



## IPC GOVERNING BOARD BIOGRAPHY

- **Name:** Robyn J Smith OAM
- **IPC position:** Member at Large
- **Elected:** 2021 and 2025
- **Position (outside of IPC GB):** President Virtus, Brisbane 2032 Board Member
- **Nationality:** Australia
- **Languages spoken:** English
- **Social media channels:** [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)



Robyn Smith has worked at the National level in sports administration for the past three decades as Chief Executive Officer of Sport Inclusion Australia, formerly AUSRAPID. Her role included working closely with government agencies, Paralympics Australia and national sporting organisations, including School Sport Australia to develop appropriate inclusive services and opportunities for athletes with an impairment into the mainstream community.

She has had extensive experience with management and organisation of Australian teams, including Barcelona 1992 Paralympic Games, 1998 IPC World Athletic Championships, Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games and many Virtus events.

Robyn was also the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Local Organising Committee which delivered the 2019 Virtus Global Games in Brisbane, Australia, in October 2019. The event featured 11 sports, 1,000 athletes and 47 countries taking part, celebrating inclusive sporting excellence.

In November 2025 Robyn was elected President of Virtus, the international federation for athletes with an intellectual impairment. Virtus is a founding member of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

In 2020, Robyn was elected as the inaugural Chair of the Australian Sporting Alliance for people with a disability (ASAPD). She was elected to the IPC Governing Board in late 2021 and re-elected in 2025, an international appointment that gives her a seat on the Board of the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee through to

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2029. In 2022, she was awarded the Order of Australia medal (OAM) for her service to people with a disability through sport.

More recently, Robyn has been part of an independent review of the Australian Institute of Sport commissioned by the Minister of Sport to ascertain high performance preparedness for 2032 and beyond.

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