



Chapter 2.4.10: Medical Committee bylaws



These bylaws for the Medical Committee (and any amendments thereto) will be submitted for approval to the IPC Governing Board.

1 Authority

1.1 The Medical Committee is appointed by and is accountable to the IPC Governing Board. The IPC Governing Board has the sole power to grant authority to the Medical Committee, and the Medical Committee has no authority that does not come from the IPC Governing Board. The Medical Committee may, however, carry out such tasks as delegated to it by the IPC Governing Board.

2 Role

2.1 The Medical Committee will provide the IPC Governing Board with advice on policy and any other relevant matters within its specific area of responsibility, and will in particular have the following roles:

- (a) Advise upon request on all policy matters related to the medical care of Paralympic athletes and to Therapeutic Use Exemptions under the World Anti-Doping Code and IPC Anti-Doping Code.
- (b) Promote the education of athletes and athlete support personnel on the impact of health and safety on Paralympic athletes and their performances, including on the risks and consequences related to the use of prohibited substances and methods and the Therapeutic Use Exemption process.
- (c) Serve as medical advisors to the IPC to develop and implement prevention programmes in areas that affect health and safety of Paralympic athletes, and develop and monitor the implementation of medical services programmes at IPC sanctioned events.
- (d) Review Therapeutic Use Exemption applications submitted under the IPC Anti-Doping Code.
- (e) Assist the IPC Medical & Scientific Director, upon request, on the operational aspects of the IPC medical care programme and Therapeutic Use Exemption programme.



3 Membership

- 3.1 The Medical Committee will ordinarily consist of up to eight members, including the chairperson.
- 3.2 At least one member of the Medical Committee must be an athlete who has competed in the Paralympic Games in the eight years preceding his/her appointment.
- 3.3 The Medical Committee may, with the IPC's consent, seek such further medical or scientific expertise as it deems appropriate in support of its mandate, including delegating the review of Therapeutic Use Exemption applications submitted under the IPC Anti-Doping Code to external individuals (who need not be members of the Medical Committee).
- 3.4 The IPC Governing Board will appoint the chairperson of the Medical Committee and the members of the Medical Committee, in accordance with the following process:
 - (a) The IPC will invite the IPC membership to suggest candidates for membership of the Medical Committee for consideration by the incoming IPC Governing Board.
 - (b) In addition, the IPC may initiate an active search for suitable candidates to ensure that the Medical Committee includes the best-qualified individuals.
 - (c) As soon as reasonably practicable after its election, the IPC Governing Board will first appoint the chairperson of the Medical Committee. The chairperson will then make recommendations as to the membership of the Medical Committee, for consideration by the IPC Governing Board. The IPC Governing Board will then appoint the members of the Medical Committee.
 - (d) Any vacancies on the Medical Committee (occurring through resignation, death or any other reason) will be filled by appointment by the IPC Governing Board, in consultation with the chairperson of the Medical Committee.
- 3.5 No substitutes are allowed for members of the Medical Committee.

4 Term of office

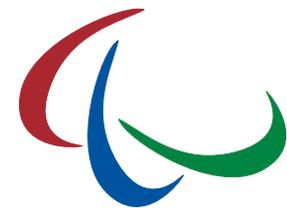
- 4.1 Membership of the Medical Committee will begin on the date of appointment and will continue until terminated by the IPC Governing Board. Members will ordinarily serve for a term of four years (corresponding broadly to the term of office of the members of the IPC Governing Board), and will ordinarily remain in office until the incoming IPC Governing Board has appointed the Medical Committee.



- 4.2 Individuals may be re-appointed to serve consecutive terms on the Medical Committee, and there is no limit on the number of terms that an individual may serve on the Medical Committee.
- 4.3 The membership of an individual on the Medical Committee may be terminated by the IPC Governing Board at any time, at the absolute discretion of the IPC Governing Board.

5 Organisation

- 5.1 The Medical Committee will be assigned a member of the IPC management team to assist in the work of the committee.
- 5.2 Ordinarily, the Medical Committee will meet at least once per year. Any additional meetings must be approved by the IPC Governing Board, which will ordinarily delegate that authority to the IPC CEO.
- 5.3 Telephone, teleconference and similar facilities may be used for a meeting.
- 5.4 The IPC President, IPC CEO and responsible member of the management team are ex-officio members at meetings of the Medical Committee, with speaking rights only.
- 5.5 While the procedure is intended to be flexible, meetings of the Medical Committee may, where appropriate, be conducted based on the standing order for the conduct of IPC committee meetings.
- 5.6 Minutes of Medical Committee meetings will be produced and submitted to the IPC for appropriate distribution and archiving.
- 5.7 The chairperson of the Medical Committee (or his/her designee) may be invited to attend meetings of the IPC Governing Board and/or may be invited to provide a verbal report at a meeting of the IPC Governing Board on a specific topic.
- 5.8 The Medical Committee has the right to submit motions to the IPC General Assembly, through the IPC Governing Board, and subject to compliance with the relevant IPC standing order. The IPC Governing Board will make recommendations to the IPC General Assembly on all motions submitted by the Medical Committee.



6 Finances

- 6.1 The IPC will produce a budget for the Medical Committee. The Medical Committee budget will be included in the overall IPC budget and submitted for approval to the IPC Governing Board in accordance with IPC financial policies.
- 6.2 Any financial regulation for the Medical Committee will be in compliance with the financial policies issued by the IPC from time to time.

7 Evaluation process

- 7.1 During the last year of the four-year term of office, the chairperson of the Medical Committee will ordinarily submit to the IPC Governing Board a summary report on the work conducted by the committee during the four year period, along with any recommendations for the next term of office.
- 7.2 At the end of the IPC Governing Board's term of office, the outgoing IPC Governing Board may (during an in-camera meeting) evaluate the overall work of the Medical Committee and may make recommendations to the incoming IPC Governing Board, including on the mandate, structure and/or membership of the Medical Committee.