IPCAS Technical Delegate Manual

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1 Introduction

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is the governing body for Paralympic Sports. IPC acts as the International Sports Federation for athletes with a disability who participate in alpine skiing.

IPC Alpine Skiing is accountable to IPC Management and the IPC Governing Board in all matters of the technical delivery of Alpine Skiing.

Since 2003, IPC and FIS have an operational agreement that is reviewed every year.

IPC Alpine Skiing events use FIS Technical Delegates (TD) with a valid FIS TD License for its sanctioned events, where the FIS TD acts as an IPC Alpine Skiing (IPCAS) TD or as an IPC Para Snowboard (IPCAS) TD.

The purpose of this manual is to provide information for the IPCAS TD with respect to the rules of IPCAS events.

As the IPCAS TD is a fully licensed FIS TD, this manual assumes that the TD already has the knowledge required to be a FIS TD.

This manual is an additional resource available to the FIS TD to be used along with the IPCAS Rulebook and other resources available on the IPCAS website (www.paralympic.org/alpineskiing).

2 Official role

The IPCAS TD is an official representative of IPC Alpine Skiing at IPCAS races.

The IPCAS TD works with the IPCAS Race Director and the Jury. In the absence of the IPCAS Race Director, the IPCAS TD acts as the Chair of the Jury and the Referee is appointed in the usual manner outlined in the ICR.

The IPCAS TD does not issue official opinions of the IPC or IPC Alpine Skiing but rather is responsible for:

- Working with the IPCAS Race Director and the Jury in making decisions and to see that the IPC Alpine Skiing rules are followed.
- Working with the IPCAS Race Director and the Jury to run the race.
- Working with the IPCAS Race Director and the Jury to assist the organizer of the race.
3 Education

The IPCAS TD is a licensed FIS TD and therefore will have completed the education process to become a FIS TD and to maintain their license.

The IPCAS TD needs to be familiar with the IPCAS Rules and Regulations books to have an understanding of the differences that apply to IPCAS races. The process for additional education continues to be developed by the IPC Alpine Skiing. This handbook will continue to be regularly reviewed and updated by IPC Alpine Skiing.

The IPC Alpine Skiing Committee member responsible for matters relating to IPCAS TD is the Head of Technical Control and Officiating (HOTC). The HOTC is responsible for assisting IPCAS TD with any questions or issues arising from their assignments. The HOTC can be contacted through the IPC Alpine Skiing e-mail address ipcalpineskiing@paralympic.org.

4 IPCAS TD Selection

The TD selection process for all levels of IPCAS events is described in Section 403.1 of the IPC Alpine Skiing Rulebook.

5 IPCAS Jury

The following members of the Jury are responsible for technical matters within the closed competition areas:

- Technical Delegate
- IPCAS Race Director
- Referee
- Chief of Race
- Assistant Referee for Downhill and Super-G
- Start Referee (Only for PWG/WCH)
- Finish Referee (Only for PWG/WCH)
- Video Controller (Only for PWG/WCH)
- OVR Supervisor (Only for PWG/WCH – no voting rights)
- Equipment Controller (Only for PWG – no voting rights)
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- Technical Delegate
- IPCAS Race Director
- Chief of Competition
- Start Referee (Only for PWG/WCH/WC)
- Finish Referee (Only for PWG /WCH/WC)

Please refer to Section 402 of the IPC Alpine Skiing Rulebook for the Roles of the Jury.

5.2 **IPCAS Race Director**

The IPCAS Race Director is the authority representing IPC Alpine Skiing in the event. The IPCAS Race Director reports to the IPC Alpine Skiing about the specific activities related to the IPCAS events for which they have responsibility.

IPC Alpine Skiing can only appoint the IPCAS Race Director.

Duties, rights and responsibilities of the IPCAS Race Director:

- Chairs the Jury and can also assume the role of the Referee at IPCAS sanctioned events. They work closely with the other Jury members throughout the event.
- Conducts and chairs the Team Captains meeting.
- Works with the nominated course setter for speed events.
- Conducts site inspections prior to the event as determined by the IPC Alpine Skiing.
- Ensures that the Technical Delegate has all information required regarding the IPCAS Rules and Regulations Books and IPC Handbook.
- The Race Director needs to communicate with the TD and Chief of Race prior to the event and works closely with them during the event.
- Verifies the slope homologation with the TD and in a force majeure slope change situation works with the TD and the Chief of Race to choose an appropriate alternate slope.
- Ensures all Technical Requirements (for both training and competition) and all contract provisions are implemented in a timely fashion by the LOC both prior to and during the event/competition.
6 Competitor categories

IPCAS alpine races have 3 categories for each gender, Visually Impaired, Standing and Sitting. There are different classifications within the three categories. A full description can be found in the IPC Alpine Skiing Classification Handbook (www.paralympic.org/alpineskiing).

Visually impaired athletes must ski with a guide who are fully licensed athletes and subject to the IPC Alpine Skiing Rules and Regulation Books.

6.1 IPCAS Para Snowboard

IPCAS Para Snowboard races have 2 categories for each gender:
- SB-LL (Para-Snowboard Lower Limb)
- SB-UL (Para-Snowboard Upper Limb)

A full description can be found in the IPC Alpine Skiing Classification Handbook (www.paralympic.org/alpineskiing).

7 Factor system

The calculation of a competitor’s time is based on their real time multiplied by their classification factor.

The calculation of factored time is performed by the IPCAS software, which is used at IPCAS sanctioned events.

IPC Alpine Skiing will ensure that a race administrator who is capable of operating the IPCAS results software is present at the event.
8 IPCAS Points

IPCAS competitors are ranked based on IPCAS Points.
The system is similar to the FIS Points system.
The points list is updated monthly on the IPCAS website (www.paralympic.org/alpineskiing).

The rules regarding IPCAS Points are in:
Section 1260 of the IPC Alpine Skiing Rulebook.

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Section 1407 of the IPC Alpine Skiing Rulebook.

9 Results

The IPCAS TD verifies the results. The IPC Race Director provides the factors. The results are uploaded to IPC Alpine Skiing, which is supervised by the IPCAS Race Director. The IPCAS TD needs to send the TD Report, Timing and Technical Data Report (TTR) and all Jury Minutes to IPC Alpine Skiing via e-mail at ipcalpineskiing@paralympic.org.

The only documents that are forwarded to FIS are the TD report and the TTR. These should be sent to Tatjana Luessy via email at luessy@fisski.com.

The upload of results to the FIS website is the responsibility of IPC Alpine Skiing. The results will be a PDF file attachment only. IPCAS competitors are not part of the FIS system so the results cannot be displayed in the regular manner.

10 Start specifications and procedures

Please refer to Section 407.3 of the IPC Alpine Skiing Rulebook dealing with issues relating to start procedures.

Please refer to the IPC Alpine Skiing Start Area Instruction Manual for the requirements for the start ramp and area which can be found in the rules section of the IPC Alpine Skiing website.
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Section 1406 of the IPC Alpine Skiing Rulebook.

11  Special rules for specific classifications
Section 1300 of the IPC Alpine Skiing Rulebook addresses rules that apply to specific classifications as well as to the guides of a visually impaired athlete. Please carefully review this section.

12  Slope specifications
Slope specifications for all IPC Alpine Skiing events are defined in Section 1500 of the IPC Alpine Skiing Rulebook.

12.1  IPCAS Para Snowboard
Section 1402 of the IPC Alpine Skiing Rulebook.