## World Para Athletics

## Uniform and Equipment Advertising Regulations

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## 1 Definition

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\begin{array}{ll}\text { Athlete } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Any athlete and his/her accompany guide-runner(s) participating in a } \\
\text { Competition. }\end{array} \\
\text { Including but not limited to coaches, trainers, guides, team staff of the } \\
\text { NPC, National Athletics Federation, or the National Team etc. }\end{array}
$$\right\} \begin{array}{l}The number card worn by an Athlete during the Competition and at <br>
victory or other Competition ceremonies. Bibs will be provided at the <br>

competition by the organisers.\end{array}\right\}\)| Athletics meetings held under World Para Athletics Regulations 1.1 (b) |
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| and (c). |

## 2 General Principles

### 2.1 Integrity of the Sport

To protect the integrity of the sport of athletics, any advertising at the Competition must be in accordance with these regulations and must not adversely interfere with the technical conduct of the Competition.

World Para Athletics reserves the right to prohibit the use of any authorised identification on any given item in order to ensure the spirit of the principles of World Para Athletics and these guidelines are respected.

### 2.2 Safety

All advertising must comply with the applicable safety regulations of a Competition.

### 2.3 Maximising National and Para-sport Identity

Wherever possible, NGBs are encouraged to utilise all opportunities to maximise their national and Para-sport identity on all clothing, equipment, and accessories. This may be achieved through the use of the NGB emblem, the official national colours, the official country name and/or acronym, the official national flag (as approved by World Para Athletics) and the Championships trademarks (Organising Committees approval necessary).

### 2.4 Prohibited Advertising Content

### 2.4.1 General

Any advertising which is, in the opinion of World Para Athletics, tasteless, distracting, offensive, defamatory, or unsuitable is prohibited.

### 2.4.2 Political/Religious Advertising

Both political (i.e., the promotion of any political parties, associations, movements, ideas, or any other political cause) and religious (i.e., the promotion of religions, movements, ideas, or any other religious causes) Advertising are prohibited in respect of Competitions.

### 2.4.3 Alcohol

Advertising of alcohol products with an alcohol content of up to $20 \%$ by volume is permitted in respect of Competitions, except for drink mixes or cocktails where the base alcohol is more than $20 \%$ by volume. Advertising of any other alcohol products in respect of Competitions is prohibited.

### 2.4.4 Tobacco Products

Advertising of tobacco and e-cigarette or their related products in respect of Competitions is prohibited.

### 2.4.5 Food Supplements

Advertising of food supplements products in respect of Competitions is prohibited, unless specifically agreed by World Para Athletics.

### 2.4.6 Arms and Weapons

Marketing/advertising of arms and weapons (including their manufacturers) are prohibited.

### 2.4.7 World Para Athletics Name/Logo

The name/Logo of World Para Athletics may not be displayed on the clothing, Sports Equipment, and/or Accessories.

### 2.4.8 Olympic Marks

NGB must not use the any Olympic marks (e.g. Olympic Rings, NOC emblem, National Olympic Committee of the country) on any Clothing, Sports Equipment, and/or Accessories.

### 2.5 Specific Competition Approval

NGB will have to submit visual examples in .jpeg or .pdf format of the details of any national sponsor and of the manufacturer to World Para Athletics via SDMS for pre-inspection not later than 30 days before the start of the Competitions.
2.5.1 World Para Athletics' decision regarding the approval or otherwise of any Advertising or Manufacturers identity shall be communicated to NGB in writing. Any clothing approved by World Para Athletics and worn by an Athlete during the particular Competition shall be deemed to be in compliance with these regulations.
2.5.2 A request to have a decision under these regulations reviewed may be lodged by an NGB in writing to World Para Athletics within 10 days of the decision being issued. World Para Athletics will take a final decision on whether the clothing can be approved or not, and on what terms, if World Para Athletics feel that conditions should be applied.
2.5.3 Designated Technical Officials may visually inspect all clothing, equipment, and accessories before and/or during the Competition.
2.5.4 If an athlete's clothing is not in compliance with these regulations, or the visual files submitted by the NGB, the Athlete may be required either cover the infringing items or wear plain attire or adopt such other reasonable accommodation as World Para Athletics shall require.

### 2.6 Duration and Place

The following regulations apply for the whole duration of the Competition, including the event itself, all ceremonies (victory, opening and closing), interviews and press conferences. Furthermore, the regulations refer to all venues and sites of the Competition.

### 2.7 National Sponsor

World Para Athletics allows the NGBs to have national sponsor recognition on clothing. However, in any case there can be only one such national sponsor permitted on all the clothing. Different national sponsors are not permitted on different items of clothing, other apparel, equipment, or accessories.

## 3 Advertising on Clothing

### 3.1 Clothing of Athletes

### 3.1.1 General

The Competition attire and the warm-up attire of the Athletes may only have advertising as permitted under these regulations.

Should an athlete wear two pieces of clothing of the same nature during the Competition, e.g., T -shirt under a Vest and/or leggings under a pair of shorts, the under garment, if visible, must be clean and free of any markings.

### 3.1.2 Logo of the manufacturer and the national sponsor

The logos of the manufacturer of the attire and the national sponsor may be displayed once on the front of the garment. Such display shall be rectangular in shape, with a maximum size of $40 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$ and the lettering a maximum height of 4 cm and the total logo a maximum height of 5 cm .

### 3.1.3 Location

The logos of the manufacturer or the national sponsor under any circumstances cannot be adjacent and/or close to the national identity of the NGB (NGB emblem, national colours, country name and/or acronym, national flag of the team). Proximity to national identity cannot have less than 5 cm of separation between any other compliant logo as defined in section 3 of this document and applies to all garments.


### 3.2 Vests/Leotards

In accordance with Rule 6, athletes' (vests/leotards) should have the same colour on the front and back.

Advertising or other identification displayed on vests and leotards must comply with 3.1.2 above and the following requirements in respect of all Competitions (unless specified otherwise by the World Para Athletics).

## Leotards (one piece, including upper body and lower body)

The logo may be displayed as follows:

- One logo of each the manufacturer and a sponsor on the front of the leotard. Such display shall be in a rectangular form with a maximum size of $40 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$ and with the lettering a maximum height of 4 cm and the total logo a maximum height of 5 cm .

Or

- Two logos of each the manufacturer and a sponsor on the front of the leotard: once above and once below the waist, but not immediately adjacent to each other. Such displays shall be identical, in rectangular form with a maximum size of $40 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$ and with the lettering a maximum height of 4 cm and the total logo a maximum height of 5 cm .


## Vests

All examples are for illustrative purposes only and are not exhaustive.
Example of the logos usage


## Leotards

Examples of the logos:


## Legend:

Logo of the manufacturer: $X Y Z$
Logo of the sponsor: $A B C$

## Vests/Leotards

In addition, a design mark of only the manufacturer may be used once or repeatedly as a strip not exceeding 10 cm in width. The below examples can be used as a reference on the usage of design mark provided such use does not, in the opinion of World Para Athletics, in its discretion, dominate or unduly detract from the appearance of the garment.

The design mark can be placed in the following locations:

- Across the bottom of the sleeves; or
- On the outer seam of the sleeves; or
- Down the outer seams of the garment.

Examples of permitted decorative design mark of the manufacturer used as a strip:

| ADIDAS | ASICS | MIZUNO | NIKE | PUMA | REEBOK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\boldsymbol{\#}$ | 0 |  |  |  |  |

Example including text not permitted as decorative design mark of the manufacturer used as a strip:

| ADIDAS | ASICS | MIZUNO | NIKE | PUMA | REEBOK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| adidas | Oasics | Prizuno |  |  | Recbok |

Examples of usage of 'design marks' of the manufacturer

or


Decorative design mark of the manufacturer: maximum 10 cm width

### 3.2.1 Athlete's Name

The name of the Athlete may be displayed on the front and/or the back of the vest/leotard. The maximum height of such display shall be 4 cm .

### 3.2.2 Country Name

The name of the country of the Athlete and/or its official three-letter code may be displayed once on the back and/or the front of the vest/leotard.

### 3.2.3 National Team or NGB Logo or Flag

The national team or NGB logo, flag or national symbol may be displayed above the waist on the vest/leotard.

### 3.3 Tops, T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Rain jackets

The advertising or other identification displayed on tops, t-shirts, sweatshirts and rain jackets must comply with the following requirements, in respect of all Competitions (unless otherwise specified).

Example of the logos usage:


## Legend:

Logo of the manufacturer:
Logo of the national sponsor:

Examples of usage of 'design marks' of the Manufacturer


### 3.3.1 Athlete's Name

The name of the Athlete may be displayed on the front and/or the back of the garment. The maximum height of such display shall be 5 cm .

### 3.3.2 Country Name

The name of the Athlete's country and/or its official three-letter code may be displayed once on the back and/or the front of the garment.

### 3.3.3 National Team or NGB Identity or Flag

The national team or NGB Identity or flag may be displayed on each garment.

### 3.4 Lower Body Attire

Advertising or other identification being displayed on lower body attire (e.g. shorts, tights, but excluding leotards) must comply with the following requirements:

### 3.4.1 Logos of the manufacturer and the national sponsor

The logos of the manufacturer and the national sponsor of the attire may be displayed once. The maximum size of such display shall be $40 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$, with a maximum height of 5 cm .

Design mark of only the manufacturer may be used once or repeatedly as a strip not exceeding 10 cm in width in one of the following positions, provided such use does not, in the opinion of World Para Athletics, in its discretion, dominate or unduly detract from the appearance of the garment:

- Across the bottom of the legs
- Down the outer seams of the legs


## Example

Logo Usage


Legend:
Logo of the manufacturer:
Logo of the National Sponsor:

## XYZ

ABC

Examples
Design mark of the manufacturer


### 3.4.2 Country Name

The name of the country of the Athlete and/or its three-letter code may be displayed once on the back and/or the front of the lower body attire.

### 3.4.3 National Team or NGB Identity or Flag

The National Team or NGB Identity, flag or national symbol may be displayed on the lower body attire.

### 3.5 Socks

The logo of the manufacturer of the socks may be displayed once on each sock. The maximum size of such display shall be $6 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$, with a maximum height of 3 cm .

The name of the Athlete may be displayed once on each sock. The maximum height of such display shall be 2 cm .

A design mark of the manufacturer (not including name or any text) may also be used on socks once or repeatedly as a strip not exceeding 5 cm in width across the top edge of each sock, provided such use does not, in the opinion of World Para Athletics, in its discretion, dominate or unduly detract from the appearance of the socks.

## Example Socks

Logo usage and decorative design mark of the manufacturer


### 3.6 Shoes

The size of the logos of the manufacturer of shoes used by an Athlete is not restricted in size.

### 3.7 Accessories

The logo of the manufacturer of the accessory may be displayed once on the accessory. The maximum size of such display shall be $6 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$.

Other than as provided for in these regulations, no advertising or manufacturers identification (be it the trademark logo or design device) shall appear on apparel, accessories or equipment used by an Athlete during the course of the Competition (such as tethers, tie down straps, personal start blocks and pads) be displayed.

### 3.8 Measurement

The size of the advertising or other identification displayed on the Athletes' clothing shall be measured while the clothing is worn.

### 3.9 Clothing of Team Officials

All Regulations where applicable shall also apply to team officials.

## 4 Advertising on Equipment

### 4.1 General Regulation

The Competition equipment of the Athletes may only have advertising as permitted under these Regulations.

### 4.2 Sport Equipment

### 4.2.1 Shots, Discus, Javelins, Club, Relay Batons, Crossbars, Uprights, Lap Bells, Starting Blocks and Lane Boxes

The logo of the supplier or manufacturer may be displayed twice on shots, discus, javelins, club, relay batons, crossbars, uprights, lap bells, starting blocks and lane boxes used at a Competition. The maximum height of such display shall be 4 cm .

### 4.2.2 Throwing Frame

Throwing frame (i.e., Sports Classes F32-34 \& F51-58) shall be regarded as one piece of equipment. In all Competitions, the logo of the manufacturer may be displayed once on each item. The size can be used as it is commercially available (as supplied by manufacturer at the point of sale).

### 4.3 Mobility Equipment

Mobility equipment refers to personal wheelchairs, racing wheelchairs, and prosthetics etc. which are used either inside or outside the competition.

### 4.3.1 General

One identification of the manufacturer per item will be permitted and can have the maximum size as specified below for each kind of mobility equipment.

### 4.3.2 Racing Wheelchair

Racing wheelchair (i.e., Sports Classes T32-34 and T51-54) shall be regarded as three (3) pieces of equipment (two large wheels and a frame).

In all Competitions, the logo of the manufacturer may be displayed once on each item of equipment as commercially available (as supplied by manufacturer at the point of sale).

### 4.3.3 Daily Wheelchair

Daily wheelchair (i.e., Sports Classes F32-34 \& F51-58) shall be regarded as two (2) pieces of equipment (i.e. two large wheels).

In all Competitions, the logo of the manufacturer can be displayed as commercially available (as supplied by manufacturer at the point of sale).

### 4.3.4 Prosthetics and Orthotics

Each item of prosthetics and Orthotics (i.e., Sports Classes T/F35-38, T/F42-46, and F51-58) shall be regarded as one (1) piece of equipment.

In all Competitions, the logo of the manufacturer may be displayed once on each item. The size can be used as commercially available (as supplied by manufacturer at the point of sale).

## 5 Measuring Identification

### 5.1 Regular Shapes

Where the identification of the manufacturer/sponsor appears as a rectangle or square, the mathematical rules used to calculate the surface area of the shape will be applied.

$a \mathrm{x} b$ equals the whole size of the identification.

### 5.2 Irregular Shapes

Where the identification of the manufacturer/sponsor is an irregular shape, a rectangle or square will be traced around the trademark, and the mathematical rules used to calculate the surface area of the rectangle or square shall be applied.

$a \mathrm{x} b$ equals the whole size of the identification.

### 5.3 Combined Shapes

Where the identification of the manufacturer/sponsor combines the manufacturer/sponsors name with the manufacturer/sponsors logo, a rectangle or square will be traced around the combined trademark and the surface area of the rectangle or square shall be calculated in its entirety.


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