

NPC
Via Email

Bonn, 18 December 2013

Technology and Principles (Chapter 3)

Dear NPC,

During the course of 2014 IPC Athletics will start cataloguing all equipment used by athletes in order to develop a database of equipment in accordance with Chapter 3 of the 2014 IPC Athletics Rules and Regulations. IPC Athletics will be in contact with NPC in early 2014 to formalize this process.

IPC Athletics wishes to reiterate and confirm that Technical Delegates and IPC Athletics will interpret IPC Athletics Regulation 3.3 (Technology & Equipment) widely and purposively.

With regard to the 'Fundamental Principles' set out at 3.3.1 the following approach will be adopted.

Wheelchairs and/or prosthetics, their accessories and components, shall be of a type that is generally available and sold for use by anyone practicing para-athletics. If, as a result of production imperatives (time constraints etc), a piece of equipment is not generally available for sale an exception may be requested from IPC Athletics for equipment that is in final product form that will be marketed for sale within the nine months following the date of the request.

Where an exception is granted for equipment not at that date generally available, the manufacturer must have published information on the equipment in question [at the date of the request] and have announced the date of its market launch.

Equipment designed especially for the attainment of a particular performance by a particular athlete or group of athletes (such as a record), and not generally available to all athletes practicing para-athletics, breaches the letter and spirit of Regulation 3.3.1 and shall not be authorized.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Montgomery", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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