

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** IPC Shooting Community  
**From:** IPC Shooting  
**Date:** 22/03/2012  
**Re:** Jeans usage at London 2012 Paralympic Games

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Dear IPC Shooting friends,

IPC Shooting office lately received several emails with the question if canvas fabric (jeans) can be worn at the Paralympic Games during competition.

Please note that in accordance with the 2011-2012 IPC Shooting Rules and Regulations and specifically rule 7.2.5 d): "Trousers made of canvas fabric (jeans) are allowed in all levels of IPC Shooting competition, **except** for the Paralympic Games".

Based on the above rule we would like to ensure that everybody has a clear understanding of it and the rule is interpreted the same way by everybody. This means: "**No** jeans at Paralympic Games **are allowed**".

There is no basis in our rules to distinguish between 'blue' jeans and any other color. All jeans are prohibited at the Paralympic Games and as there was also raised the matter of production of jean type material in national/team colors please note that **this is not an option either**. Jeans in national colors are also prohibited at the Paralympic Games under the current IPC Shooting rules.

The reason for this decision is that the IPC Shooting Technical Committee wishes to avoid any unfairness in respect of any country's preparations for the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

The IPC Shooting Rules and Regulations were published in 2010 and are in force until 2012. Taking this into consideration and the fact that rule 7.2.5.d) may have had significant implications in the preparations of athletes for the London 2012 Paralympic Games, in that athletes may have trained in accordance with this rule for the last 2 years and countries may already

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have sourced their Games competition clothing based on the existing rule. There may be other ways in which countries have acted in reliance on the rule. The STC believes that it is important to maintain consistency in our rules and regulations for the period of time that those apply.

Furthermore please be informed that the Manufacturer Identification Guidelines for London apply for all persons participating in the Paralympic Games (e.g. athletes, officials, technicians, etc).

Those are available on the IPC website under:  
[http://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/120208111134212\\_2011\\_09\\_IPC\\_Manufacturer\\_Identification\\_Guidelines\\_London\\_Complete\\_Version.pdf](http://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/120208111134212_2011_09_IPC_Manufacturer_Identification_Guidelines_London_Complete_Version.pdf)

We hope the above information clarifies the case and please feel free to contact us should you have any further question.

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