NPC Uniform Inspection Procedures

The Nottwil 2019 World Para Athletics Junior Championships is one the biggest events in the Para athletics calendar this year. For this reason, it’s important that athletes’ uniforms, equipment and accessories convey the look and image of Championships of this scale.

The guidelines for the look of teams can be found in the World Para Athletics Uniform and Equipment Advertising Regulations. The goal of these regulations is to enhance the visual presentation of the Championships, while balancing the interests of marketing partners (official broadcasters, sponsors, suppliers and licensees) with those of the NPCs, LOC and World Para Athletics.

IPC Uniform Pre-Inspection Application

To help ensure compliance with the regulations, designs for national team emblems and uniforms are subject to review by World Para Athletics in advance of the Championships. NPCs are advised to submit their team uniform designs electronically via SDMS (IPC Uniform Pre-Inspection Application) for pre-inspection, using at the following link: http://sqlserver/sdms/uniform/index

All parts of your team uniform and kit including, but not limited to, competition uniform (top and bottom), warm up attire, and victory ceremony attire must be submitted for pre-inspection no later than Friday, 21 June 2019 for comments and approval by World Para Athletics.

Uniform and kit should be submitted with size specifications for all logos on each article of clothing. A supplier mock-up demonstrating logo size should be included when possible.

Comments and feedback will be provided by World Para Athletics within approximately 2 weeks of submission.

Please note: NPCs shall be primarily responsible for ensuring that all items worn or used by all members of their delegation comply with the Uniform and Equipment Advertising Regulations. The comments made by World Para Athletics during the online pre-inspection only apply to what is visible on the visuals uploaded and are meant as guidance for the final on-site inspection. If any discrepancy is noted between visuals submitted at pre-inspection and samples shown during on-site inspection, the findings of the final on-site inspection prevail. Information on final on-site inspections will be provided closer to team leaders as the Junior Championships approach.

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact Kelly Berndt at Kelly.berndt@worldparaathletics.org.
Championship Inspection Procedures

Upon arrival at the Championships, all team leaders will be required to proceed to the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM). It may be requested that a Uniform Inspection be conducted during the DRM if the uniform was not approved through the SDMS Uniform inspection tool. Also, if teams do not submit uniforms for the IPC Uniform Pre-Inspection, then a Uniform Inspection during the DRM will be mandatory and must be done before accreditation is handed out to the entire delegation. An e-mail will be sent to each Team Leader prior to the DRM with instructions on what uniforms to bring to the meeting, if any.

During the IPC Uniform Pre-Inspection or during the onsite Uniform Inspection (during DRM), each team leader will be expected to provide samples of all requested uniform to be worn while at the competition venue, including on the field of play and during victory ceremonies for final World Para Athletics approval.

If a problem is identified, a World Para Athletics or LOC representative may request that the incident in question be corrected. NPCs are obligated to take the necessary steps to correct uniform infractions. They must render invisible all unauthorized and/or excessive branding including design elements associated with commercial brands. No propaganda, political, commercial or otherwise is allowed. Such infractions to the Uniform and Equipment Regulations must be brought into compliance by rendering invisible (e.g., removal or tastefully covering over) the infringing trademarks and commercial design elements and all other non-conforming elements.

Inspection Protocol During Competition

Within the field of play and prior to victory ceremonies, Technical Officials and World Para Athletics and LOC Staff are responsible for making sure athletes and team officials are keeping with the Uniform and Equipment Guidelines. If at any time, a Technical Official (TD, ITO, NTO) or a World Para Athletics representative observes a uniform or equipment rule infraction, they are expected to report it through the chain of command.

Before taking part in the competition or any ceremonies, non-compliant uniforms, equipment and accessories must be modified to comply with the Uniform and Equipment Regulations. This is usually done by taping over the offending violation. World Para Athletics and the LOC are responsible for co-ordinating functional staff within the venue. World Para Athletics will provide interpretation of rules at the Championships if needed.