 2023. If two or more IPC Sports are considering transferring into a new Para sport entity together, there may be only one Sport Committee for those sports, rather than one for each of those sports, as decided by the WPS Unit Board in consultation with the IPC Sports concerned.
- 4.2 Each Sport Committee is intended to be the collective voice of the stakeholders of the IPC Sport. It will be responsible for making recommendations to the WPS Unit Board, through the WPS Managing Director, on the transition of the sport to separation, and for advising management on the ongoing delivery of the relevant sport while the IPC remains its international federation. Each Sport Committee will be made up of people with governance experience in the relevant sport as well as those with technical expertise.
- 4.3 The size, composition, and responsibilities of the Sport Committee are set out in the terms of reference in Appendix 3 of these Regulations.
- 4.4 Pursuant to the Constitution, the WPS Unit Board will hold a forum at least annually (which may be held remotely using virtual technologies) for all of the Sport Committee chairpersons. This forum will be advisory to the WPS Unit Board on matters affecting the IPC Sports. The first forum will be convened by no later than 31 March 2024.

5. Athletes' Committees

- 5.1 Each IPC Sport will have an athletes' committee comprised of active athletes (each, an **Athletes' Committee**). For the purposes of these Regulations, 'active athletes' means athletes who are either:
- 5.1.1 Paralympians who have competed in at least one of the previous two editions of the summer or winter Paralympic Games at the time of their election or appointment; and/or
- 5.1.2 Para athletes who have represented their Country or Territory at sanctioned competition level or above (as defined by each IPC Sport) within the previous eight years at the time of their election or appointment.
- 5.2 The chairperson of the Athletes' Committee for an IPC Sport will be a member of the Sport Committee for that IPC Sport.
- 5.3 Each IPC Sport must establish an Athletes' Committee by no later than 28 February 2024.

- 5.4 Once the Athletes' Committees are established, the chairpersons of such committees will be responsible for electing the athletes' representative on the WPS Unit Board (except that for the inaugural WPS Unit Board the athletes' representative will be appointed by the Governing Board on the recommendation of the Nominations Panel). Such nominee must be a member of the Athletes' Committee for their IPC Sport, but need not be a chairperson.
- 5.5 The size, composition and responsibilities of the Athletes' Committee are set out in the terms of reference in Appendix 4 of these Regulations.

6. Sport General Meetings

- 6.1 Each IPC Sport must hold a general meeting every two years (a **Sport General Meeting**). The purpose of each Sport General Meeting is to report on the progress of separation from the IPC of the relevant IPC Sport, and to seek input on ideas and proposals. The items of business at each Sport General Meeting will include:
- 6.1.1 at every second meeting (i.e., four years), election of the Sport Committee chairperson and the other elected members (such number as decided by the WPS Unit Board);
 - 6.1.2 a report from the WPS Unit Board on the status of the transfer of governance of other IPC Sports and matters affecting all IPC Sports;
 - 6.1.3 a report from the Sport Committee on the progress of the 'leaving plan';
 - 6.1.4 a report from the WPS Managing Director or IPC Sport management on the activities of the IPC Sport for the preceding year;
 - 6.1.5 a report on the IPC Sport's competitions (e.g. World Championships) in the applicable Paralympic Cycle;
 - 6.1.6 presentations on technical matters of the sport, including changes to the IPC Sport's technical rules and regulations, and changes to the classification rules and regulations; and
 - 6.1.7 any other item notified by the WPS Unit Board, the Sport Committee, or any NPC.
- 6.2 Each NPC that is in good standing with the IPC and supports or manages the relevant IPC Sport at national level may appoint up to two delegates to attend the relevant Sport General Meetings, but each NPC will only have one vote at such meeting. The NPC will decide who is best placed to attend, which may include NPC representatives and/or national federation representatives. In either case, the NPC is responsible for supporting and nominating their

delegate(s) to attend the meetings. To ensure each NPC is represented by the appropriate person, participants may join these meetings in person or remotely using virtual technologies.

- 6.3 Each IOSD that is involved in the IPC Sport may attend and speak at its respective Sport General Meeting, but will not have any right to vote.
- 6.4 The first Sport General Meetings will take place in 2023 where possible, and in any event no later than December 2024.
- 6.5 The chairperson of the Sport Committee will chair the Sport General Meeting. If the chairperson is unavailable, the Sport Committee will appoint a meeting chairperson from among their number.
- 6.6 Sport General Meetings will ordinarily be guided by the following procedural requirements:
 - 6.6.1 six months prior to the date of the Sport General Meeting, the sport management will send to all eligible attendees notice of the date, time, and place of the Sport General Meeting;
 - 6.6.2 proposed business for the agenda of a Sport General Meeting must be submitted to the sport management at least three months prior to the meeting;
 - 6.6.3 the agenda and all relevant supporting documents will be sent out to IPC Members eligible to attend the Sport General Meeting at least six weeks prior to the meeting;
 - 6.6.4 only delegates who have been mandated in writing to represent a NPC eligible to participate in the business of the Sport General Meeting will be entitled to speak and vote. The written mandate must be submitted to the sport management team in accordance with the timelines established;
 - 6.6.5 a roll call will be taken at each Sport General Meeting by the sport management team representative to establish whether an appropriate quorum is reached;
 - 6.6.6 the quorum will be one third (33.3%) of NPCs (pursuant to Article 6.2) eligible to attend and vote. If a quorum is not present, the Sport General Meeting may continue with its business but the minutes must clearly record the lack of quorum. The Sport General Meeting will not be adjourned to another day as a consequence of a lack of quorum;
 - 6.6.7 formal recommendations will be passed by a Simple Majority of those present and voting on any recommendation;

- 6.6.8 there will be no procedural motions at Sport General Meetings;
- 6.6.9 there will be no power to adjourn a Sport General Meeting other than for the purpose of facilitating a short break (such as for lunch) with the intention of reconvening the meeting that same day;
- 6.6.10 the business of the Sport General Meeting must be concluded within one day;
- 6.6.11 if by the time set by the chairperson for the close of business there are still items on the agenda to discuss, the chairperson may offer to extend the meeting by a period of no more than two hours, which would then be put to a vote for approval; and
- 6.6.12 written reports/minutes of Sport General Meetings must be produced for distribution and archiving. All reports/minutes must be approved and signed by the Sport Committee chairperson (or, if not available, by the chairperson of the relevant Sport General Meeting).

PART II: SEPARATION OF THE IPC SPORTS

7. Leaving Plans

- 7.1 Each IPC Sport must provide to the Governing Board for final approval (a) the date by which it intends to have achieved separation from the IPC (the **Target Date**), and (b) a plan as to how separation by the Target Date will be achieved (the **Leaving Plan**).
- 7.2 The Target Date and Leaving Plan are to be developed by each IPC Sport in consultation with the WPS Unit Board.
- 7.3 In formulating the Target Date and Leaving Plans, consideration must be given to the impact of the transition on the operations of the IPC. Specifically, the Target Date and Leaving Plans must take account of the considerable support (legal and otherwise) required to assist the IPC Sports with their separation from the IPC, such as transferring assets, resolving or transferring liabilities, redrafting regulations, attending meetings, and transferring employees.

8. Assessing readiness for separation

- 8.1 The Governing Board will, on the recommendation of the WPS Unit Board, assess whether an IPC Sport is ready to separate.
- 8.2 The Governing Board must also be satisfied that the terms of an IPC Sport's separation have adequately taken account of the impact of such separation at the national level, including on NPCs and their national federations.

APPENDIX 1: IPC SPORTS (AS AT FEBRUARY 2023)

World Para Athletics

World Para Dance Sport

World Para Ice Hockey

World Para Powerlifting

World Para Swimming

World Shooting Para Sport

APPENDIX 2: WORLD PARA SPORT UNIT BOARD - TERMS OF REFERENCE

APPENDIX 3: SPORT COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE

APPENDIX 4: ATHLETES' COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE