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Amendments to World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations 2016-2017

Dear President/Secretary General,

World Para Athletics has taken a decision to adopt the relevant amendments and correction in its Rules 24.6 and 31.1, and enforce them with immediate effect.

You may find the aforementioned amendments in the attached Appendix. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



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Appendix - AMENDMENTS TO WORLD PARA ATHLETICS RULES AND REGULATIONS 2016-2017

Page	Rule	Action	Current	Amended Text(bold)	Rationale
			Rule 24: General Conditions	Rule 24: General Conditions	
89	24.6 b) Note (ii)	Correct	Note (ii): If one or more athlete(s) is permitted by the Referee to continue in a competition under protest in accordance with 4.1.4(c), such athletes shall compete in all subsequent rounds of trials before all other athletes continuing in the competition and if more than one, in the same relative order according to the original draw.	Note (ii): If one or more athlete(s) is permitted by the Referee to continue in a competition under protest in accordance with Chapter 4.1.5 , such athletes shall compete in all subsequent rounds of trials before all other athletes continuing in the competition and if more than one, in the same relative order according to the original draw.	Amend to the correct reference
			Rule 31: Shot Put	Rule 31: Shot Put	
113	31.1 Note (ii) (iii)	Amend and Add	<p>1. The shot shall be put from the shoulder with one hand only. At the time an athlete takes a stance in the circle to commence a put, the shot shall touch or be in close proximity to the neck or the chin and the hand shall not be dropped below this position during the action of putting. The shot shall not be taken behind the line of the shoulders.</p> <p>Note (i): Cartwheeling techniques are not permitted.</p> <p>Note (ii): For Sport Classes F32-34, F51-57 from start to finish, the movement of the shot shall be a straight, continuous putting action.</p>	<p>1. The shot shall be put from the shoulder with one hand only. At the time an athlete takes a stance in the circle to commence a put, the shot shall touch or be in close proximity to the neck or the chin and the hand shall not be dropped below this position during the action of putting. The shot shall not be taken behind the line of the shoulders.</p> <p>Note (i): Cartwheeling techniques are not permitted.</p> <p>Note (ii): For Sport Classes F33-34, F52-57 from start to finish, the movement of the shot shall be a straight, continuous putting action.</p> <p>Note (iii): For Sport Class F32, lateral movement of the shot away from the chin or neck during putting action is allowed.</p>	It has been observed that the majority of the athletes in F32 Class are not capable of complying with the technical rules regarding shot put due to their functional limitations (hypertonia, ataxia and athetosis). Primarily the ability to control the shot put during the throwing action is impacted resulting in the inability to put the implement in a straight line from the shoulder and to maintain the position of the implement next to the chin or neck. This rule change serves to modify the rule so that this group of athletes can continue to compete within the revised rules.