



IPC Governance Review Appendix 2: Athlete description and definitions

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<p>One of the desired outcomes of the governance review is to have more Paralympians and Para athletes involved in decision making at various levels throughout the whole Paralympic Movement.</p> <p>The description of an athlete is to have some variations to reflect the different requirements in the points of representation. These may include; athlete perspective, athlete representation, athlete experience or other professional expertise.</p> <p>This table provides the criteria for the various decision-making bodies. Due to these broader definitions, we will cease using the term 'active athlete' and instead use the term 'Athlete, Paralympian or Para athlete' and define this based on maximum periods post competing.</p>	
IPC Governing Board	Two Paralympians from the Athletes Council, being the Chair and one of the two, Vice Chair positions
IPC Athletes Council	Paralympian who is either competing in the current edition (where elections take place), or has competed in at least one of the previous two editions of the Games at the time of the election or at the time of the appointment (where co-option is made post the elections)
Unit Board	Paralympian who has competed in at least one of the previous two editions of the Games in one of the IPC Sports at the time of the appointment or at the time of the election
Sport Athletes Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paralympian who has competed in at least one of the previous two editions of the Games at the time of the appointment or at time of the election - Para athlete who is currently representing their Nation, or represented their Nation within the past 8-years at the time of the appointment or at the time of the election <p><i>Where possible and practical, preference for Paralympians is to be applied</i></p>

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Sport Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chair of the Sport Athlete Committee of that particular IPC Sport.
IF, IOSD, NPC Athlete (A recommendation, although remains at the discretion of the Member as to how Members implement athlete representation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paralympian who has competed in at least one of the previous two editions of the Games at the time of the election or appointment - Para athlete who is currently, or has represented the Nation within the past 8-years at the time of their election or appointment • <i>Where possible and practical, preference for Paralympians is to be applied</i>
IPC Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paralympian who is has competed in at least one of the previous three editions of the Games at the time of the appointment
<p><i>Athletes elected or appointed to these positions will not be required to stand-down during their term of office based on any post retirement period being reached.</i></p> <p><i>Games edition refers to the Games in which the athlete has competed and the distinct cycle of Summer or Winter Games respectively.</i></p> <p><i>e.g. Summer Games editions 2016, 2020, 2024 and/or Winter Games editions 2014, 2018, 2022</i></p> <p><i>(these are not fixed editions and will advance as new editions of the Games take place)</i></p>	