



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 their career and will be included on all athlete documentation.

Athletes with an intellectual impairment (T/F20), who hold 'New' or 'Review' 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', 'Review' or 'Review' with a 'Fixed Review Date' of 2025 or earlier 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. The MDF for athletes with vision impairment must not be older than 12 months at the time of licensing.

On 1 July 2021, version three of the IPC Athlete Eligibility Agreement was published. To be eligible to be licensed (or relicensed) it is a mandatory requirement for each athlete to enter into the newest version of the Agreement. Consequently, all athletes who wish to obtain a licence for summer season 2025 will need to acknowledge and agree to version three of the Agreement if not already done. Any athlete who does not agree to the terms of version three will not be relicensed.

An athlete will only be considered licensed once World Para Athletics has approved the athlete for (re)-licensing, receipt of the licence package fee payment has been confirmed by World Para Athletics and the athlete's NPC (or National Federation if such responsibility has been delegated by the NPC, in either case the NPC being a member in good standing of the IPC), has applied for a season licence. All licensed athletes will be assigned a season licence number.

Should an athlete retire from competition, it is the responsibility of their NPC/NF to officially declare their retirement by cancelling the athlete registration in the SDMS and notifying World Para Athletics in writing.

2 ATHLETE PARTICIPATION

In accordance with Regulation 4.2.1 of the World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations, to participate in World Para Athletics Championships and World Para Athletics Sanctioned Competitions an athlete must hold a valid Athlete Licence. At some other specific World Para Athletics Recognised Competitions, where a licence is necessary to compete, this requirement will be included in the qualification documents of these competitions. Further requirements for eligibility to compete may be outlined in those documents.

At all World Para Athletics Recognised Competitions, athletes must be licensed prior to the start of a competition for their results to be recognised for official rankings and records. It is the responsibility of the relevant NPC/NF that an athlete is licensed prior to the start of the competition in order for their results/records to be recognised by World Para Athletics. An earlier deadline for athletes to be licensed may be provided in the relevant competition documentation.

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	N*, R, FRD, C
Official Regional Rankings List (Jan - Dec)	Yes	N*, R, FRD, C
Annual Recorded Best Performances (Jan - Dec)	Yes	N, R, FRD, C
Minimum Entry Standard (MES) Lists by relevant competition Start Date - End Date of Qualification Period	Yes	N*, R, FRD, C

N*: Subject to the details of the relevant competition documentation:

- If a licensed athlete with a 'New' Sport Class Status is internationally classified and receives a 'Review' (including 'Review' with a 'Fixed Review Date') or 'Confirmed' '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 they competed; or

- (ii) the athlete is allocated a different Sport Class to that in which they 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' Sport Class Status is internationally classified and receives a 'Review' (including 'Review' with a 'Fixed Review Date') or 'Confirmed' 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 Entry Standard (MES) List for the relevant competition, provided that, upon undergoing international classification:
 - (i) the athlete is allocated the Sport Class in which they competed; or
 - (ii) the athlete is allocated a different Sport Class to that in which they 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' or 'Review' with a '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, FRD*
Official Regional Record	Yes	C, FRD*
Official Paralympic Record	Yes	C, FRD*
Official World Championships Record	Yes	C, FRD*
Official Regional Championships Record	Yes	C, FRD*
Official Regional Games Record	Yes	C, FRD*

FRD*: 'Review' with a 'Fixed Review Date' which is after the date when the record was achieved.

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 Entry Standards, Sport Class Status, athletes licensing requirements, etc.