

Appendix 4: Paralympic Sport structure

Introduction

This document provides an explanation of the international sport bodies that govern each sport in the Paralympic Programme as well as sports recognised by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). It is important for National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) to understand this governance structure because it will determine the NPC's membership structure.

According to the IPC Handbook, every NPC IPC member shall have the obligation to:

2.2.2 Include as members all national federations affiliated to the IFs governing 'Sports in the Paralympic Programme' or their representatives in the NPC General Assembly;

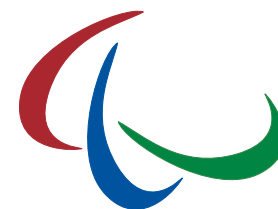
2.2.3 Act as the national governing body for sports governed by the IPC

The suggested NPC membership structure described in this document allows NPCs to fulfil the obligations above.

Paralympic Sport Structure

Sports in the Paralympic Programme and sports recognised by the IPC are governed by the following types of international governing bodies:

1. IPC
2. International Organisations of Sport for the Disabled (IOSDs)
3. Independent International Federations (IFs)
4. Recognised IFs



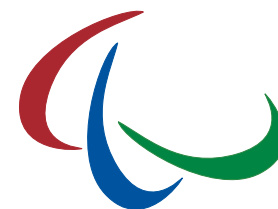
1. IPC Sports

The IPC serves as the IF for eight sports in the Paralympic Programme and for one sport that is not in the Paralympic Programme. IPC Sports can potentially become independent IFs and would then become a member of the IPC.

| IPC Sports | In the Paralympic Programme |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Para alpine Skiing | Yes |
| Para athletics | Yes |
| Para ice hockey | Yes |
| Para cross-country skiing | Yes |
| Para powerlifting | Yes |
| Shooting Para sport | Yes |
| Para snowboard | Yes |
| Para swimming | Yes |
| Para dance sport | No |

IPC Membership Status: IPC Sports representatives have the right to attend the IPC General Assemblies as observers with speaking rights only.

NPC equivalent: An NPC has the obligation to serve as the National Federation (NF) of all IPC Sports. The NPC may decide to transfer the authority to a NF of an IPC sport and settle an agreement independently with the NF while keeping in mind that the responsibility of all IPC Sports falls on the NPC as part of their obligations as an IPC member regardless of the agreements they may settle with NFs. The IPC Sport NF representatives would have the right to attend the NPC General Assemblies as observers with speaking rights only.



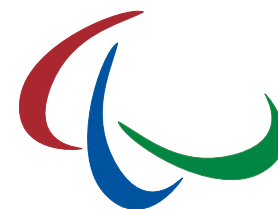
2. IOSD Sports

The IPC has four IOSD members, from which two serve as the IF of four sports in the Paralympic Programme. IOSD Sports can potentially become independent IFs and would then become a member of the IPC.

| IOSD | Sport in the Paralympic Programme |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| International Blind Sports Association (IBSA) | Football 5-a-side |
| | Goalball |
| | Judo |
| International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS) | Wheelchair Fencing |
| International Sports Federation for Persons with an Intellectual Disability (INAS) | None |
| Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreation Association (CPISRA) | None |

IPC Membership Status: IOSDs are full IPC members. Its representatives have the right to attend IPC General Assemblies with full vote and speaking rights. IOSD Sport (e.g. IWAS Fencing) representatives have the right to attend the IPC General Assemblies as observers with speaking rights only.

NPC equivalent: Each National Organisation of Sport for the Disabled (NOSD) that is a member of an IOSD member of the IPC can become a member of the NPC with speaking and voting rights. NOSD Sport (e.g. NWAS Fencing) representatives would have the right to attend the NPC General Assemblies as observers with speaking rights only.



3. Independent IFs

The IPC has 15 IF members, from which 12 also govern the Olympic sport.

| Sport | International Federation | Also governs the Olympic Sport |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Archery | World Archery | Yes |
| Badminton | Badminton World Federation (BWF) | Yes |
| Boccia | Boccia International Sports Federation (BISFed) | No |
| Canoeing | International Canoeing Federation (ICF) | Yes |
| Cycling | International Cycling Union (UCI) | Yes |
| Equestrian | International Equestrian Federation (FEI) | Yes |
| Rowing | World Rowing Federation (FISA) | Yes |
| Table Tennis | International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) | Yes |
| Taekwondo | World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) | Yes |
| Triathlon | International Triathlon Union (ITU) | Yes |
| Volleyball (Sitting) | World ParaVolley (WPV) | No |
| Wheelchair Basketball | International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) | No |
| Wheelchair Curling | World Curling Federation (WCF) | Yes |
| Wheelchair Rugby | International Wheelchair Rugby Federation (IWRF) | No |
| Wheelchair Tennis | International Tennis Federation (ITF) | Yes |

IPC Membership Status: Independent IFs are full IPC members. Its representatives have the right to attend IPC General Assemblies with full vote and speaking rights.

NPC equivalent: Each NF that is a member of an IF member of the IPC can become a member of the NPC with speaking and voting rights.



4. Recognised IFs

The IPC currently recognises 13 IFs that are not in the Paralympic Programme. If any of these sports is included in the Paralympic Programme, the respective IF would become a full IPC member.

| Sport | International Federation |
|----------------------|---|
| Armwrestling | World Armwrestling Federation (WAF) |
| Bobsleigh & Skeleton | International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation (IBSF) |
| CP Football | International Federation of CP Football (IFCPF) |
| Climbing | International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) |
| Flying Disc | World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) |
| Golf | International Golf Federation (IGF) |
| Handball | International Handball Federation (IHF) |
| Hockey | International Hockey Federation (FIH) |
| Karate | World Karate Federation (WKF) |
| Modern Pentathlon | Modern Pentathlon International Union (UIPM) |
| Powerchair Football | International Federation of Powerchair Football (FIPFA) |
| Sailing | World Sailing |
| Squash | World Squash Federation (WSF) |

IPC Membership Status: Recognised IF representatives have the right to attend the IPC General Assemblies as observers with speaking rights only.

NPC member equivalent: NPCs can recognise NFs of sports that are not in the Paralympic Programme. Recognised NFs would have the right to attend the NPC General Assemblies as observers with speaking rights only.