



World Para Snow Sports Working Groups

Terms of Reference for Para Alpine Skiing, Para Snowboard and Para Nordic Skiing

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IPC vision and mission

The IPC vision is: “Make for an inclusive World through Para Sport.”

The IPC Constitution states that the IPC will: “with respect to the World Para sports, act as governing body of these sports, including the awarding and sanctioning of world and regional multi-disability Games and championships...”

Therefore, the IPC Governing Board is obliged to ensure that the World Para sports are strategically governed and efficiently managed to maximise the organisation’s resource effectiveness and efficiency while developing systems and programmes that ultimately lead to self-sustainability and eventually self-governance.

The IPC mission confirms that the IPC, in furtherance of the vision, “To lead the Paralympic Movement, oversee the delivery of the Paralympic Games and support members to enable Para athletes to achieve sporting excellence.” and;

“Promote and contribute to the development of sport opportunities and competitions, from initiation to elite level, for Paralympic athletes as the foundation of elite Paralympic sport” and;

“Promote the self-governance of each Paralympic sport either as an integral part of the international sport movement for able-bodied athletes, or as an independent sport organisation, whilst at all times safeguarding and preserving its own identity”.

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1 PART A

1.1 Terms of Reference and tasks of the different Working Groups and ad hock Working Groups

1.1.1 Working Groups and ad hock Working Groups

1.1.1.1 General purpose

- to follow and study Para sport competitions, discuss its future and present to the STC proposals for its organisation, promotion and further sport development;
- to function as an instrument of co-ordination between officials, National Paralympic Committees, competition Organisers, teams, etc. and to collaborate with STC;
- to submit to the STC rules and competition schedules as proposal of the WGs;
- to propose to the STC the jury for World Para Snow Sports Championships;
- to follow and study the development of the competition equipment and to submit viewpoints on new competition equipment to the WG for Competition Equipment and Adaptive equipment;

1.1.1.2 Purpose of the ad hock Working Groups

- to select and direct proposals for consideration by the relevant WGs.

1.1.1.3 Constitution

- STC composition: Chairperson + max. 4 regular members + Athletes representative + Coaches representatives + Race Director

1.1.2 The Working Group for Rules and Regulations

1.1.2.1 Purpose

- to present viewpoints and proposals to the STC and the World Para Snow sports management team for the improvement of the International Competition Rules or any other issues related to the International Competitions Rules;
- to elaborate the exact wording of the rules in collaboration with the STC and different WGs;
- to supervise the wording of new editions of the Para sport Competition Rules and Regulations.
- to present viewpoints and proposals to the STC and the World Para Snow sports management team for the improvement of the supervision and the control of Para sport competitions;
- to co-ordinate slope homologation matters;

- to supervise and to instruct the Technical Delegates in collaboration with the FIS and IBU;
- to organise technical seminars for the improvement of Para sport Technical Delegates (Para Nordic skiing) and liaison with FIS and IBU Technical delegates commissioners;
- to nominate, in collaboration with the FIS and IBU, the Technical Delegates for Para Snow sports World Cup, to control the organisation, and delivery of the competitions, including World Para Sport Championships and Paralympic Winter Games.

1.1.2.2 Constitution

- Maximum 5 regular members, including the Chairperson

1.1.2.3 Meetings

- In principle once per year

1.1.3 The Working Group for World and Continental Cups

1.1.3.1 Purpose

- to present to the STC and the World Para Snow sports management team proposals for rules for the World Cup and Continental Cup competitions;
- to propose the Calendar of the World Cup and Continental Cup competitions in collaboration with the World Para Snow sports management team, National Paralympic Committee and other parties concerned;
- to follow and analyse the development of the World Cup and Continental Cups;
- to decide in co-operation with the World Para Snow sports management team on last minute changes in the World Cup and Continental Cups schedule and to decide on a substitute organiser in case of cancellation of an event.

1.1.3.2 Constitution

- Maximum 5 regular members, including the Chairperson

1.1.3.3 Meetings

- In principle once per year

1.1.4 The Working Group for Classification

1.1.4.1 Purpose

- to present viewpoints and proposals to the STC and the World Para Snow sports management team for the improvement of the classification rules or other measures having to do with the Classification Rules;

- to elaborate the exact wording of the rules in collaboration with the STC and the different WGs;
- to supervise the wording of new editions of the Classification Rules.
- to present viewpoints and proposals to the STC and the World Para Snow sports management team for the improvement of the supervision and the control of Para sport competitions;
- to co-ordinate observation of athletes on slope;
- to organise technical seminars for the improvement of Para sport Classifiers and liaison with IPC Medical department;
- to nominate in collaboration with the World Para Snow sports management team classification opportunities and support delivery of those.

1.1.4.2 Constitution

- Maximum 5 regular members, including the Chairperson.

1.1.4.3 Meetings

- In principle once per year.

1.1.5 The Working Group for Competition and Adaptive Equipment

1.1.5.1 Purpose

- to closely follow the evolution of Para sport and adaptive equipment which directly influences the evolution of Para sport competitions and athletes' performance and act in an advisory capacity for the STC as a source of new initiatives and ideas;
- to specifically focus on the impact of equipment on the safety of Para sport competition in coordination with the IPC Medical department

1.1.5.2 Constitution

- Maximum 5 regular members, including the Chairperson

1.1.5.3 Meetings

- In principle once per year

1.1.6 The Working Group for the Para sport Development Programme

1.1.6.1 Purpose

- to establish a programme to support developing National Paralympic Committees
- to co-ordinate various activities and projects for developing nations and the organisation of seminars/educations

- to propose to the STC a programme and budget in accordance with the available resources to include financial support for training activities, organisation of development camps, seminars, workshops, etc.
- to evaluate opportunities from AGITOS foundation, prepare applications and provide recommendations to the STC.

1.1.6.2 Constitution

- Maximum 5 regular members, including the Chairperson.

1.1.6.3 Meetings

- In principle once per year

1.1.7 The Coaches Advisory group

1.1.7.1 Purpose

- to discuss and address issues concerning Coaches in general;
- to present to the STC viewpoints and advises from the Coaches;
- to serve as a liaison for the Coaches Advisory Groups in all National Paralympic Committees and assist their set up;
- to liaise with the World Para Snow sports management team;
- to appoint their representative to serve as member of the STC.

1.1.7.2 Constitution

- At the time of their elections, which take place at the respective World Para Sport Championships every two years, the Coaches must be active in Para sport for two years and coach the World Cup level team;
- 5 representatives will be elected by members;
- the Chairperson is elected by the members;

1.1.7.3 Meetings

- In principle once per year in conjunction with the Para sport major competitions, or major events such as the Paralympic Winter Games.

1.1.8 The Athletes Focus Group

1.1.8.1 Purpose

- to discuss and address issues concerning Athletes in general;
- to present to the STC viewpoints and wishes from the Athletes;
- to serve as a liaison for the Athlete Focus Groups in all National Paralympic Committees and assist their set up;
- to liaise with the World Para Snow sports management team and appropriate member Athletes Council;

- to appoint their representative to serve as member of the STC.

1.1.8.2 Constitution

- At the time of their elections, which take place at the respective World Para Sport Championships every two years, the Athletes must be active competitors who competed at the previous World Para Sport Championships or at World Cup level latest two years earlier than the election;
- 5 representatives will be elected by members;
- the Chairperson is elected by the members;

1.1.8.3 Meetings

- In principle once per year in conjunction with the Para sport major competitions, or major events such as the Paralympic Winter Games.

1.1.9 The Working Group for Factors, Timing and Data

1.1.9.1 Purpose

- To maintain and control Factor calculation over the period of two Paralympic cycles
- to establish criteria for the homologation of timing equipment to safeguard the accurate timing of competitions
- to control the accuracy of the timing at competitions through the analysis of timing reports
- to review the data format for the electronic submission of results
- to monitor and implement useful technical developments for timing and results management

1.1.9.2 Constitution

- Maximum 5 members including representatives of the timing and data companies and the IPC IT representatives

1.1.9.3 Meetings

- When necessary, in principle once per year

1.1.10 The Biathlon Working Group

1.1.10.1 Purpose

- to review Para Biathlon Manuals with emphasis on:
 - Operational rules & procedures (safety, training, zeroing, competition)
 - Review questions / issues with regards to LW target calibration and performance and use at competitions including paddle deterioration

- Review and discuss definitions, procedures and rules in relation to misfire, missed shot, target malfunction etc
- to review and propose updated rules / specifications for biathlon rifles including barrels, stocks, sights, balance point
- to create recommendations for guiding principles/requirements for approving adaptations related to accommodating impairment (vs. improving performance).
- to review rifle inspection procedures including use of equipment inventory to support this process
- to review and provide input/feedback into new biathlon formats
- to provide recommendations and advice to the STC, including annual post season review of biathlon rules and proposals for precisions

1.1.10.2 Constitution

- a minimum of five members and may include interested coaches and Para Biathlon IR's
- co-opted members may be added to the group by the group membership for particular topics or projects as needed

1.1.10.3 Meetings

- During the off season, approximately 3 teleconferences to discuss and act on topics in preparation for the upcoming seasons. Other communications by email or phone as needed.
- During the competition season, face to face meetings will be arranged when possible include those who are present at competitions to gather information from the Para biathlon community and discuss any issues that require immediate attention. These in person meetings will be scheduled in such a way as to not interfere with working group members' duties related to the competition event.