



WORLD PARA ATHLETICS ATHLETE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING REGULATIONS

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1 ATHLETE REGISTRATION AND LICENCE

Athletes must be registered in the Sport Data Management System (SDMS) to be eligible to be licensed and internationally classified. Guide-runners must also be registered to be eligible to be licensed.

There is no cost to register an athlete or guide-runner in the SDMS. All registered athletes/guide-runners will be assigned a unique identification code, the SDMS ID, which will remain with the athlete/guide-runner for the duration of his/her career and will be included on all athlete documentation.

Athletes with an intellectual impairment (T/F20), who hold New "N" or Review "R" sport class status, MUST have a completed Training History and Sport Activity Limitation Questionnaire (TSAL-Q) not older than 12 months, uploaded to their SDMS profile, and must have met the Virtus (formally INAS) Eligibility Criteria, checked through the Virtus eligibility master list, in order to complete athlete registration and be eligible for licensing.

Athletes with a physical or vision impairment (PI and VI), who hold New "N", Review "R" or Review 2021 (including any Fixed Review Date before 2021) sport class status, MUST have a completed Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF) and applicable supporting medical documents uploaded to their SDMS profile in order to complete athlete registration and be eligible for licensing.

To be eligible to be licensed, or relicensed, to participate in IPC Competitions and World Para Athletics Sanctioned Competitions, all athletes are required to agree to the terms outlined in the IPC Athlete Eligibility Agreement (version two). Those athletes who signed version one, however, are not required to sign version two (but certainly may do so if desired). Instead, these athletes' respective NPCs will be required to supply such athletes with a copy of version two and ensure those athletes accept the terms of version two. NPCs will be required to confirm that these steps have been completed as provided in SDMS. Any athlete who does not agree to the terms of version two will not be relicensed.

Athletes must be licensed in the SDMS prior to a competition for his/her results to be recognised for official rankings and records

An athlete will be considered licensed once their NPC/NSF has applied for a season licence and the licence package fee payment has been confirmed by the IPC. All licensed athletes will be assigned a season licence number.

Should an athlete retire from competition, it is the responsibility of his/her NPC/NSF to officially declare their retirement by cancelling the athlete registration in the SDMS and notifying the IPC in writing.

2 ATHLETE PARTICIPATION

In accordance with Regulation 4.2.1 of the World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations, to participate in IPC Competitions and World Para Athletics Sanctioned Competitions an athlete must hold a valid IPC Athlete Licence. At some specific World Para Sport Recognised Competitions, where a license is necessary to compete, this requirement will be included in the qualification guides of these competitions. Further requirements for eligibility to compete, such as an additional licensing deadline, will be outlined in these guides, if applicable.

At all World Para Athletics Recognised Competitions, only athletes who are licensed prior to the start of competition may have their results recognised for official rankings and records.

3 RANKINGS

The following matrix outlines by ranking type the licensing and sport class status requirements:

List Name	Licence Required	Sport Class Status Required
Official World Rankings List (Jan - Dec)	Yes	R, C
Official Regional Rankings List (Jan - Dec)	Yes	R, C
Annual Recorded Best Performances (Jan - Dec)	Yes	N, R, C
Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) Lists by relevant competition Start Date - End Date of Qualification Period	Yes	(N), R, C

If a licensed athlete with a New "N" sport class status is internationally classified and receives a Review "R" or Confirmed "C" sport class status prior to the end of the season, the athlete's performances during that season will be included in the official rankings, provided that, upon undergoing international classification:

- (i) the athlete is allocated the sport class in which he/she competed; or
- (ii) the athlete is allocated a different sport class to that in which he/she competed and World Para Athletics determines that the performances were achieved under substantively the same conditions as those which apply in the sport class they are allocated (e.g. using the same weight of implement in throwing events).

If a licensed athlete with a New “N” sport class status is internationally classified and receives a Review “R” or Confirmed “C” sport class status prior to the end of the qualification period, the athlete’s performances during that qualification period will be included in the Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) List for the relevant competition, provided that, upon undergoing international classification:

- (i) the athlete is allocated the sport class in which he/she competed; or
- (ii) the athlete is allocated a different sport class to that in which he/she competed and World Para Athletics determines that the performances were achieved under substantively the same conditions as those which apply in the sport class they are allocated (e.g. using the same weight of implement in throwing events).

4 RECORDS

In accordance with Rule 51 of the World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations, Athletes must have a licence and have a Confirmed “C” or Review “R” fixed review date (which is after the date when the record was achieved) sport class status to be eligible for recognition of a record-breaking performance.

List Name	Licence Required	Sport Class Status Required
Official World Record	Yes	C (R)
Official Regional Record	Yes	C (R)
Official Paralympic Record	Yes	C (R)
Official World Championships Record	Yes	C (R)
Official Regional Championships Record	Yes	C (R)
Official Regional Games Record	Yes	C (R)

(R): Review “R” fixed date (which is after the date when the record was achieved) sport class status.

5 CLASSIFICATION

In any World Para Athletics Recognised Competition where international classification is available, athletes must be licensed to be considered for inclusion on the Classification schedule.

6 QUALIFICATION

For each World Para Athletics Recognised Competition with qualification criteria, World Para Athletics will outline the specific eligibility conditions that athletes are required to meet in order to participate in that competition, including nationality, Minimum Qualification Standards, international classification sport status, athletes licensing requirements, etc.