

INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE

ATHLETICS SECTION

COMBINED RULES 2004

PREAMBLE

For competition at Paralympics and I.P.C. World Championships, this book shall be used, along with the current I.A.A.F. Handbook.

It contains all the rules, which govern an I.P.C. Athletics competition, written in a way, which is compatible with the rules of the governing body for athletics, the International Association of Athletics Federations (I.A.A.F.). In this way, officials, coaches and athletes may find rules to cover any event in a single document, rather than having to refer to separate books for each group.

The rules must be read in conjunction with the I.A.A.F. rules, contained in the Handbook of that Association. For the period including the 2004 Athens Paralympics, the version of the I.A.A.F. Handbook to which this book refers is the 2004-2005 edition. The rules concerned are the Technical Rules of Competition as described herein, and additional rules as shown. The reference to the I.A.A.F. Handbook does not confer any responsibility onto the I.A.A.F. for the I.P.C. Rules.

Each of the I.O.S.D.'s has its own cycle of rule changes, and this volume does not intend to change any rules so decided. It is quite simply a means of simplifying the task of reading the rules for those concerned.

NOTES

This Rule Book will remain in force until the publication of the next I.A.A.F. Handbook, at which time a new edition will be published to take account of any new I.A.A.F. rules coming into force at that time, and which will affect the 2006 IPC World Championships.

Where a rule is mentioned which is different from the I.A.A.F. rule, the amended rule is the one to be followed. Where a rule is stated which does not exist in the I.A.A.F. Handbook, it must be added to those rules. Where the rules in the I.A.A.F. Handbook are referred to, this shall always be deemed to include I.P.C. rules (e.g. in Rules 145, 149 etc.).

The I.A.A.F. has no responsibility for any rules used by the I.P.C. Athletics Section. In all rules referring to the "General Secretary of the I.A.A.F." this should be amended to read "Chairman of the Athletics S.A.E.C.". Where the rule refers to the "I.A.A.F." and to the "Council of the I.A.A.F." this should be amended to read "I.P.C. Athletics" or "I.P.C. Athletics S.A.E.C.".

Specific rules regarding classification may be found in the Appendix, as will Classification Protest Rules for use at I.P.C. events.

A new revised edition of this Rule Book will be published in early 2006, after publication of the I.A.A.F. Handbook, and will contain additional information.

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NON-TECHNICAL RULES OF I.P.C. ATHLETICS

CHAPTER 1

RULE 1 World, Area and Group Championships: Meetings requiring I.P.C. Sanction or Permit

Rule 1 Para 1

The I.P.C. Athletics Section shall have the right to organise; sanction or award Permits for Paralympic, World, Area or Group Championships for Athletics and international events where athletes from more than one I.O.S.D. are to compete.

Rule 1 Para 2

Details of sanctioned events may be obtained from I.P.C. Headquarters. Details of how to apply for a Permit to stage an event can be obtained from the Athletics Section.

Rule 1 Para 3

Classification at competitions covered by this rule will be the responsibility of the I.P.C. Athletics Section.

RULE 8 Advertising and Displays during I.P.C. Competition

Note: (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

“The wheelchair shall be regarded, for the purposes of advertising, as three pieces of equipment; i.e. two large wheels and a frame.”

Note: (Classes F32-34, F51 – 58)

“The throwing chair shall be regarded, for the purposes of advertising, as one piece of equipment.”

CHAPTER 3

Control of Drug Abuse

Doping (All Classes)

All competitors shall abide by the rules relating to doping as set by regulations of the I.P.C. and I.P.C. Athletics Section.

CHAPTER 4

Disputes

The I.P.C. Athletics Section agrees with, and aspires to follow the contents of Chapter 4 in the I.A.A.F. Handbook relating to disputes between athletes and others, both in doping and in non-doping cases. Where these rules can be followed, members should do so, and the Athletics Section will cooperate with the International Paralympic Committee in ensuring fairness for any athlete in dispute.

CHAPTER 5

TECHNICAL RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

RULE 100 General

All International Competitions, as defined in Rule 1, shall be held under the Rules of IPC Athletics and this shall be stated in all announcements, advertisements, programmes and printed material.

Note: It is recommended that members adopt the Rules of IPC Athletics for the conduct of their own athletic competitions.

SECTION I - OFFICIALS

RULE 129 Starter and Recalls

Rule 129 Para 7 (Classes T32-34; T51-54)

Add: These tasks shall include the power to stop the race within the first 200 metres, in races of 800 metres or longer, if a collision takes place. The race is then restarted. This does not reduce the power of the Referee to take appropriate action on reports received from umpires.

RULE 131 Lap Scorers

Rule 131 Para 3 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

The lap scoreboard shall be set at a height of 80 - 100 cm. above the ground.

SECTION II - GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

RULE 143 Clothing, Shoes and Number bibs.

Rule 143 Para 7 (Classes 32 - 34, 51 - 58)

Every competitor must be provided with one number bib to be worn visibly on the back of the chair. For events longer than 400 metres, further number(s) will be worn on the helmet (start number or lane number).

Rule 143 Para 9 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

Where photo-finish equipment is in operation, the meeting organisers may require competitors to wear additional numbers of an adhesive type, as directed by the Start Coordinator. No athlete shall be allowed to take part in any competition without displaying the appropriate number bib(s) and/or identification.

Rule 143 Para 10 (Class 11)

Competitors in Class 11 must wear approved opaque glasses or an appropriate substitute in all field events, and in all track events up to, and including 1500m. The opaque glasses or their substitute must be approved by the responsible technical official. When the athlete is not competing, the opaque glasses or their substitute may be removed.

Rule 143 Para 11 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

The wearing of helmets is compulsory in all individual and team track races of 800 metres and over, including the 4 x 400 metres relay and in all road races.

RULE 144 Assistance to Athletes.

Rule 144 Para 1 (Classes 11 – 12)

Note: In events of 800m. and above, people other than officials may call intermediate times, but this must be done from outside the track, in an area designated for that purpose.

Rule 144 Para 2(e) (Classes 11 – 12)

Only escorts or guide runners for Classes 11 and 12 athletes will be permitted to accompany competitors onto the competition area. Persons acting as guides or escorts must be clearly identified by wearing a distinctively coloured vest provided by the Organising Committee.

Rule 144 Para 2(f) (Classes 11 – 12)

The method of guidance is the choice of the athlete. He/she may choose to use an elbow lead, or a tether, or to run free. In addition, the runner may receive verbal instruction from the guide. The guide must not use bicycles or other mechanical means of transport.

Rule 144 Para 2(g) (Classes 11 – 12)

Methods of guidance: Athletes are encouraged to provide their own guides. However the organisers will provide an appropriate guide if the need has been indicated on the entry form in advance (together with specific details of the standard of guidance required).

Rule 144 Para 2(h) (Classes 11 – 12)

At no time may the guide pull the athlete, or propel the athlete forward by pushing.

Rule 144 Para 2(i) (Classes 11 – 12)

Whether or not a tether is being used, the athlete and guide shall not be more than 0.50m apart at all times.

Note: Where extraordinary or accidental circumstances lead to a breach of this rule it shall be the sole responsibility of the IPC Technical Official to decide the question of disqualification. The principles that will govern such a decision shall include consideration of any danger to or disadvantage suffered by another competitor in the same race.

Rule 144 Para 2(j) (Classes 11 – 12)

For races further than 400m. two guides are allowed. Only one exchange of guides is permitted for each athlete. The exchange must take place without any hindrance to other athletes, and must take place only on the straight. The intention to change guides must be notified in advance to the Referee and Technical Delegate. The technical officials will determine the conditions of the exchange and will communicate these in advance to the competitors.

Rule 144 Para 2(k) (Classes 32 - 34, 51 - 58)

Strapping: If used must be only to the chair and of non-elastic material.

Rule 144 Para 5 Prosthesis (Classes 42 - 46)

Athletes in classes T42, T43 & T44 shall use leg prosthesis in running events. Hopping is not allowed. In all competitions except running for classes T42, T43 and T44, the wearing of prosthesis is optional.

Note: Competition prostheses are not considered as appliances, which can give the wearer an advantage.

Rule 144 Para 6 (Classes 11 - 12)

For Class 11, acoustic signals are permitted. However, no visual modification to the existing facility is permitted. In events where acoustic assistance is being used (e.g. Long Jump; Triple Jump and High Jump) complete silence shall be requested from spectators.

Note: Whenever possible, to ensure silence, events in which acoustic assistance is being used should not be timetabled together with other running events.

For class 12, visual modification of the existing facility is permitted (i.e. Paint, chalk, powder, cones, flags, etc.). Acoustic signals may also be used.

For Class 13, I.A.A.F. Rules will be followed in their entirety, except as noted below.

IPC recognises the special needs of deaf-blind athletes, and is keen to encourage and facilitate their participation in competition. In cases where deaf - blind athletes are competing in a competition, some modification to current rules may be necessary. Such modification should only be permitted with the prior approval of the Technical Delegate. In principal, no rule modification that disadvantages any other competitor will be allowed.

RULE 145 Disqualification

Add: after "...to the IAAF Technical Rules...." "and / or IPC amendment..."

Rule 145 Para 2 (Classes 51 - 58)

Competitors must ensure that no urine is allowed to drain onto the competition or warm-up areas. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

RULE 146 Protests and Appeals

Rule 146 Para 5

Delete: " of US \$100, or its equivalent". Insert "at a fee set by the I.P.C. Athletics Section".

RULE 149 Validity of Performances

Replace: "...IAAF Rules." with " IPC Athletics Rules".

SECTION III - TRACK EVENTS

Rule 159 Wheelchair Track (Classes T32 - 34, T 51 - 54)

Rule 159 Para 1

The wheelchair shall have at least two large wheels and one small wheel.

Rule 159 Para 2

No part of the body of the chair may extend forwards beyond the hub of the front wheel and be wider than the inside of the hubs of the two rear wheels. The maximum height from the ground of the main body of the chair shall be 50 cm.

Rule 159 Para 3

The maximum diameter of the large wheel including the inflated tyre shall not exceed 70 cm. The maximum diameter of the small wheel including the inflated tyre shall not exceed 50 cm.

Rule 159 Para 4

Only one plain, round, hand rim is allowed for each large wheel. This rule may be waived for persons requiring a single arm drive chair, if so stated on their medical and Games identity cards.

Rule 159 Para 5

No mechanical gears or levers shall be allowed, that may be used to propel the chair.

Rule 159 Para 6

Only hand-operated, mechanical steering devices will be allowed.

Rule 159 Para 7

In all races of 800 metres or over, the athlete should be able to turn the front wheel(s) manually both to the left and the right.

Rule 159 Para 8

The use of mirrors is not permitted in track or road races.

Rule 159 Para 9

No part of the chair may protrude behind the vertical plane of the back edge of the rear tyres.

Rule 159 Para 10

It will be the responsibility of the competitor to ensure the wheelchair conforms to all the above rules, and no event shall be delayed whilst a competitor makes adjustments to his chair.

Rule 159 Para 11

Chairs will be measured in the Marshalling Area, and may not leave that area before the start of the event. Chairs that have been examined may be liable to re-examination before or after the event by the official in charge of the event.

Rule 159 Para 12

It shall be the responsibility, in the first instance, of the official conducting the event, to rule on the safety of the chair.

Rule 159 Para 13

Athletes must ensure that no part of their lower limbs can fall to the ground or track during the event.

Rule 161 Starting Blocks

Rule 161 Para 1 (Classes T35 - 38, T42 - 46)

In the first line **delete:** "shall" **Insert:** "may".

Add Note: A four-point stance is not required by athletes in any class. It is acceptable for arm amputee athletes to use pads on which to rest stumps at the start. Pads must be completely behind the start line and not interfere with any other athlete. The pads should be a similar colour to the track or of a neutral colour.

Rule 161 Para 1 (Class T 20)

Add Note: Some athletes will require their blocks to be pre-set, prior to the race. The Technical Delegate will provide the appropriate official with a list of competitors and a diagram of the required positions, measured in centimetres.

Rule 162 The Start

Rule 162 Para 2 (Classes T32 - 38)

Add: Where a competitor has a hearing impairment, a flag or any other visual device may be used as well as a pistol.

Rule 162 Para 4 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

Delete: from " in all races.." to ".. of the blocks."

Delete: "hands or his feet" **Insert:** "front wheels".

Rule 162 Para 4 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

Delete: from " Both hands....starting blocks."

Delete: from " retaining the contact....of the blocks"

Delete: "A competitor" **Insert:** " A competitor's front wheel..."

Delete: after "of it" to " his marks."

Rule 162 Para 12 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

Note: The starter has the power to stop the race within the first 200 metres; in races of 800 metres or longer if a collision takes place. The race is then restarted.

Rule 163 The Race

Rule 163 Para 2 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

Add Note: An athlete coming from behind in an attempt to overtake carries the responsibility of ensuring full clearance of the chair being overtaken before cutting across. The athlete being overtaken has the responsibility not to obstruct or impede the incoming athlete once the front wheel(s) of the athlete are in sight.

Rule 163 Para 8 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54, T42 - 46)

100m. - 13 seconds

200m. - 13 seconds

Rule 163 Para 9 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

Delete: 1.22 metres.

Insert: 0.95 metres

Rule 163 Para 13 (Classes T32 - 34; T51 - 54)

Progression by any other method except the competitor pushing on the wheels or hand rims will result in disqualification.

Rule 163 Para 14 (Classes T11 - 12)

100m to 800m for Class 11 - athletes will compete accompanied by a guide. Each athlete shall be allocated two lanes for himself and the guide. The start lines in a staggered start will be those for lanes 1, 3, 5, 7 etc.

Class 12 athletes shall have the right to be allocated two lanes (for themselves and a guide) in all races run in lanes, and in 800m. races started in lanes. In such cases the start lines in a staggered start will be those for lanes 1, 3, 5, 7 etc. An athlete in Class 12 may opt to use a guide in any running event. If this option is exercised, the rules for Class 11 guiding will apply.

RULE 164 The Finish

Rule 164 Para 5 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

Event time limits: In events of 1500 metres and longer, officials may conclude the event and clear the track after the agreed time limit has expired. Any competitor who has not completed the set distance when an event is concluded shall be shown in the official results as “DNF” - “did not finish”.

Rule 164 Para 6 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

The competitors shall be placed in the order in which the hub of the leading wheel reaches the vertical plane of the nearer edge of the finish line as defined above.

Rule 164 Para 7 (Classes T11 - 12)

Competitor and guide in a competition are to be regarded as a team. As the athlete crosses the finish line, the guide must be behind him/her.

RULE 165 Timing and Photo Finish

Rule 165 Para 5 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

The time shall be taken from the flash of the pistol or approved starting apparatus to the moment at which the hub of the leading wheel of the competitor's chair reaches the nearest edge of the finish line.

RULE 166 Seedings, Draws and Qualifications in Track Events

Para 2 (Classes 11 - 13)

Track events should have the following maximum numbers (exclusive of guides) assuming an eight-lane track:

	CLASS11	12	13	
100m	4	4	8	
200m	4	4	8	
400m	4	4	8	
800m	4/5 *	5 *	8	* = depending on
1500m	6	8	10	starting
5000m	10	10	20	arrangements
10000m	10	10	20	

The following qualifying conditions will apply for preliminary rounds and Finals, except with the agreement of the Technical Delegate:

100m. - 400m. (11 & 12)

- 5 - 8 entries 2 Heats 1st in each Heat + 2 fastest losers to Final; Remaining four to "B" Final.
- 9 - 12 3 Heats 1st & 2nd in each Heat + 2 fastest losers to 2 semi-finals. (then as above)
- 13 - 16 4 Heats 1st in each Heat + 4 fastest losers to 2 semi-finals. (then as above)

100m. - 1500m. (13)

- 1 - 8 entries Final
- 9 - 16 2 Heats First 3 + 2 fastest losers to Final.
- 17 - 24 3 Heats First 4 + 4 fastest losers to semi-finals. (then as above)
- 25 - 32 4 Heats First 3 + 4 fastest losers to semi-finals (then as above)

800m. (11 & 12) - assuming 5 in each race.

- 1 - 5 entries Final
- 6 - 10 2 Heats 1st & 2nd + 1 fastest loser to Final.
- 11 - 15 3 Heats 1st & 2nd + 4 fastest losers to semi-finals. (then as above)
- 16 - 20 4 Heats 1st & 2nd + 2 fastest losers to semi-finals. (then as above)

1500m (11 & 12)

- 1 - 6 entries Final
- 7 - 12 2 Heats 1st & 2nd + 2 fastest losers to Final.
- 13 - 18 3 Heats First 3 + 3 fastest losers to semi-finals. (then as above)

5000m & 10000m (11 & 12)

- 1 - 10 entries Final
- 11 - 20 2 Heats First 3 + 4 fastest losers to Final.
- 21 - 30 3 Heats 1st & 2nd + 4 fastest losers to Final.

5000m & 10000m (13)

- 1 - 20 entries Final
- 21 - 40 2 Heats First 8 + 4 fastest losers to Final.

Para 2 (T32-34; 51-54)

Variations:

1500m. - Maximum 10 per event

- 11 - 20 2 Heats First 3 + 4 fastest losers to Final. In Final, seeding is from inside lane by time.
21 - 30 3 Heats First 5 + 5 fastest losers to Semi-finals. (Then as above)
31 - 40 4 Heats First 4 + 4 fastest losers to semi-finals. (Then as above)

5000m. - Maximum 12 per event

- 13 - 24 2 Heats First 4 + 4 fastest losers to Final.
25 - 36 3 Heats First 6 + 6 fastest losers to Semi-finals. (Then as above)

10000m - Maximum 12 per event

- 13 - 24 2 Heats First 4 + 4 fastest losers to Final.
25 - 36 3 Heats First 3 + 3 fastest losers to Final.

Relays

- 5 - 8 2 Heats Fastest 4 times proceed to the Final.
9 - 12 3 Heats Fastest 4 times proceed to the Final.
13 - 16 4 Heats Fastest 8 times proceed to two Semi-finals. (Then as above)

RULE 170 Relay Races

Rule 170 Para 1 (Classes T 11 - 13, T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

Add: "Each team shall be allocated two adjacent lanes. Where it is required for the relay to be run in lanes, the competitors may use either of their two allocated lanes. The lines on the inner of the two allocated lanes shall be extended across the outer of the two allocated lanes to mark the distances of the stages and to denote the scratch lines. Changes will take place as for lanes 1, 3, 5 and 7." The extension of start and exchange box lanes shall be done with tape of the same colour as the existing lane markings.

Rule 170 Para 7 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

Delete: "10 metres" **Insert:** "20 metres"

Rule 170 Para 14 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

Delete: Para 13 & 14. **Insert:** "The take-over shall be by a touch on any part of the body of the outgoing competitor within the take-over zone."

Rule 170 Para 19 (Classes T11 - 13)

A fair exchange is established when the incoming runner passes the baton to the outgoing runner within the take-over zone. The baton exchange may take place either between guides or athletes without restriction, except that the conditions of the method of guidance must be met and the guide be behind the athlete at the moment of entering the exchange zone. The outgoing athlete and guide must both be inside the exchange zone at the moment when the baton is exchanged. Once the waiting runner leaves the take-over zone, he / she shall not re-enter the take-over zone.

Rule 170 Para 20 (Class T12)

One guide per exchange zone will be allowed on the track to help with the positioning of any Class 12 athlete who intends to run without a guide runner. The guide must remain in a position, which does not interfere with the conduct of the race.

Rule 170 Para 21 (Class 11 – 13)

The relay team must have a minimum of one Class 11 and one Class 12 runner. The relay team shall have not more than one Class 13 runner.

Rule 170 Para 21 (T32-34; 51-54)

In the relay races, teams must include at least one athlete from the more/most disabled class.

Rule 170 Para 21 (T35-38)

In 4x100m. and 4x400m. relays for ambulant athletes, the composition of the team is open.
(Take-over by baton)

Rule 170 Para 21 (Classes 42 - 46)

In 4x100m. relays for classes 42, 43, 45, the composition of the team shall be: maximum 2 per team from class 45. (Change by touch in the take-over zone).

In 4x100m. and 4x400m. relays for classes 42, 44, 46, the composition of the team shall be: maximum 2 per team from class 46. (Use baton).

In the medley relay (800m.; 400m.; 200m.; 200m.) at least one runner shall be from class 44, or 43 or 42.

An Open Relay may be offered where there are insufficient athletes of appropriate classes. The change would be by touch or baton as determined in the appropriate rules.

SECTION IV - FIELD EVENTS

RULE 179 Specific Field Rules

Rule 179 Para 1 Orientation (Classes F11 - 12)

An escort may bring athletes to the throwing circle or runway. It is the task of the escort to help the athlete orientate him/herself in the throwing circle or on the runway before the attempt. The escort must leave the circle or runway before the attempt begins. Acoustic orientation is permitted before, during and after the attempt. Athletes may only be escorted from the circle or runway after the officials have determined whether or not the attempt was a valid one.

If the official in charge of the event decides that an escort who is providing acoustic orientation is in an unsafe location, the judge has the right to require the escort to move.

Rule 179 Para 2 (F32 - 34, F51 - 58)

The maximum height of the throwing frame, including the cushion(s), used as a seat, shall not exceed 75 cm. The frame may have a holding bar made of metal or glass-fibre.

Rule 179 Para 2 (F31 - 32)

Add: after above - Class 31 & 32 may use corrective inserts if this is recorded on the Medical or Games cards.

Rule 179 Para 3 (F32 - 34, F51 - 58)

If footrest(s) protrude outside the circle, they may not be rotated in or out to permit abnormal placing of one or both feet, unless otherwise stated on the Medical or Games card.

Note: - this does not prevent uneven placement of the footrests in the vertical (Sagittal) plane.

Rule 179 Para 4 (F32 - 34, F51 - 58)

It will be the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that the frame conforms to all the above rules, and no event shall be delayed whilst a competitor makes adjustments to his frame.

Rule 179 Para 5 (F32 - 34, F51 - 58)

Frames will be measured before the competitor enters the throwing circle. Frames that have been examined may be liable to re-examination before or after the event by the official in charge of the event.

Rule 179 Para 6 (F32 - 34, F51 - 58)

It shall be the responsibility, in the first instance, of the official conducting the event, to rule on the safety of the frame.

Rule 179 Para 7 (F32 - 34, F51 - 58)

All throwing events will be conducted from a circle, diameter 2.135m to 2.50m., into a sector as described in Rule 187.

Rule 179 Para 8 (F32 - 34, F51 - 58)

An authorised holding device must be used. If a holding device should break during the execution of a throw, it shall not count as a trial, providing it was made in accordance with the rules. If the competitor thereby loses his balance and commits a foul, it shall not count against him.

Rule 179 Para 9 (Classes F32 - 34, F51 - 56)

In Classes F32 - 34, F51 - 56 during the action of a throw or put, at least one part of the upper leg or buttock shall remain in contact with the cushion or seat until the implement is released.

Rule 179 Para 10 (Classes F57 - 58)

In Classes F57 -58 a competitor shall commence a throw or put from a sitting position, and, if lifting takes place, must keep one foot in contact with the ground inside the circle until the implement is released. Any part of the frame used for leverage must remain inside the vertical plane of the rim of the circle. The commencement is regarded as the first forward movement of the throw.

Rule 179 Para 11 (Classes F42 - 44)

Add: "Lower limb disability classes may use a running, hopping or standing start in jumping events."

RULE 180 General Conditions

Rule 180 Para 3 (Classes F11 - 12)

Add: Competitors in Classes 11 & 12 are permitted to use a caller for acoustic orientation. In providing this, the caller must stand in a position that does not hinder the event officials.

Add: Competitors in Class 11 may use a caller to provide acoustic orientation during the approach run in High, Long and Triple Jump, and a guide to assist in positioning the athlete on the runway. Only one person who shall be permitted in the competition area who may serve as caller and/or guide may accompany competitors in Class 12. No additional persons will be permitted in the competition area.

Rule 180 Para 3 (Class 20)

Note: Some athletes will require their markers to be at a pre-set distance from the take-off board, prior to the competition. The Technical Delegate will provide the appropriate official with a list of competitors and a diagram of the required positions.

Rule 180 Para 5 (Classes F32 - 34, F51 - 58)

Replace with "...Athletes take three throws consecutively. In addition to the time allowed under this rule, a reasonable time will be permitted for an athlete to place the frame in the circle before the commencement of their first trial. This time shall not normally exceed 2 minutes for classes 32 - 34, 54 - 58, and 3 minutes for classes 51 - 53.

Note: While the responsibility for tying down rests with officials and volunteers, the Technical Delegate will issue specific interpretations at each competition which ensure athletes do not engage in time-wasting tactics.

Note: No reversal of throwing order will take place for the final three trials.

Rule 180 Para 7 (Classes F51 – 58)

Add: In competitions other than Paralympic Games or World or Regional Championships, the Technical Delegate may decide, in cooperation with the Competition Organisers, to stage six throws consecutively.

Rule 180 Para 17 (Classes F11 - 12)

Add: In field events where competitors receive assistance from callers or guides, the time allowed shall begin from the moment when the official responsible is satisfied that the athlete has completed the process of orientation. Should any competitor request verbal confirmation of the starting of the timing clock; an official shall give such confirmation.

Note: If the athlete loses orientation so that he / she requires to be re-oriented, the clock shall be stopped and only restarted (to include any elapsed time already recorded) once orientation has again been completed.

Rule 180 Para 18 (Classes F32 - 34, F51 - 58)

Once called, athletes are allowed to move to a designated area away from the throwing area in order to continue to warm up. Should an athlete not answer a call to the throwing area, they shall be debarred from the subsequent trials.

Rule 180 Para 19 (Classes F32 - 34, F51 - 58)

Delete: second sentence.

Rule 180 Para 22 (Classes F32 – 58)

In all field events, the Organising Committee may use the IPC points score system, in order to stage competitions with more than one classification group in one event.

(A) - VERTICAL JUMPS

RULE 182 High Jump

Rule 182 Para 2 (Class F11)

Note after rule: Class 11 competitors may touch the bar as an aid to orientation before commencing the run up. If, on so doing, the athlete dislodges the bar this will not count as an attempt.

Rule 182 Para 11 (Class 12)

Athletes in Class 12 may place a visual aid on the bar. The responsible IPC Technical Official must approve this.

(B) - HORIZONTAL JUMPS

Rule 184 General Conditions

Rule 184 Para 7 (Classes F42 – 44)

- a) If, in the process of jumping, an athlete loses prosthesis, the mark where the prosthesis lands, if it is the closest mark to the take-off board, shall be measured.
- b) If the prosthesis is lost during the run-up, the athlete can adjust it and continue within the allowed time, with or without the prosthesis.
- c) If the prosthesis lands outside the landing area it shall be counted as a foul and recorded as such.

Rule 185 Long Jump

Rule 185 Para 3 (Classes F11 - 12)

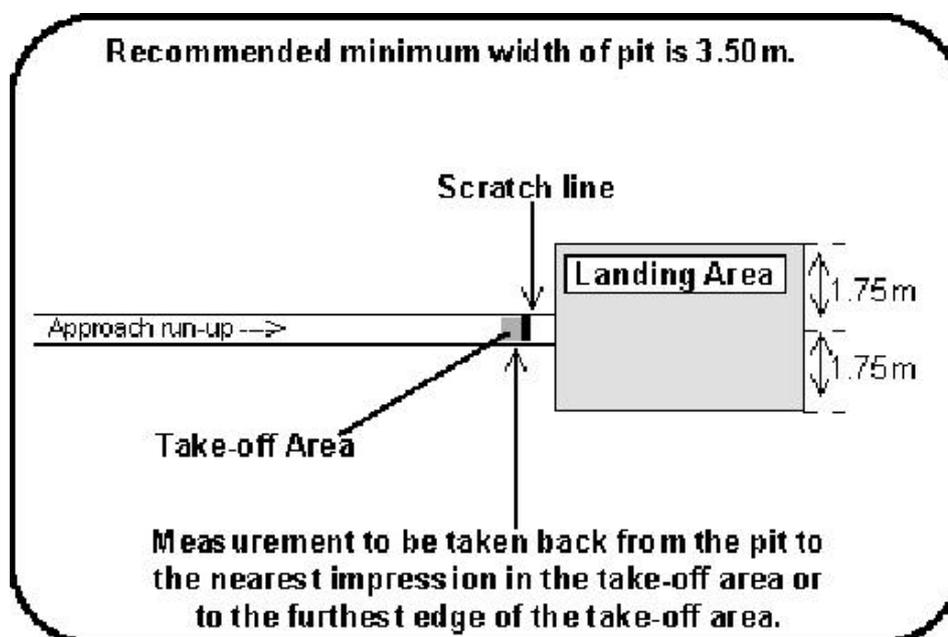
For Class 11 & 12 athletes **delete:** from “..to the take -off.” to “ ...extended.” **Insert:** “...to the nearest impression left by the takeoff foot. Where an athlete does not take off from the take -off area, but before it, measurement will be made to the edge of the takeoff area furthest from the pit.”

Rule 185 Para 7 (Classes F11 - 12)

Add: after rule: For Class 11 & 12 athletes, the takeoff area shall consist of a rectangle 1.00m x 1.22m, which must be prepared in such a way (by use of chalk, talcum powder, light sand etc.) that the athlete leaves an impression on the area with his/her takeoff foot.

Rule 185 Para 9 (Classes F11 - 12)

Note: For purposes of safety, it is strongly recommended that the minimum distance between the axis of the runway and the sides of the landing area be 1.75m. If this recommendation cannot be met, the Technical Delegate may require additional safety measures.



Rule 186 Triple Jump

Rule 186 Para 4 (Classes F46)

Delete: from “..it is recommended..” to “..for women..” **Insert:** “..the take off board would normally be set at 9 metres for women and 11 metres for men.”

Rule 186 Para 4 (Classes F11 - 12)

Delete: from “..it is recommended..” to “..for women..” **Insert:** “the take-off board shall be the following distances....” **Add:** Class 11 - minimum 9m. Classes 12 & 13 - minimum 11m. **Note:** the exact distance from the board to pit shall be determined for each competition in consultation with the Technical Delegate.

(C) - THROWING EVENTS

RULE 187 General Conditions

Rule 187 Para 1

Implements must comply with the specifications of the IPC Athletics Section. (See Appendix I)

Rule 187 Para 2

The Organising Committee at the Paralympic Games shall provide all such implements. In these competitions, competitors are not allowed to use any other implements.

Rules 187 Para 4a (Classes F32 - 34, F51 - 53)

For “hand” read “hands”, except that athletes in Class 51, 52 & 53 may use strapping or a glove on their non - throwing hand, and anchor that hand to the frame.

Note: Classes F32 -34, F54 - 58 must **not** use gloves.

Rule 187 Para 14 (Classes F32 - 34, F51 - 58)

14b **Delete:** "...stepped into...". Insert "...entered...".

14c **Add:** after “ ..stop board..” **Insert:** “..or any holding device outside the vertical plane of the edge of the Circle”.

14d **Add:** after “ ..iron band”. “Only the footrest(s) or any part of the wheel or push rim not touching the circle may be outside the circumference of the circle.”

Rule 187 Para 14c (Classes F32 - 34, F51 - 58)

Note: A stop board is unnecessary for all athletes competing from frames.

Rule 187 Para 17 (Classes F32 - 34, F51 - 58)

Note: This rule shall be waived for competitors using the approved holding device.

Rule 187 (Classes F32 - 34, F51 - 58)

Note: At end of Rule 187. The rules for the club competition for all athletes in frames will be those of Rule 187. (as amended, but with “Club” substituted for “Discus” whenever necessary).

Rule 188 Putting the Shot

Rule 188 Para 1 (F51 - 58)

Note: From start to finish, the movement shall be a straight, continuous putting action.

SECTION V -COMBINED EVENTS COMPETITIONS

Rule 200 Combined Events Competition

Rule 200 Note: Read only those Rules and sections of rules which are relevant to the competition. All events take place over one day.

Rule 200 Para 1 (Class F51 - F58)

Delete: after "..following order." **Insert:**

Class F51:	100m.; Club; 400m.; Discus; 800m.
Classes F52 & 53:	Shotput; Javelin; 100m.; Discus; 800m.
Classes F54 - 58:	Shotput; Javelin; 200m.; Discus; 1500m.

Rule 200 Para 1 (Class 42 –46)

Delete: after "..following order." **Insert:**

42	Men & Women	Long Jump; Shot; 100m; Discus; High Jump.
44	Men & Women	Long Jump; Shot; 100m.; Discus; 400m.
46	Men	High Jump; Javelin; 200m.; Discus; 1500m.
46	Women	Long Jump; Shot; 100m.; Discus; 400m.

Rule 200 Para 1 (Class 11 – 13)

Delete: after "..following order." **Insert:**

Men (in each class):	Long Jump; Javelin; 100m; Discus; 1500m.
Women (in each class):	Long Jump; Shot; 100m; Discus; 800m.

Rule 200 Para 1 (Class 33 – 38)

Delete: after "..following order." **Insert:**

33 & 34	Men & Women	Shot; Javelin; 100m.; Discus; 800m.
35 & 36	Men:	Shot; Javelin; 200m; Discus; 1500m.
35 & 36	Women:	Shot; Javelin; 200m; Discus; 800m
37 & 38	Men:	Long Jump; Javelin; 200m; Discus; 1500m.
37 & 38	Women:	Long Jump; Javelin; 200m; Discus; 800m.

Rule 200 Para 7 (All Classes)

Delete: after "..individual athlete".

Rule 200 Para 9 (All Classes)

Add: after "..IAAF Rules.." and their variations contained herein."

Rule 200 Para 12 (All Classes)

Delete: the word "IAAF.."

SECTION VIII - ROAD RACES

Rule 240 Road Races

Rule 240 Para 8 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

Note: Competitors may carry their own refreshments.

Rule 240 Para 11 (Class 11 – 13, 35 – 38, 42 - 46)

In Road races, all athletes will start together, but the finishing order will be determined for each class.

Rule 240 Para 12 (Classes T32 - 34, T51 - 54)

In all Road races all athletes will start together, but the finishing order will be determined for each class.

Rule 240 Para 13 (Class 11 – 13)

The Organising Committee shall provide numbers that distinguish between athletes of each class.

Rule 240 Para 14 (Classes 11 - 13)

Competitors and their guides shall receive assistance at the refreshment stations.

Note: Organisers must ensure that officials are aware of the specific problems of safety presented in providing drinks to blind and partially sighted athletes, and that adequate training is given to all assistants involved.

Rule 240 Para 15 (Classes 11 - 13)

A relay of up to four guides may be used for Class 11 and 12 athletes, but exchanges may only take place at 10 km; 20 km; & 30 km.

Note: It is strongly recommended that organisers ensure that the race takes place in its entirety in good daylight conditions.

SECTION X WORLD RECORDS

Rule 260 World Records

Rule 260

The rules contained in the sanction or Permit application shall be followed in regard to World Record applications. In addition to the rules in the IAAF handbook, the individual rules of each IOSD must be checked.

Rule 260 Para 6

Note: In competitions held under IPC sanction or Permit, doping control will be at least by random testing. Records will be ratified even though the athlete who achieves the record is not tested.

APPENDIX I

CLASSIFICATION IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (Simplified)

TRACK EVENTS (Men and Women)

Events for the visually impaired.

T11 - Class B1
T12 - Class B2
T13 - Class B3

Events for athletes with learning difficulties.

T20 - Only Class.

Events for athletes with cerebral palsy.

T32 - Class C2u Wheelchair.
T33 - Class C3 " "
T34 - Class C4 " "
T35 - Class C5 - Ambulatory
T36 - Class C6 " "
T37 - Class C7 " "
T38 - Class C8 " "

Events for ambulatory athletes.

T42 - Class A2 (A9)
T43 - Class A3 (A9)
T44 - Class A4 (A9), LAT3.
T45 - Class A5/7
T46 - Class A6, A8, LAT4.

Events for athletes in wheelchairs.

T51 - Class T1
T52 - Class T2
T53 - Class T3
T54 - Class T4

JUMPING EVENTS (Men and Women)

Events for the visually impaired.

F11 - High, Long & Triple Jump
F12 - " " " "
F13 - " " " "

Events for athletes with learning difficulties.

F20 - High, Long & Triple Jump

Events for athletes with cerebral palsy.

F35 - Long Jump
F36 - " "
F37 - " "
F38 - " "

Events for ambulatory athletes.

F42 - High Jump & Long Jump
F44 - " " " "
F45 - High, Long & Triple Jump
F46 - " " " "

THROWING EVENTS (MEN)

Events for the visually impaired.

		IMPLEMENT WEIGHTS		
		SHOT	DISCUS	JAVELIN
F11	- Class B1	7.26kg	2.00kg	800gm
F12	- Class B2	7.26kg	2.00kg	800gm
F13	- Class B3	7.26kg	2.00kg	800gm

Events for athletes with learning difficulties.

		SHOT	DISCUS	JAVELIN
F20	- Only Class.	7.26kg	2.00kg	800gm

Events for athletes with cerebral palsy.

		SHOT	DISCUS	JAVELIN	CLUB
F32	- Class C2u- Wheelchair.	2.00kg	1.00kg		397gm
F33	- Class C3 " "	3.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F34	- Class C4 " "	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F35	- Class C5 - Ambulatory	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F36	- Class C6 " "	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F37	- Class C7 " "	5.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F38	- Class C8 " "	5.00kg	1.50kg	800gm	

Events for ambulatory athletes.

		SHOT	DISCUS	JAVELIN
F40	- Dwarf athletes.	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm
F41	- Class LAF5, F8	6.00kg	1.00kg	800gm
F42	- Class A2 (A9), LAF5, F8	6.00kg	1.50kg	800gm
F43	- Class A3 (A9), LAF5, F8	6.00kg	1.50kg	800gm
F44	- Class A4 (A9), LAF5, F8	6.00kg	1.50kg	800gm
F46	- Class A6, A8, LAF6.	6.00kg	1.50kg	800gm

Events for athletes in wheelchairs.

		SHOT	DISCUS	JAVELIN	CLUB
F51	- Class F1, LAF1, CP2		1.00kg		397gm
F52	- Class F2, LAF1, CP2, CP3	2.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F53	- Class F3, LAF2, CP3	3.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F54	- Class F4, LAF3, CP3, CP4	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F55	- Class F5, LAF3, CP4.	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F56	- Class F6, (A1)(A9), LAF3, CP4, CP5.	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F57	- Class F7, (A1), (A9), LAF3.	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F58	- Class A2, A3, (A9), LAF3, F8, (LAF4).	5.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	

THROWING EVENTS**(WOMEN)****Events for the visually impaired.**

		IMPLEMENT WEIGHTS		
		SHOT	DISCUS	JAVELIN
F10	- Class B1	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm
F11	- Class B2	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm
F12	- Class B3	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm

Events for athletes with learning difficulties.

		SHOT	DISCUS	JAVELIN
F20	- Only Class.	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm

Events for athletes with cerebral palsy.

		SHOT	DISCUS	JAVELIN	CLUB
F32	- Class C2u- Wheelchair.	2.00kg	1.00kg		397gm
F33	- Class C3 " "	3.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F34	- Class C4 " "	3.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F35	- Class C5 - Ambulatory	3.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F36	- Class C6 " "	3.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F37	- Class C7 " "	3.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F38	- Class C8 " "	3.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	

Events for ambulatory athletes.

		SHOT	DISCUS	JAVELIN
F40	- Dwarf athletes.	3.00kg	0.75kg	400gm
F41	- Class LAF5, F8	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm
F42	- Class A2 (A9), LAF5, F8.	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm
F43	- Class A3 (A9), LAF5, F8.	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm
F44	- Class A4 (A9), LAF5, F8.	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm
F46	- Class A6, A8, LAF6.	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm

Events for athletes in wheelchairs.

		SHOT	DISCUS	JAVELIN	CLUB
F51	- Class F1, LAF1, CP2.		1.00kg		397gm
F52	- Class F2, LAF1, CP2, CP3.	2.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F53	- Class F3, LAF2, CP3.	3.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F54	- Class F4, LAF3, CP3, CP4.	3.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F55	- Class F5, LAF3, CP4.	3.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F56	- Class F6, (A1), (A9), LAF3, CP4, CP5	3.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F57	- Class F7, (A1), (A9), LAF3.	3.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	
F58	- Class A2, A3, (A9), LAF3, F8, (LAF4)	4.00kg	1.00kg	600gm	

APPENDIX II

THE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS

Application

1. This classification process applies to all I.P.C. Athletics sanctioned Competitions including Paralympic Games and I.P.C. World Athletics Championships.

Classification Panel

2. The I.P.C. Athletics Section will appoint a Panel of Classifiers who will be eligible to be nominated to act on its behalf at all I.P.C. Athletics sanctioned Competitions. I.P.C. Athletics will appoint one of the members of the Panel of Classifiers to be Chairman.
3. When a competition is sanctioned by I.P.C. Athletics it will appoint a Panel of Classifiers for that Competition and nominate one member of the Panel to be Chairman for the duration of that Competition.
4. When classifying athletes in classes 11 to 13, the Panel will consist of up to three classifiers. For athletes in classes 32 to 58, the Panel will consist of three classifiers.

Principles of Classification

5. Classification is an integrated procedure. It will be carried out by a Panel of Classifiers with expertise in the disabilities and impairments of athletes entered for each type of competition. The nature of the athletes' particular disability will be taken into account in the appointment of the Panel for each classification.
6. Classification is a three stage process:
 - (a) Examination – Assessment of impairment and novel motor tasks.
 - (b) Pre-competition observation – Assessment of sports specific motor tasks.
 - (c) Review in competition – Assessment of sports specific motor tasks in the competitive environment.

Initial Classification

7. As part of the entry process, the Organising Committee of the sanctioned Competition will send a list of all athletes entered for the competition to the I.P.C. Athletics Section (The Entry List). The Entry List will then be checked against the Master Lists of classified athletes.
8. The checked Entry List will be returned to the I.P.C. Athletics Technical Delegate for the sanctioned Competition with each athlete classified according to the following notations:
 - (N) = new athlete. (an athlete who does not have an international classification).
 - (R) = athletes whose classification is under review, either because their disability or impairment is progressive or because there is a concern about the correct classification of the athlete.
 - (P) = athletes who have been permanently classified.

Protests prior to the Competition

9. Protests may be made by either the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) representative of an athlete or a representative of another NPC relating to an athlete who has a (P) classification. This protest must be received by the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers for that Competition at least three months prior to the commencement of the competition. A protest at this time will carry a protest fee, which will be the same fee as that for technical protests.
10. The Chairman will arrange for a Protest Panel to re-assess that athlete at the Classification venue prior to the competition and the decision of the Protest Panel will be final for the period of the Competition (except in circumstances where the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers initiates protest proceedings during the competition).
11. The NPC representative of the athlete or the representative of the protesting NPC will be entitled to appeal the Protest Panel decision to the Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC). The procedure and appeal fee will be that laid down by the BAC.

Classification at the Competition venue prior to competition

12. For athletes in class 20, classification will have occurred prior to arrival at the Competition venue and no further classification will take place prior to events commencing at the Competition venue.
13. In all other classes for athletes classified (N) or (R) the Panel of Classifiers will carry out the examination and pre-competition observation, classify each athlete and prepare a Classification Report for the Competition Management Group responsible for the event schedule. A report will normally be prepared at the end of each classification session.

Protests prior to competition

14. A protest may be made by either the NPC representative of an athlete being classified at the Classification venue or by the representative of another NPC relating to an athlete being classified at the Classification venue within six hours of the publication of the relevant Classification Report. The protest is to be made to the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers. A protest at this time will carry a protest fee, which will be the same fee as that for technical protests.
15. A protest Panel will re-assess the athlete. The decision of the Protest Panel will be final for the period of the Competition (except in circumstances where the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers lodges a protest during competition).
16. The NPC representative of the athlete or the representative of the protesting NPC will be entitled to appeal the Protest Panel decision to the Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC). The procedure and appeal fee will be that laid down by the BAC.

Protests during competition

17. The primary aim is for all classification issues to be settled before the competition commences and protests during the competition can only be made in the following circumstances.
18. For athletes classified (N) or (R) prior to the sanctioned Competition (and who were not subject to protest during that process) a protest may be made by either the NPC representative of an athlete or by the representative of another NPC relating to an athlete after the athlete's first event within thirty minutes of the announcement of the provisional result. A protest at this time

will carry a protest fee, which will be the same fee as that for technical protests. The athlete will be re-assessed by a Protest Panel. If the athlete is re-classified it will take place immediately (except in the case of class 20 where the athlete will be declared ineligible to compete) and the result of the event amended to take account of the decision of the Protest Panel.

19. The Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers may also initiate protest proceedings after an athlete's first event in accordance with the previous clause. No protest fee is payable in these circumstances.
20. If the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers considers more function has been shown by an athlete at any other time during competition than was shown during the pre-competition classification process (including prior protest proceedings) or in his/her first event, the Chairman may initiate protest proceedings and the athlete's NPC representative will be notified. A Protest Panel will be appointed to re-assess the athlete. If the protest is upheld, the athlete will be disqualified from competition and all results achieved expunged from the record and medals returned. No protest fee is payable in these circumstances.
21. For athletes classified (P) prior to the sanctioned Competition if the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers considers more function has been shown by the athlete at any time during the competition, which exceeds his/her classification class, the Chairman may initiate protest proceedings and the athlete's NPC representative will be notified. A Protest Panel will be appointed to re-assess the athlete. If the athlete is re-classified it will take effect immediately (except in the case of class 20 where the athlete will be declared ineligible to compete). No protest fee is payable in these circumstances. For athletes classified (P) prior to the sanctioned Competition if the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers considers less function has been shown by the athlete at any time during the competition, the Chairman may initiate protest proceedings and the athlete's NPC will be notified. A Protest Panel will be appointed to re-assess the athlete. If the athlete is re-classified it will take effect immediately. No protest fee is payable in these circumstances.
22. The NPC representative of the athlete or the representative of the protesting NPC as the case may be will be entitled to appeal the Protest Panel decision to the Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC). The procedure and appeal fee will be that laid down by the BAC.

Protests after completion of competition.

23. For athletes classified (P) a protest may be made by either the NPC representative of the athlete or by the representative of another NPC relating to an athlete for determination after the end of that athlete's events for that sanctioned Competition. A protest of this nature will carry a protest fee, which will be the same fee as that for technical protests. A Protest Panel will be appointed to re-assess the athlete after the completion of that athlete's events. If the protest is upheld, the athlete's re-classification will take effect for the next Competition at which the athlete competes.
24. The NPC representative of the athlete or the representative of the protesting NPC will be entitled to appeal the Protest Panel decision to the Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC). The procedure and appeal fee will be that laid down by the BAC.

Protest procedures

25. In all cases, the protest must be made on the correct form, provided by the Organising Committee of the sanctioned Competition and where applicable, accompanied by the appropriate fee. Protests made on behalf of a NPC may only be made by the authorised NPC representative. If

the protest is upheld, the fee is returned. If the protest is not upheld, the fee will be forfeited and becomes the property of the I.P.C. Athletics Section.

26. All protests will be heard as soon as possible, depending on the needs of the competition schedule and always within twenty-four hours of receipt of the protest. Final results for the relevant event will not be announced until after publication of the Protest Panel's decision. Athletes will not carry results forward from a competition event from which they were re-classified.
27. A Protest Panel will consist of three classifiers. Where possible the Protest Panel will not include a member of the previous Panel of Classifiers for that athlete. For athletes in classes 11 to 13 and 32 to 58, the Protest Panel will undertake a Medical and Functional re-assessment.
28. For athletes in class 20, the Protest Panel will review originals of all documentation supplied by the NPC to support the initial registration of the athlete and compare those with the documentation supplied with the entry form. If the Protest Panel considers there is a material discrepancy between the documents which resulted in an incorrect classification, the athlete will be declared ineligible to compete.
29. If a Protest Panel as part of its deliberations unanimously determines that an athlete is not co-operating or has not co-operated during the re-assessment or the earlier assessment as part of the classification process, the Protest Panel will not proceed with the re-assessment process or review and declare the athlete ineligible to compete. This decision will not be subject to an appeal to the Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC).

APPENDIX III

IPC ATHLETIC CLASSIFICATION AT THE PARALYMPIC GAMES.

The rights of the athlete during the classification process are the focus of the IPC Athletic classification system.

Classification in IPC Athletics will be performed by tribunals (Panel of 3) selected from the Classification Panel.

To protect the athlete's rights it is necessary that there is absolute privacy in the classification rooms. Therefore the classification rooms themselves have to be closed off i.e. there may be only one point of entry, and there will be limited access to the rooms. The person who will decide who can enter, or not, into the IPC Athletic classification area is the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers or his nominated representative.

Classifiers will wear the appropriate identification at all times, especially in the classification area and at the Competition venue.

Physical Needs:

The physical needs are outlined on the accompanying diagram. Essentially there should be an entrance into a waiting room where the athletes and managers etc. can wait. From there, there is a corridor leading off into four areas. At the entrance to these areas there will be a desk, which can be used by the classification staff as part of the administrative process.

On one side of the corridor there will be three equal sized classification rooms in which there will be an examination couch, a desk and at least four chairs. The examination couch should be of the variety 2004 / 2005

that can be adjusted in height by the use of electricity or by the use of a foot pedal. The other classification room, which will be much larger to allow functional testing to be carried out inside the classification area. It will also have an examination couch, a desk and four chairs.

The larger classification room will measure 10 metres wide and 20 metres long. The surface should be appropriate for activities such as wheeling, jumping, hopping, stretching and sprinting on the spot.

Access to indoor throwing equipment is necessary including a football, a rugby ball and a tennis ball.

There will be sheets and pillows provided to allow examination of the athletes in a dignified manner. It is necessary that within the classification confines of IPC Athletics there be a facility where the classifiers can wash their hands (in between examining athletes). Appropriate soap and towels should be provided.

Equipment required for the examination process includes reflex hammers, pins to test sensation, tape measures, a goniometers, and one blood pressure measuring machine. It would also be appropriate to have, in one of the smaller rooms, a height measurement system attached to the wall.

The equipment required for classification of athlete's who are visually impaired will be outlined by the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers or his nominated representative.

It is also helpful, during the long hours of classification, to have access to drinking water (bottled) and coffee or tea. Having a refrigerator would be a great help particularly in a warm environment.

Pre-Competition Observation:

Some of the athletes will need to be taken to an athletic stadium to observe their performance either on the track or the field. Therefore it is necessary to have access to the track at set times during each classification session (morning and afternoon) as well as access to equipment at the athletic stadium so that the athlete can be tested using the implements that they usually throw.

At the stadium it will be necessary to have the appropriate tie-downs for athletes who are being tested in field events.

If the athletic facility is some distance from the classification centre, it will be necessary to provide transport both for the classifiers and also for the athlete and the country representatives. The athlete's track chair or field chair may also need to be transported.

Administration:

It is helpful if a master list of the athletes involved in the athletic competition is provided at the beginning of classification, to the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers. The Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers will arrange for the master list to be checked to make sure that it is accurate. On a daily basis it is helpful to have the updated master list from the organisers. It is the duty of the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers to gather the information from his classifiers and to report the classification results to the responsible Local Organising Committee (L.O.C.) officials on two occasions each day. This will allow for publication of results of the classification processes, which is an important part of the protest mechanism.

Teaching:

At the Paralympic Game level it is not the practice of IPC Athletics to do formal teaching during the classification process of athletes. There will however will be restricted spaces available for people who wish to observe the classification process. They will need to seek the permission of the Chairman

of the Panel of Classifiers in order to enter the classification area and they will be allocated a specific time in which they can attend the classification process.

Guidelines for their conduct whilst observing classification will be clearly outlined prior to entry to the classification rooms.

After the classification process is over then it is hoped that classification seminars will be held in relation to IPC Athletics. Classifiers will also be available to teach people how to observe athletes during competition i.e. the third phase of the impairment assessment process.

During the Games:

At the athletic track venue it is necessary to have access to an examination room with appropriate facilities near to the 100 metres finishing area. It is also important for the classifiers to have access to a secure area where they can leave their hand luggage so as to be able to go out and observe the athletes in competition. Most of the observation of athletes in competition takes place from outside the arena but occasionally it is necessary to go onto the arena. Permission from the Technical Delegate and the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers is necessary before going onto the arena.

No athletic classifier is able to enter onto the arena without the permission from both the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers and the Technical Delegate for Athletics. The Technical Delegate, and the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers will liaise with the Competition Manager for the Event in relation to the ability to go onto the arena.

It is important, at the athletic venue, that the classifiers have access to the T.V./Video system used. This is not only to review the movements of athletes during their performances but also to specifically target an athlete so that the athlete can be observed without interfering with his performance potential.

Access to the T.V./Video system will be through the Competition Manager and the Chairman of the Panel of Classifiers.

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