



## **Sport Entry, Re-entry and Event Viability Regulations**

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IPC Athletics wish to introduce the following Championships related regulations which will be in force in the lead up to and during the 2014 IPC Athletics European Championships Swansea.

## 1 Sport Entries Regulations

### 1.1 Declaration of Participation

By completing and submitting sport entries via the IPC Athletics European Championships Sport Entries Online System (EBS), NPCs are considered to have declared the participation of their athletes in the specified event(s). Athletes are required to compete in **all** their event(s) specified on the Online Entries Confirmation Form and submitted by their NPC. Only athletes that are injured or become ill during the course of the Championships may be granted an exception to this rule provided a medical certificate signed by the team/LOC medical officer is submitted to IPC Athletics for approval. IPC Athletics may waive the application of this rule to an athlete under exceptional circumstances.

Any athlete found to be in breach of the Declaration of Participation Regulation may be disqualified by IPC Athletics from all remaining events at the IPC Athletics European Championships.

### 1.2 Athlete Programme

After the close of the entries on **24 July 2014**, athletes are subject to the Athlete Programme Regulation and NPCs may not enter athletes into additional events to those already specified on the Online Entries Confirmation Form. IPC Athletics may accept additional event entries under exceptional circumstances.

The Athlete Programme Regulation also applies to any proposed substitute athlete or athlete eligible for re-entry due to a change in sport class.

### 1.3 Athlete /Guide-runner Substitution

Athlete/Guide-runner substitutions will only be considered if the substitution is made for an athlete in the same gender, sport class and event. Under exceptional circumstances, at IPC Athletics discretion, substitutions not meeting these criteria may be accepted.

The substitute athlete should have met the conditions of the qualification criteria as outlined for the respective event(s).

Substitutions may only be made for an athlete/guide-runner who withdraws due to injury, illness or other exceptional circumstances prior to **12 August 2014**. In the case of injury or illness, a

medical certificate signed by the team/LOC medical officer must be submitted to IPC Athletics for approval. Absolutely no athlete substitution will be permitted after this date.

Substitutions for Guide-runner after **12 August 2014** may only be permitted due to injury, illness or other extraordinary circumstances within the existing team.

IPC Athletics must receive an official request from the NPC for any proposed substitution prior to the above date. The official request must include all required supporting documents for consideration and processing by IPC Athletics.

## **2 Athletes' Sport Class changes and Re-entry Regulations**

### **2.1 Re-entry Criteria**

Should an athlete's sport class change during the Classification Evaluation Period and/or the Classification Competition Period, re-entry will be considered in accord with the following criteria:

- 1) The minimum eligibility criteria have been met;
- 2) The event(s) is/are offered in the newly allocated sport class;
- 3) The maximum entries per NPC has not been reached;
- 4) The competition of the concerned event(s) has not started;
- 5) The competition schedule is not adversely affected.

Where an athlete's sport class changes during the Classification Evaluation Period, for a re-entry to be considered, the NPC is requested to confirm to IPC Athletics of his re-entry within one (1) hour after the publication of the classification outcomes.

Athletes who are subject to re-entry may only be permitted to re-enter in the same event(s) that had been previously entered in the revised class. In the event an athlete loses an event due to availability of that event in his revised class, he may enter another available event of his revised class instead, provided the Re-entry Criteria are met.

All re-entries are subject to the Technical Delegate's approval.

### **2.2 Change of Class during Competition**

During Competition period, the sport class of athletes may change after observation in competition, protests after observation in competition, or protest under exceptional circumstances.

The following regulation outlines how sport class changes in competition shall take effect on athlete's class, results and records at these Championships.

### 2.2.1 Track Events

If the revised class is still within the eligible classes of that event, re-entry of that event is not required and the result achieved, placing and prize won by the athlete shall stand. If the athlete had entered other events in his previous class at the same competition, he may be re-entered in those events of his revised class subject to the above re-entry criteria and approval of the appointed Technical Delegate.

If the revised class is outside the eligible classes of that event, the performance(s) achieved by the athlete shall stand but the placing and prize won by the athlete shall be void. Re-entry of that same event in the revised class is subject to above re-entry criteria. If the athlete had entered other events in his previous class at the same competition, he may be re-entered in those events of his revised class subject to the above re-entry criteria and approval of the appointed Technical Delegate.

### 2.2.2 Field Events

If the revised class is still within the eligible classes of that event, re-entry of that event is not required. The performance(s) achieved by the athlete may stand provided same competition rules apply in his revised class. If the Raza system is being used, the points which determine the placing and prize shall be recalculated against his revised class. Re-entry of that same event in his revised class is subject to above re-entry criteria. If the athlete had entered other events in his previous class at the same competition, he may be re-entered in those events of his revised class subject to the above re-entry criteria and approval of the appointed Technical Delegate.

If the revised class is outside the eligible classes of that event, the performance(s) achieved by the athlete may stand provided the same competition rules apply in his revised class but the placing and prize won by the athlete shall be void. If the athlete had entered other events in his previous class at the same competition, he may be re-entered in those events of his revised class subject to the above re-entry criteria and approval of the appointed Technical Delegate.

## 3 Event Viability

IPC Athletics will review the final sport entries as at **24 July 2014** for all medal events to determine if they are viable or not. To be viable a medal event should have a minimum of four (4) entries from two (2) nations.

If an individual medal event is non-viable as at **24 July 2014** it may not appear on the final Medal Event Programme and may still be run as a non-Medal Event. NPC's shall be advised accordingly.

If there are withdrawals from any event in accordance with these regulations after **24 July 2014** and the entries drop below the minimum criteria the event will still be run as a Medal Event. In the event there are three (3) or less entries the medals will be allocated using the 'minus one' rule (e.g if only 3 athletes remain in an event, only gold and silver would be awarded).