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IPC Policy on Scientific and Medical Equipment at Paralympic Games, IPC Major Events and World Para Sport Competitions

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1. It is prohibited for any delegation or member of a delegation to bring any of the following scientific or medical equipment into any Paralympic Venue, Major Event Venue or World Para Sport venue, including the respective official Delegation Hotels or Athlete Village(s):
 - a. Oxygen tanks and cylinders;
 - b. Hypoxic or hyperoxic tents or chambers;
 - c. Cryogenic chambers for whole body cryotherapy.
2. This equipment is prohibited on the basis that it is not appropriate that such equipment be brought into any of the identified venues.
3. The only exception to this policy will be in cases where supplementary oxygen is required for medical purposes. In such circumstances it is the responsibility of the delegation to submit a request for an exemption along with the adequate medical information in support of its medical use to the IPC in advance of the Games, event or competition. The exemption is only valid when the IPC has issued a statement of exemption.
4. It is the responsibility of each delegation to ensure compliance with this IPC Policy by all members of its delegation.
5. Failure to respect this IPC Policy may expose the athlete concerned, his/her entourage as well as the delegation and its members to disciplinary actions as determined by the IPC.