

IPC Governing Board Biography Sheet

Name: Rita van Driel

Position: Member at Large

Nationality: Dutch

Date and Place of Birth: 25 February 1961, Rotterdam



Major contributions to sport for athletes with an impairment

- International Paralympic Committee, Governing Board member at large (2009 – Present)
- Chairperson IPC Women in Sport Committee (2018 – Present)
- Chairperson IPC Development Committee (2010 – 2017)
- Technical Delegate at different World Cups, World Championships Cross-Country Skiing (1999-2009) and Paralympic Winter Games, Salt Lake City (2002) and Torino (2006)
- Winter Sports Representative in the Executive Committee of IPC (2002-2005)
- Chairperson IPC Nordic Skiing Technical Commission (1998-2006)

Professional career

- Programme Manager ‘Disabled Sport’, NOC*NSF (2008 – Present)
- Programme Manager ‘Sport and move around in the neighborhood’, NOC*NSF (2013 – 2016)
- COO Co-operation of National Archery (including Para-Archery), Fencing and Modern Pentathlon Federation, (2004 – 2008)
- Development Officer grass-roots-sport for the National Archery Federation, (2002 - 2004)
- Sport technical employee for the Royal Dutch Rowing Federation (responsible for the development of Adaptive Rowing), (1997 – 2001)
- Part-time teacher at Secondary School for Physical Education, for Cross-Country Skiing and Disabled Sport, (1997 – 2001)
- National Coach for the Dutch Ski Federation, Nordic Skiing for youth, juniors and skiers with a disability, (1989 – 1997)
- Teacher Primary School Rotterdam (1984 –1989)



Other appointments held

- International Olympic Committee (IOC)
 - Member of the 2022 Coordination Commission (2016 – Present)
 - Member of the 2022 Evaluation Commission (2015)
 - Member (IPC Representative) of the 2010 Evaluation Commission (2003) and member of the 2010 Co-ordination Commission (2003 – 2010).
- International Ski Federation (FIS)
 - (Ass.) Technical Delegate Cross-Country Skiing at different World Cups (2002 - 2007) and jury member FIS World Championships Oberstdorf (2005) and Sapporo (2007).
 - Chairperson FIS Sub-Committee for Skiers with a Disability (2004 - 2007).
- International Archery Federation (World Archery)
 - Chairperson Para-Archery Committee (2009 - 2013)
 - Member of the Ad-Hoc Para-archery Committee (2007 - 2009)

Volunteer positions

- Secretary General of the NPC of the Netherlands (2008 – 2017)
- Member of the board of the NNPC (2004 – 2008)
- Member of the external reference group project “Integration Sport and Disability” of the Dutch NPC and NOC (2002 - 2004)
- Board member Dutch Federation for Ski Instructors (1997 – 2000)

Education

- Post Graduate Certificate in Sport Management, World Academy of Sport / Royal Holloway University (2013)
- Post-doctoral Education: Professional Sport Management, Sport-Management-Institute, Groningen (2001)
- Post-doctoral Education: Basic Sport Management A, University of Groningen (1997)
- High school for Physical Education (1986)
- Training College for Primary Teachers (1983)

Languages

- Dutch, German, English, French (basic)

Hobbies

- Practizing sports like Skating, Cycling, Rowing and Cross-Country Skiing
- Cooking, Reading and Gardening